



FLITCHAM CUM APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Produced by the Parish Council for the community

CHURCH SERVICES

September

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 3rd at 8 o'clock

THE FAMILY SERVICE

Harvest Festival

Sunday 24th at 11.00 am

Churchwarden's Report

FLITCHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL 15 - 18 SEPTEMBER

Val Blackmur, Liz Osborne and a team of helpers are organising a Flower Festival in the Church with crafts and refreshments in the Community Centre from Friday 15th to Monday 18th September, 10 am to 5 pm daily.

We have already had a great number of offers to do arrangements, many incorporating a sporting puzzle, but there is room for more. There will also be a display of ancient artefacts in the church which will be ablaze with colour. We have also got some exciting raffle-prizes and helpers are selling tickets outside the village to spread the word. Refreshments will be available in The Community Centre.

More help is needed, so do please get in touch with:

Liz Osborne 01485 600285 about flower arrangements in the church;

Sally Stanton 01485 609099 about volunteering in the church during the festival

John Ross 01485 600018 about raffle prizes and distributing tickets.

SANDRINGHAM LYCHGATE BAKE SALE

Huge thanks to all who contributed to the very successful fundraising bake-sale at the Lychgate on August 10th: those who produced the delicious cakes, rolls, scones, biscuits, sausage-rolls and vegetables; the ladies who lent equipment or 'manned' the tent on the day; the Flower

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Festival raffle-ticket sellers and those who erected and later dismantled the tent.

The result of all this hard work was over £400 for the PCC.

FLOWER FESTIVAL RAFFLE

The Flower Festival raffle has many attractive prizes including a pair of crystal wine glasses generously donated by Her Majesty The Queen.

Congratulations to the Sturmans, Linda Neave, Monica Mortensson, the Blackmurs, the Kilhams, the Tweddles, Sally Stanton, Gavin Austin (and any others we don't yet know about) who have sold their initial allocations of 25 tickets - and in some cases many more. If anyone has sold any complete books by the 1st September, then would they please give the counterfoils (and the money!) to John Ross at Poppy Lodge (600018).

Any offers of further items to be raffled: vouchers, gift sets, wine, sweets etc Val Blackmur or John Ross, please.

CHURCHYARDS

The PCC is very grateful to Bill Tweddle who has joined the rota of mowers who do their best to keep the churchyards looking tidy.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Our church is one of a decreasing number that are open every day and visitors say how much they like that and the fact that it is so well looked after. The PCC are enormously grateful to all those who help to keep the church and its surroundings looking good. Much of the work needed in the churchyards is light and does not call for much more than time and a pair of cutters or a broom. There is a list of jobs on the table at the back of the church, so please take a look when you are next there and see what you can do to help.

Buffy Ross

Parish Council Report

The Post Office has been trying to find a way to deal with the problem of the red telephone kiosks which have been rendered almost completely obsolete by the ad-

vent of the mobile phone. Apparently, nobody uses the public telephones anymore and they are in the process of falling into disrepair. The PO has offered the kiosks to local councils for £1 each thereby transferring the burden of upkeep. Our kiosk is a listed building and our PC has agreed to assist in maintenance but not to take on ownership. Geoff Kilham has generously volunteered to paint and refurbish the kiosk in the interim and you can see the results of his several days work now. There are some photographs on the last page of this newsletter to show Geoff in action.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday September 5th 2017 at 19:45, all Parishioners are welcome. If you have any issues or anything you would like mentioned and are not able to attend, please contact any one of the councillors.

Social Club

Diary Dates for September

The Wolf Cabaret

Saturday 9th Sept. 8.00pm

Starring threepiece band

Tin River.

Admission by ticket only

Tickets £1.00

Call or email

Roger Young 01485 600948

youngroger235@gmail.com

to reserve a ticket and pay on the door.

(See event flyer below for details)

Ladies Night

Friday 15th Sept. 7:30pm

Don Addyman will present an illustrated talk about his cycling holiday in rural Spain.

Poker Night

Friday 29th Sept 7:30pm

£10 to enter the game

Includes warm snacks at interval.

1st and 2nd prizes to be won

Please book all other events with the club on 01485 600703

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Social Club continued

Sadly, Justine Cullum has resigned as Chairman of the Social Club committee. She has presided over a period of great change which has seen revenues decline due to changes in our village and in patterns of behaviour in society at large. In this time, the committee has worked hard to adapt to the new circumstances and to put in place other new attractions with the aim of increasing the revenue on which the Community Centre depends. We are most grateful for her valuable contribution.

Edward Cross has also announced that due to work demands he will soon be unable to serve any longer as Treasurer.

This leaves the committee in a weaker position and we urgently need willing volunteers from our community to step up and help with this important task. The village fought long and hard through the eighties and nineties to get the Community Centre established after we lost both of our pubs and we should all recognise that it is under threat now. The parish will be a much poorer place without it. Everyone in our community needs to seriously consider what they can contribute to make sure the Community Centre remains sustainable as a great village asset which we tend to take for granted.

If you would like more information or would like to join the committee, please contact Roger Young 01485 600948.

For Sale Orchard Logs (mostly apple) £40 per bin

Contact Andrew on 07810310757



Table-Top Games Report

Eighteen people of very mixed ages joined the first Table-top Games night. We started off playing the game "Werewolves of Miller's Hollow" which was new to almost everyone there. It involves players trying to work out who are werewolves and who are villagers as each side gradually kills the other off - just the kind of good, clean fun we want more of in Fritcham. We finished up with a few rounds of "A Fake Artist Goes to New York" - another game most people hadn't tried before. At the end of the evening people were up for more, so a second event is planned for Friday 22nd September, 7.30pm at the Community Centre - everyone is welcome, do come and join in. Enquiries to Edward Cross.

Fritcham Football

Rick Elyard has kindly provided the following performance summary for information. We no longer have a football team so this is historical material.

1st XI (9 seasons)

Played -262 (Home 521 Away 728)

Win - 95, Draw - 32, Lost - 135.

Scorers

D. Fuller 55
D. Godfrey 54
K Wilkin 30
S. Jackson 27
Ph. Bradshaw 23
G. Barlow 23
Pa. Bradshaw 18
D. Chapman 12

2nd XI (3 seasons)

Played -70 (Home 117 Away 260)

Win - 15, Draw - 6, Lost - 49.

Scorers

J. Moon 18
T. Piggott 15
O. Godfrey 13
R. Colley 11
R. Drew 8

Gardening Service

Edward Morrice

Based in Bircham and will travel to Fritcham, Docking, Dersingham, Heacham, Snettisham and surrounding areas. £10 per hour and I will take all garden/green waste with me.

Telephone 07432 548711

Email: edward.morrice@yahoo.co.uk

Community thanks

to

The very generous and hard working ladies who freely donate their home-baked cakes for the Friday coffee mornings and assist with the preparations, serving etc. The proceeds go to Social Club funds and their work and talent is much appreciated and the cakes are quite delicious.

Also, to **Geoff Kilham**, once again, who has devoted much time and energy to refurbishing the red telephone kiosk. For more information on this subject see the Parish council report.

Paul Hunter and Neil Farrow for tidying the Community Garden behind the club in preparation for the Fete.

Saying Thank You

Many people in our community give their time, labour and expertise freely to the benefit of all who live here. They give generously and ask for no reward. It is what makes our little community so good. We run the risk of taking them for granted. It is down to all of us to show our gratitude. The simplest and most effective way is to say thanks here. We are not very good at saying thank you. Please take time each month to consider who should get a special mention in his section and let the editor know.

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.

The Mobile Library Van

Next visits

Friday September 22nd

Abbey Rd, 1.20 to 1.35pm

Community Centre 1.40 to 1.55pm

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.