



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, March 2nd commencing at 7:30pm.**

The Agenda is posted on the Community Centre Notice Board and on the PC website. 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 above or the Chairperson, Richard Gray - 07880 821892
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An Apology

In the February edition of the Newsletter, the Parish Council's précis of the meeting held in January was reported. It was mentioned that during Public Question Time concerns were raised by a member of the public regarding an overgrown hedge on Abbey Road. Fly Tipping was also mentioned in the same sentence.

The Parish Council would like to make it clear that the fly tipping incidents were a completely separate issue which was raised by another attendee at the meeting. As a result of the fly tipping, Sandringham Estate are having to deal with this at huge expense, and members of the public are urged to be vigilant and report any issues on the Borough Council website. See link below:

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/homepage/312/fly-tipping_illegal_dumping

The Parish Council wishes to publicly apologise to the residents in question for any distress caused.



March 8th - Holy Communion, 3.00 pm

March 29th - Group Service 11.00 am

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Family Service at 11am

Tell-Tale Tails



Flitcham Social Club

Events in March 2026

Thursday 5th	Darts Night
Saturday 7th	Coffee Morning 10-12
Tuesday 10th	Bingo
	Eyes down at 7.30pm
Thursday 12th	Folk Club 8pm
Friday 13th	Poker Night
Wednesday 18th	Mexican Dominoes 2pm
	Acoustic Night - 7.45pm
Thursday 19th	Darts Night
Saturday 21st	Coffee morning 10-12
	St Patrick's Day Meal
	Night 6.30 for 7pm
	Book early 07867-615947
Thursday 26th	Folk Club 8pm
Friday 27th	Poker Night

Flitcham's Housing Heritage

Part VI- And More Besides

George V was extraordinarily active during the opening part of his reign, and Flitcham reaped the benefit for several years. Not only were there many single storey conversions (see Part V) but he also attended to the infrastructure as well, beginning with the school, built in 1874. In 1902, Local Authorities took over county education provision and became the Local Education Authority. In 1909 its inspectors decided that Flitcham needed a new classroom "to meet standards". Although teachers were paid by the Local Authority, managers were expected to find funds to contribute to the school's maintenance. The extra classroom was opposed by the managers as "being unnecessary", a stance perhaps not unconnected with the expectation that they would have to pay for it. George V obviously felt differently and the extension was finally built in 1911. It was, according to a contemporary source, "heavily remodelled in the Sandringham Estate style". Like his predecessor, the Earl of Leicester, the King was not averse to a bit of showing off and incorporated a conspicuous terracotta coat of arms on the front of the building. I will feature more about the school in a later edition, based upon correspondence contained in the Holkham Records.



The school was not the only beneficiary of the local building bonanza; a complex of barns was constructed on the Anmer Road in 1913 - again prominently sporting the King's initials and date. They were last used to house the show cattle belonging to the Webb brothers, the former occupants of Beech House, but have since become virtually derelict, a plan to convert them into business premises, approved in 2019, having, apparently, fallen through.
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Notice on Playing Field

Many of you will have seen the signs regarding 'No Dogs' that have appeared at the entrance to the Playing Field. You will note that the wording states 'NO DOGS ON THE FOOTBALL PITCH'.

The Parish Council reminds you that walkers **with dogs on leads** may continue to exercise their dogs around the perimeter of the field, subject to owners clearing up after the dogs and disposing of the waste in the bins provided. Dog Bins are located at various points around the village.

The field is being monitored by a local resident and the signage is hopefully a reminder to everyone to clean up after their dog, regardless of where they are walking. We are lucky to have the use of the field for exercise, please use it with respect because the alternative will be to ban dogs altogether.

Sandringham Events

This is a report from one of your Parish Councillors who attended a meeting in Sandringham in relation to the 2025 events; It was mainly about the concerts, when the biggest crowd of 29,000 were at the headline event.

Issues highlighted at the meeting were: parking in Dersingham, which was particularly bad in places, traffic on the A148, pedestrian traffic and the placing of toilets. There were no concerns expressed relating to Flitcham. Feedback from villages nearby was that the concerts were better run than in previous years. The Promoter, the Estate Events Manager and the Borough Council's Safety Advisory Group (including police) will be reporting back to a further meeting of this group concerning any issues arising from this year's events: the first Royal Horticultural Society Sandringham Show from July 21st to the 26th, and the Heritage Concerts from August 20th to the 23rd when the headline act will be Eric Clapton with Ronnie Wood and others.

The Estate has set up a Keep in Touch scheme (KIT) to obtain residents' feedback. Those who sign up (see link below) will be informed of Estate events and road closures, and be eligible for discounted residents' tickets. You will also be sent surveys from time to time about the effect of events on the local community.

Join via: mailchi.mp/sandringhamestate/villages or write to:

Kizzy Becket, Events Manager, Sandringham Estate Office, Sandringham, PE35 6EN

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.