



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council

The next meeting of Flitcham Parish Council is due to be held at the Community Centre on **Monday 1st September 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 the public 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 the Clerk or the Chairman, Richard Gray - 600114

Farewell Party



A big crowd of friends and well wishers gathered in the Community Centre on August 3rd to say a fond good bye to Sritlana and Kynylo who were leaving the village to return to Ukraine. It was a great atmosphere and all down to Val Blackmur who, with her band of helpers, organised the

event, sent out numerous invitations and laid on a splendid buffet. (Photo by Sarah Blackmur)

TA



**August 31st - Group Harvest
Festival 11 am**

September 14th - Holy communion 5 pm

September 28th - Family Service 11 am

A Reminder

**FLITCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
B1153
VILLAGE FÊTE
AUGUST 31ST From 1.00pm
Refreshments
Stalls
And lots more!**

Another Reminder

The Government has announced it will send a **Test Emergency Alert** to mobile phones across the UK at around 15:00 on 7th September 2025.

The system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, for example extreme weather. It allows vital information and advice to be sent to people rapidly in an emergency.

During the test, mobile phones will vibrate and make a loud siren sound, alongside a message explaining that it is a test.

...and Another

Don't forget the FLITCHAM VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPH outside the Community Centre at 11.30 on Sunday, September 14th.

Everyone is welcome, whether you live or work in Flitcham, go to school here, have family and friends in the village or are just visiting.

Flitcham's Housing Heritage

Part 3

In the conclusion of part 2 (July Newsletter) I referred to the significant improvement in the quality of building materials and design by the mid 1860s. It had become quite common for large landowners who took a pride in the houses they built for their employees, to “show them off”, often in quite ostentatious



style. This pair of houses in Abbey Road exhibits handsome features by way of a terracotta moulded band and fine dripstones, which are both decorative, functional and rare. They are also constructed of much harder bricks than those built only ten years previously, evidenced by the absence of any significant erosion. They clearly came from a different source, most likely the brickworks on the Holkham Estate itself. The most prominent of these, the Peterstone Works, operated on a very large scale and had its own railway siding*. It produced both red and white bricks, the latter almost certainly having been used in the construction of Abbey Farm in 1870. I have seen no other building in Flitcham which uses these more expensive white bricks except, I think, the columns for the church gates.

This would seem plausible as the church itself was the object of a major restoration in 1880, and I will say more about this in a later edition.

Of course, the most flamboyant aspect of these houses is the 1866 date stone itself, signed with a highly stylised “L”, Lord Leicester's initial. It is a bit overgrown in this picture but is found on many houses of the same period around the Holkham Estate, including a row of 1867 cottages further down Abbey Road whose stone is depicted here; these houses are built of the same materials but without the architectural embellishments. It is tempting to speculate that this may have reflected the status of the workers to be housed therein!



*The Peterstone brickyard fired its last brick in 1951 and is now a campsite. TA

Sandringham Concerts

This years concerts were preceded by a good deal more planning and consultation with, among others, Parish Councils in the areas likely to be affected. Flitcham was one of these and we will be engaged in a follow-up review later this year. The Estate is keen to learn from the experience in planning future events so if you have any comments - positive as well as negative - which you would like us to bring forward for discussion, please let the clerk know. Anything you say will be regarded as confidential and your anonymity will be preserved.

Watching paint dry...

If you thought that was a byword for boredom, you should try painting the woodwork on the playground. There is a lot of it. I painted most of the equipment earlier this year, but the fence is looking sadly neglected. It was last done about five years ago and the plan is to redo it in October. Already we have had an offer of help from Helen and Patrick. It is a tedious task, albeit requiring virtually no skill, so the more people involved the better. If you are able, please contact me so we can arrange dates etc. TA

Telephone Box

At the Parish Council meeting on September 1st, we will be considering whether or not to ‘adopt’ the existing phone box - see August Newsletter for full details. We have already had some suggestions for its use. If you have any ideas, it would be very helpful to the PC if you came along to the meeting to discuss them or, alternatively, write to/email the Clerk.

You may send in material at any time via my letterbox at Beech House, Abbey Road or email - terry.allen2@pm.me - and you can phone on 600119. However it must reach me by the 16th of the month to appear in the following month's edition.