



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Flitcham Social Club Events

The Quiz on the 12th February was a lovely evening with 6 blocks of 20 questions* starting with a Valentine theme set, nibbles half way and a good raffle. I would like to thank those who donated prizes and Patsy and Gordon for being Quiz masters.

The next Quiz will be on Saturday, 9th April and we hope we will have a full house.

Monday, 14th March, Bingo Evening, Doors open at 7pm with eyes down at 7.30pm; books £6.00. Bar open and a raffle too.

Just a reminder that The Club is open **Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights** and is also available for private bookings.

Joey Smithson (*who is too modest to say that she compiled the 120 questions! TA)

...and another reminder, in case you missed last month's, is that renewal of your Social Club membership (£5) is now **overdue!**

Parish Council

The next meeting of Flitcham Parish Council is due to be held at the Community Centre on **Tuesday 1st March commencing at 7:30pm.**

The Agenda has not yet been published but will be posted on the Community Centre Notice Board and on the PC website 5 working days prior to the meeting. 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.

Covid restrictions will have been eased by that date although the councillors and members of the public should remain socially distanced. Mask wearing will be optional.

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Remember that if there are any issues you want the Parish Council to consider please contact the above or the Chairman, Geoff Kilham - 609010



March 27th - Family Service 11.00 am.

Norfolk Libraries

After year upon year of cuts to Local Government funding, and the corresponding erosion of local public services, it is surprising, albeit gratifying, that the Norfolk Library Service has been relatively unscathed. Our nearest library, in Dersingham, continues to thrive; membership is free and the stock of books - hard copy, audio and electronic - is vast and constantly being updated.

I have used this branch regularly over the years, and frequently reserve books, via the excellent website, at a nominal cost; there is no charge for reserving an electronic copy.

Current opening hours are:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10am - 7pm
Saturday: 10am - 4pm

I always like to have one or two books 'on the go' and usually visit the library every couple of weeks so the Dersingham branch suits me. However, if you are less impatient than me, you could use the **Mobile Library which visits Flitcham every four weeks.** There you can access all the above services and, as it's an infrequent visitor, you can borrow up to 15 books at a time. The mobile library has served Flitcham for many years so if that sort of library service appeals to you why not give it a try? **It will be outside the Old Clubhouse in Abbey Road on March 3rd and 31st, from 11.40 - 12.00, and every four weeks thereafter.**

TA

Who Said This ?

Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that who cares?... He's a mile away and you've got his shoes (Answer overleaf)

Musings from Flitcham End

Don't ask me why (probably because I am a sad nerd), but I am currently reading a book called *The King's Homeland* written in 1904 by W.A. Dutt and, in view of the recent discussions over footpaths in the village, I thought the following passage might be of interest:

'The shortest route from Flitcham to Appleton is a pleasant footpath running round the east and north sides of the churchyard. This path winds through fields and meadows for about a mile, and where it brings the traveller on to a road again he will be within a few minutes' walk of Appleton. The road from Flitcham to Appleton is decidedly uninteresting'.

When I read the last sentence I felt put out and rather protective of our little piece of England. This was despite the fact that sometimes I get sick of traipsing up and down that road with the dogs and wish I could be somewhere more interesting! What it showed me, I suppose, is that for all of us it is much harder to accept someone else criticising something personal to us even if we ourselves can see its faults and shortcomings.....Food for thought perhaps.
Ann Beasley.

Who Said This?

Billy Connolly

Help Needed

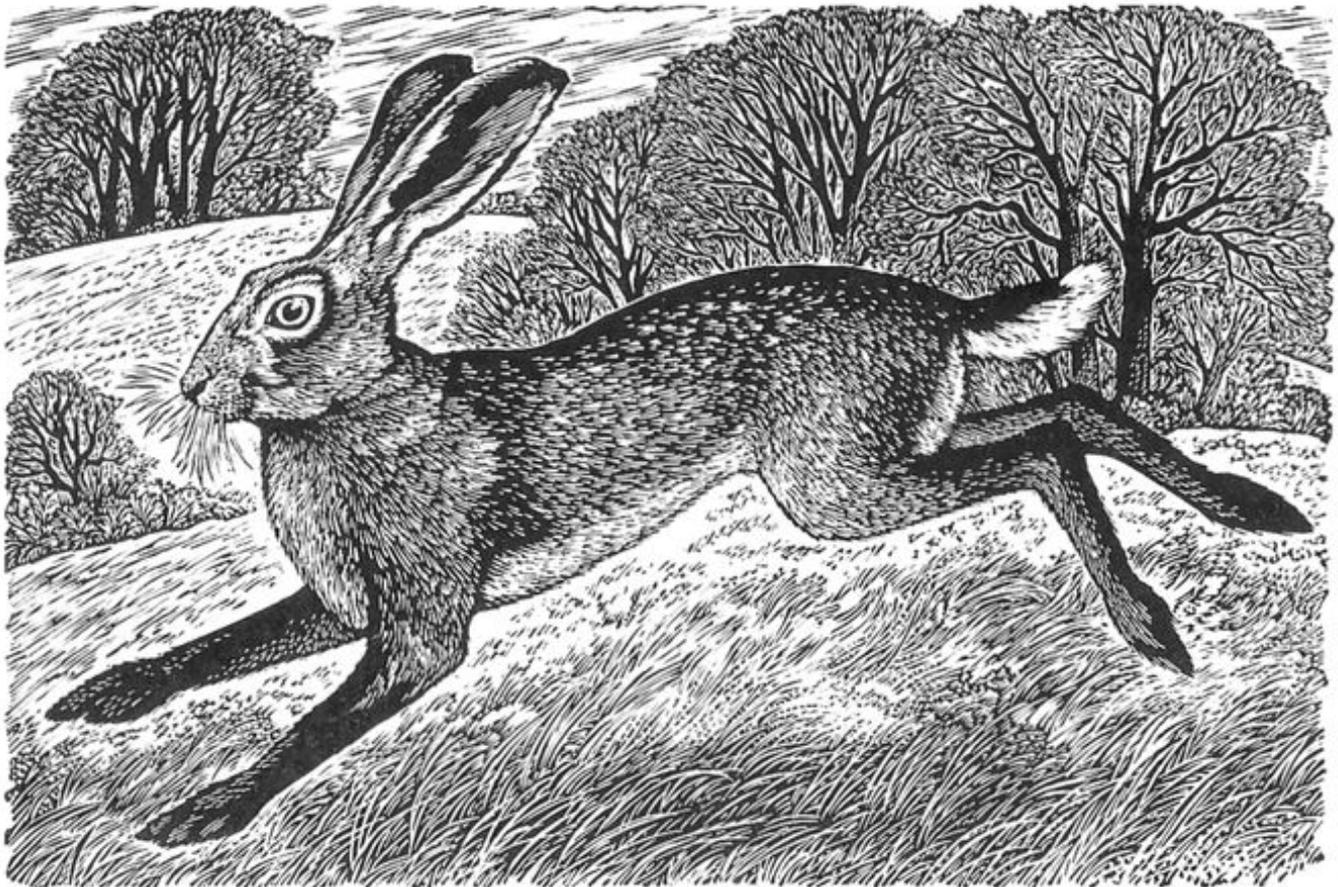
Flitcham Social Club Committee would like to thank both Richard Gray and Rob Jary who have recently stood down from their positions on the Committee.

Rob had been acting Chairman for a number of months to help us during the pandemic and we are most grateful for his time and effort. His support has been much appreciated.

Richard has been associated with the Club over many years and been there throughout thick and thin times, ready to support in any capacity. As a Committee we shall miss his presence and hope he will be able to enjoy fully having more time to spend with his family.

The Committee now has two vacancies which we are keen to fill. If you feel you would like to join us and help to keep the Club alive and active for the benefit of the village we would love to hear from you.

Please either drop into the Club on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evening, or contact Patsy Young: youngroger235@gmail.com



You may send In material at any time via my letterbox at Beech House, Abbey Road or email t.allen@suster.plus.com 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.