



# FLITCHAM CUM APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

November 2017

Produced by the Parish Council for the community

## CHURCH SERVICES

December

SUNDAY 3rd Dec 8 o'clock

### Holy Communion

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Monday 18th Dec 7.00pm

### Village Carol Service

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Monday 25th Dec 10.00am

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Family Service

A short service about 35 minutes

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Wednesday 5th Dec 7.30pm

### The Wolferton Singers

are coming to Flitcham Church

Songs and Readings for Christmas

Mulled wine afterwards

Retiring collection

Please come and bring your friends

## LIBRARY VAN

The next visit of the library van will be December 15th. It calls once a month, first at Abbey Road from 1.20 pm to 1.35 pm and then opposite the Community Centre from 1.40 pm to 1.55 pm. You can borrow up to 15 books. They have DVDs as well.

## Flitcham Online

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### Parish Council

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

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### The School

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

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### Abbey Farm

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

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### Flitcham History Website

<http://flitcham.com/>

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### Flitcham Church

[acny.uk/10308/](http://acny.uk/10308/)

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Report

The Parish Council met at The Bell on Tuesday 7th November 2017.

It had been highlighted in the preceding month that one part of the **play equipment** had suffered damage and the Clerk had organised a quotation from Playdale for the repair. The quote for replacement part and installation totalled £660.30 plus VAT. It was necessary to make a decision with regard to this piece of equipment as the H&S annual inspection was due to take place in the month of November. It was suggested that we get the damaged part removed until the inspection had been carried out as there may be other areas of concern that might need attention which could all be dealt with at the January meeting. This was considered to be very sensible.

The **precept budget** was discussed and will be finalised at the January meeting. Cllr Tilbrook updated the council with regard to the proposals for the **new Ward boundaries** which he felt would have minimal impact on Flitcham. These proposals are not yet set in stone and he urged anyone to write to the Borough Council if they had a view on the changes. Cllr Tilbrook would support any views the council might have in this regard, so if you wish to air your views please contact one of the councilors, email the Parish Clerk or write to the Borough Council.

One of our long standing Parish Councillors Roger Young resigned at the meeting, he wishes to concentrate his time supporting the Social club of which he is Chairman. Although we will miss him very much for his wisdom and village knowledge everyone wished Roger well. Roger has kindly offered to continue producing the Village Newsletter and Welcome Packs for all newcomers, Thank you Roger.

The Council will now be two councillors down, instead of 7 we only have 5, please do consider joining, six meetings a year and you will be helping the community you live in. **JS**

## Good Companions

### Report

Good Companions have had a busy year including visits to the Sculthorpe Hawk & Owl Trust, a 'Behind the Scenes' tour at Thursford, an outing in sunny July to the Wayland 6 Churches Blossom and Yarn Festival, plus an invitation by Grimston Seniors for tea with entertainment by the Ukelele Band.

In November we have been invited by the Coronation Club to a Christmas theme tea at Massingham and finish the year in December by having lunch at the Hour Glass and an outing to the Corn Exchange for the Panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those kind folk who have supported us this year with prizes for our bingos and remind you that if you would like to become a member you will be most welcome. Our annual fee is £1 and you just have to be over the age of sixty. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary next year, a very big achievement which would not have happened if we hadn't had members! Happy Christmas and good health in the New Year from Hillington and Flitcham Good Companions. **PC**

## OIL CLUB UK

The Oil Club is an independant organisation and has no links to any of the suppliers. The club aim is simple - reduce the cost of heating oil for our members and the environmental impact as much as we can. The Oil Club already manages over 5,500 clubs across the country.

By grouping our deliveries by village or postcode sector and the bulk purchase ability of the Oil club we are able to negotiate with our panel of suppliers the best bulk purchase price for heating oil and pass on the saving to our members. As the membership grows so does the negotiating power of the Oil Club.

A village with 100 members will save between 150 and 180 heavy duty vehicle trips a year through your village.

**WWW.OIL-CLUB.CO.UK**

## Social Club

### December events

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Friday 8th Dec 7.30pm for 8.00

#### Meal Night £8.50

Pie and mash

Dessert: Jam Rolyoly.

Vegetarian option available.

Contact Andrew 07810 310757

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#### The Wolf Cabaret

Saturday 9th Dec. 8.00pm

Tickets £2.00

With guest

#### Steve Turner

Call or email

Roger Young 01485 600948

youngroger235@gmail.com

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#### Poker Night

Friday 22nd Nov 7:30pm

£10 to enter the game

Includes warm snacks at interval.

1st and 2nd prizes to be won

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Saturday 23rd Dec

#### NEARLY CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

A chance to relax a little before the festivities begin in earnest. Live music with Ian Clews.

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Sunday 24th Dec

#### CHRISTMAS EVE DRAW

Come and see which of the fabulous prizes you have won.

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Wednesday 27th Dec 7.30 to 9.00pm

#### STORY TELLING EVENING

This popular event is back again and enjoyed by young and old alike. Dig out your favourite bit of seasonal story, poetry or song and take a 7 minute slot to give it an airing amongst friends.

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Sunday 31st Dec 7.30pm until late

#### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Come and join your friends and neighbours to see in the New Year. Free admission. Cocktails between 8.30pm and 9.30 pm. there will be music and nibbles to make sure it goes with a swing and Fireworks at the midnight hour.

## Community thanks

to

**Terry Elyard** for cutting the war Memorial grass.

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### LADIES NIGHT

#### Report

What a delightful and fragrant evening we had with Alison and her "Tropic Cosmetics" at our November meeting. Everyone was able to sample the range and to enjoy the wide variety of products dedicated to skincare and make-up including bath essences. Some of the group were pampered by experiencing a professional facial.

Alison was able to give us details of the ingredients all of which were environmentally friendly and we are looking forward to receiving our own selection of Tropic cosmetics in the next few days. Judy Adyman had kindly laid out a selection of nibbles and chocolates to enhance our enjoyment of the evening so a very big thank you to both Judy and Alison.

This was the last Ladies Night of 2017 and we decided to make a donation to "Children in Need" The next Ladies Night will be held on Friday 19th January 2018. We look forward to a new programme for the New Year and hope that all you ladies can join us. **PY**

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### Festive Season Opening Hours

There are special arrangements for the following days over Xmas and New Year. Otherwise the Social Club opening hours are as usual.

#### Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th)

The club will be open 7.30 pm until late.

#### Christmas Day (Monday 25th)

The club will be open at lunchtime 12.00 until 2.00pm and will be closed in the evening.

#### Boxing day (Tuesday 26th)

The club will be open at Lunchtime 12.00 until 2.00pm and closed in the evening.

#### New Year's Eve (Sunday 31st)

The club will be open in the evening 7.30pm until late.

#### New Year's Day (Monday 1st)

The club will be closed all day, thereafter opening hours as usual.

## Defibrillator

The project to get a defibrillator installed in our village has made some progress. We need to raise £600 which is half the cost and the British Heart Foundation will then give us a grant for the other half. In this first month of fundraising we have received promises totalling £100 so we are well on our way.

Please consider contributing to this very worthy cause by promising a donation. Just make your promise to a parish councillor or email your promise to Gill Welham, the Parish Clerk at

**clerkfitchamparishcouncil**

**@hotmail.co.uk**

Everyone agrees that this is a worthwhile thing to do and an asset to the village.

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### The Christmas Draw

The Social Club always runs a raffle at Christmas with many excellent prizes. The draw for this year is now open and you can enter your name on the boards placed by the bar in the Community Centre. It is 50p per square. The draw will take place on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December at 9.00pm. The Social Club Committee decided to open the club on a Sunday for this special occasion as it is a popular time for a celebratory get-together.

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### This Fitcham Newsletter

is available to your friends and relations who live outside our parish but who would like to know what's happening. It is already sent by email to 16 addresses outside our parish. If you have friends who would like it please send their email address to the editor with a request for it to be added to the list.

#### YESTERYEARS

Antique and quality  
second hand furniture  
bought and sold.

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House clearances undertaken  
Light removals

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Contact: Gavin Austin  
Mob: 07867 615947  
Shop: 07554 664480

### Copy deadline

Copy needs to be received before the 16th day of the month to allow time for editing and to ensure that it is out before the month starts.