

# Culworth Newsletter

April 2022 & May 2022



## Platinum Jubilee Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

This year the Queen will be celebrating seventy years on the throne giving the village a reason to celebrate with different fun-filled events across four days.

To look forward to will be:



Lighting of a beacon



Church Service and community party



Best kept gardens competition as well as getting all the family involved with a best scarecrow and best cake competitions



A big street party for the village



Launch of 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'

There is also an historical village timeline being created with lots of photographs of Culworth from over the decades and the more contributions the better.

A village guide to all the activities will be produced but this is a save the date notice to be a part of this best of British weekend.

## JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL

As part of its celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, St. Mary's Church will be hosting a Flower Festival which will run for a week from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Anyone who would like to do so will be welcome to create a display for the Festival. No particular expertise will be required or expected. We would like to encourage all ages to have a go at letting their imaginations run wild. A special part of the Church will be reserved for entries from children and their best displays will be rewarded with a prize.

More details will be provided a little nearer the time on the Culworth Village website and in places around the village. They can also be obtained by phoning either June Oxley (01295 768184) or Sarah Izzett (01295 760640).

Please do have some fun and give it a go!



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If you would like to be involved in any of the planning or have any ideas for that weekend please do get in touch with Sophie Nickell-Lean on 07815 990486.



### Culworth Cricket Club

As I write this, it is a glorious spring day with the sun shining and the birds singing. A perfect day for a start of the cricket season. Unfortunately, I bet that will change by mid-April and we will have snow (it has happened before), but I must remain positive, and it will be sunny.

I have been pleasantly surprised that I have already had enquiries by three families already wanting to bring their children to the club for the 2022 season, after having heard good things about the club.

We have organised a spring clean for Saturday 3rd April, and training sessions will start on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.

For the 2022 membership, we have decided to keep the membership at pre-covid levels of £40 for the season. Also, any new juniors to the club will be given a free team shirt. We welcome both boys and girls between the ages of 6-16 years. We have previously run under 9, under 11, under 13 and under 15 year teams. We have also been

developing an adult friendly team who play on a Sunday afternoon. So, if you are an adult living in or around Culworth and are interested in playing cricket, please get in touch with the club. We have spare kit that you can use.

Even if you do not have a child of the right age, the club is always looking for people to help as either coaches, or to help with ground maintenance, or to act as admin support, or become a scorer. It is a hugely satisfying job when you see the smiles on the children's faces, and the good thing is that it is all done generally in the sunshine. If you want some green exercise, why not offer to mow the ground? You get to drive a tractor. Or you could mow the wicket, which gives you a nice walk in the sun.

To find out more information about the club, please call Jim on 07860 638557, or email me on [jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk](mailto:jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk).

## **Queens Jubilee Celebrations**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June**

The Community Group is assisting the Parish Council in planning events for this very splendid rare occasion. NO monarch has reached this Jubilee before.

It is hoped to have a street party, a church service and much more. Your ideas and offers of practical help are most welcomed. Please send your ideas and offers to the Clerk

[culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com)

One member would welcome knowing how those who were around, celebrated the Coronation. Was it watching a television in your home or others or in a Village Hall. Did you have a tea provided in a paper bag, and a mug? Have you got your mug?

We are hoping to have a time line of events in Culworth over the last 70 years. When did mains drainage come? and mains water? Did all households connect up?

Do you remember who lived in which house?

What houses have been built in last 70 years or demolished?

## Avian flu reminder for bird keepers

Bird keepers are reminded of the restrictions that remain in place to minimise the risk of avian flu. An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone came into force across the country in November, making it a legal requirement for all bird keepers across the UK (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) to keep their birds indoors and follow strict measures.

It is the largest ever outbreak of bird flu in the UK, with identified across the country, including the neighbouring counties of Warwickshire and Leicestershire.

While the risk to people is very low, the disease is highly contagious among birds and often proves fatal.

Wild birds migrating to the UK from mainland Europe during the winter months help spread the disease, so West Northamptonshire Council is reminding all bird keepers to follow the biosecurity measures needed to keep their birds safe and help stop the spread.

Poultry keepers must:

- House or net all poultry and captive birds to keep them separate from wild birds
- Clean and disinfect clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds – if practical, use disposable protective clothing
- Reduce the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination from manure, slurry and other products, and use effective vermin control
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect housing on a continuous basis
- Keep fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all farm and poultry housing entry and exit points
- Minimise direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds.

If you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra

helpline on 03459 33 55 77. Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find.

More information can be [found on the Government website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu) [ [www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu) ]

## CULWORTH CHURCH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

We have a surplus of books which cannot be accommodated within the church library. You will find these books stacked in the corner to your left as you enter the church.

Open for browsing 7 days a week for the next week or so after which they will be removed.

There are cookery, history, biographies, wildlife, gardening, and other non fiction interest books. Many of them are hardback and in great condition. There are also ex church library paperbacks.

A donation in the Church Expenses box will be appreciated.



On behalf of The Royal British Legion which celebrates 100 years since its formation in 1921, I would like to thank everyone in the village who contributed towards the 2021 Poppy Appeal resulting in £653.53 being collected during the two weeks of the appeal. Special thanks go to The Red Lion, Mumfords Butchers, Culworth School and Forge Coffee for hosting collection boxes and also David Mold for knocking on doors!

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-



Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War:

- The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers
- The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers
- The Comrades of The Great War
- The Officers' Association

The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

Over six million men had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled. Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent.

The Royal British Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. And we've been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.

The first ever Poppy Appeal was also held in 1921. The poppies sold out almost immediately and raised over £106,000; a considerable amount at the time. This money was used to help WW1 veterans with employment and housing.

Today the Legion's role is broad; From supporting veterans and their families in debt and emergency situations to providing breaks for service families, its initiatives provide vital support for the Armed Forces community.

The same support is also available for those who are experiencing multiple challenges such as being out of work, dealing with mental health problems, financial issues and alcohol abuse.

The programme's flagship is the £27m **Battle Back Centre at Lilleshall** in the West Midlands, which provides sports and adventure activities designed to promote self-confidence and improve motivation to aid recovery.

More information can be found at the website [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)



## Springing into action

Just like this time of year, we've got lots of exciting things coming up! From new partnerships and improvements, to a whole range of incredible events to raise money for our hospice. It's thanks to your ongoing support, we can continue to care for local people and families when they need us the most.

### New lease of life for Banbury shop

We're excited to announce that we have signed a new 10-year lease and will be staying right where we are – at the heart of the Banbury community.

But that's not all. We will also be giving our Banbury shop some TLC with a revamp that will make the most of all the fantastic donations we receive, as well as improve the shopping experience.

### Recycle more with Paw Paw

As part of an exciting recycling initiative, Paw Paw will donate 5p to Katharine House for every plastic container that is returned in good condition when a customer orders their next meal. It's great news for our hospice and also helps cut down on plastic waste! The recycling scheme runs across all three of Paw Paw's Chinese takeaways in Banbury, Leamington and Warwick.

### Growing our Open Gardens

We're always touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us – and we'd love to see our events grow...

You can find out more about how to get involved and where this year's events will be taking place on our website. We already have six Open Garden events lined up! But keep checking back for others added throughout the year.

### High and mighty

Are you looking for a BIG challenge this year? Then why not sign up for the world's highest static abseil? At a staggering 127 metres tall, the National Lift Tower in Northampton makes Big Ben look positively little! Our Extreme Abseil event is taking place on 2 April and we'd love YOU to be part of Team Katharine House and help us to raise money for our hospice.

### A run for everyone

The Blenheim Fun Run is back and taking place on 15 May. Run, jog or walk in the spectacular grounds of the World Heritage site in Oxfordshire – and raise money for Katharine House at the same time. The beauty of the Blenheim Fun Run (aside from the stunning grounds) is that you can choose from the main 7km

race, the 4-mile run suitable for buggies or wheelchairs, or the 1-mile route for under 15s. There's even an event for dogs so your four-legged friends don't miss out!

### **On your bike!**

Are you ready for the ride of your life? The RideLondon-Essex 100 event is taking place on 29 May and we've managed to secure three places to ride in this highly sought-after event. If cycling 100 miles on traffic-free roads through the heart of London and neighbouring Essex sounds like the event for you, then sign up today.

### **Find out more**

Head to our website for more details, events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).

### **Calling all green-fingered gardeners!**

Keen gardeners are being invited to take part in Katharine House's popular Open Gardens scheme this summer.

The hospice has just launched its Open Gardens scheme for 2022 and is calling for green-fingered residents to sign up and help raise much needed funds. As part of the Open Gardens scheme, residents in local villages open up their beautiful gardens to the public, raising money for the hospice in the process, with whole villages often getting involved. Visitors are asked to either buy tickets or make a donation in return for a blooming marvellous day out.

Community and Events Manager Cherida Plumb: "The ever-popular Open Gardens for Katharine House have given a vast amount of pleasure to thousands of people over the years and are also a great opportunity for you to show off your gardening handywork!"

"We've been very touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us over the years and are looking forward to seeing how the gardens have developed over the last year, and being introduced to new ones too."

Katharine House provides specialist palliative care for adults with life-limiting conditions across North Oxfordshire, South Warwickshire, and South Northamptonshire, relying on generous donations from local businesses and its local community.

To find out more about the Open Gardens scheme, contact Sandra Price on [GetInvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:GetInvolved@khh.org.uk) or visit our website at [khh.org.uk/gardens](http://khh.org.uk/gardens).

For all Katharine House media enquiries, please contact Karen Welsh on [karen.welsh@khh.org.uk](mailto:karen.welsh@khh.org.uk) or 07969 992416.

### **Litter Pick up day.**

Thank you to all who attend and help with the litter pick up, as you can see from the picture below is was a great success.



## News from St Mary's

### Signs

In a perplexing, uncertain world man has always looked for signs, but sometimes reading those signs is not always easy. But at the moment we have the glorious signs of the coming of Spring; though they are the colour of snow and frost we welcome the snowdrops as the first signs of better things and can we can look for the emergence, from the dark cold earth, of the sun-coloured daffodils and know then that warmer, longer lighter days are on their way.

But across Europe, and maybe the world, the opposite looms; ever-darker days of destruction, desolation and death. We had signs of this when Putin took Crimea and then western Ukraine; do we read the attack on Ukraine as a sign of even more widespread expansion and war?

How ironic that Putin should have mis-read the signs that decent humanity continually send out. Think how he could have used the immense power at his fingertips to do good; the millions of people he could have helped rather than killed or maimed or made desperate; and ironically how he has denied himself the very thing he sought - instead of receiving the admiration and respect of the world he is now hated and despised; who would, in their right mind, want to hated by even one or two people, let alone billions?

Yet through this unimaginable suffering comes unbelievable stories of bravery, kindness and self-sacrifice; boundaries, physical, national and cultural have been no barrier to the out-pouring of love and compassion, including the wonderful response from this village, shown by Ukraine's true neighbours. Yet it seems a tragic and inescapable truth that self-sacrifice is always needed to overcome evil, and day by day we shall look for signs that this is becoming a reality. But for many, who have never held a gun in their lives, are now learning how to use one, and with this will come the awful decision that in order to save life they will have to take it. But they have no choice, because 'evil prospers when good men do nothing.'

Closer to home I know that many in our village have been quite poorly with Covid and others with Norovirus, so if that is you I hope you are now feeling better and that this 'invasion' also recedes as quickly as possible; so, I wish you all a very happy and healthy Easter and hopefully a warm and sunny Springtime!

Rev. Mike Chesher.

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## Church Services

The regular church services in Culworth are as follows;

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 9.30 Benefice service rotating between the 4 parishes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11.00 Family service- a short informal service.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10.00 Mattins

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (when and if) 11.00 Holy Communion (especially for those who find the other services too early!)

## Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 7.30 Moreton Pinkney

Good Friday 12pm Stations of the Cross Culworth

## Easter Day 11.00 Easter Holy Communion

## Culworth Benefice Services

### April/May2022

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9.30 Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote

11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney

6p.m. Evensong Culworth

#### 10<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11 .00. Family Service Culworth

#### 14<sup>th</sup> April (Maundy Thursday) 7.30

Moreton Pinkney

#### 15<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)

#### Liturgy with Stations of the Cross

12pm Culworth

2pm Chipping Warden

#### 17<sup>th</sup> April 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Day

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (M.C.)

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden (Bishop Ed)

11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote (Bishop Ed)

11.00 Holy Communion Culworth (M.C.)

#### 24<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10 .00 Mattins Chipping Warden

11 .00 Mattins Edgcote

## May

### **1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter**

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Culworth

11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney

6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

### **8th May 2nd 4th Sunday of Easter**

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11.00. Family Service

### **15th May 5th Sunday of Easter**

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Mattins Culworth

11.00 Messy Church Chipping Warden

### **22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter**

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth (Rev

Philip Ball)

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10.00. Mattins Chipping Warden

11.00. Holy Communion Edgcote (Rev Viv

Baldwin)

### **Thursday 26th May Ascension Day**

Moreton Pinkney

### **29th May 7th Sunday of Easter**

5th Sunday

**11.00** Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

## Lent Lunches

There will be 2 Frugal Lunches this year in the Village Hall. The first will be on Wednesday 30th March and the second on Wednesday 6th April from 12 till 2. As with previous years there will be a choice of home-made soup, home-baked bread and a choice of puddings. All donations will be given to Water Aid.

## Churchyard

The snowdrops and primroses have been particularly good this year. This is because of the way we manage the mowing and maintenance of the churchyard. Without our volunteers the beautiful churchyard would look a mess. So thank you to everyone who helps. You don't have to be a regular church goer to help – just be someone who actually takes a pride in their village. There are still a few dates when we would like some

volunteers to cut the grass during the Spring and Summer. Mower and petrol supplied. List is on the table in the church. If you are not sure what it involves please see Martin or Jenny.

## Church spring Clean

If you've got a spare hour on Monday 11th April please come and help us Spring clean the church ready for Easter. Dusters and polish provided or bring your own! We will start about 9.30.

## Pet Service

Culworth had its first ever PET service today at 11am. In spite of ghastly weather it was wonderful to welcome

Otto and Lottie, Lloyd, Loki, Boris, Arlo and Livia, Teddy, Rivy, Saffy, Cheerio and Peko who had been a bridesmaid at a wedding last year, Peko showed all the dogs how to behave in church. All the dogs were marvellous Rev Mike Cheshier welcomed all stressing that pets provide companionship, love. and sanity. During the pandemic their value was immeasurable.

We sang - He's got the whole world in his hands mentioning each pet, and the Animals went in two by two before ending with special prayers for animals, the Lords Prayer and a Blessing.

The collection for Guide Dogs for The Blind Daventry Branch raised £87.50. Harriet Smith and Sparkie hope to come to another pet service. Do come next time- and thank you to all those kind owners who came along.

# Culworth Church Library



## Welcomes Visitors and Readers

This Fiction-Only Library is well stocked with frequent donations of novels by generous villagers and is free to use, 7 days a week.

This library is open to borrowing for all visitors to this church without any registration and free of any borrowing fee.

There is a notebook nearby in which you can let us know how many books you have borrowed or returned and the date.

Should you want to keep a book it would be lovely if you left a Donation to Church Expenses in the box on the pillar facing you as you entered the church.

There are also jigsaws for borrowing round the corner of the north aisle

## Enjoy

### Dates for your diary

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

### Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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

[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

## Annual Parish Assembly

will be held in Culworth Village Hall on Tuesday 26th April at 7pm.

It will be chaired by Andrew Wilby Chair of Culworth Parish Council. This is the meeting where all residents can raise any issue concerning the village.

The annual reports from the local Charity, Village Hall, Church School, Culworth Hill Field Trust will be available.

The time line- of the last 70 years will be the main topic in preparation for the Platinum Jubilee 2-5th to 5th June 2022.

Please bring your memories not only of Culworth in last 70 years but nationally and internationally. Photographs, newspaper cuttings will be welcomed.

It will be interesting to see when the main sewer came to Culworth or mains water- we take these for granted today.

When did the telephone come? and more. Do come along.

It has been very upsetting to see our children's wooden cabin burnt to the ground. It is unsettling and frightening to find open fires, various substances and laughing gas cylinders on our property and at times close to the house. Hooded young have been seen at these sights and have run off when discovered. We understand there is not a lot to do for teenagers in the village but it is unacceptable when messing around turns into arson and damages. So be vigilant and hopefully soon the culprits will be apprehended and be made to realise the danger and upset their behaviour is causing.



## Culworth Snappers Camera Club



A few members of the club visited WWT Slimbridge Reserve on Sunday, where the highlight of the day was a pair of kingfishers setting up their nest in a muddy bank. We had a very enjoyable day with good weather, good company and some nice images. Check out Culworth Snappers Facebook page to see a few of the images or come along to our next club night on 29<sup>th</sup> March Culworth village hall 19.30hrs.

John

### **Minutes of the Culworth Village Hall Committee**

#### **Meeting**

**held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm**

#### **Those present:**

Julie Tinn (JT)-Chairperson, Mark Izzett (MI)-Treasurer, Sarah Powell (SP)-Secretary, Margaret Watts (MW), Charlie Timmins (CT), June Oxley (JO), Martin Rowling (MR), John Emmett (JE) and Kirsty Hawkins (KH).

*John Duggan, Jim Powell & Andrew Wilby were also present for the first part of the meeting.*

#### **Apologies for Absence:**

John Mullis-Blyth (JMB)

#### **Culworth Hill Field Trust:**

John Duggan thanked us for inviting him to the meeting and updated us on the current situation regarding the new community facility.

Unfortunately, it is still a difficult time for funding,

but the committee are hoping to make a start later this year.

*The CHFT representatives then left.*

#### **Minutes of the last meetings:**

These were signed as a true & correct record.

#### **Matters Arising:**

JT & SP were to update the Health & Safety Policies and the risk assessment, but they still haven't had the time; KH & SP will now be doing it.

#### **Reported conflict of Interest:**

JT is on the Culworth Hill Field Trust and SP is representing the cricket club

#### **Chairman's Report:**

The film night on 18<sup>th</sup> February had 35 people in attendance; The Red Lion did the food. It was noted that not many people were from Culworth and that perhaps we need to advertise on social media. We also need to think about what we charge.

The next one is on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm and will be the latest West Side Story film. We will do the food.

JT is organising a bridge evening on 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will also look at getting a few speakers to come and talk to us.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

11<sup>th</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Current funds totalling £43,311.89 are held as follows:

National Savings Account           £39,307.00

(including £5,000 from Brian Harris's estate)

Santander Current Account       £3,954.42

Petty Cash                               £50.47

#### **Income since last meeting**

Culworth Snappers                   £36.00

Tai Chi                                   £27.00

Party booking                       £27.00

Donation (Quiz Night)           £25.00

Film Night ('The Dressmaker')   £415.50 (less

food from The Red Lion £227.50 and film and projectionist costs £224.60)

#### **Outgoings since last meeting**

Insurance                               £118.38

Electricity	£157.85
Water	£27.04
Cleaning	£90.00

Income from hiring and use of the hall has been picking up following the ending of Covid restrictions and is now nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. The utility bills and cleaning costs are more than last year as a result of the increased use of the hall.

The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant of £2,667 available from West Northamptonshire Council and discussed at the last meeting has been applied for and received.

MI also said the Electricity contract was coming up for renewal and he has sorted that out; we will be with British Gas Lite.

We then discussed transferring some money to the CHFT to help them make a start on the community building.

#### **Business:**

##### PPL/PRS Licence

JT briefly explained that if any recorded music is ever played in the village hall that we should have a licence. The committee agreed we should get one.

##### Bingo Night

Unfortunately, JMB was unable to be at the meeting and so there wasn't an update

#### **Building and renewals:**

There is a flashing light in the main hall- MR will have a look at it.

There seems to be some felt tiles down; we will contact Steve Law to see if he will have a look.

#### **Any other business:**

SP asked if anyone knows of the whereabouts of the old minute books as we may like to look at them when preparing for the Jubilee celebrations. MI said that we need to look at the cleaner's hourly rate as the cost of living has increased.

There was then a discussion as to whether we need to keep a green bin as from 1<sup>st</sup> April there is an annual charge for emptying it. The committee felt that we don't require one.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

#### **CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm in Culworth Village Hall

1. Councillors present A. Wilby Chair, S. Rolt, D. Mumford, N. Guinness, M. Rowling, J. Mullins Blyth and the Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling
2. Apologies for absence Cllr Eastwood and absence Cllr Koster- later mistaken date
3. Declarations of interest on agenda- none  
Later Cllr Rowling agenda 15
4. Members of public present- 2 residents
5. OPEN meeting-.
  - a. Village sign – A resident had supplied information and type of design ? to mark Platinum Jubilee. Referred to Community Group meeting post PC
6. Minutes of November 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting were approved by Cllrs Mullins Blyth and Mumford and approved by all Councillors present
7. Any matters arising not on agenda
  - a. Temporary speeding sign produced by the School. Cllr Guinness had received the winning picture from the school competition and the runner up. It was agreed that these will be laminated and attached to telegraph poles on approach to school.
8. Clerk's notes
  - a. Vehicle activated posts in place but no speed machine
  - b. Defibrillator training- awaiting response from East Midlands Ambulance Service on availability of trainer
  - c. Defibrillator to be checked by Cllr Mumford and Clerk
  - d. Wall on Berry Hill Close- continuing work to maintain good state.
  - e. Litter bin for Eydon End scheduled before end January 2022

9. Community park- The group had now received quotations from two play equipment companies. Cllr Wilby is awaiting a map showing area available potentially available on Cricket Field from the architect. He will then speak to planners at WNC regarding the need for preapplication advice before any further work is carried out.
  10. Report from Cllr Eastwood on West Northants Council- advance report stated that planning comments from organisations and individuals from February 2022 will be added to the application.
  11. Community group updates- Cllr Wilby and any Parish Councillor can join the meeting post PC to discuss the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
  12. HS2 Ltd updates Cllr Rolt noted that local notices advise residents of road closures
  13. Annual Litter Pick- Cllr Rowling Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 10am at The Forge
  14. Culworth Hill Field Trust Cllr Wilby stated there was no update except seeking funding.
  15. Clerks contract and job application. Cllr Wilby and Rolt will review this and seek advice from NCALC.
  16. Tree report from Treetops received. Cllr Rolt to provide name of tree surgeon for competitive quotation. There is some urgency for work to be carried out. WNC will need to provide approval as all trees in Conservation Area and some have Tree Preservation Orders.
  17. FINANCE
    - a. Budget April 2022-March 2023 and the Precept of £25,000 was agreed by all councillors. Form completed and signed by Chairman and Clerk for WNC.
    - b. Receipts- None
    - c. Payments by BACS unless stated
      - i. 2nd December RBL (section 137) wreath £17.00 (300004)
      - ii. PSCoville Summer party (Section 137) £20.85
      - iii. Andrew Wilby Summer Party (Section 137) £13.50
      - iv. James Gosling Summer party (Section 137) £143.00
      - v. Wave Water charges Pavilion £15.03
      - vi. SLCC Subscription £134
      - vii. 9<sup>th</sup> December DD Yu energy unmetered supply November £79.81
      - viii. DD YU energy unmetered sensors £15.09
      - ix. 13 December Roger Smith Mowing £52
      - x. HMRC 3<sup>rd</sup> payment £323.40
      - xi. Texprep photocopying £41
      - xii. Service charge £18.00
      - xiii. Yu December unmetered supply £83.83 +£4.19=£88.02
      - xiv. Yu December sensors £15.25+0.76=£16.01
      - xv. To pay Clerks salary October to December 2021 £1294.26, Expenses including use of house and broadband 192.50=£1486.76
      - xvi. Marcus Young Dogbins x7 for one year £1164.80 +£232.96=£1397.76
      - xvii. Treetops report £590+£118=£708
  - d. Current Bank Balance 31st December £37,312.08 Note £100 cheque outstanding Citizens Advice. Letter of thanks received from them in November 2021
  - e. Comments from Internal Controller on current finances- not available.
18. Planning
  - a. Daventry – amendment to application for new surgery Byfield but letter received after closure for response.

- b. HS2 Trafford Bridge-( not Bridge repairs)
- c. West Northants Council Applications
  - i. WNS/2022/0008/106CD Fulford farm variation of Section 106- information only
  - ii. WNS/2021/2129/TCA Westward Cottage Birch tree information only
  - iii. WNS/2021/2047/TCA Orchard House Banbury Lane Trees overhanging information only
  - iv. WNS/2021/2069/FUL Sycamore House proposed front and rear extensions - No comments received
- d. WNC Decisions
  - i. WNS/2021/1893/FUL Tithe Cottage approved
  - ii. WNS/2021/1745/FUL Swimming pool Gate House Farm

#### 19. Correspondence

- a. NCALC Update weekly and monthly by email
- b. Clerks Council Direct magazine
- c. Farthinghoe recycling centre. New firm to run centre. Will be closed for February to allow change over.
- d. HS2 Banbury Closed 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 for one month

20. Any other business for March 15 Meeting – Asset Mapping- Clerk to proceed with training.

21. Meeting closed 7.58pm

**Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council** will be held on Tuesday May 31st at 7pm in Culworth Village Hall followed by the routine bimonthly meeting.

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## Birthday, Deaths and Marriages



**Mrs Patricia Ruck Keene**

On February 19th Mrs Patricia Ruck Keene who lives in the High Street had her 100th birthday celebrated in style by her family and close friends including neighbours . Brought up as a Catholic and educated at a convent ,Patricia who spent much of her childhood in France and later in London, was a member of MI5 during the Second World War and based at Blenheim. She married in 1946 and had four children whilst undertaking busy roles firstly as a farmers wife at Syresham and then subsequently working in the estate office at Edgcote and at the Foscote Private Clinic in Banbury. She and her late husband,George, moved to Culworth from nearby Farnborough in 1982. Still active, she is a keen bridge player and plays scrabble online ,as well as continuing to take an interest in her garden and her grandchildren. Patricia had this to say about her years living in Culworth-' It has always been a friendly community minded village. I have been spoiled by my wonderful neighbours over the years, most particularly at the moment. I am so interested in the life of the village but I cannot get out as much as I used to and I much appreciate visits'.

**Mr Bob Davies** funeral service led by Rev Mike Chesher was held at Culworth Church on Monday 21st February 2022.His coffin had a spray of daffodils to represent his strong welsh background.

The address was given by Jill Morgan daughter of Jack Morgan once the head groom at Edgcote.

'When I was a small child I wished all my friends could be with me forever.Sadly this wasnt to be.

One of these friends we knew as Bobby.His official title a National Hunt jockey was R.A.Davies. There were two other Bob Davies but only one Bobby. He was definitely a one off.

He left school and went to work for the 'Doc'- Arthur 'Doc'Jones in Morrision Swansea not far from where he was born.



He was a very proud Welshman and would often speak fondly of his time with the 'Doc' who taught him lots about horses.

He left Wales working for many famous trainers, Fred Rimell, Guy Kindersley and Fred Winter.

Whilst working for Fred Winter he rode Pendil to victory in a hurdle race at Ascot.

He was a lover of brightly coloured suits- red green etc. One morning after a late night in a Lambourn pub, he turned up for work at Fred Winter's in a red suit. Fred sent him home immediately after telling him off. He was always recognised as not just a jockey but a proper horseman.

After his retirement from working with horses, he moved to Culworth. He spent his time reading the Racing Post and enjoying his daily trip to the Hare and Hounds in Wardington where Carol the landlady often sent him home with a dinner.

He enjoyed a Guinness or two with his friends especially John Buckingham chatting about the old days. There were disagreements too. Another friend Hugo Bevan who isn't here today had tales to tell. As Bob's health deteriorated he needed carers especially Kay Hourigan. He moved to the Lakes at Duncote in late 2020 to enjoy a happy time there. I last spoke to him at Christmas as Covid meant no visitors.

Bob led a colourful life making many friends along the way. We all may have special tales of Bob which are precious memories. He will be greatly missed.

Jenny Howse played the organ for the singing of The Old Rugged Cross and Guide me O thou Great Redeemer whilst Martin Rowling tolled the bell 80 times as Bob was laid to rest in the burial ground in the pouring rain.

The almoners from the Injured Jockeys Association were among the congregation.

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**Mrs Shirley Trott** 16<sup>th</sup> March 1932 to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Some of the longstanding residents will remember with great affection Shirley Trott who came to live at Culworth Hall in 1993 on the death of her stepfather Charles Hill. The Hill family had been great benefactors to the village for many, many years. St Marys Church was refurbished in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Rectory now the Old Rectory was built by Canon Hill at the same time.

Charles Hill had been the President of Culworth Cricket Club, a role that Mrs Trott continued not only in name but actively in attending matches, encouraging the Juniors initially under the leadership of Fred Eaton and David Osborne and now Jim Powell. Presentation evenings are described as legendary when hordes of children and parents rampaged through the Hall and

gardens eating vast quantities of sausages and more. She regularly helped with the Annual Spring Clean of the pavilion, even when she had moved to Oxford, monitoring its deterioration. It was after one of the Spring cleans that she asked to meet Jim Powell and one other to offer the ground to build a new pavilion. She so wanted to encourage young people to be active and meet safely.

Nicola her daughter in the eulogy said 'But Culworth also allowed her to develop what had been there all along: her love of active service in and to a community. She went to church, partly symbolically, for the Hills had been Rectors there, but also with authentic spirituality, something which thanks to this church she carried with her in visits to Taizé, which made a deep impression. She supported the local school, and cricket club, and allotments. At a time when landowners were starting to put up 'keep out' signs, she let her land be used for dog-walking and den-building. The village fete and annual fireworks were held in her garden. On the other hand, she wasn't keen on the local hunt passing through – that must have ruffled a few feathers.'

We offer our sympathy to Nicola, Julian and Jonathan their wives and Shirley's grandchildren

It was a privilege to know her. May she rest in peace.

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**Miss Margaret Field** lived in Culworth until about 1992. She was a quiet patient lady who cared for her grandmother and then her parents for a good part of her life. Her brother Tom's children loved running up the steps from their garden to tell Grandma and Auntie Margaret their news. Margaret had worked at Wyncolls fruiterer and florist in Banbury now the Thai Orchid. Margaret was a traditionalist with household chores. As an example she made four loaves of bread every Monday kneading the dough not in a breadmaker.

After her mother died she became a member of the Culworth Gang.

For the last 20 years she resided at Spencer Court in Banbury making many friends. During her illness besides carers she was wonderfully cared for by Andrew Penny and Jane. She was so pleased when they all took Christmas Dinner over in 2021 to share with her.

Her funeral was held at Culworth Church on March 22nd 2022. May she rest in peace.

We extend our sympathy to her brother Tom and Jane, their family of Andrew Sarah and Tim. with their children.



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# FORGE COFFEE

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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](mailto: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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