



FLITCHAM CUM APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

May 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES

MAY

SUNDAY 6th May 8 o'clock

Holy Communion

Sunday 27th May 11 o'clock

The Family Service

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.30. This meeting will also include the Annual General Meeting as well as the Parish Meeting. Please do come and see us it is open to all Parishioners. JS

Food bank donations

Once again, many thanks from the King's Lynn Food Bank for three bags full of useful items like food, loo paper and nappies. The Food Bank has now moved from the Red Cross Building (near the PO sorting office) to temporary accommodation with the Purfleet Trust which is situated next door to The Dock Harbor Office. If somebody wants to donate items privately it is probably helpful to find out where the Food Bank is housed at the time.

I have no plans for any collections during the summer but may reconsider later in the year. Thank you also to **Terry and Sue Allen** lending us the collection box. You all have been so generous.

Monica in Church Road

YESTERYEARS

Antique and quality
second hand furniture
bought and sold.

House clearances undertaken
Light removals

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

Social Club

Saturday 12th May 8.00pm

The Wolf Cabaret

Tickets £2.00

Songmakers Showcase

With featured guest

Boo Hewardine

Call or email

Roger Young 01485 600948

youngroger235@gmail.com

Friday 18th May. 7.00 for 7.30pm

Ladies Night

Saturday 19th May

Harry & Meghan Wedding

The Social Club Committee reluctantly decided not to arrange a special celebratory event for this as it clashes with the Football Cup Final and there was no confidence that we could attract people to the Social Club on this day.

Saturday 19th May 7.30 for 8.00pm

MEAL NIGHT

For information please contact

Andrew Jarvis 07810 310757

Friday 25th May

Poker Night

£10 to enter the game

Includes warm snacks at interval.

1st and 2nd prizes to be won

Flitcham Quiz Team

Several of the clubs on the Royal Estate have quiz nights from time to time. The Social Club Committee would like to be able to enter a team from our village and are looking for possible team members. If you are good at quizzes and would like to take part, please contact a committee member or let the steward know. Hopefully we can get a good team together which would be fun.

Community thanks

to

Geoff and Jane Kilham and Patsy Young for giving two days of their precious time to redecorate the bar-room in the Community Centre. They did a thorough job including washing down the walls, filling the holes in the plaster, painting the ceiling and walls and scrubbing the floor. The improvement is remarkable.

and to

Andrew and Claire Jarvis for their very successful monthly meal nights which bring together so many friends and contribute so handsomely to Social club funds.

and

Terry Elyard for cutting the grass around the war memorial.

and

Valerie Blackmur for organising once again the successful annual Flitcham Yard Sale event which took place on Easter Sunday. We are all impressed by her energy and expertise.

LIBRARY VAN

The next visits of the library van will be May 4th and June 1st. 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.

**Sell your
unwanted goods
HERE**

It's free!

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.

SOCIAL CLUB

Chairmans Report 18/04/18

We seem to be on an even keel financially at the moment and I understand we turned a small profit last month although I am sure I will hear more detail at the coming committee meeting.

Other than that there is very little which is new and of significance. The folk who patronise the Cabaret meetings (second Saturday of the month) have been fundraising to help the Social Club acquire a new glasswasher. No specific model or price had been identified so we set a target of £500 which we were sure would be a positive help. I am delighted to report that this substantial target has been achieved in a short space of time. I take this as an expression of appreciation of the environment and service we provide by those who are pleased to use it. The proceeds will be passed to the Social Club Treasurer at the next meeting. We look forward to seeing this money fulfilling the intention as soon as possible.

You may well be aware that the barroom has very recently been redecorated. The project was led by Geoff Kilham and he was assisted by his wife Jane and Patsy Young. It was a full two days work for the three of them. The results of their work is impressive and the improvement remarkable. The damage to the plaster was repaired, the walls and woodwork all washed down, the ceiling and walls repainted. The floor was scrubbed and the rubber darts mat cleaned. A very thorough job of work. We are all very grateful to them for their exemplary community spirit and we eagerly look to see how others in our community will match it.

The Social Club is trying to establish a "Fritcham Quiz Team" to represent our village in the quizzes which take place at the clubs on the Sandringham Estate. We feel that this would help in bringing other teams to any quizzes which we run in Fritcham in the future. Please feel free to suggest to any member of the Social Club Committee, the names of people who might form such a team. We would obviously like to prove that Fritcham has the best team.

The Cabaret organisers are planning a BBQ and "Al Fresco music" event in the community garden Saturday 14th July. This would be afternoon and evening. It is a normal Cabaret date but may help to compensate for loss of income due to the fact that there will be no meal nights the months of July and August.

Nature Notes

After a prolonged period of seriously cold and wet weather through to mid-April the sun has finally come out as though it means it. The old saying was that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Not in 2018 though. The Blackthorn blossom has been hanging on for kinder weather and now it seems we are going to get all at the blossom at once. The hedges and roadsides are certainly looking very pretty at the moment. Having got the daffodils largely past their best we are now seeing plenty of Primroses and Cowslips peeping through the grass. The Pussy Willow, the Apple blossom and the Rapeseed all in full flower at the same time. Here's hoping the hay fever sufferers don't have too bad a time.

The warm weather has brought a first sighting of House Martins or Swallows passing through on their way up north.

We were lucky enough to have an Emperor Moth visit our garden on the 20th April. Here below is a picture. It was nearly three inches between wingtips and very beautiful to look at.

Please do send in news of what you have seen around and about the village and a picture if possible. **RY**



Fritcham Online

Parish Council

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

The School

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

Abbey Farm

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

Fritcham History Website

<http://fritcham.com/>

Fritcham Church

acny.uk/10308/

Fritcham Primary Academy School News

The school is having their Summer Fayre from 3-6pm on 8th June in the school grounds. There will be a variety of stalls, raffle and events and villagers are more than welcome to join us. There will be a BBQ and hopefully some music. If anyone knows a band that would be willing to play even for a short performance we would be delighted to hear from you.

The school has also applied for Tesco's funding to enhance the wild garden area in the school grounds to make a community garden. We are really delighted that several people from the village have offered to volunteer in school and the children are already enjoying working with our reading volunteer and soon to start gardening club, in our new garden area. If anyone else has a talent to share please get in touch.

Jane Gardener

(Executive head)

LADIES NIGHT REPORT

The Ladies Night on Friday 20th April was a really lovely meeting. Only six of us managed to attend but the interest and general amusement created by explaining to each other why we had brought our particular item to the meeting was striking.

The task was to bring a memento or souvenir and to explain why we had kept and treasured the item for so many years. The objects we brought were as varied as the stories ranging from antique carved wooden bottle stoppers to the hilarious tale behind a ten year old who tumbled into a pond whilst waiting to meet David Attenborough. We heard of a fascinating trip to Canada including a terrifying walk along a narrow suspension bridge and then a beautiful description of a Humanist wedding with an unintended visit by an air-ambulance. A sculptured piece of vinewood and its connection to Napoleon's army. We also saw a small collection of 1930's silk embroidered cigarette cards which were brought along.

Finally, we were treated to some interesting facts on keeping a snake in your home and saw some photographs of "Zeus" in his viperium.

So much to interest and amuse us made for an exceptionally entertaining evening. Thanks to all who managed to come along.

The next Ladies Night will be on Friday 18th May. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy good company and interesting discussion and chat. **PY**

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