



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Published by the Parish Council

January 2026

The Lagoon Show

As you will know, from the flyer you received a few days ago, there was a Public Meeting on the proposed Fertiliser Lagoon on December 16th at the Flitcham Community Centre. The following is a report from a resident who attended the meeting.

Edward Parsons, the Land Agent for the Sandringham Estate, led the presentation. The proposal is that the lagoon will be filled during the winter months, from October to December, with spreading carried out in the Spring. An assurance was given that the numerous lorries involved in the process would be kept out of Flitcham, travelling through West Newton instead. However, concern was raised about how this could be guaranteed as some of the lorries used last Spring were seen taking the route through Flitcham.

Residents were told that the lagoon, with a lifespan of at least twenty years, would store digestate, produced from organic waste, and there would be no chemicals or growth hormones. However, no odour management plan was required and, due to the additional expense, there would be no cover on the lagoon. Mr Parsons was unable to provide details of the extra cost which would be involved.

In response to the question of whether the lagoon required a Full Planning Application (which would have initiated a wide ranging consultation) instead of a Lawful Development Certificate, Councillor Alistair Beales explained that it is up to the applicant to decide what planning to apply for.

Now that he was aware of the level of concern surrounding the proposal, with its close proximity to Flitcham and the primary school, Mr Parsons apologised for not meeting residents sooner to discuss the application before submitting it.

The Parish Council ended the meeting by stressing the importance of improved communication.

A decision by the Local Planning Authority has been put back to the 9th January 2026.

Further information can be found on <https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications> Application 25/01701/LPD



January 11th - Holy Communion, 3.00 pm

January 25th - Family Service 11.00 am

St Mary's
Christmas Coffee Morning

The Church Council would like to thank everyone who came to our event on December 6th which raised £300 for Church funds.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

FLITCHAM SOCIAL CLUB

8PM UNTIL LATE

MUSIC - BUFFET

Parish Council

The next meeting of Flitcham Parish Council will be at the Community Centre on Monday, 5th January 2026 commencing at 7:30pm. The Agenda will be posted on the Community Centre Notice Board and on the Parish Council website at least five working days prior to the meeting. Members of the public are warmly welcomed.

Gill Welham, Parish Clerk: 01366 384205
clerk@flitchampc.norfolkparishes.gov

Remember that if there are any issues you want the Parish Council to consider please contact the Clerk or the Chairperson, Richard Gray - 07880 821892
cllr.richard.gray@flitchampc.norfolkparishes.gov

Flitcham's Housing Heritage

Part V - Raising the Roof

I concluded part 4 of this series (October Newsletter) on the optimistic note that, in 1910, the village was soon to be transformed - and so it was. With no new housing for over thirty years, and the depredations of the recent Depression, it is likely that much of the stock had seriously deteriorated. It is small wonder that the new Earl of Leicester was, perhaps, keen to dispose of this little outpost on the far reaches of his Holkham Estate. Equally, the new King clearly had an appetite for taking on the challenge, and the resources to do so. Even so, there is reference in the Holkham archives to some "necessary repairs" which had to be carried out prior to the sale.

Rather than embark on a programme of house building, King George's first steps were to carry out extensive modernisation to the existing housing stock. In Beech House, for example, the whole of the ground floor was transformed by fitting larger, and more elaborate, doors and installing new fireplace surrounds in the then fashionable Art Nouveau style. The property was also enlarged at the rear with a substantial extension. One of the extra rooms had a rain water storage tank beneath the floor, fed from the guttering. A hand pump, of lead and prominently dated 1911 (Figure 1), enabled water to be drawn off into a lead lined sink, which, unfortunately, was stolen between us first viewing the house and subsequently purchasing it.



Figure 1

However, the most dramatic improvement to several houses in Church Road was, literally, raising the roof by adding another storey. This was not uncommon practice and you can see several examples in Rudham and Bircham. The changes there are quite obvious because there is no attempt to match the new building materials with the original. In our case however, it is quite hard to see the difference at a glance and it is only apparent if you look closely at the redbrick quoins where the newer bricks are distinguishable. Figure 2 (opposite) is of number 1-2 Church Road, which also shows a former window filled in, presumably at the same time. Further down the road, the block of 65-67 have had similar treatment. What became known as the Sandringham Style is perpetuated; i.e a redbrick 'frame' (for want of a better term) and carrstone or flint infill. In that respect they match many other attractive properties across the Estate.

TA

Flitcham Social Club

**Opening hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday
from 7.30 pm
Events in January 2026**

Thursday 8th	Darts 8pm
Tuesday 13th	Bingo
	Eyes down at 7.30pm
Thursday 15th	Folk Club 8pm
Wednesday 21st	Acoustic Night 8pm
Thursday 22nd	Darts
Saturday 24th	Burns Night (see below)
Thursday 29th	Folk Club 8pm

BURNS NIGHT MEAL

6.30 for 7.00 when the Haggis will be piped in!

**Numbers are limited so please book early to secure a place:
07867 - 615947**



Figure 2