



FLITCHAM and APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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If, like me until just a couple of weeks ago, these numbers meant nothing to you, read on. It is a secure hotline you can use to check if a phone call from your bank is genuine or not. If you're concerned, the advice is to "hang up and dial 159" when you will be put through (presumably via the usual choice process) to the fraud department of your bank. You can just dial straightaway from the phone you are using but some advisers say there is chance that the potential scammer will have kept the line open so you will just get straight through to them. To be extra careful, you could use a different phone or, if you only have the one, you can wait a few minutes and then call a friend's number to check that the line is free again. Although launched in 2021, this facility has received very little publicity, in part, perhaps, because in the early days not all banks were signed up to it. From what I can see, unless you bank offshore, or with some very obscure operation (in which case you need to look at the Stop Scams 159 website), they all now participate.

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Advertisements

As you know, we do not carry adverts in the Newsletter but recognise that this may be a welcome service for the village. It is an ideal use for the notice board in Abbey Road, which has now been renovated. Notices, which can also include items for sale, wanted or 'free', can be attached using the magnetic strips provided, thus doing away with drawing pins or, worse, staples. It will be regularly monitored so that out-of-date notices, or 'inappropriate' material, can be removed.

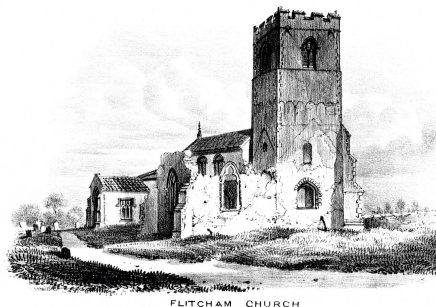
Flitcham Social Club

Forthcoming Events

Saturday, June 6th
Afternoon Tea 2pm £12.50 per person

Saturday June 20th

Barbecue



FLITCHAM CHURCH

Sunday May 10th Holy Communion at 6 pm

Sunday May 24th Family Worship at 11 am

Parish Council

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is due to take place on Monday 18th May at 7:30, in the Community Centre, followed by the **Annual Parish Council meeting**.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for residents to attend an open meeting. The Chairman gives his report on the events of the year, the finances for the year are presented, and various village groups send in reports relating to their activities over the year. If you would like an item added to the agenda for this meeting please let me know as soon as possible.

The Parish Meeting will be immediately followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting which will begin its proceedings by electing the Chairperson. The Agendas will be posted on the noticeboard outside the Community Centre and on the village website.

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Flitcham Bowls Club

The green was opened on Sunday, April 19th, and the first match of the new season was on the 24th. New players are always welcome so, if you are interested and want to know more, please phone the Captain, Janet Frohawk, (07799 795451) or Paul Hunter, on 07867 572231.

Flitcham's Housing Heritage

Part VII- New Build

Archive material does not seem to be available from the Sandringham Estate so I am reliant on date stones and, in their absence, contemporary building styles. While the King's initial emphasis was on refurbishing and modernising the existing stock, there are two fine examples of new housing in Abbey Road. The last pair of houses on the left, numbers 49 and 50 (to use Flitcham's idiosyncratic "numbering system"), are particularly impressive and are dated 1924. Each features a large and prominent laurel wreath crest - one for the King and the other for Queen Mary. They are somewhat eroded now but the lettering is clear enough.



The other examples, numbers 77 and 78, are an enigma. They are almost certainly quite a lot earlier, having very similar external features, materials and build quality, to Flitcham Hall,



which is thought to date from around 1913. It is common - almost universal - practice for pairs of 'semis' to be mirror images of one another. Subsequent alterations and extensions may mask this but the basic structure and layout is usually discernible. Not so with these. Number 77 has a very large porch with a front door at the front whereas number 78's is at the side, the front being dominated by a massive, and rather ornate, chimney stack, rather similar to one at Flitcham Hall. The roof structure is complex and asymmetric, which may indicate, as one resident has suggested, that it was originally one house and subsequently divided. If this is the case then it was certainly a large and ostentatious dwelling, with fine brickwork and mouldings, somewhat out of place in Abbey Road! But maybe it really was a flourish of originality from a more unconventional architect. I peered through the window of 77, during its renovation, and was pleased to see that an original Art Nouveau fireplace, typical of its period, had been retained. If anyone has any further information I would be very interested to hear. Indeed, in compiling this series, I have been entirely dependent on the external appearance but many houses will have retained original features, as has happened in my own case, and it would be good to know about some of these too.

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Flitcham Social Club

MAY EVENTS

Saturday 2nd	Coffee Morning 10 - 12noon <i>60s Theme Night from 7.30</i> <i>Music and Nibbles PLUS</i> <i>Prize for Best Costume</i>
Thursday 7th	Polling Station for Local Elections 7am - 10 pm
Friday 8th	Poker Night 8pm
Tuesday 12th	Bingo - Eyes Down 7.30
Wednesday 13th.	Acoustic Night
Saturday 16th	Coffee Morning 10 - 12noon
<i>Sunday 17th</i>	<i>Spring Fair from 10 am</i>
Wednesday 20th.	Mexican Dominos 2 - 4pm £3 Coffee, Tea and Biscuits provided
Thursday 21st	Wolf Folk Club 8pm
Friday 22nd	Poker Night 8pm
Saturday 23rd	Meal Night 6.30 for 7.00 Chili
Saturday 30th	Coffee Morning

SPRING FAIR

SUNDAY MAY 17th

at the Community Centre
from 10 - 2

MANY STALLS including:

Jewellery

Local Crafts

Kings Lynn Brewery

Plus tea, coffee, cakes

BACON ROLLS!

Something for all the family

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.