



Culworth Newsletter

October and November 2025



Culworth Christmas Shopping Trail

Saturday 6th December, 10am–4pm



It's only October but it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in Culworth for the organisers of this inaugural event! We're thrilled to be hosting our very first Christmas Shopping Trail – a festive day right here in the village, packed with festivities, creativity, and community cheer.

Doors all over Culworth will be opening to welcome you in. Expect to find 35+ indoor stalls in studios, homes, the church, school, village hall and Red Lion Barn. Here there will be handmade gifts, local produce, art, crafts, and seasonal treats – all created and curated by talented makers and artists.

And another treat is in store for us. Award-winning poet Jen Feroze writes personal poems on the spot on her vintage typewriter, which make unique and meaningful presents. Chat with her and watch as your poem comes to life in front of your eyes.

The idea is simple: we supply a map, and you wander through the village at your own pace, follow the trail, and discover treasures along the way. From perfect presents and festive treats to mulled cider, mince pies, food vans and hot chocolate chats – there's something for everyone. And for the children there will be a craft table and free chocolate Santa hunt and letterbox.

It's also a chance to meet the people behind the stalls – the makers, bakers, artists, and crafters who put their heart into what they do. By shopping locally, you'll be supporting them and helping to keep the village buzzing with creativity.

There'll be plenty of Christmas atmosphere, too – music, lights and maybe even a few festive surprises to keep the day merry and bright.

So, grab your friends, bring the family, and join us for a day of shopping, strolling, and celebrating the start of the festive season. Mark the date in your diary – Saturday 6th December – and get ready to enjoy Culworth at its Christmassy best.



Christmas Shopping Trail - WE NEED YOU!

This brand-new tradition is beginning, and we need you to be part of it. It's going to be Culworth at its best, but it is no small feat, and we'd love your help to make it all happen. Jobs big and small include:

- Creating and putting up signage around the village and beyond
- Lending and installing sound systems
- Printing maps and distributing them on the day
- Marshalling visitors
- Organising refreshments and serving on the day
- Organising car parking
- Helping with set-up (Friday evening and early Saturday)
- Welcoming and assisting stallholders
- Helping with take-down on Saturday from 4pm
- Organising the raffle on the day (prizes have been donated by our stall holders and tickets are being printed)
- ...and no doubt a few other things we haven't even thought of yet!

If you can lend a hand in any way at all, we'd be delighted to hear from you, asap. We anticipate it will even be fun! Please contact Ginny on 07766 810523 or Ginnystaniford@gmail.com.

Culworth Village Café

There will be a village café on **Saturday 4th October** from 10am till 12 in the Village Hall. Refreshments are free but donations are invited towards Village Hall upkeep. The following one will be on **Saturday 1st November**. Please come along and meet your fellow villagers.



Macmillan Coffee Morning 4th October - The Village Café on Saturday 4th October will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Since the first Coffee Morning in 1990 these annual events have helped to support millions of people in the UK living with cancer. Any help with Cakes, Raffles and Bring and Buy please contact Mary Grice (01295 760363) or Margaret Watts (01295 768118) Thank you.

Film Nights

The next Film Night is on Friday 24th October in the Village Hall – the film will be “The Salt Path”, starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs, in a story about a couple who lose their home and then discover the husband has a terminal illness. They set out on a year-long journey along the Southwest Coast Path. **Doors open at 6.30pm. Contact Margaret to book on margaretwatts59@gmail.com or 01295768118.** Tickets £15 to include a meal, or £7.50 film only.

The November film night will be on Friday 28th, film to be decided.

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>

Culworth Snappers



The August and September meetings at Forge Coffee covered the topics of "Boundaries" and "Symmetry", with the first providing quite a challenge, which was met with some imaginative takes on the definition. The photograph on the left is from the Boundaries topic, but do check out the Culworth Snappers Facebook page, where a selection of images from our latest subject is regularly updated.

The presentation by Courtney Victoria on Macro Photography on 14th August was enjoyed by all attendees. Several members of the club will be attending a course on this subject led by Courtney in the Forest of Dean in October.

The Snappers Photographic Exhibition held in The Forge through September showcased a wide variety of images relating to topics covered in the previous 12 months, and it gave a good flavour of what "amateurs" can achieve with encouragement and support from fellow 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 7.30pm on the last Thursday of the month.

News from St Mary's Culworth

Churchyard

Many, many thanks to all those who have helped with the churchyard maintenance this year. However, we really need some help cutting the grass before winter sets in. The rain and sun of the last few weeks have made the grass grow so much. Please contact Martin (01295 760571) or Jenny (01295 768110) if you can help.



In order to help keep the churchyard a little tidier, the church wardens would like permission to remove all obviously dead flowers, wreaths and other such memorials that are really past their best including very faded plastic flowers etc. We do hope this will not upset anyone but we really would like the church and churchyard to look its best at all times. If anyone does not feel it is appropriate and objects, please contact Jenny or Martin.



We had some welcome unexpected visitors in the churchyard on the morning of a recent family service. They were helping to keep the grass neat and tidy between the tombstones, and seemed very at home. We do hope they come back!

Jenny Howse

Church Flowers

Flower Arrangers needed. Beginners welcome!

Many of the stalwart people who've arranged our church flowers for years have now done their bit, so it's time for some "newbies" – and maybe some of the younger retireds – to get involved. You don't need to be a churchgoer or have any flower-arranging experience – just a willingness to help keep our church looking cared for and welcoming. It's not a big commitment and you won't be left on your own.

Churchgoer or not, most of us would miss this special building if it wasn't there and this is a simple, enjoyable way we can all share responsibility for it. If you'd like to join in, even just occasionally, we'd love to hear from you.

Diana 01295 760222 dmlangdale@gmail.com

We decorate the church at Easter, Harvest and Christmas as a combined effort. If you would like to help for this Harvest Festival (12th October) please come along on Friday or Saturday morning (10th and 11th October) when you will be welcomed with open arms!



Family Harvest Festival
Culworth Church
Sunday 12th October
11.00 am
Everyone welcome
Harvest nibbles afterwards!

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 of the month 11am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10am Mattins

4th Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10am Benefice Holy Communion

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November

10.15 Service of Remembrance at Culworth Church

11.00 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

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 2025

5th October

10am Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden (E C)

6pm Evensong Culworth

12th October

9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden (G.S.)

11am Harvest Festival Culworth

19th October

9.30am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (E.C.)

10am Mattins Culworth

26th October

9.30am Holy Communion Culworth

9.30am Informal Service Moreton Pinkney

10am Mattins Chipping Warden

11am Holy Communion Edgcote

2nd November

10am Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (C.P.)

6pm Evensong Culworth

9th November - Remembrance Day

9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden (with Edgcote) (E.C.)

10.15am Culworth Remembrance service (followed at 11am by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial)

11am Remembrance Service Moreton Pinkney

16th November

9.30am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (G.S.)

10am Mattins Culworth

23rd November

9.30am Holy Communion Culworth (G.S.)

9.30am Informal Service Moreton Pinkney

10am Mattins Chipping Warden

11am Mattins Edgcote

30th November

10am Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote (E.C.)

7th December

10am Benefice Holy Communion Culworth

E.C. Rt Rev Ed Condry

G.S. Rev Greg Shaw

P.B. Rev Phillip Ball

R.O. Ven. Richard Ormston

C.P. Rev Celia Parkes

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd October – Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7pm

Saturday 4th October – Village Café 10am – 12noon Village Hall

Sunday 5th October - 6pm Evensong

Tuesday 7th October - Coffee and Chat Village Hall 10 till 12

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Thursday 9th October - School Harvest Festival

Sunday 12th October - 11am Culworth Church Harvest Festival

Tuesday 14th October – Coffee & Chat, Village Hall 10am – 12noon

Sunday 19th October - 10am Mattins

Thursday 23rd October – Culworth Snappers at The Forge 7.30pm “Nature”

Friday 24th October – Film Night at the Village Hall, 6.30pm “The Salt Path”

Sunday 26th October - 9.30am Holy Communion

Friday 31st October – Hallowe’en Extravaganza, Village Hall 4.30pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 1st November – Village Café 10am – 12noon Village Hall

Sunday 2nd November - 6pm Evensong

Sunday 9th November 10.15am Remembrance Day service at Culworth church followed at 11am by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Tuesday 11th November - Coffee and Chat Village Hall 10 till 12

Sunday 16th November - 10am Mattins

Sunday 23rd November - 9.30am Holy Communion (Rev Greg Shaw)

Thursday 27th November – Culworth Snappers at The Forge 7.30pm “Looking Down”

Friday 28th November – Film Night at the Village Hall 6.30pm

Sunday 30th November – Benefice Holy Communion at Edgcote 10am

Saturday 6th December – Culworth Christmas Shopping Trail 10am – 4pm

Sunday 7th December 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Culworth



Book your trip to the tip

From 3 November 2025, you must book a slot before visiting any of our recycling centres

Our booking system opens from **20 October 2025**

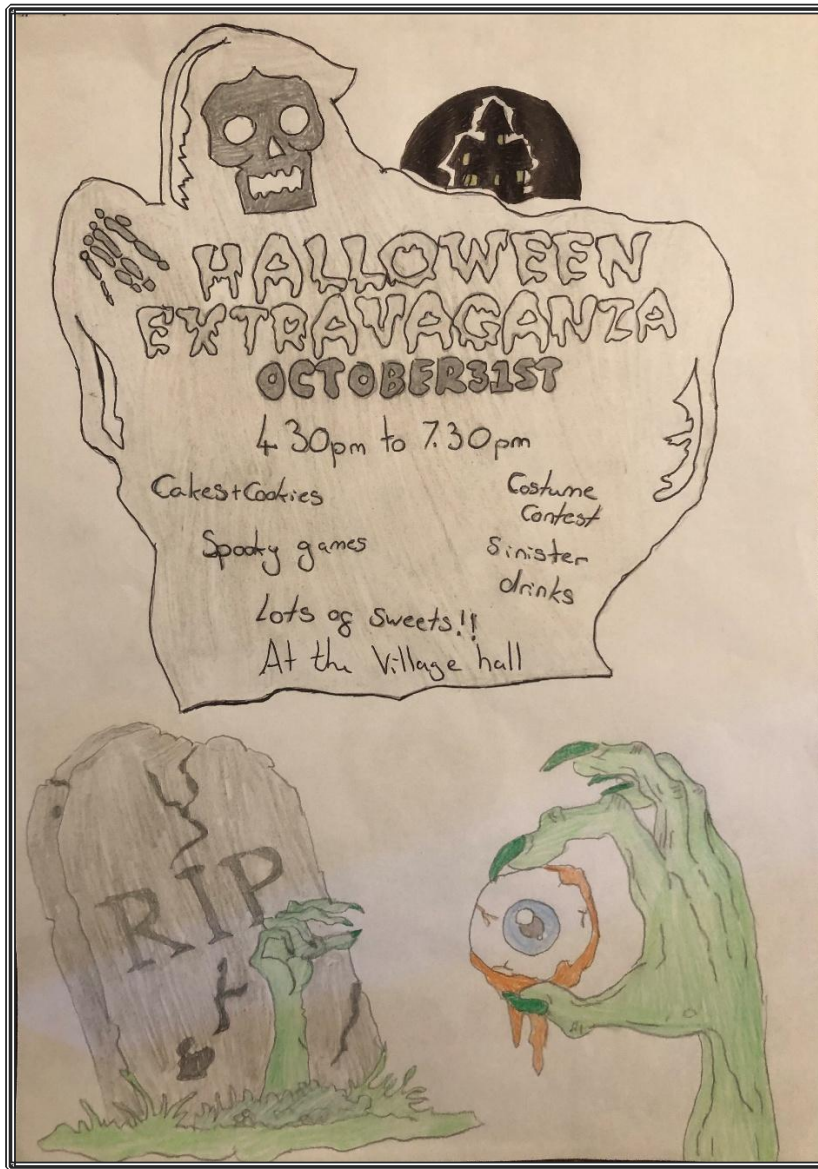
Visit [westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc) or call us on **0300 126 7000**

West Northamptonshire Council is introducing a booking system for its Recycling Centres.

Are you ready for the new booking system being introduced at Recycling Centres across West Northants? It launches on 3 November this year, with the aim of reducing queues and easing pressure on local roads. You'll be able to 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>

If you're planning to visit any of West Northamptonshire's Recycling Centres on or after 3 November, you must book a slot first. The booking system opens on 20 October, allowing you to reserve a slot online. You can also book by phone if you prefer.



Culworth Parish Council

Following the election in May, members of the Parish Council have agreed to share the responsibilities as follows:

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 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](#)

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



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

Thanks for all your support.

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follow us on Instagram (@forge_coffee) or on
Facebook
(<https://www.facebook.com/forgecoffeeshop>)

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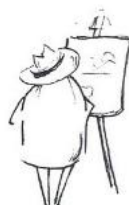


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For more information you can visit my website
www.pilates-solutions.co.uk

If you are interested in joining or would like to ask me any questions my mobile number is 07778 673677. Email address
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Do you have a local business? Please tell us about it via the village newsletter.