



Culworth Newsletter

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Film Night - Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

Just to let you know the next village hall film night will be on Saturday 4th February (7pm) and we will be showing Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (released 2011). Tickets are available from June Oxley (01295) 768184 or Julie Tinn (01295) 760855 and are £8 each and this includes a light supper. We ask that you bring your own drinks and glasses. We hope to see you there

Litter Pick

Rid the village of the wretched litter. The Annual Litter Pick is on Saturday 3rd March 2012 starting at 10am by The Forge. Yellow jackets, gloves, bags and litter picks will be provided. Please let Martin Rowling know, if you can help by calling 760571 or just turning up on day by 10am. Coffee and refreshments available on completion.

Talk—Drovers' Routes

Thursday, 1st March 7.00pm in the Village Hall, a talk by Bruce Smith on the local Drovers' Routes.

Bruce gives a really enthusiastic, entertaining and informative illustrated talk about the Welsh and Banbury Lanes both of which have huge relevance to Culworth. Entry will be £5 and will include a glass of wine or tea/coffee. Any profits will go towards the Church Roof Fund.

Short Mat Bowls

Why don't you come along and give it a go! Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy a nice social evening in the village! We meet in the Village Hall the next date is the 6th February at 7.15pm and then every other Monday.

Carols on the Green

Our thanks go to Simon and Petrina Martin, Simon Theobald and anyone else who helped to make the evening so enjoyable. There was a good attendance and everyone enjoyed the sausages, mulled wine and song.

Diary Dates Feb/March 2012

Film Night 4th Feb at 7pm in the village hall.

Fashion Show 10th Feb at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Talk about the Drovers Routes' 1st March 7pm in the village hall

Games Night 3rd March at 7pm in village hall

Litter Pick 3rd March 10am by the Forge.

Village Walks 7th Feb at 10am on the Green. Then every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Culworth Village Market 24th March 10-2pm in the Village Hall

Coffee morning 14th Feb at 11am, 13th Mar (every 2nd Tues of the month)

Circle dancing 16th Feb (every 3rd Thursday) contact Joan Gottowik 01295 760737 for more information

Short Mat Bowls 6th, 20th Feb and 5th, 19th March at 7.15pm in the Village Hall then every other Monday

Culworth Gang alternate Weds at Sulgrave church hall at 2.15pm. Contact Mrs Courtney 760489 for more information.

Pilates (take note new times) 7.30—8.30pm on Wednesday evenings also 9.30—10.30am Friday mornings (both during term time) in Culworth village hall Contact Julie Russell 07778673677

Village Hall AGM meeting Wednesday 7th Mar at 7pm at Ian Simonsen's house

Parish Council meetings Monday 13th Feb and 12th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Village walks

Just to remind you of the guided walks along the footpaths and bridleways around Culworth on the first Tuesday of each month. Each one lasts about 2 hours. The walk in December took 9 of us behind the church to Fulford Farm, though Zigzag Farm towards Moreton Pinkney and then along the bridleway and footpaths towards Sulgrave. At Barrow Hill we turned back to Culworth.

Nobody decided to battle against the elements for the January walk and so the next walk, on 7th February will take us on a circular walk to Eydon and back. 10 o'clock on The Green.

There are some lovely footpaths to explore around Culworth. Some of these walks are on the Culworth website or if you're not sure of the route, just join us.

Get into the stride— Nordic Walking

South Northamptonshire Council will be running a series of "Learn To" Nordic walking courses that provide an opportunity to try something fun and new.

Nordic walking is one of the fastest growing activities in the world. Invented by cross country skiers for their summer training it offers a unique way to keep fit and enjoy the outdoors. An enhancement of normal walking yet twice as effective, Nordic walking uses poles to add significant benefits:

- upper body muscles are used as well as lower

- it reduces the pressure on knees and joints
- it's great for posture and can burn up to 46% more calories than normal walking.

South Northamptonshire's portfolio holder for community wellbeing, Councillor Rosie Herring said, "Nordic walking fits in well with the council's aim to keep our district fit and healthy. It's a fantastic way to increase fitness and have fun at the same time. I hope people will make the most of this chance to give it a go."

The "Learn To" courses run at:

Deanshanger Library; Saturdays from 4 to 25 February. 10am to 11.30am

Brackley Library; Saturdays from 10 to 31 March. 10am to 11am.

Roadle Library; Saturdays from 14 April to 5 May. 10.30am to 11.30am

The courses each cost £25.

There's also a £5 taster session at Brackley Library on Saturday 3 March from 10am to 10.45am.

For more details and to book a place email colin.hull@southnorthants.gov.uk or phone 01327 322337.

Church and Chapels in Culworth

Recently I came across an old book in Banbury Library entitled 1851 Religious Census of Northamptonshire. This was the only time a religious census was taken in Northamptonshire and it makes interesting reading. Certainly the numbers of people attending services are somewhat different from today.

At this time besides St Mary's there was the Baptist Chapel (built in 1842 and demolished in the 1960's – all that remains are a few tombstones in the grounds of Fulford Cottage) and the Moravian Chapel (built in 1809 and renovated in 1872, it was much altered when it was converted into a house). This area was one of the few bases for Moravians and a Moravian church still exists in Woodford Halse.

The population of Culworth in 1851 was 685.

Attendances;

St Mary's; morning 220, afternoon 240 and on both occasions, Sunday scholars (Sunday School?) was 60

The Baptist Chapel; 3 services; morning 45, afternoon 20 and evening 80; Sunday scholars 35 for each service.

The Moravian Chapel; morning 52 and evening 53; no mention of Sunday scholars

There were occasional services at the Baptist chapel within living memory with memories of beautiful harvest festivals. There are also people who remember the Moravian Chapel being used as a Scouts Cabin, one room with an annex and once a month apparently a man came and sold pies from here. Jenny Howse.

Children's Society - Local Box Collection

Many thanks to all of you who collect money for the Children's Society, a charity of the Church of England which works with disadvantaged and disabled children in this country. Last year our area raised £327 through house box collections and I am hoping we will raise even more this year. Please could you let me have your box for emptying in one of the following ways: ideally by leaving it in SULGRAVE VILLAGE SHOP during February for me to collect OR by leaving it at my house (Garden House, Manor Road, Sulgrave) OR by telephoning me on 01295 760957 so that we can arrange a convenient time for me to collect it from you?? Many thanks in advance to all those involved with this wonderful charity!

Kate Miles - Local Box Secretary for the Children's Society.

Jubilee Celebrations

These are the arrangements so far;

The Jubilee Wood, the orchard and the specimen tree.

The village, (parish council, church or any other organisation) does not own any land in the village apart from the Green... this is registered common land. Therefore in order to do any of the above we need permission from the land-owners.

We can acquire a considerable number of trees (they come in bundles of 109) free from the Woodland Trust. We have been offered some land in which to plant these very small saplings which could be then known as Jubilee Wood.

We will take delivery of them in November which will be an ideal planting time given the dry Spring we had last year. The school will plant one for each child and the rest of the planting could be a community affair hopefully involving the younger members of the village and even grandchildren of people living in the village.

They will be the ones to benefit in the future..... but more of that when we know when they will come. Each sapling will have a laminated label with the name of the child to plant it.

The fruit trees in the recreation field.... once again the land is not owned by the village.

When the estate of Commander Crutchley was sold, the recreation field was not given to the village and it is leased to the Parish Council. To plant any trees we need permission from his estate's land agents. When and if we have this we can plan what fruit trees can go there.

The cricket field is where the specimen tree (with plaque) will go. The Green already has a number of commemorative trees and the cricket field was the obvious place. Once again this is not owned by either the village or the Cricket Club . Mrs Trott, the owner, has given her permission and the cricket club have no objections. We have also been very fortunate in that we have been offered a specimen oak, free, from a generous benefactor. We cannot choose which date to plant it but when it is ready we will let everyone know and perhaps we could have an informal tree planting ceremony. (the hole will have already been dug!) There is a post there at the moment to mark the spot. The plaque can be put up later.

Jubilee Week End

Sunday 3rd June... Church service and exhibition in the church. Memorabilia of the Coronation and perhaps memories of the day from those of us old enough to have those memories! Please start looking out for things now.

Monday 4th June.... Afternoon of rounders matches, children's games etc. on the cricket field. A tug of war between those who live either side of the cricket field???? Darrell Locke will do his great PA work if he hasn't any other commitments.

Tea party in a marquee (Julie Tinn has organised the marquee) and the coffee and chat morning ladies are already making bunting.

The commemorative mugs have already been ordered and will be given to every child in the village under 16 during the tea party. It would be great if as many people as possible came in red, white and blue. A prize for the best children's/adult's outfit?

A BBQ in the evening (Brian Whitford has already agreed to help with this) and there will be a charge for this to cover expenses. Bring your own drinks. We are hoping to have a ceilidh or some sort of country dancing that everyone can join in with but that is yet to be organised. We could also have some sort of quiz during the evening.

As far as I know there was no response to requests for suggestions or help from the last newsletter. We really need someone to organise the children's activities and does anyone know of a band which could play?

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th February in the Village Hall at 7pm. Everyone will be most welcome.

Coffee and Chat

Over the next few months the ladies at Coffee and Chat will be making miles and miles of bunting for next year's Jubilee Celebrations! We would be very grateful if you could let us have any unwanted red, blue or white material or old clothing which would be suitable for cutting up for the flags. A combination of these colours would also be OK as we want it to be as colourful as possible. Just leave any items outside Rectory villa or contact anyone who comes to Coffee and Chat for collection. For further details you can contact June on 01295 768184.



GAMES NIGHT

Free Entry for all ages

(A small donation towards heating etc most welcome)



Please bring your own Refreshments and nibbles.

Meet with other villagers to play Board or Card Games

Some board games and cards will be available

Or bring your own favourite for others to join in

We all have those games which say suitable for 2 –8 players

But what are they like to play with more than 2 or 4

Culworth Village Hall

7.00pm onwards

3rd March 2012

More information or details contact Ian Simonsen
760371



ELLIE'S SPRING FASHION SHOW

**IN CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM**

***NEW SEASON HIGH STREET
FASHION AT FACTORY PRICES***

TICKETS £6 (INC A GLASS OF WINE)

AVAILABLE FROM JUNE ON 01295 768184.

**THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE AND ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE
FOR CULWORTH CHURCH 'RAISE THE ROOF' APPEAL**



Mini Meadows Preschool

Charity No: 1027711

Mini Meadows Preschool offers places for 2-5 year olds. Located at Culworth C of E Primary School in a self-contained and well equipped setting. Set within the school grounds in this quiet, rural village with access to exceptional outside space.

Thanks to Trish and Steve Humphrey for their sponsorship of Mini Meadows through their new venture, Paddocks Farm Shop, Culworth.

For more information email:

playleader@minimeadowspreschool.org.uk
www.minimeadowspreschool.org.uk

T 07984 053396

Minutes of Culworth Village Hall Committee Meeting

Tues 10th Jan 2012 at 7pm

Those present: Julie Tinn (Chair), June Oxley (Secretary), Joan Gottowik, Martin Rowling, Margaret Watts, Sarah Powell, Charles Buckley and Ian Simonsen (Treasurer).

Apologies: Ruth Gross and Jules Golding

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.
2. Matters Arising: None
3. Chairman's Report: JT read a letter she had received from Jules Golding tendering her resignation from the Committee. She will send a letter of thanks for all her input over the last 5 years, especially for the recent calendar production. Thanks also to JG and MW for the Culworth Cooks book, 88 copies have been sold to date. The Xmas market made an excellent profit of £56 and the future coordinator will be Carol Simonsen who is invited to join the Committee as its representative. The next market is scheduled to be Easter. The film, Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy has been booked for Sat 4th Feb, tickets will cost £8 which includes a light supper but bring your own drinks. Suggested future films are St Trinians and Sherlock.
4. Treasurers Report: The opening funds of £9075.02 have seen a decrease of £217.60 to £8857.42. (see attached) We have no outstanding bills or invoices and the electricity monthly charge will reduce in Feb from £96 to £44 per month. IS has managed to sell the crockery (donated at the fete and not sold) on eBay with a profit of £50 to the hall and we still have a

few calendars and ECO bags left in stock. The games evening held in between Christmas and the New Year was not very well attended but was greatly enjoyed by those who did turn up, especially the two children!

5. Buildings and Renewals: The urinals sometimes flush automatically when the hall is not in use so it is important that any hirers of the hall make sure that all taps are fully closed upon leaving the building.

6. AOB: IS has circulated a revised Trust Deed Schedule to all committee members, there were a few minor alterations and clarifications suggested after which IS will send the draft to ACRE for authorization. It will then become available to all village members who can make sure that, as a committee, we are complying with the Schedule. In spite of this year being a Jubilee Celebration year it was felt that there should still be a village fete to bring income for the Church and the Hall. Suggested date Sept, either 15th or 16th.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wed 7th March at 7pm in Ian Simonsen's house as the VH is now being used for a permanent Pilates class.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Fete Co-ordinator required!

Dear All

As you know this June marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and during discussions between the Village Hall Committee and the PCC it was suggested that the Village Fete be moved to September to incorporate the Flower and Produce Show - 15/16 has been put in the diary with a question mark.

Jenny Howse is the Jubilee coordinator, June Oxley is organising events to raise money for the Church and I am busy with a music festival for the Church in July and a wedding to organise in June!

We are, therefore, looking for someone to be the Fete coordinator; of course with a number of helpers as well who will in turn delegate to get the whole thing organised. I am sure that both Jenny and I will be able to help in September, it is just the initial planning that we won't be able to do. Jenny did such a wonderful job last year and has all the details of contacts etc. so most of the hard work has been done.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you in advance.

Julie Tinn

HS2 Announcement

Dear Parish

As you know the Government have announced its intention to press ahead with HS2. Yesterday on Wednesday HS2 Ltd officials held a drop in session to discuss the next steps and the mitigation that has been put in place.

I attach a briefing on the meeting which covers the mitigation in South Northamptonshire, the future plans for the Exceptional Hardship Scheme and statutory blight. I also attach the Written Ministerial Statement from the Transport Secretary, Justine Greening MP which was released on Tuesday. I would urge you to distribute these documents as widely as possible among your local residents, particularly those without internet access.

As you know, I strongly support the need for better transport infrastructure but I continue to believe the existing HS2 project is not the right project and is not good value for taxpayers. I will continue to fight this proposal as strongly as I have before and will continue to try to convince the Government that there are better alternatives available.

Please encourage anyone who has concerns or would like further information regarding this project to contact me as soon as possible and I will be very happy to help in any way I can.

With best wishes

Andrea

Andrea Leadsom

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Thanks

Many thanks to all those who supported the concert in December in aid of the church roof appeal. Besides those who came to the concert, we had many generous donations. Thank you especially to all the performers who performed for free. A profit of over £1100 was further boosted by those who gifted their donations with gift aid which has added considerably to this sum. Thank you again.
Jenny Howse

Culworth Village Easter/Spring Market

Village Hall 10.00am till 2pm

Saturday 24th March 2012

**Come and meet your Local Suppliers
Quality Local Produce and Crafts
available**

Tea and Coffee also available.

Or just come in for a chat.

For more information and Details

Contact: Carol Simonsen

Tel: 01295 760371

email cpsimonsen@fsmail.net

Please will all walkers take note

The Parish Council received a letter from Mr and Mrs Tims of Stutchbury Hall Farm who have land in Culworth. They explained why they have put 'NO RIGHT OF WAY' signs on their fields bordering Sulgrave Road out of Culworth. The margin of the land not cultivated, is in a Countryside Stewardship scheme which is for protecting habitat and wildlife. In their 10 year agreement it particularly specifies that it should not be used for recreational purposes. The Tims have been in contact with the Countryside Stewardship Office who cannot change the wording of their agreement and have stated quite strongly that walkers should be stopped without delay. (From the gate beside Park House, Sulgrave Road to the gateway opposite the path to the Windmill).

Parish Council

As always the draft minutes for the last Parish council meeting can be found online at www.culworth.net and hard copies are available from Jose Rowling, Clerk to the Parish Council at The Forge, The Green.

Editor

Welcome to the February edition of the Culworth Newsletter. If you have anything that you think might be of interest please send any articles/information by email to Newsletter@Culworth.net or post any hard copy articles through my door at Postway Cottage, Banbury Lane (next to Tapis). Closing date for the April edition is Friday 23rd March. Finally I would like to thank you all for your contributions to the newsletter, please keep them coming. Sue Razavi