



FLITCHAM CUM APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Produced by the Parish Council for the community

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th at 8.00 am
Holy Communion

Sunday 28th at 11.00 am
The Family Service

Community thanks to

Geoff Kilham for clearing the tangle of growth around the old bus stop in preparation for repair work and clearing the asbestos tiling from the roof by the Parish council. Quotes for this work ran to hundreds of pounds.

John Blyth for cutting the grass in the Community Garden. A great help as the steward Gavin recovers from his recent heart attack. Thanks also to those who volunteered to work behind the bar while Gavin was unable to do it.

Terry Elyard for grasscutting around the War Memorial

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.

Local Election Campaign

Norfolk County Council is encouraging residents to vote in the County Council elections on Thursday 4 May to vote for which Norfolk County Councillors they would like to form the new Authority.

In the last County Council elections in May 2013 the percentage of Norfolk people Who voted was 32 • 14%

Residents must ensure they are registered to vote - this can be done by applying to their district, borough or city council to be included on the electoral register.

Parish Council

Third notice

As announced previously the newsletter will no longer be printed on paper but will be distributed by email. 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 have objections or suggestions, please let the Parish Council know. The newsletter is already accessible each month on the parish website. There will be a few printed copies of the newsletter available in the Community Centre. We will strive to meet the needs of everyone. The Parish Clerk will maintain this email list. Your email address will be respected and will not be passed on to anyone else.

Producing the newsletter by email will bring benefits in that it will be easier to add extra pages when needed and we can be much more liberal with illustrations and other information and it will save money and time too.

Letter from Paul & Val Blackmur

We would like to say how grateful we are to everyone who so generously gave to our cause after the theft of our money pot. Your thoughtfulness will long be remembered by us. It was a really kind gesture and we are more thankful than words can express. We did not know that a collection had been organised so it was a big shock when Justine Cullum knocked on our door and presented us with a card and money to the value of £137.82 which we have put into our granddaughter's Tapping House Hospice bucket as she is running the marathon for this charity. Because of everyone's kindness it has made everything nicer. **Paul and Val** (The money pot was stolen from their stall as they were clearing up on the day of the Table Top Sale at the front of the Community Centre. **Ed**)

Social Club

Diary dates

Wednesday 10th May 7-30pm

Social club committee

Friday 19th May 7.00 to 9.00

Ladies Night

Talk on cider making

Friday 26th May 7.30 for 8.00pm

Poker Night

£10 or £15 per entrant

Novices welcome

Saturday 27th May 7.30 for 8.00pm

Meal Night £8.50

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

Vegetarian option available.

Dessert: Caramel Apple Pie

Friday 16th June

Ladies Night – Topic to be announced.

Saturday 24th June

Meal Night - £8.50 - meatballs & pasta

with garlic bread – dessert – cheesecake.

Please look to the club's noticeboard for further details. Please book all events with the club on 01485 600703, or Justine on 01485 601 564.

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The Yard Sale

The event went well, very well attended. Weather fantastic, considering it was forecasted to rain all morning, and it held out for us. We raised an amazing £274.20 towards the Club BBQ all weather gazebo. A BIG thank you to all the stall holders who made it possible. AND I am very grateful to the group of helpers for their invaluable contribution. To Joey Smithson on refreshments, Margaret Elyard for washing up, Gavin the steward for manning the bar, Val Blackmur for PR and signage, Tony Bidewell for distribution of the leaflets and jolly well done to everyone.

Summer Fete

August 2017

We are hoping to hold a Summer Fete at the Community Centre/Social Club on Sunday 27th August and are looking for a few people to come forward to help organise it. We are aiming to repeat the success of the event held in 2016 – a range of stalls including traditional games and competitions, teas, refreshments and bar. If you can spare any time to help organise the event or have any suggestions for what we could include on the day, please contact Edward Cross (07875 257919). More details in the next issue (provided some helpers come forward!).

Farm & Wildlife Day at Abbey Farm, Flitcham Sunday 2nd July 2017

There's going to be another day of walks, wildlife and teas at Abbey Farm on July 2nd 2017. It's a chance to explore the farm, enjoy the views and see wildlife including thousands of wildflowers. You can take paths at your own pace (open from 8am – 5pm), join guided walks on birds (8am) grasshoppers (1.30pm) and wetlands (4pm, possibly including a snake hunt) or take the chance to identify and pick a few beautiful, aromatic chalk grassland flowers (11am and 3pm). In the garden there'll be moth identification, straw bales for children to make a mess with and teas in aid of Little Discoverers who support local children with motor learning difficulties and delayed development. Everyone welcome. All walks free and talks are free.

Ladies Night

Friday evening April 21st was well attended and Eileen provided a useful and entertaining commentary as she demonstrated how to successfully shorten both trousers and jeans. She also provided some stories about her long experience in the "rag trade" which began for her at the age of fifteen.

We enjoyed coffee and other drinks from the bar, chatted, played whist and enjoyed a chocolate or two.

We look forward to our May meeting when Lisa Jarvis will be talking and showing photos on "Cider and Apple Juice Production and selling". She and her husband Mark sell their produce at Wells-next-the-Sea. Come and join us if you can at "The Bell" on Friday 19th May 7:30pm in the community room.

SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Readers,

We saw a very busy end of term at Flitcham Primary Academy, culminating in our Flitcham's Got Talent show, organised by the children. Many acts took part in the auditions, everything from musicians to dancers, comedians to magicians, proving that Flitcham does indeed have a whole range of talents. The finals were on the last day of term, with many parents and families coming to watch. The overall winners were Sam and Martha McKenzie, with their hilarious jokes act.

We also took part in the traditional service of Clypping at the church on March 23rd, led by Father Jonathan. This time with help from parents and even some visitors joining in, we managed to surround the whole church in a mothering hug, with everyone linking hands.

Upcoming events at school include a **Ground Force Day on Saturday May 13th**, where we are encouraging parents, grandparents and everyone from the village to come into school and help with a clear up of the grounds, especially our much neglected garden area. Anyone with a talent for the practical would be more than welcome, especially gardeners. From 11.00am at the school, please bring tools if you have them. I would also like to reiterate my plea for readers especially to come in and listen to children read. This can be a really enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours and we would love to welcome you into school.

Please contact me on the school number if you are interested. 01485 600383 **JG**

The Mobile Library Van

Next visits

Friday May 5th

Abbey Rd, 1.20 to 1.35pm

Community Centre 1.40 to 1.55pm

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/>

ASIAN HORNET ALERT

Beekeepers are dreading the spread of the Asian Hornet which has already been discovered in the UK. They are asking the public to be aware of the problem and to be able to recognise them and warn the authorities. DEFRA has created an app to help people. The 'Asian Hornet Watch' app is available to download from the Apple and Android app stores.

The Great Britain Non-native Species Secretariat is a joint venture between Defra, the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government to tackle the threat of invasive species. More information can be found on their website at <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/home/index.cfm>

Members of the public can also report sightings by email to

alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

with a photo or on the Non-native Species Secretariat website.

Details on the appearance of an Asian Hornet can be found on Bee Base guide or the non-native species identification guide.

Social Club

MEMBER'S DRAW for April

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

Mervyn Allen

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

Draw for May

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

£10 drinks voucher

(redeemable for drinks at the bar)

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

FOR SALE

BEDDING PLANTS Dahlias, Petunias & Marigolds

Available late May

£3-50 per tray (24)

John & Chris

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