

# Culworth Newsletter

June & July 2023

## Coronation of King Charles III & Queen Camilla



The bells of St Mary's Church were chimed on the morning of the Coronation, and three of the ringers had never chimed a bell before, so congratulations are due to Sarah Powell, Catherine and Jonathan Ruffley for their sterling efforts. They even seemed to enjoy the experience as they joined Martin Rowling, Joanne and Andrew Wilby in marking the occasion!

Despite heavy and persistent rain on the Saturday afternoon and evening forcing the cancellation of the village barbecue and celebrations at the



Cricket Field, Sunday turned out to be a glorious day, fully justifying the decision not to erect any gazebos on the Village Green for the Street Party. Well over 100 people joined in the party atmosphere, which was helped along by the provision of the free barbecue, beer, and wine held over from the Saturday events. Prizes were also awarded for the entries to the Scarecrow competition.



## Parish Council News

### Our Parish Clerk

Sadly, our Parish Clerk Rebecca has had to give up the role due to a change in personal circumstances. However, we have been fortunate to secure the services of Gary Denby from Eydon, who is currently Parish Clerk for both Moreton Pinkney and Preston Capes. He brings knowledge and experience, and the Councillors look forward to working with him.



### Newsletter Editor

Whilst various circumstances have conspired to mean that the current edition of the Newsletter is slightly late arriving, we are pleased to announce that Michelle Koster will take on the Editor's role going forward. The deadline for submissions for the August/September edition is 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please contact her via [culworth.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:culworth.newsletter@gmail.com)

### Culworth Community Park



Have you noticed a sense of excitement on the Hill Field in recent days? We are pleased to announce that the construction stage of this project is now in full swing (pardon the pun!)

Please note that there have been a couple of sightings already of both children and adults wandering around inside the fenced area. We understand that you may want to take a closer look, however this a **RESTRICTED AREA** and entry is not yet permitted.



The month of May was heavily focused on preparing the site areas and maintaining the length of the grass. We saw a wonderful turnout of volunteers from across the village who left their own garden maintenance behind to bring equipment and volunteer to help trim and mow. Children were also at the ready with wheelbarrows (and toy tractors) to help dispose of the waste material.



ACCG (Activate Culworth Community Group) would like to offer our gratitude and thanks to Tracey Sands, Phil Staniford, Tim Scott and Edwin Tarry for giving up their time to support with this stage.

We would appreciate everyone's patience and co-operation during this final stage of the project. There is likely to be a period of time when the installation looks finished, and nothing is happening but we will need to ensure necessary inspections have taken place before we can officially open the Community Park for public use.

Karen Mullins-Blyth, Maddy Green & Cllr Michelle Koster

ACCG (Activate Culworth Community Group)

### **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 10am from The Green.

The next walk will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**Village Hall Film Nights** – Please contact Julie Tinn for details of Film Nights for June and July.  
Jules.tinn@gmail.com

## Neighbourhood Policing

There will be a Police Drop-In Surgery at Sulgrave Village Hall on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Come and speak to a local officer from the South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team.



If you want to find out more about what your local Neighbourhood Policing Team are working on and about crime in your local area, please sign up to Neighbourhood Alert at:

[www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

Brackley Team Email: [NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk)

**Facebook:** Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

**Twitter:** @SthNorthantsNPT

**Neighbourhood Alert** register at [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)



We've got plenty of ways to support our hospice as we head into the summer months. Whether it's visiting one of our Open Gardens, signing up for our events or organising a team to take part in our Accumulator Challenge – there's bound to be something for everyone! We've also got some

great new resources on our website to share with our supporters as well as the wider community.

## Upcoming Open Gardens

Have you taken a look at our Open Garden itinerary for this year? Once again, we have some incredible supporters opening their gardens and offering people the chance to pay a visit and enjoy the stunning outdoor spaces, all while raising money for our hospice. Make sure you get the dates in your diary now and check the website for full details of each event.

[www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens)

## The Accumulator Challenge is back!

Do you watch The Apprentice convinced you could do a better job than the candidates? If so, the Accumulator Challenge could be right up your street! We'll be challenging local businesses, schools and community groups to put their entrepreneurial and fundraising skills to the test by raising the most money from a starting pot of £50. Hurry – we only have 20 places available, so you need to sign up quickly to guarantee your space. Find out more here:

[www.khh.org.uk/accumulator](http://www.khh.org.uk/accumulator).

## Stepping up

If you love nothing more than lacing up your walking boots and are looking to step up and take on a big challenge, then we have a few events that might fit the bill.

- Thames Path Challenge – 9 September
- Halloween Walk – 28 October

So, whether you fancy something beautifully scenic or a little bit spooky – we've got you covered! Find out about these challenges and more on our website. [www.khh.org.uk/challenge](http://www.khh.org.uk/challenge)

## Caring for our whole community

As your local hospice, we're here to support our whole community – and that includes providing information and advice on issues around end-of-life care for anyone who needs it. It's why we're so thrilled to be launching a brand-new section of our website, our End-of-life and Palliative Care (EpiC) Resource Centre. Our hope is that patients, family members, medical professionals, carers and employers, to name a few, will find the answers to all their questions about death and dying. [www.khh.org.uk/epic](http://www.khh.org.uk/epic)

## Fundraising fundamentals

We're always so grateful to our local community for putting on events and fundraising to raise money for our hospice. So, to make it even easier and answer some of the commonly asked questions, we've put together a Supporter Kit on our website including fundraising ideas, ways to promote your event and what to do with your hard-earned money. Check out our Supporter Kit here: [www.khh.org.uk/supporterkit](http://www.khh.org.uk/supporterkit).

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your local hospice - Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. [www.khh.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.khh.org.uk/newsletter)

## Culworth Snappers

This friendly group of amateur photography enthusiasts meet monthly at Forge Coffee to view our photos, chosen to fit a different theme each time, and to share tips and knowledge.

Culworth Snappers Camera Club hosted a well-attended evening on 17th May at Forge Coffee. The guest speaker was Bob Brind-Surch who spoke entertainingly and showed many of his images of Nature Photography.



Club members recently visited Taylors Bell Foundry in Loughborough, capturing images of bells being cast; many thanks to Joanne and Andrew Wilby for facilitating an excellent day. Photoshoots planned for later in the year include The Old Barn Falconry, Swindon Railway Museum, and RSPB Otmoor.

The next 2 club nights are on Monday 19th June and Monday 17th July starting at 19.30hrs in Forge Coffee. Everyone is welcome. You can also find us on Facebook "Culworth Snappers"

## News from St Mary's Church



### New Rector

We are delighted to welcome our new rector Revd Karen Jongman to Culworth at the end of July. Karen will be inducted to the Culworth Benefice on Sunday 30th July at 3pm by Bishop Jonathan and Archdeacon Richard Ormiston. Everyone is invited. We hope Karen will be very happy in Culworth.

Pattern of Services during the interregnum:

For baptisms, weddings and funerals during the interregnum please contact Father Matthew Robinson from

Kings Sutton and Newbottle, our Rural Dean. (fathermatthew.r@icloud.com. or 01295 811364.)  
Until Karen comes at the end of July we are still in an interregnum.

The services are as follows below. Please note the Family Service will now start at 10.00 to conform with all the other morning services.

1st Sunday of the month 10am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the month 10am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10am Mattins

4th Sunday 6pm Evensong

5th Sunday Benefice Communion

### Help Needed

Our church and churchyard relies on volunteers to keep it clean and beautiful. Could you spare some time to help? We still have a few slots to fill. A list is on the table in the church. If you could help with the cleaning and/or churchyard mowing we would be most grateful. Please fill in any times you could help or contact me.

There will be a working party in the churchyard at the end of July or beginning of August 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..

Village Cafes take place on the first Saturday of the month. At the one in May we had a small plant stall and all donations went to Cancer Research in memory of Lynn Gottowik. £42 was collected.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.

The next one will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### ***Village Café***

Every First Saturday of the Month 10 till 12  
Culworth Village Hall  
Tea, Coffee & Cakes  
Donations for the Village Hall and Culworth Church  
Get to know others from the village

## **For your Diary:**

Tales from the Auction Room. Steven Bruce, an auctioneer, will give a talk entitled 'Tales from the Auction Room' on Friday October 5th in aid of Culworth Church. Supper will be included and there will also be a chance to have items valued. Further details nearer the time.

Ride and Stride 2023 - This year's Ride and Stride takes place on 9th September. More details in the next newsletter.

## **Culworth Benefice Services**

### **June/July 2023**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00 Holy Communion Culworth (P.B.)

#### **11<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Holy Communion Chipping Warden (C.P.)

10.00 Family Service Culworth

#### **18<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (J.D.)

10.00 Mattins Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

#### **25<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Family Service Chipping Warden

11.00 Mattins Edgcote

6.00 Evensong Culworth

### **July**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> July**

10.00 Holy Communion Culworth

#### **9<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Holy Communion Chipping Warden (C.P.)

10.00. Family Service Culworth

#### **16<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (M.C.)

10.00 Mattins Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> July**

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10.00. Family Service Chipping Warden

11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote (C.P.)

6.00pm. Evensong Culworth

#### **30<sup>th</sup> July**

11.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Chipping Warden, and dedication of the restored Tower Clock (Archdeacon Richard Ormiston)

(P.B.) - Philip Ball

(E.C.) - Bishop Ed Condry

(C.P.) - Celia Parkes

(J.D.) - John Duncan

## **Ruby Humphrey, Culworth's Land Army Girl**

Ruby Humphrey died a few months ago in Culworth, aged 101. The following article appeared several years ago in the Village Newsletter and is reprinted at the suggestion of Jenny Howse.

“Until the outbreak of World War 2 Ruby Humphrey had been in domestic service. Born in Bicester in 1921 she was living with her mother at Water Eaton when war broke out. She decided to join the Women's Land Army like several thousand other ladies, to do her bit towards the war effort. Having been provided with her uniform, she started her training with a farmer at Water Eaton, living at home. Following an injury to her wrist she spent a period of convalescence at Rest Break House in Torquay. This was the first time she had been on a train, and certainly the first time she had been horse riding or waited on by maids. The girls there were fed very well. She returned to Swacliffe, living in a hostel, picking vegetables and looking after the other girls, until she was fit enough to work on the farm again.

Ruby worked on several farms including ones at Colethorpe near Whitney, where she met her husband, Wilf, and Falcutt Hall near Helmdon. She remembers helping with the hay and building hay and straw ricks, working with the Clydesdale horses, harnessing them up to the cart. She had to balance standing up on the cart throwing out the mangolds for the sheep and cattle. The milk had to be taken for collection in large churns. Ruby remembers working here with another Land Girl and 6 male workers. Although the girls alternated each week between the dairy and outside jobs, Ruby wasn't very good at milking, all done by hand then of course. Sheep shearing was done with a 'Lister' machine and it was Ruby's job to turn the handle to make the machine work. She got extra rations during the shearing season. She also had to catch the sheep and put them in a dip.

Other jobs included mending fences and hoeing rows and rows of mangolds. It was a long day. Work started at 7.30 in the morning, finishing at 5 at night, with an hour for lunch. Ruby loved working on the land and even though she had signed on for 4 years she carried on working on the land another 4 years after that, although then she wasn't provided with that wonderful iconic uniform.

In more recent years Ruby could be seen cycling around Culworth going from job to job. She even cycled to Chipping Warden to help out with the potato harvest. Ruby has wonderful memories of her time as a member of the Land Army and at the age of 92 is still a very active member of the village.”

**Dates for your Diary** – (Please see News from St Mary's for details of all church services)

### **June**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Village Café, 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall – All Welcome

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Culworth Circular Walk, meet at 10am on The Green

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Coffee & Chat, 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall – All Welcome

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Culworth Snappers Club Night, 7.30pm, Forge Coffee

### **July**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Culworth Circular Walk, meet at 10am on The Green

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Coffee & Chat, 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall – All Welcome

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Culworth Snappers Club Night, 7.30pm, Forge Coffee

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> – 3pm, Induction of Reverend Karen Jongman to Culworth Benefice

## **Culworth Parish Council – Minutes of 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.

The Parish Clerk has a village network list of emails. Everyone on the list is sent information such as What's On, missing dogs, break-ins, etc. - in fact anything to do with village life.

If you would like to be included, please email [culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com)

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**Please send items for the next newsletter to [culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com) or [culworth.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:culworth.newsletter@gmail.com)**

Copy dates are:

21<sup>st</sup> July for August/September

22<sup>nd</sup> September for October/November

24<sup>th</sup> November for December/January

## **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



# FORGE COFFEE

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.

For all our events, check our website: <https://www.forgecoffee.co.uk/whats-on> or follow us on Instagram (@forge\_coffee) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/forgecoffeeshop>)

## *Mumfords Butchers*

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Do you have a local business? Please tell us about it via the village newsletter.