

Culworth Newsletter



**December 2021 and
January 2022**

**Remembrance Service, Culworth, 14 November
2021**



Lord Annaly and Michael Stokes with their medals..

It is good to meet again in church for the Remembrance Service, after a Covid break last year. It is a time both to look back and to look forward. Forwards, we can pray for a better life for all in this country and the whole world, where plenty of dangers and difficulties surround us: the environment and climate, contests for political and commercial power,



Culworth

Carol on the Green

Friday 24th December 6pm

**Join us for singing, mulled wine
and sausages**

Look forward to seeing you there

and improving health worldwide are obvious examples.

Looking back, we commemorate, and give heartfelt thanks for, those from Britain and its allies who died or were wounded, whether physically or psychologically, in the two World Wars and many other recent wars and campaigns, including what was in effect a small civil war in Northern Ireland. Without their sacrifices and their bravery, we could not be in the relatively blessed state that we are now.

At the same time we must keep in mind that the sacrifices were not confined to those in uniform, nor only to those on our side in the conflicts. Civilian populations suffered terribly, especially in the Second War: think of Coventry, London, Stalingrad, or the pictures of Berlin in 1945, or the concentration camps.

We should commemorate too the civil defence teams who had to clear up the mess from the bombing, and

pull survivors and corpses from the rubble. It was dangerous work too. The teams often included conscientious objectors, such as a friend of mine who was on duty in central London through the War. It is not surprising he had objections. He had lost his father and three uncles in and around the First War: the four boys of one Lincolnshire family. What a burden.

And we remember the many, many people on the other side who signed up as full of patriotic responsibility as any of our people. Here in church today is a grandchild of a man who volunteered in his mid-30s in Munich, Germany in August 1914, and was killed two months later.

So we thank God for the men from Culworth listed on the plaques, and with them their comrades in this country and across the world, and their one-time opponents. We pray for them, and for their families and descendants. We pray for peace. It is not easy to achieve, as those who died found out. But praying for peace has been a key part of the Anglican tradition for over 500 years.

And we give thanks for all who died in the battles to achieve it.

Culworth Snappers Camera Club

Throughout the year the camera club has continued to meet monthly albeit on zoom. The October and November club nights have been back in the village hall.

In April via zoom we managed a guest speaker, Tony Worobiec who gave a fascinating talk on low light and night photography, showing us some fantastic images.

In between lockdowns we had photoshoots at Adderbury Lakes, Bicester Scramble, a Bell Foundry, London, Grimsbury Nature Reserve and The Original Culworth Forge.

There is no club night in December with the Club having a Christmas Dinner at the White Horse in Kings Sutton.

The first club night in the new year is on 20th January at 19.30hrs in Culworth Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

The club also has a Facebook page "Culworth Snappers" where members and friends show their images.

For further information contact
johnemmett5@gmail.com

Village Survey

This is a great opportunity to plan for the future of the village. Please complete the survey to guide the team

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpxBuCyqqNqVr76VRDiHbW-tElnB0fMfBzgBV8mwfkjR7A/viewform?usp=sf_link



Culworth Junior Cricket Club

Restarts on
Tuesday
13th April
at 6pm on
the cricket
field
(opposite
the church)

Girls & Boys
aged between
6-16 are
welcome

 Culworth JCC
LIONS

For more information call
Jim Powell on 07860 638557
or email jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk

Free to a good home

Would you like to plant a walnut sapling in your garden? If you are interested, please contact either Jose or Kate the newsletter editor on
culworth.newsletter@gmail.com



Village Café

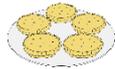
Culworth Village Hall

1st Saturday of the month

4th December

10 till 12

Free Coffee/tea and mince pies



Everyone welcome.

No Village Café in January

some updates, ideas, and events for the festive season. We couldn't continue to support our wonderful community without the help of people like you. Thank you!

The gift that keeps on giving

If you're after a great idea for Christmas pressies, then we think our A4 Charity Calendar for 2022 makes a great gift. The calendar features 12 stunning local scenes – taken by talented members of Banbury Camera Club – and helps to raise vital funds for our hospice.

You can pick up your calendars as well as our fantastic range of Christmas cards in one of our shops or find them in the Christmas Shop on our website.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 18 December

Once again, RC Baker will be bringing the X factor to tractors this Christmas. The hugely popular Tractor Run is making a welcome return, bringing all the glitz and glam of the festive season. On Saturday 18 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise money for Katharine House Hospice. To help plan your evening, you can find all the details as well as the route and timings on our website.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree...

There's nothing like the smell of a real Christmas tree to get you feeling festive. And this year, instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to pick up your tree to be recycled. Interested? Head to our website to find out more and check if your postcode is included in the scheme.



What's coming up later this winter?

As we approach the end of the year, we're sharing

Could you be a Village Champion for Katharine House?

We're looking for volunteers to help put up posters three or four times a year in their local village to help us spread the word about our upcoming events. We already have some brilliant Village Champions, but we're looking to recruit more. If you think you could help, then we'd love to hear from you. Send an email to GetInvolved@khh.org.uk or find out more on our website.

Bereavement support

Coping with the loss of someone special is difficult and can be painful. We offer support and counselling to the family and friends of those cared for by Katharine House Hospice. But we're also here to help anyone in the wider community who is adjusting to a bereavement. If you think that talking to someone would help, or you just want to find out how we can help support you, please get in touch with Mel Mobley, Bereavement and Counselling Lead, on 01295 811866 or email khhbereavement@ouh.nhs.uk.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

Find out more

Head to our website to find out more about all these events, news, and more: www.khh.org.uk.

The Anne Robson Trust is a pre-bereavement charity that passionately believes that **No one deserves to die alone**. We work alongside NHS hospitals to train Butterfly Volunteers, who sit with end-of-life patients in order to provide company and comfort to people in their last days and hours of life. However, due to COVID restrictions the volunteers were forced to withdraw from the hospitals, and in response to this, we decided to set up a free, **National helpline** so that we could continue to offer comfort and support where

needed. As restrictions have lifted the volunteers are gradually starting to return to hospitals and in addition the introduction of the helpline is showing to be a valuable resource for anyone in the community to access support from the comfort of their own home.

The helpline is for anyone who is struggling to cope with a **terminal diagnosis or the imminent death of someone they care about**. Whether they are family members, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, or even a member of the care staff who may just need someone to talk to; we understand the pressures of working and caring for people who are end of life. We are fully committed to ensuring that people facing end of life and their families have access to as many layers of support as possible.



News from St Mary's



Dear friends,

Looking at the natural beauty of this part of the world, with the glorious golds and reds of the trees and hedges, it's bizarre to think that in a few short weeks it will be Christmas again; and I shall see this countryside in another glory if we have a white Christmas! But white or not, no matter how out of kilter the weather seasons might be, the season of Christmas is always the same – Covid permitting that is. It is often said that Christmas isn't the same anymore; that the real spirit of Christmas has been lost. But I don't really agree with that. There is something very different about Christmas to any other time of the year; it might be commercialised but what that means is that people spend not only a lot of money but time and thought and effort choosing and buying presents to GIVE; they send cards and wish each other merry Christmas; it's a time of giving, being together, of goodwill – that is the spirit of Christ. And there's certainly more people in church at Christmas! – because there is not only something quite magical about coming together singing those favourite carols and hearing the story of the birth of Jesus but the message we all like to hear. So may I take this (rather early!) opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very happy Christmas and New Year.

With my best wishes,
Rev. Mike Chesher.

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Culworth Benefice Services December/January

5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30 Edgcote Benefice Holy Communion

4 pm Moreton Pinkney Messy Church and Christingle

6p.m. Culworth Evensong

12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent



9.30 Chipping Warden Induction of Rev Mike Chesher

5pm Moreton Pinkney Carol Service

19th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Holy Communion

3om Carol Service Chipping Warden

6pm Culworth Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve Midnight Service

11.30p.m. Chipping Warden Holy Communion

25th December Christmas Day

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Holy Communion

11am Culworth Holy Communion

11 a.m. Edgcote Holy Communion

26th December – No services

2022

2nd January 2nd Sunday of Christmas

11.00 Edgcote Benefice Carol Service

6 p.m. Culworth Evensong

9th January 1st Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 Chipping Warden Holy Communion

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Morning Prayer

11 am Culworth Family Service

16th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Holy Communion

10.00 Culworth Mattins

11.00 Chipping Warden Messy Church Village Hall

23rd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 Culworth Holy Communion

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Mattins

10 a.m. Chipping Warden Mattins

11 a.m. Edgcote Holy Communion

30th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 Culworth Benefice Holy Communion

Light a Candle to remember

Many people like to light a Candle to remember a loved one- it could be your pet too. The names are read out at the start of Christmas Day service and a prayer of Remembrance is said.

The late Rosemary Courtney started this tradition many years ago using the donations for a particular project within the church here which have included New altar linen, large coir mats for doors, and donation to automatic winding of the clock.

This year, the donations will go towards an improved heating system.

If you are unable to attend the service but would like a candle lit please kindly give the name of the person and any donation to Jose Rowling The Forge Culworth OX17 2BA. josephine.rowling@gmail.com

St Mary's Church
Culworth

Carol

Service

Sunday 19th December
6pm

An ideal way to

start the Christmas
festivities with Christmas Carols and Readings

Besides the usual carols there will be seasonal readings from all ages in the village.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards and the church will be warm!



19th December

6pm Culworth Carol Service

Christmas Eve Midnight Service

11.30pm Chipping Warden

Christmas Day

9.30 Morton Pinkney Holy Communion

11am Culworth Holy Communion

11am Edgcote Holly Communion

Everyone Welcome



Dates for your diary

<https://www.forgecoffee.co.uk/whats-on>

Pizza and Wine evening on Dec 9th

The ever-popular monthly comedy night on Dec 16th. Tickets on sale here via Ticketlab but don't wait as the events sell out fast:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/9584#/>

Forge Coffee hosted a successful craft weekend on Nov 19-21 showcasing all the fantastic local artists and crafters the coffee shop collaborates with. Forge Coffee is the ideal place to buy Christmas presents and cards while supporting local businesses in the process.

West Northamptonshire Council waste news

Many of West Northamptonshire Council's services will be closed from Christmas Day and will reopen as normal from 9am on Tuesday, 4th January.

Bin collections, children's services, social care and registration service are operating as normal during the Christmas week along with emergency arrangements such as homelessness and housing repairs.

Don't forget you can continue to access a range of services around the clock on our website at www.westnorthants.gov.uk

Christmas 2021 waste and recycling collection arrangements

Collection days

There will be no changes to the days on which your bins are collected over the festive period. You can check your collection day at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bincollections



West
Northamptonshire
Council

[Bin collection day](#)
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Find your bin
collection day by
your area

www.westnorthants.gov.uk

Recycling

Additional recycling can be presented alongside your bins or boxes in clear sacks or in additional boxes.

It can also be taken to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre. Centres will open as normal except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, when they will be closed, and Christmas Eve when they will close early at 2pm. Find your nearest at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc

Garden waste

Garden waste collection services across West Northants will be suspended from 27 December until 7 January.

Real Christmas trees

Real Christmas trees will be collected in the weeks beginning 10 and 17 January.

If you live in the Daventry and South Northants area, please place your trees next to your garden waste bins.

If you live in Northampton please place your tree next to your recycling bin. Residents on sack collection rounds should present their trees beside their recycling boxes and green sacks on their collection day

To help our collection crews, please ensure trees over 6ft tall are cut up into manageable pieces.

Find out more

Download your 2022 bin collection calendar and check your collection day at

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bincollections

Check what goes in each bin or box, plus general information about waste and recycling at

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/waste

Report a missed collection

Any missed collections can be reported via our online self-serve

system: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-street-cleaning/missed-bin-collections>

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

You are requested to attend a Planning meeting only of the Parish Council on Tuesday 30th November 2021 in Culworth Village Hall at 7pm. If you are unable to attend, please notify the Clerk on culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com or 01295760571.

Members of the public and Councillors are advised that under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public are permitted to photograph, film, broadcast and report on the meeting, subject to the efficient running of the meeting not being disrupted.

24/11/2021

Josephine Rowling

Clerk to Parish Council

1. Councillors present
2. Apologies for absence
3. Members of public present
4. PLANNING
 - a. Applications- PLEASE view these online. Planning subcommittee will provide report in advance of meeting
 - i. WNS/2021/1745/FUL Proposal Creation of a new outdoor (uncovered) swimming pool and pool house to include the associated landscaping of the area immediately around the proposed pool and pool house.

Gate House Farm High Street
Culworth OX17 2BG-please note site.

ii.WNS/2021/1893/FUL. Tithe Cottage Conversion of garage into gym and storage, with roof extension providing additional living accommodation Comments by 9th December.

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MINUTES OF MEETING 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021 at
7pm in Culworth Village Hall

1. Councillors present A. Wilby, D. Mumford, M. Koster, M. Rowling, N. Guinness, J. Mullins Blyth . Mrs JM Rowling the Clerk was in attendance. Cllr Alison Eastwood West Northants Councillor arrived 7.35pm.
2. Apologies for absence Cllr Rolt annual leave
3. Members of public present None Apologies from 2 persons
4. Declarations of interest None
5. OPEN MEETING- None
6. Minutes of meeting on 20th July 2021 were agreed as correct. Proposed by Cllr Mumford, seconded Cllr Koster All in favour
7. Culworth Community Park updates. Cllr Wilby thanked the subgroup for their update. He and the finance subgroup would meet on 30 September with Cllr Koster to seek the way forward.
8. Matters arising not on agenda
 - a. Drains on Eydon road have grass growing out and fail to cope with water. Clerk to report to Street Doctor
9. Clerks notes
 - a. Salt bins delivered. One in place at Eydon turn. Thanks to Cllr Rowling. Bin by Culworth garage to have foliage removed.
 - b. Waymarkers outstanding.
 - c. Pier in Burial Ground repaired. Account awaited.
 - d. Light over defibrillator replaced with LED and paid for by Parish Council
 - e. Sulgrave Bus shelter repaired
 - f. Rough grass areas mown by term contractor this week

- g. Pump area in Butts Close updated by volunteer.
 - h. Cricket Field wall- removal of ivy completed.
 - i. Litter bin for Eydon turn awaited still
 - j. Ruby Humphrey 100th birthday. Cllr Rowling took flowers and card from Culworth PC on 26th July 2021 to her care home.
 - k. Vehicle Activate signs will hopefully be delivered in early 2022. Production difficulties have caused the long delay. Continued issues with speeding traffic and parked vehicles on pavement causing concern to older residents.
10. Culworth community group- lockdown party and survey. Cllr Wilby reported that this was much enjoyed by those attending including the fun games. Survey reminders to go out and hard copies to be delivered.
11. Culworth Hill Field Trust and Culworth Village Hall- result of meeting on 18th September 2021 showed 71 in favour of selling the existing village hall once the new community facility is built and 17 not in favour.
12. Platinum Jubilee 2022 to be dealt with by Community group
13. To consider emergency procedures . Cllr Wilby reported that Chair of PC plus other willing volunteers assess situation and devise a management plan as in the lockdown.
14. FINANCE
- a. Receipts
 - i. 22/7 HMRC VAT returned 2020-21 £1356.39
 - ii. 23/7 Western Power Wayleave £5.10
 - iii. CHFT payment for printing for Village meetings £69.36
 - b. Payments since last meeting
 - i. West Northamptonshire Council for election£1516.76 +VAT£216.66= £1733.42
 - ii. Cartwright Landscapes Mowing Green etc June , Mow mound,Cricket perimeter £515+VAT£103.00=£618
 - iii. Roger Smith Mowing Burial ground and recreation field June £235
 - iv. Yu energy Jul sensors £13.31+0.67 VAT=£13.98
 - v. Yu sensors Jul unmetered street lights £60.42+£3.02=£63.44
 - vi. Wave Water for pavilion 16/5-15/8=£16.53
 - vii. Cumbria Clock Co. annual maintenance of church clock £185+£37=£222
 - viii. Repair of pump Butts Close£16.19
 - ix. AJR fix light over defibrillator £178+£35.60=£213.60
 - x. Roger Smith mowing July £165.00
 - xi. Cartwright landscapes mowing Green £144.00
 - xii. John McCree repair of bus shelter £625
 - xiii. Bank Charges £18.00 to June
 - xiv. Yu energy sensors August £13.33+0.67=£14.00
 - xv. Yu Unmetered supply August £59.88+£2.99=£62.87
 - xvi. Texprep Printing plans,and documents relating to New Community Facility £106.03+£18.21=£124.24
 - xvii. PKF Littlejohn Annual Audit 2020-21 £200+£40.00VAT=£240
 - xviii. Roger Smith Mowing August £151
 - xix. Glasdon salt bins £198.90+£39.78=£238.68
 - c. Mrs J. M. Rowling salary and expenses of office July- September 2021 -Salary 1231.03 +£192.50=£1423.53
 - d. Current account at 27 August 2021 £28,256.25
 - e. REPORT of Internal Controller Cllr Koster had still to complete her work.
 - f. Budget preparation before November meeting. Chair, Cllrs Rolt Mumford and Clerk. Need for tree report.Clerk to get three quotations a) Tree Profiles, b) AGU,c)Gulliver trees. Specification to be set by Cllrs Mumford and Rowling proposed by Cllr Koster and agreed by all.
 - g. AUDIT 2020-21 now concluded by PKF Littlejohn. Report on website and on noticeboard.

15. Planning-None

16. West Northamptonshire Councillor Alison Eastwood updated councillors on structure changes.
- Jonathan Nunn is lead on HS2. Attempts are being made to control HS2 works.
 - Bus Service. Survey being sent to all councillors and residents on internet to ask what services they would like. It was noted that people are dependent on cars. A regular bus service is unsustainable in rural areas.
 - Afghan refugees are being housed in West Northants. Red Cross and Salvation Army are the lead organisations ably supported by WNC.
17. Correspondence mostly emailed
- NCALC updates and training programmes
 - Clerks Council direct magazine
18. Any other business for November meeting
- Defibrillator training Clerk to attempt to find a trainer.
 - Use of telephone box. Clerk to advise members on suggestions so far.
19. Next general meeting 16th November 2021
20. Meeting closed 8pm

21. Parish Council News in Brief

Community Project – Steering Group

Activities in 2021

Culworth in Bloom Gardens Competition – June 19th/20th

Summer Post Lockdown Party – September 12th

Survey – September/October

Three groups being formed:

History

Environmental

Recreational

Activities for 2022

Culworth Community Calendar

The three new groups to organise, plan and recruit.

Culworth in Bloom – date to be decided

Queens Jubilee – June 2nd – 5th

Major national occasion with communities being invited to celebrate by lighting beacons, organising street parties, ringing bells, planting trees and other activities.

Community Park Project – Activate Community Park Group

Plans for this much desired village facility are in progress with support from the Parish Council.

Carols on the Green. - Christmas Eve 6pm – Mulled wine and sausages

Would you like to join in and support these village activities?

Don't wait to be asked, contact The Parish Clerk.

Birthday, Deaths and Marriages

Martin Rowling

Martin celebrated his 80th birthday in October. He also celebrated 50 years as a church warden and probably 50 years as a parish councillor and member of the village hall committee. To commemorate these two events, Mattins on 17th October was rather special. Fiori Musicali choir came to sing and there were also several tributes from Stuart Rolt, Julie Tinn and Gerald Cadogan.

The following Sunday a brass plaque was unveiled in the church to commemorate Martin's 50 years as a church warden.

This is Martin's profile he wrote for the parish council website.

I moved to Culworth in 1969 and was joint owner of Culworth Engineering until 2007. I am involved with the Church and usually participate in village activities. On the Parish Council I am responsible for the Annual Litter Pick, maintenance of village trees without Tree Preservation Orders, and generally attend to the repairs of village property

Talk about an understatement!

But how do you begin to describe Martin to anyone?

Martin the Blacksmith

Martin the churchwarden

Martin the singer, musician, bell ringer

Martin the designer, creator, draughtsman, inventor

Martin the expert on Clocks

Martin the chap from Culworth

Martin is an Essex boy, went to school in Worcester where he was a chorister and where I suspect his love of singing and church music started.

After Writtle college, an Agricultural college in Essex, he embarked on a career in agriculture.

Martin came to Northamptonshire after seeing an advert for a farm position at Canons Ashby. After that he appears to have decided that he wasn't cut out to be a farmer and so changed tack and decided to become a blacksmith.

He subsequently bought the Forge and the site that was to become Culworth Engineering, with Tony Grice, in 1969. And it is Culworth where he has made his home for the last 52 years.

Martin the Blacksmith

Underneath the spreading chestnut tree (still there) you would have found Martin shoeing horses for many years. The huge pile of horseshoes outside are testament to the thousands of horses shod in that time.

The forge is still a living, working forge, unlike the converted forges of other villages. I don't think a week goes by without the fire being lit for some wizardry with iron about to happen. The village is full of Martin's amazing work –in the church you can see the handrails, the doors built to keep the birds out and the air circulating, the gates at the side of the churchyard, rose arbours, estate gates, are all testament to his skills as a blacksmith that will last for many generations.

Martin the Churchwarden

50 years is a long time. The churchwardens at the beginning of the 20th century are remembered in the stained glass window in the north aisle, and they were only churchwardens for 27years!

Martin has maintained this church for 50 years. Other churches have to pay a maintenance fee – we have Martin. He has maintained our clock and bells (plus those of many other local churches.) How lucky Culworth church has been.

He has been treasurer of the PCC for as many years. He likes to do things in the old fashioned way.

Not for him a computer or spread sheet. He has a leather ledger embossed with Culworth Church in gold lettering on the front, in which the accounts are all beautifully written in copper plate writing.

Martin the musician, singer, bell ringer.

Martin was a chorister in Worcester. He has a deep, resonant bass voice. Now singing in the Fiori

Musicali choir, he has a love of choral music including all the great oratorios. For many years he played a key role in the Banbury Choral Society and has also been known to help out in many local choral events.

Bell ringing. Think this must have started in his youth in Essex but once he arrived in Culworth he saw bell ringing as a good way to socialise. Since then Martin has provided not only bell ringing expertise but help to many local towers when bells and clocks have needed repair etc. He is also current chairman of the local branch of bell ringers. Martin the designer, creator, draughtsman and inventor

As you all know, Martin does not do modern technology – he hasn't a clue about mobile phones, texting, facebook, digital controls, computers, in fact anything that has been invented in the last 100 years. So what Martin does is based on those of a skilled craftsman. All this ability came to fruition in the building of THE clock on the east wall of the forge. This 7 year project was built using only techniques used by blacksmiths 250 years ago, using only tools used by blacksmiths 250 years ago. It is thought to be the only clock in Britain featuring a 6 hour dial. Martin even used wooden poles tied with leather straps as scaffolding so even that was authentic.

The road to this achievement, which is now in the latest Pevsner edition for Northamptonshire, will soon be available for all to read, as Martin the author, is about to have a book published.

Martin is also an expert on clocks. He has lead tours for clock enthusiasts and their spouses all around the country.

Holidays for him and Jose are a bit of an anathema. When they can be persuaded to leave Culworth for a few days, their holidays are not like ours, sitting in the sunshine somewhere relaxing, reading a book, going for a swim or a paddle; they visit Victorian monuments to steam and the industrial age. They have probably visited every cathedral in the kingdom and everywhere where there are amazing clocks. They would prefer to travel by train, even better if the train is pulled by steam, with Martin carrying of course, not the Bradshaw's of Michael Portillo, but the relevant Pevsner Guide and Ordnance Survey maps.

Martin, the chap from Culworth

Since 1969 Martin has lived in Culworth. For 50 years he has been church warden and I suspect he has been a parish councillor and village hall committee member for as long. Having only lived in the village 43 years I do not remember a time when Martin has not thrown himself wholeheartedly into everything, every village fete, every village fund raising, every charity raiser. After all that's what living in a village is all about – at least to Jose and Martin.

With Jose for the last 35 or so years we have a unique couple, always ready to do anything that is needed for anyone.

Even now, Martin is indispensable.

Church Warden, Parish Councillor, Village Hall Committee member, Chairman of the Culworth Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bell ringers, Treasurer of Boddington Vintage Association – have I left anything out?

He is always to be found working in the forge on some little project, keeping his allotment productive, doing repair work in the church, taking ivy off listed walls, mending this and that in the village, delivering newspapers and just supporting everything.

No other village has a chap like Martin.

Aren't we lucky!

Thank You.

Baptism of Verity Anne at Culworth Church on Sunday
October 10th 2021.....

A Year on the farm

Last year's harvest is now over and the winter jobs are beginning. For farmers the different seasons can be very challenging in different ways.

Autumn 2020

On the arable side of the farm we had the muck spread on the stubble, the hedges were trimmed back and some of the ground was ploughed before it became very wet as some of our fields are on heavy ground.

On the animal side we wean the lambs from the ewes and the calves from the cows as they are old enough to look after themselves. The lambs get put in a different field from the ewes to get fat so they can be sold but the calves get put in the shed to also get fat to be sold.

Winter 20/21

This time of year on the arable side it is quite quiet and not much going on apart from controlling pests because of the bad weather and coldness.

But on the animal side it is very busy because it is the time of year when the vet comes to check each cow for tuberculosis. Also the ram gets put out with the ewes to get them into lamb.

Spring 2021

We start to drill the land and after its been a few weeks we can spray and fertilise. On the farm we also roll and harrow the grass and fertilise it so it starts to grow for the animals and haymaking.

Overall these two months are the busiest as we are lambing and some of the cows who have already been with the bull nine months start to calve in the buildings and the rest get put out in the field.

Due to covid I was home schooling which meant I could help with lambing and in my PE lesson could ride the ponies.

Summer 2021

Haymaking and combining starts. Luckily we got it all done in the nice weather before the rain started. All the hay and straw that has been made will be used for bedding and food in the winter for the cattle and horses.

by Sophie Shepherd

Congratulations to Natalie and Mark on the birth of their daughter.



FORGE COFFEE

With the schools back we've tweaked our hours to cater for the morning drop off so we're now open:
Mondays to Fridays 8:45am-4pm
Saturdays 9am-4pm
Sundays 9am-3pm

Thanks for all your support.
Do let us know if you'd like to use the venue for any events or for parties etc.

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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Want to know what is happening in the village?

Here are some of the websites that may be helpful

<http://www.culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/culworth-parish-council-18681/home/#>

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

Mumfords Butchers

-serving the local community for over 90 years
fresh Meats and fruit and veg delivered to your door



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copy dates are:

28th January for Feb/Mar edition
25th March for April/May edition
27th May for June/July edition
22nd July for Aug/Sept edition
23rd September for Oct/Nov edition
25th November for Dec/Jan edition

Do you have a local business, please tell us about it via the village newsletter.



Culworth Parish Council Draft Budget 22-23

	Total	Previous year	
Income	£	£	
	2500		+ 3%
Precept	0	23500	=
Fees and charges	0		+705
Other income	0		
	0		
Allocated funds brought forward	1000		
	0		
CIL's brought forward	5540		
Unallocated funds brought forward	1750		
	0		
	0		
Total Revenue	0		
Administration expenses			
Clerks Salary	6473	6473	
Administration expenses	1300	1300	
Broadband/telephone	200	200	
Printing/copying/postage	200	200	
Other Expenses	200	200	
Total Administrative Cost	8373		
Direct Expenses			
Insurance	380	380	
Audit/accountancy	280	500	
Hire of Hall	300	300	
Subscriptions: NALC/ACRE/SLCC	400	400	
Citizens Advice Bureau S142	100	100	
Election costs	0	1500	
Training	0	300	
Website	240	200	
Newsletter/reports	250	700	
Total Fixed Costs	1950		

Maintenance and variable costs

Village Green & Barley Hill	1000	1200
Burial Ground	900	1000
Bus shelters	200	200
Tree Surgeon	500	500
Cricket Field	500	500
Recreation Field	500	500
Berry Hill Close	1000	1000
Footpaths	100	0
Cricket Pavilion	0	0
Dog Bins	900	900
Community Fund	21700	Subject to requests
CHFT funding		
Community Project		
Play Park funding		
Queen's Jubilee S137		
London Bridge S137		
British Legion		
Other		
Contingencies	1000	1000
Total Variable Costs	28300	
Total Expenditure	38623	33730
Net Surplus/(Loss) to reserves	29740	27500

Note: Inflation predicted at 3%.

Contractor prices yet to be negotiated

Precept