



Flitcham cum Appleton VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2020

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CHURCH SERVICES

December

Monday 14th December 7.00pm

The Village Carol Service

Christmas Day 10.00am

Family Service

Covid regulations will be observed at these services. Please could you let us know if you would like to attend as this will help us with planning. With many thanks.

Linda Neave 01485 529188
Sally Stanton 01485 609099

FRIENDS of FLITCHAM CHURCH

A big thank you to EVERYBODY from near and further away for their generous gifts in connection with the autumn appeal. It appears we have received just over £1.100 which will be a wonderful addition towards repairs and upkeep of our church building. It is quite a lot of preparations to get the appeal ready but your response makes it a worthwhile task.

MANY THANKS
On behalf of FoFC.

Monica Mortensson

Flitcham Activities

Pensioners Christmas lunch.

Joan & Thelma are disappointed to confirm that they will not be able to hold the Christmas Lunch this year due to the current circumstances, however are hopeful that it will take place next year. Please all take care and stay safe.

Village Christmas Card Delivery

Richard Gray is happy to do this again this year. Delivery will be after the weekend of December 12th & 13th.

The box will be outside the Community Centre from 4th December until 8th December between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm.

Please ensure that you only post cards for people who live in the village.

THE BOOK CLUB

The last meeting was a zoom meeting. Seven of the members took part and it proved to be very successful. Everybody had enjoyed actually seeing each other again and the chosen book was well received. The true childhood memories of an English girl from the time of the Raj were most interesting, although the book was long and the print gave a compact impression. Two members were absent but had provided emails.

There will be another zoom meeting in six weeks' time. Many book clubs have stopped completely during this time and we are all pleased we have found ways to keep in touch and continue.

MCM

Community thanks

John Blyth for tidying the War Memorial hedge in time for the Remembrance gathering and also for making such a good job of the privet hedge on the opposite side of the road surrounding the village sign.

There may be others who freely give their time for the benefit of us all. If so, please let me have their names for inclusion here.

Flitcham School

In spite of all the difficulties at the moment, we have all returned to school and everyone is very much enjoying being back together. We had 100% attendance on the first few weeks of term, which is excellent, especially in these difficult times.

Children In our Nursery and Reception class have been enjoying all the wonders of starting school and everyone has been very busy getting to know one another.

This year we have 3 classes across the school, a combined Nursery and Reception class and two other classes in the main school – a year 1/2/3 class and a year 4/5/6 class, with 68 on role in total.

Our usual Remembrance service has not been possible in the normal way this year, so instead children have been marking the event with a 2 minute silence in their bubble classes and also making a beautiful display of poppy art, outside the school.



The current challenge is working out how to do a Nativity, without being able to bring the whole school together. Where there is a will there is a way!

Wishing you all a safe half term,

Mrs Gardener

Headteacher

Parish Council

On the question of re-numbering the PC agreed that it was not a good idea to float general ideas adding to uncertainty in these difficult times. Therefore, the working party will put together a specific proposal (with details of the implications for residents, including potential costs) which the PC will take to the community in 2021. Members of the PC will then visit residents and discuss it with them. The Borough Council have a clear procedure for introducing such change and no changes can be made if more than one third of residents are opposed. The consultation process is very thorough and the PC wants to make sure that everyone is fully consulted and informed.

Two issues have been raised with the Borough Highways department: (1) road safety at the narrow bridge on the Hillington Road; (2) the siting of the 2 SAM (Speed Activated Measuring devices) posts on the B1153. It has been suggested that traffic actually moves more quickly (too quickly) along Abbey Road than it does around the corners of the B1153, and that new SAM posts should be located in Abbey Road to slow traffic.

Highways support the idea of putting new SAM posts in Abbey Road and will make a proposal for PC approval. However, since only two Personal Injury accidents were recorded on the narrow bridge in the past 5 years, they consider that no further road safety assessments are needed. Perhaps we should have a means of recording 'near misses' or minor collisions (eg. wing mirrors being knocked) which have happened as a result of the 'game of chicken' with which we are all familiar.

John Beasley

Copy deadline

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