



FLITCHAM CUM APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

April 2017

Produced by the Parish Council for the community

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd at 8.00 am
Holy Communion

Easter Day
Sunday 16th at 11.00 am
The Family Service

**There is no Family service on the 4th
Sunday this month**

**THANK YOU
AND WELCOME!**

Buffy Ross has served St Mary's Church as church warden for 12 years and is now standing down. Buffy has been involved in all aspects of church life and we are very grateful for all she has done.

Buffy and John, work hard, with others, to keep the church and churchyards looking tidy and welcoming and will remain as members of the PCC.

Churchwardens are the representatives of the bishop in the parish and we are delighted to announce that, at the AGM on 6th March, Linda Neave was elected as church warden and now takes office. Linda has been a deputy warden for the past year and her support is much appreciated.

Sally Stanton – church warden

**Hatha Yoga Class
in the Community Centre
Thursdays 6.00-7.30pm.**

We are a friendly mixed ability group. Spaces are limited so it is advisable to check and book in advance. Classes also run at Pott Row Methodist Chapel Mon & Wed 7.30-9.00pm and Gayton Jubilee Hall Thurs 8.00-9.15pm. New students are very welcome. Contact details:

Deb Barlow Tel: 07944955962

or email:

rosieyoga@hotmail.co.uk.

A Community

Welcome

to

Treena and Steve Cope

who have moved into No 2 Church Road

Parish Council

First notice

At the meeting of the PC on the 7th March, the council discussed the rising costs of producing the newsletter and the problems of distributing the paper copies to all households in the parish. The costs of production have always been very generously borne by the people who produced the newsletter so that the parish budget could be spared the expense and the precept and the rates could be held as low as possible. Costs continue to increase.

It was decided that the council would give three months advance notice that, as from July 2017, the newsletter will no longer be printed on paper but will be distributed by email. The newsletter already goes by email to recipients outside the parish and to destinations as far away as London.

If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter by email after June, please email the Parish Clerk, Gill Welham, at **clerkflitchamparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk** with a request to be added to her newsletter distribution email list.

If you do not have email, or if you have objections or other suggestions, please let the Parish Council know. The newsletter is already accessible each month on the parish website. We will strive to meet the needs of everyone.

The Parish Clerk will maintain this email list and it will be subject to the Data Protection Act. Your email address will be respected and will not be passed on to anyone else.

Social Club

Diary dates

Wednesday 12th April
Club committee meet 7:30pm

Sunday 16th April 9:00am
Annual Yard Sale

Please book with Justine on 601564 to get your 'Number' £5.00 a stall. We would very much welcome Raffle Prizes please and would love volunteers to help out for the Teas & Coffees on the morning.

We are offering outside pitches in the community centre garden for non Flitcham parishioners, for £5.00. Do let friends know but they must book in advance.

Proceeds to Flitcham Community Centre.

Saturday 22nd April

Meal Night

7:30pm for 8:00 serving

Bangers & mash, vegetables and onion gravy.

Dessert: Sponge pudding and custard

Ladies Night

(3rd Friday of the Month)

Friday 21st April 7.00 - 9.00pm

Eileen Jarvis shows how to shorten a pair of trousers.

MAY EVENTS

Saturday 27th May

Meal Night £8.50

Chicken casserole, herby dumplings, roasted new potatoes and seasonal veg.

Vegetarian option available.

Dessert: Caramel Apple Pie

ENQUIRIES for all events

Please book all events with the club on
01485 600703

or Justine on 01485 601564.

Please look to the club's noticeboard and May's newsletter for further details.

Copy deadline

Copy needs to be received before the 16th day of the month to allow time for editing, printing and distribution. This is to ensure that it is out before the month starts. Please email or hand submissions to the editor. Regular subscribers will get an email reminder. Editor: Roger Young 01485 600948 or Email : youngroger235@gmail.com

Parish Council Meeting 7th March 2017.

Reports from the councillors of NCC and BCKL&WN. Cllr Dobson advised that there wasn't much happening at County level at the moment due to the forthcoming elections due in May. There had been a budget meeting in February and he advised that due to strains on finances for Adult Social Care and Children's Services, Council Tax would increase c. 4.5% to cover the additional funds needed to support these two services. This wasn't just an issue for Norfolk CC but was a national problem.

He advised that he was not standing for re-election and therefore standing down as County Councillor. He had been in local politics for many years and was now 80 and he felt it was time to step down. He advised he would speak with his replacement regarding the issue of traffic through the village and would recommend he push for a traffic study to take place at an early stage of taking up office as route hierarchy needed to be examined. If necessary he would suggest getting Henry Bellingham MP involved.

The Chairman thanked John for his services and the contribution he had made during his time as the County Councillor. He would be missed.

The Neighbourhood Plan information had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Tilbrook recommended the Council look at the information and give it some consideration. He pointed out that it might make more sense for Flitcham to work alongside another village such as Hillington.

Council discussed Potholes in the village especially on the edges of the roads and the 30 mile per hour sign has been knocked it is facing the wrong way, Highways to be informed.

Councillor Roger Young has planted Primroses around the village which he has gifted to the Community, and would I like to thank him on your behalf as these are now starting to bloom and looking very pretty and cheerful.

No members of the public were present. The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 9th May 2017 slightly later date due to the elections.

Draft minutes will be placed in the community notice board and on the Parish Council web site. **JS**

Community Thanks

When you next go into the New Churchyard you will notice how much lighter it seems. Trees have been removed by the Estate, overgrown shrubs pruned around the perimeter of the churchyard and a big 'clear up' took place during March. Huge thanks must go to Keith Loader, Linda Neave, Liz Osborne, The Rosses, Sally Stanton and Harry Verney for their hard work. Any ideas for a bonfire?! **BR**

King's Lynn Hospitals League of Friends

The result of the 2016 Christmas Collection amounted to £279.46. This is the highest result so far and my sincere thanks to all contributors. I am also grateful to those who collect their used postage stamps to hand on to me. The hospital is always pleased to accept these for sale for their funds. A list of the League's spending is on the noticeboard in the Community Centre.

Yvonne Sturman

Ladies Night March

Our March meeting was well attended and Debbie gave us an impressive demonstration of how to transform an old piece of furniture using the "Shabby Chic" technique. Following this we chatted and enjoyed a glass of wine or coffee from the bar. Some groups decide to finish the evening with a hand of Whist.

The next meeting will be April 21st 7:30pm. Eileen Jarvis has promised to show us some useful tailoring tips especially on shortening trousers. **PY**

Flitcham Online

Parish Council

<http://flitchampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

The School

<http://flitcham.dneat.org/>

Abbey Farm

<http://www.abbeyfarm.co.uk/>

Flitcham History Website

<http://flitcham.com/>

WARNING Money is changing

New one pound coins

The new 12 sided pound coins will be put into circulation on about the 28th of this month. It will take about a month to get them in general circulation. They will replace the existing pound coins (about one in thirty is a forgery) which will cease to be legal tender around the 15th October. At this point traders, shops etc will no longer accept the old coins but if you have some, you can change them at a bank.

Paper £5 notes.

These will cease to be legal tender on 5th May. Shops will no longer accept them after that. It is replaced by the polymer £5 note which is already in circulation.

Other new polymer notes

A new polymer £10 note will be issued in September 2017 and a £20 by 2020.

The Mobile Library Van

Next visits

Friday April 7th
Abbey Rd, 1.20 to 1.35pm
Community Centre 1.40 to 1.55pm

Social Club

MEMBER'S DRAW for March

The winner of the £10 drinks voucher for the month of March is -

Gavin Jary

Please collect your prize from the bar before the end of April. Unclaimed prizes will be rolled over into the next draw.

Draw for April

There will be a draw of paid-up member's names during the month of April. The lucky member will win a

£10 drinks voucher

(redeemable for drinks at the bar)

The winner will be announced in the newsletter for May. If you want to be in with a chance make sure your membership subscription is up to date.

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unwanted goods
HERE
It's free!**