



# FLITCHAM CUM APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Produced by the Parish Council for the community

## Parish Council Report

During public question time which is always held during the Parish Council Meeting at about 8pm, local resident John Blyth attended the meeting to discuss the Starling Invasion that had overtaken the village.

The council had received photos from residents complaining about the abnormal volume of starlings in the village as a result of a pig farm in a field behind many of the village properties. The resultant mess was having a negative impact on the village. The volume of starlings in the village had reached such great proportions that it had reached the ears of the BBC who showed a short clip video on the News.

The clerk had written to Sandringham Estate prior to the meeting to raise the matter with them and they responded that the pig farm was run by a third party but was in the process of being moved and the problem should resolve itself by early Spring. They also advised the flocks would disperse as we get closer to Spring and the starlings start to pair up for nesting. This, together with the pigs moving would hopefully solve the problem. There was still some concern about how long this was likely to take. Cllr Dark (County Council) stated that this was the first he was aware of the problem but felt it should be escalated. He requested that the clerk forward the photographs, emails etc to him in order that he had the information to take the

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matter further on behalf of the parish council.

Tesco "Bags of Help" scheme have included Flitcham Village from 1st March 2018 to 30th April 2018, this is to help pay for the Community Defibrillator, please do support in the local Tesco stores.

We are still three Parish Councilors down and would really love to have you join us the next meeting is on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7:45pm. JS

## Social Club

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1st April 9.00am to 12.00am

### Easter Sunday

#### Yard Sale & Car Boot

If you would like to sell some of your unwanted items here's your best chance. Contact Val Blackmur to take part  
01485 600020

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Saturday 14th April 8.00pm

### The Wolf Cabaret

Tickets £2.00

With guest band

### The Rhythm Travellers

Call or email

Roger Young 01485 600948  
youngroger235@gmail.com

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Friday 20th Mar. 7.00pm

### Ladies Night

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Friday 27th Mar

### Poker Night

£10 to enter the game

Includes warm snacks at interval.  
1st and 2nd prizes to be won

## March Ladies Night Report

At the meeting on March 16th we gathered to welcome Carol Allen back for a second opportunity to take advantage of her gardening expertise. Apart from answering a variety of questions on the care of different type of rose bushes and on the techniques of creating willow structures Carol was also giving tips on container planting for spring and Summer. Later, a group gathered in the bar to have a cosy end to the evening just chatting around the cheerful fire - the perfect way to complete a neighbourly meeting. The next Ladies Night is Friday April 20th at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Why not come along and join us. PY

## Community Welcome

Julie Williamson and her daughter Leanne Marney who have come to live next to the school in the house which used to be Giggles playschool. Please make them welcome.

## PLEASE NOTE

### Yard Sale,

Sunday 1st April 2018

Bacon or egg rolls will be available from The Bell. It is a good idea to pre-order. It saves time and it's a great help to the very kind people giving their time to make them for you.

## 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.

## **LIBRARY VAN**

The next visit of the library van will be March 9th. It calls once a month, first at Abbey Road from 1.20 pm to 1.35 pm and then opposite the Community Centre from

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### **Unwanted item**

## **SQUARE POUFFE**

Pink and cream brocade  
22" x 27"

Contact Joyce Harrison  
01485 601278

In exchange for a Donation to  
the Church or the defibrillator  
fund

**Sell your  
unwanted goods  
HERE**

**It's free!**

## **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

## **This Fritcham 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.