



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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The next meeting of Flitcham Parish Council will be held at the Community Centre on:

Monday, November 4th, commencing at 7:30pm.

The Agenda will be posted on the Community Centre Notice Board and on the Parish Council website five working days prior to the meeting. Members of the public are warmly welcomed.

There is always time allowed at the beginning of every meeting to give members of the public the opportunity to speak and ask questions; however they cannot take part in the remainder of the meeting, although they are welcome to stay and listen to proceedings.

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Remember that if there are any issues you want the Parish Council to consider please contact (or, as we now have to say - 'reach out to' - why use one word when three will do?) the Clerk or the Chairman, Susan Allen - 600119
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Paul's Bygones



This looks lethal but has a very mundane purpose, although it's difficult to give a clue without telling you what it is. Well, all right then - it has a connection with an item featured earlier in the year.



November 10th - Remembrance Sunday Flitcham Village War Memorial

A Short Act of Worship and laying of Wreaths
2.30 pm

St Mary's Church

Holy Communion 5 pm

November 24th Family Service 11 am

Closing time at Inn House.

By the time you read this we will probably have left the village. We arrived over seventeen years ago to set up our first home together. As a retired farmer, village life with neighbours you could see out of the window was a big adjustment for Geoff. Living with a retired farmer was a big adjustment for Jane! After five years we decided to marry and several of you helped us celebrate the nuptials. Geoff, in particular, has been a visible presence in the village, walking the three dogs we have owned since living here and being a member of both the parish council and social club committee.

We have both enjoyed the ebb and flow of village life and there have been many, many happy memories made. We wish to thank you, our neighbours, for your friendships over the years, with special thanks to our resident pet sitters John and Christine.

Flitcham will always have a special place in our hearts and it has been a privilege to be the custodians of Inn House for a short while in its two hundred year history. Now it will be the turn of Patrick and Helen to make a mark on the history of the building and we are sure the village will make them feel at home.

So finally, if we have not had the chance to say goodbye personally, we wish you all health and happiness.

Best wishes,

Geoff and Jane

Normal for Norfolk?

I sometimes dread watching dramas on television which are advertised as being set in Norfolk. More often than not, the local dialect is massacred by actors producing some kind of unhinged West Country drawl with excessive "oohs" and "ahhs". To be fair, it is a difficult accent for non-natives to copy; a phenomenon well evidenced by my husband's occasional attempts.

I grew up in Norfolk and, in old age, have returned after years away mooching around Scotland, Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. Wherever I went, my Norfolk roots happily followed me and I was astounded when, on the Isle of Seil off the West Coast of Scotland, a 'local' asked me which part of Norfolk I was from. I asked how on earth he had worked that out as I don't have a strong local accent. It transpired that he was a dialect expert and he said it was the use of certain words and rhythms in my speech which gave me away.

Again, as a teacher, several expressions I used would be greeted with polite bafflement from fellow staff, pupils and parents. As a child growing up in Norfolk, I was used to my mother telling me I 'got on her wick' and she also regularly warned me not to 'put on my parts' but these terms together with the expression 'jiffle bottom' bewildered my pupils to start with. Eventually they got used to my odd vocabulary and even enjoyed it when I wrote 'a load of old squit' on their essays. In retrospect I suppose this was rather harsh but surprisingly it became a much-loved phrase in my classroom and my pupils became rather perversely proud of producing homework that elicited such a response from my red pen.

Norfolk's relatively isolated location has meant that the dialect has survived when many other local speech patterns have been subsumed. In recent years, interest in the dialect has been kept alive by Keith Skipper, Norfolk dialect tea towels and, a tad more academically, by Prof. Peter Trudgill, a sociolinguist, in his book 'The Norfolk Dialect.' Anyway, it is time for me to stop 'spuffling on' as they say in these parts (I've never heard anybody say that but I shall use it myself from now on - TA) and leave you in peace.

Ann Beasley



If you need to get in touch with Sarah Haire please do this via the school - 600383

Back Then... (More from the Elyard Archives)

Saturday football matches on the playing field are but a distant memory and it now presents a forlorn sight. The pitch is still kept under control, courtesy of Neil and Paul, but the old changing room has become a sad relic.

Yet it wasn't always like this. Richard Elyard reminds us of the glory days thirty years ago with some familiar names among the players:

Flitcham First XI December 10th 1994 - April 20th 1995

Played - 19

Won - 18, Drawn - 1, Lost - 0

Goals: For - 87, Against - 9

Principal scorers:

J. Edge - 21 goals	E. Cross - 6
T. Hardingham - 8	M. Branham - 5
P. Bell - 8	A. Jarvis - 4
M. Jarvis - 8	S. Ellis - 3