



Culworth Newsletter

October and November 2024

2024 Tour of Britain Cycle Race



The race enters Culworth. Photo - John Emmett

Saturday 7th September saw a stage of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race travelling through West Northamptonshire, starting and finishing in Northampton, and passing through Culworth.

Cyclists visiting our village generally take things slightly more steadily than this group, and doubtless none of the racers stopped off at Forge Coffee, but at least they were able to race DOWN the hill to the Eydon turn rather than tackling the climb!



Remembrance Sunday – 10th November

10.15am Service at St Mary's Culworth led by Gerald Cadogan

11.00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial



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 10 from The Green. The next walks are on 1st October and 5th November. Jenny Howse

Culworth Village Café

There will be a village café on **Saturday 5th October** from 10.30 till 12 in the Village Hall, and the following one will be on **Saturday 2nd November**.



Culworth Parish Council Powers & Responsibilities - The following information is taken from the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC) website northantscalc.com. This list is not exhaustive but includes those functions most appropriate in relation to Culworth. For more information, please visit the website.

“A local council is a statutory local authority in its own right, having a fairly wide variety of powers conferred by many statutes. Although its powers are not as extensive as those of county and district councils, a local council should not be regarded as being subordinate to either of those tiers of local government. A local council, being at grass roots level, has an important role in the local government field, representing the community which it is elected to serve.

- Provision and management of ALLOTMENTS
- Provision and operation of BURIAL GROUNDS, cemeteries and crematoria
- Provision and maintenance of BUS SHELTERS
- Provision of BYELAWS relating to pleasure grounds, public walks, open spaces
- Matters relating to CHARITIES
- Provision, equipment and management of COMMUNITY CENTRES (including village halls)
- CONTRACTS for discharge of functions
- Draining, cleansing and treatment of DITCHES and DRAINS (including ponds, pools, streams, gutters)
- Public FOOTPATHS and bridleways (including creation by agreement with landowner, repair and maintenance, erection of direction posts, erection of notices warning of local dangers, prosecution for unlawful ploughing of a path or failure to restore after ploughing)
- HIGHWAYS: agreements for dedication of highway over land, planting of trees, shrubs, etc, and laying out grass verges in highway
- Provision of INFORMATION on services
- Provision of certain LIGHTING
- Prosecutions for dropping LITTER in public places, FLY POSTING and GRAFFITI
- Provision of LITTER BINS
- Provision of RECREATION including pleasure grounds, parks and public walks, playing fields, recreation centres, tennis courts, squash courts, boating, youth shelters
- Provision and maintenance of roadside SEATS and SHELTERS
- Making of STANDING ORDERS for regulation of proceedings and business as to contracts
- Maintenance, repair and protection of WAR MEMORIALS”

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 Silverstone Ward, represented by Councillor Alison Eastwood. Please contact her for WNC issues on alison.eastwood@westnorthants.gov.uk or 07967867726.

A LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Dear Residents

Autumn is on the way and the HS2 road closures are being aided and abetted by flooding. Road Ahead Closed signs seemed to be everywhere, and left up so you don't know whether or not to believe them, and the potholes that have been patched are being replaced by new ones. The village BBQ on The Green was cancelled sadly because of the weather, and a possible replacement date has not been found - but village life goes on despite everything!

The final part of the Phase 1 work to the Hill Field has been completed. This was the permanent surfacing of the entrance and exit to the new car park and completes the Planning Permission conditions that WNC required. The cricket square and the outfield have been re-grassed with types of grass that require less mowing and the Play equipment area has been fenced for safety reasons. In November we take delivery of several hundred hedge type plants from the Woodland Trust for planting along the east and west perimeters of the Hill Field to improve screening for the neighbours.

Over the past several years, largely funded by grants, we have invested around a quarter of a million pounds in the communal facilities in the village and are now considering again how to make progress with the replacement of the cricket pavilion and the village hall. In recent years with Government austerity followed by Covid followed by the Ukrainian war and energy crisis, potential funding streams for such projects were diverted elsewhere. This is now changing with the possibility of financial support becoming available again towards community projects.

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council, who are the custodians of the Parish Church on behalf of ALL the residents of the village (not just the CofE churchgoers) have warned that the church is likely to run out of money within the next 10 years and will face closure, probably sooner. This is a common problem throughout the country, a problem which is already striking deeply in the counties to the north of us. There are a number of possible futures for these listed buildings and one that the authorities of the Church of England are asking us to consider is returning our buildings, or perhaps their naves, to the multi-functional community uses they enjoyed for the first five or six centuries of their existence. Nothing new here then! The Trustees of the Culworth Hill Field Trust, in their mission to seek a replacement for the Village Hall, have agreed to undertake a study as to whether the inclusion of the church building in the project is practical and can help meet the needs of future Culworth generations. Such a study requires the professional advice and experience gained from the numerous places in the country where this sort of scheme has happened already. CHFT is currently seeking funding and advice to enable this to happen and when there are some material facts to be consulted upon CHFT will do so.

The Parish Council meets every other month except when business demands additional meetings, which has happened rather too often this year! Let us hope that we enjoy some better weather this autumn... and a terrible thought - the next Newsletter will be the Christmas edition!

With best wishes to you all

Andrew Wilby, Chairman, Culworth Parish Council

Culworth Snappers



If you are interested in joining our friendly club, please come along to our next club night on Thursday 24th October and see what we do. The venue is Forge Coffee starting at 7.30pm. We will be looking at members' images on the topic of Autumn, and we hope to have had a photoshoot at a local arboretum or wood before this to provide possible material for our entries. The following month's topic will be "Everyday Moments", and we will meet on 28th November. The photograph on the left is from September's "Clocks

and Time" topic. The Culworth Snappers Camera Club 10th Anniversary Exhibition of members' photographs was launched with an open evening on Sunday 1st September and was well supported. We are considering holding another exhibition next year – at least we will only have a year's worth of photos to choose from instead of up to 10 as it was in September! Future photoshoots may include a return visit to Woburn to see the deer rut. Please contact John Emmett for more information including details of planned photoshoots on 07867 918960.

St Mary's Culworth

Many, many thanks to all those who have helped with the churchyard maintenance this year. Hopefully the new mower made things easier.

The pattern of services in Culworth is as follows:

1st Sunday of the month 10.00am 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



Family Harvest Festival

Sunday 13th October

11.00 am

Everyone welcome

Harvest nibbles afterwards!

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

Culworth Benefice Services October/November 2024

6th October 10am Benefice Holy Communion
Edgcote (Bishop Ed Condry)
6pm Evensong Culworth

13th October 9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton
Pinkney
9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden
(Bishop Ed Condry)
11am Harvest Festival Culworth

20th October 9.30am Holy Communion
Moreton Pinkney (Rev Celia Parkes)
10am Mattins Culworth

27th October 9.30am Holy Communion
Culworth (Bishop Ed Condry)
9.30am Informal service/café church Moreton
Pinkney
10am Mattins Chipping Warden
11am Holy Communion Edgcote (?)

3rd November 10am Benefice Holy
Communion Moreton Pinkney (Ven. Richard
Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton)
6pm Evensong Culworth

10th November
Remembrance Day Services
9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden
(with Edgcote) (Rev Philip Ball)
10.15am Remembrance Service at Culworth
(followed at 11am by Act of Remembrance at
the War Memorial)
11am Moreton Pinkney

17th November 9.30am Holy Communion
Moreton Pinkney (Rev Greg Shaw)
10am Mattins Culworth

24th November 9.30am Holy Communion
Culworth (Rev Philip Ball)
9.30am informal service/café church Moreton
Pinkney
10am Mattins Chipping Warden
11am Mattins Edgcote

1st December 10am Benefice Holy
Communion Culworth (Rev Celia Parkes)



31st October, 4pm – 7.30pm

Following the success of her cake bake, Lily would like to invite the children of the village (and grown-ups too!) to pop in at the village hall while you are trick or treating this Halloween, where she will be selling cakes and having free activities for the kids (colouring, temporary tattoos, spooky lucky dip etc).

We would love to build on this and hopefully turn it into a yearly community/fundraising event if possible so please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas for the future. Some of the DIY decorations I have seen online are amazing and I think the village hall would make a brilliant haunted house.

If anybody has any Halloween decorations they no longer use and would be willing to lend them for this event, this would be really helpful. Also, as per her last cake bake, donations of cakes gratefully received (a Halloween twist would be great but not essential).

Join Us If You Dare! Emily Collins

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st October - 10am Circular walk, beginning at The Green

Friday 4th October – Film Night at Village Hall –
Sunshine on Leith

Saturday 5th October – 10.30 – 12 noon Village Cafe

Sunday 6th October - 10am Benefice Holy Communion
Edgcote (Bishop Ed)

Sunday 6th October - 6pm Evensong

Tuesday 8th October - Coffee and Chat Village Hall 10
till 12

Thursday 10th October - School Harvest Festival

Sunday 13th October – 11am Culworth Church Harvest
Festival followed by refreshments

Sunday 20th October - 10am Mattins

Thursday 24th October – 7.30pm Culworth Snappers at
Forge Coffee - “Autumn”

Sunday 27th October - 9.30am Holy Communion
(Bishop Ed Condry)

Saturday 2nd November – 10.30 – 12 noon Village Cafe

Sunday 3rd November - 6pm Evensong

Tuesday 5th November – 10am Circular walk, beginning at The Green

Sunday 10th November - 10.15 Remembrance Day Service Culworth church, followed at 11am by
an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Tuesday 12th November - Coffee and Chat Village Hall 10 till 12

Friday 15th November – Film Night at Village Hall

Sunday 17th November - 10am Mattins

Sunday 24th November - 9.30am Holy Communion (Rev Philip Ball)

Thursday 28th November – 7.30pm Culworth Snappers at Forge Coffee – “Everyday moments”

Sunday 1st December - 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Culworth (Rev Celia Parkes)

Ryan Mold at the Fringe



Ryan grew up in Culworth, brought up by his grandparents. He recently had his first solo show as a stand-up comedian at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. It was called “Mold Before I Die” and told the story of his unconventional upbringing. Check out the Banbury Guardian website for more details.

(Photo Laila Pipara)

Open Studio - Allium Threads

Yarns, threads, fabrics, ribbons, kits, Christmas gifts, all hand-dyed using natural dyes. Come and see my pop-up shop and studio.



8 October 2024

9am to 4pm

15 & 16 November

9am to 4pm

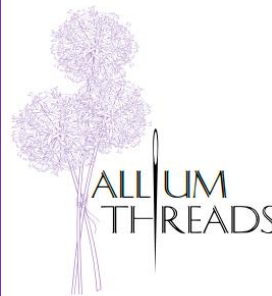
Alliumthreads.co.uk

The Annexe

Postway Cottage

Banbury Lane

Culworth





Like many hospices, we are feeling the pinch during the current economic climate. It costs more than £5.3m per year to run Katharine House Hospice. We pay Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust a grant to manage the clinical care at the hospice, and although we receive some funding from the government, we still need to raise more than £3m through fundraising every year to provide the hospice services. We therefore rely heavily on our local community to help us so we can go on providing vital care – completely free of charge. We have some brilliant events and opportunities to support our hospice coming up this autumn and winter.

Santa Fun Run – 1 December

What better way to kick off the Christmas season than joining hundreds of Santas in Spiceball Park for our annual festive fun run? Our much-loved Santa Fun Run is taking place on Sunday 1 December in Banbury. Join us for the 1.5km course or the full 5km at 10am – kitted out in a stylish Santa suit or more sustainable alternative. Tickets are available to buy online now!

www.khh.org.uk/santa

Lights of Love – 4 December

We will be holding our annual Lights of Love event on Thursday 7 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Find out more www.khh.org.uk/lights.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 14 December

The RC Baker Tractor Run will be bringing the bling once again this Christmas when it returns on Saturday 14 December. Christmas isn't complete without a fleet of fairy-lit tractors touring around local villages to spread some festive cheer. Get the date in your diary now and help us raise much-needed funds for the hospice this Christmas! www.khh.org.uk/tractor

Challenge accepted - Our popular Accumulator Challenge is back for 2024! Local community groups, businesses or schools are invited to sign up now to receive their £50 seed fund and invest it in projects to grow the money as much as possible. Teams have between 21 October 2024 and 21 February 2024 and we have just 20 spaces available. This is your chance to compete to be crowned the Ultimate Accumulator or win the coveted prize of the Ultimate Innovator! We can't wait to see all the creativity and friendly competition in aid of Katharine House. Sign your group up now. www.khh.org.uk/accumulator

eBay for Charity - Do you sell on eBay? Did you know that you can choose to donate a percentage of your eBay sales to Katharine House? The eBay Community Selling scheme allows sellers to choose a charity and donate between 10% and 100% of sales straight to a good cause. Simply select 'Katharine House Hospice Trust' and the percentage you'd like to donate from the final sale price. Find out more about eBay for Charity here: www.charity.ebay.co.uk or find our eBay shop here www.khh.org.uk/ebay.

Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle Scheme

Members of the public and other organisations can obtain a Message in a Bottle kit by contacting a local Lions club. Or alternatively, a kit can be ordered using a form on the public website - see: <https://lionsmessageinabottle.co.uk/>

More than 6 million Message in a Bottle kits have been distributed by Lions Clubs International (MD105) British Isles to people with conditions such as diabetes, allergies, disabilities and life-threatening illnesses.

Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle is a simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location – the fridge.

Message in a Bottle helps emergency services personnel to save valuable time in identifying an individual very quickly and knowing if they have any allergies or take special medication.

Paramedics, police, fire-fighters and social services support this Lions life-saving initiative and know to look in the fridge when they see the Message in a Bottle stickers (usually stuck on the fridge). The initiative provides peace of mind that prompt and appropriate medical assistance can be provided, and next of kin / emergency contacts can be notified.

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.

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 the text and formatting for readability.

Please send items for the next newsletter to clerk@culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or 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 for:

Culworth Facebook
Culworth Community Facebook
Nextdoor Culworth
Red Lion website and Facebook
Forge Coffee website



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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 from the week commencing 3rd June 2024.

For more information you can visit my website
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
julierussell007@gmail.com.

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