



# Flitcham cum Appleton VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## September 2020

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### CHURCH SERVICES

Coronavirus and Church Services

### NO SERVICES IN FLITCHAM CHURCH

If anyone is in need of help please contact churchwardens

**Sally Stanton 609099** or  
**Linda Neave 529188**

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### GOOD COMPANIONS

There hasn't been any meetings since the AGM was held in February but on the 11th of March almost all members saw each other for the Spring lunch. The meetings have obviously not been possible since then and many members have particularly missed the Summer outings.

Pat Cox is kindly trying to keep in contact with everybody. **MCM**

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### THE NOTICEBOARD IN ABBEY ROAD

is still being used to display children's artwork. Therefore, we are asking children, of all ages, to help with pictures or patterns of any sort for us to look at and enjoy it as we pass by. Contributions on A4 paper, or smaller, can be left in our letter box by the front door at Beech House (the one opposite the Bowling Green). Notices about the village can also be left with us for display. **Sue Allen 600119**

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### NEW FACEBOOK GROUP "Flitcham News"

The Borough advised us recently that they intended to close the road into the village for four days starting 24<sup>th</sup> August. The news came too late for the PC to be able to advise our residents via the newsletter. As a result of that frustration we decided to seek a more immediate method of informing our community of such news. We therefore decided to set up a Facebook Group under the name "Flitcham News". This has now been done. It is a private group accessible to signed-up members only. Members will be able to post items of interest to other members. If you wish to access this service you will need to join Facebook and make a member request. If you have queries or need help please contact one of the current administrators,

Gill Welham  
([clerkflitchamparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerkflitchamparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)) or  
Roger Young (600948)  
[youngroger235@gmail.com](mailto:youngroger235@gmail.com).

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### THE BOOK CLUB

Sadly it was not possible to meet up in a garden but the internet was busy delivering emails with various comments. The last book we read, "Nine Perfect Strangers" was well received by most of the members who appeared to have got out different points from the reading although one particular part caused nearly everybody boredom as it seemed too long and drawn out.

The next meeting is on the 14th of September and the chosen book is titled "The Easternmost House" by Juliet Blaxland. The easternmost house is doomed to be lost to coastal erosion and it is about nature, rural life and changing times. It was voted The Times Nature Book Of The Year (2019) and is well worth looking at for a number of reasons. **MCM**

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### The Norfolk and Waveney Health and Care Partnership

are keen to hear the views of local people on starting conversations about future care preferences.

The Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment - ReSPECT - is a personalised process to plan a person's clinical care in the event of a future emergency. Although take up of ReSPECT has started there is still the need to raise awareness among the public about the initiative, and encourage everyone to start thinking about having 'the conversation'. Please help us by watching a short film and completing our questionnaire:

[https://  
www.norfolkandwaveneypartnership.org.uk/get-involved/  
opportunities.html](https://www.norfolkandwaveneypartnership.org.uk/get-involved/opportunities.html).

Anyone interested can also sign up to be involved in further discussions and interviews. The feedback we gather will be used to inform a local campaign to spread the word about ReSPECT.

The survey will be open until September 14th.

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**YESTERYEARS**  
**Antique and quality**  
**second hand furniture**  
**bought and sold.**

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**House clearances**  
**undertaken**  
**Light removals**

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**Contact:Gavin Austin**  
**Mob: 07867 615947**  
**Shop: 07554 664480**

**Sell Your  
Unwanted goods  
Here**

## Poetry corner

Here's a poem written some years ago on the topic of the chaotic house numbering in our village. It remains topical even today

Again I try my dinner to eat,  
Then I hear the thud of heavy feet.  
Someone else is lost I fear,  
A portly lady in nurse's gear.  
She looks so cross when I open the door,  
"Could you tell me which one is 54."  
"Oh! Yes" I said, "that's quite easy done,  
It's right next door to number 1."  
She's not amused and looks quite cross.  
"Just ask my Paul then, he's the boss."  
Phew! Another one sorted out.  
Don't know why she had to shout.  
Dinner cold and in the bin.  
More food wasted, what a sin.

Outside sweeping with my broom,  
Man in van with face of gloom.  
Oh, man alive, please don't ask for 55.  
Heavy box and face getting redder,  
Fingers turning white and feeling deader.  
"I'm looking for number 73."

"That's easy! Next but one to number 3."  
"Can't be" he said with a loud roar.  
"It is" I said, "because Liz lives in between at number 4."  
He took his box, which he'd dropped on the floor,  
Got in his white van and slammed the door.  
Another thing these delivery men don't appreciate,  
We have three families all living at number 28.  
There's two at number 29 as well.

Listen! Someone ringing the bell.  
A pretty girl in carer's clothes is ringing.  
What does she want? What is she bringing?  
"I'm looking for 29" she said,  
"A gentleman who is ill in bed."  
"Oh Dear! Is someone feeling poorly?"  
"Not our boy Benny Piggott, surely?"  
"No, this man is of mature years."  
"Ah!" that took away my fears.  
Twice the number 29 's been used  
Oh dear! We are all confused.

Abbey Road is not a place to deliver.  
The numbers there make any man dither.

Number 77 is next door to 15.  
Not a house or a shed is in between.  
Further down if you care to walk,  
Lives a very nice couple called Mr & Mrs Frohawk.  
49 is their house number.  
Next door is 55, another blunder.  
Esther, who lives down the other end  
Has three kids and is a good old friend.  
31 is the number she has been allocated.  
Marta next door at 5.  
Oh! I'm frustrated.

Anmer Road numbers are no better to find.  
Tony Aldridge also live at 29.  
I give up.  
Just don't know what to do.  
The lady next door is number 82.  
Church Road Claire and Andrew live at 34.  
Then we have Mr & Mrs Ross next door.  
Guess what number is on their house.  
62! That's why deliverymen grouse.  
So, if you are lost in Fritcham village  
And haven't come to rape or pillage,  
Just go and knock at another house.  
I'll shut up now, I've had my grouse.

**Val Blackmur**

## Nature Corner

Mervyn Allen has been enjoying new explorations with his wildlife photography. In his own words "Following a lifelong interest in the Natural World and particularly Butterflies I have expanded my interests into Moths and purchased a Moth Trap. As you may or may not know a Moth trap is simply a Box with a Light Source suspended above it. The Moths are attracted to the Light and enter the box. The Box being filled with egg cartons on which they rest. To date I have trapped on 3 separate warm nights and have identified about 30 different species. Here are some examples of the Moths that are in your garden at this time of the year"

Mervyn would be happy to talk to anyone who would like to know more about this fascinating pursuit.



*Swallow tailed Moth*



*Elephant Hawk Moth*

## KING'S LYNN HOSPITALS LEAGUE OF FRIENDS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

I have been notified that there will be no collection for this year 2020. Yvonne will not be troubling Fritcham for donations and will retire from this Appeal since I started in 2003 when Mrs Annie Farrow retired.

If anyone would like to volunteer for this collection when it starts again, I can let you have details to begin.

I would still like to collect used postage stamps from you all as the hospital is always pleased to receive these to raise their funds.

(Estimated collection over the years is £3134.61 for League of Friends - Thank you Fritcham!!)  
**Yvonne Sturman**

**For sale  
MIXED LOGS  
£70 per cubic meter  
delivered locally  
Contact Gavin Austin  
07867 615947**