



# FLITCHAM *cum* APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas Services at Our Church

December 16th - Village Carol Service

with the Fring Singers

6 pm (note earlier time)

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

December 25th - Christmas Day

Family Service 11am



December 8th - Holy Communion 3 pm

## Christmas Card Delivery

Richard Gray is happy to deliver your cards to addresses in Flitcham again this year.

The collection box will be outside the Community Centre from December 1st to the 13th and delivery will be over the weekend of 14th/15th December.

**Please ensure that you only post cards for people who live in the village.**

## Sandringham Concerts

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has been in discussion with the Borough Council and the Sandringham Estate to look at some of the issues around the Sandringham Concerts in preparation for a four day event next year. Although not being held over the Bank Holiday weekend, it will still be in August, a very busy month.

Last year's event was notable for considerable disruption and, so far as is possible, the Estate is keen to ensure that it is kept to a minimum next year. With this in mind, they have arranged a meeting, on January 9th, with members of the local Parish Councils and other interested parties to discuss the plans. If you have any views, which you would like us to take to the meeting, please contact the Clerk or Chairperson:

Gill Welham: 01366 384205  
clerkflitchamparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Susan Allen - 600119  
chairmanflitchamparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

## Paul's Bygones

This tool is used to sharpen the brass cork borers featured in the September Newsletter. The conical 'nose' is inserted into the borer and the steel blade pressed against its cutting edge - rotate it gently and there you have it.



## Room at the Inn

It is with happy hearts that Patrick and I have become the new custodians of Inn House. We would like to thank everyone we've met in the village for making us so welcome during our first days in Flitcham.

Whilst we know how much Jane and Geoff will be missed, Patrick and I look forward to making our own friends and memories in this beautiful village and our unique home. In the words of Maya Angelou: "A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face". I have certainly found that to be true. There will always be room at the Inn for friends...old and new.

Best wishes,  
Helen and Patrick

## Recycling Centres

As mentioned in the Parish Council Report, and previewed in the October Newsletter, you now have to book a 15 minute slot - up to a week in advance - to visit any recycling centre. The preference (inevitably) is for you to do it online:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/62632/Norfolk-Recycling-Centre-bookings>

HOWEVER, you can also do it by phone:  
0344 800 8020



## Parent Tour Day

Tuesday, December 3rd at 2.00 pm

**Small friendly classes** for a perfect start in life  
**Amazing Location** on the Royal Estate  
**Experienced teachers** with subject specialism  
**Excellent pastoral care** dedicated to your child's welfare  
**Warm and inclusive** school community

OFSTED 2023: "Pupils value learning, take pride in their achievements and leave well prepared for learning in secondary school"

Contact details: 01485 600383  
head@swn.dneat.org

## Flitcham Social Club

**Opening hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7.30 pm**

- Thursday 5th Folk Club 8pm
- Saturday 7th Pensioners' Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 10th Christmas Bingo
- Eyes down at 7.30pm
- Thursday 12th Darts 8pm
- Saturday 14th Christmas Craft Fair 11am - 2pm
- Thursday 19th Folk Club 8pm
- Friday 20th Christmas Draw Night
- Draw at 8.30pm
- Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve Get Together
- Bring your own snacks
- The Club is closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day
- Tuesday 31st NEW YEARS EVE
- 8pm until late.
- Music and snacks
- FIREWORKS** at Midnight.

## Road Closure

The B1153 road to Bircham will be closed from December 3-4th (but may be longer!) for road works to be carried out on the stretch approaching the Anmer crossroads.

## Parish Council News

It was really good to have both councillors, Alistair Beales and Stuart Dark, at our meeting on November 4th and hear what they had to say about local issues which affect all residents in the village. It was reassuring to hear that, despite a change in national Government, funding for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital has been ring fenced and guaranteed. Stuart Dark also reminded us that from 18th November the Recycling Centre Booking Service will become operational. All 'trips to the tip' must now be pre booked and it is hoped that this will ease long queues and waiting times (see overleaf for details).

As yet we have heard nothing further about the designated roadside nature reserve in Abbey Road but will keep residents informed. As you will see elsewhere, on 9th January 2025 there will be an important consultation meeting between local councillors, Parish Council representatives and the Sandringham Estate about the large concerts due to be held in August 2025.

The Parish Council made a donation to the Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service (NARS) who came to the village to deliver CPR training. Nine residents took part who also learned how to use the defibrillator in the porch of the Community Centre

Date of next meeting: January 6th 2025 7.30 pm at the Community Centre.



You may send in material at any time via my letterbox at Beech House, Abbey Road or email - **now changed to** [terry.allen2@pm.me](mailto:terry.allen2@pm.me) — and you can phone on 600119. However, it should reach me by the 16th of the month to appear in the following month's edition.