



FLITCHAM *cum* APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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JUBILEE **FREE** FEAST

Fritcham Community Centre's Management Committee is organising a Free Feast to be held on Sunday 5th June 2022 to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

The Management Committee will supply a Hog Roast and are now looking for volunteers to provide salads, potatoes and desserts etc.

Any volunteers who can assist are invited to attend a meeting which will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm to discuss and finalise the preparations.

All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Noelyne Fuller:

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Fritcham Social Club Events

A bingo night on 14th March, in aid of club funds, was held at the Community Centre. It was very well attended and a good time was had by all. The theme for the prizes was 'Gardening' - just right for this time of year. Thanks go to Carole Bloye and Val Blackmur for organising this.

The next Bingo is 9th May. Doors open at 7pm with 'eyes down' at 7.30.

Quiz Night. This highly anticipated fun evening returns on **Saturday 9th April at 7.30 pm** at the Community Centre: polish up the grey matter in anticipation. £2 per person with teams of up to four. The theme is 'Easter' and the quiz is ably compiled by Joey Smithson.
Julia Irving.

The Club is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and is also available for private bookings.



Easter Sunday, April 17th

Family Service at 11am

Good Friday, April 15th

WALK from SANDRINGHAM TO HILLINGTON.

Join at Fritcham Church 10am and walk to Hillington Church for a service, with Hot Cross Buns on arrival, at about 11am.

MORE DETAILS Sally Stanton 01485 609099

Parish Council Meeting

March 1st 2022

Despite a gloomy start to the year, things seem a little brighter now and, in the year of the Platinum Jubilee, the possibility of a village celebration for residents was discussed. Noelyne Fuller kindly agreed to be first point of contact for anyone interested in helping organise this event.

On the subject of footpaths, it is good to see that the Highways Department has completed the work along Hillington Road. Following further discussion at the meeting, it was decided that the Parish Council will write to Sandringham Estate in an attempt to secure a more appropriate and realistic plan for walking routes around the village; as the present proposal is not suitable.

We are still awaiting resolution by the Borough Council over the voting criteria in any referendum over village renumbering and, as stated before, no action will be taken until this is resolved. When an acceptable model is received the next step will be a public meeting to give an opportunity for calm debate, discussion and clarification.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd May (Annual Parish Meeting) 7.30 pm

Ann Beasley

Ann's notes give a flavour of the meeting. Draft Minutes are posted on the notice board outside the Community Centre and on:

<https://flitchampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/minutes/>

ST MARY'S CHURCH AGM and ANNUAL REPORT

The AGM was held in the Church on Monday 7th March and Chaired by the Rector, Jonathan, who will, sadly, be leaving us towards the end of June.

Linda Neave and Sally Stanton were elected as church wardens and the following parishioners were elected to the Parochial Church Council (PCC):

Linda Neave.	Secretary
Sally Stanton.	Vice Chair and Reader
Elizabeth Osborne.	Treasurer
Keith Loader.	Fabric Officer
Harry Verney.	Deanery & Diocesan Synod representative

The fabric of the church is in good condition although there are two small leaks from the roof which will need attention in the near future. The stonemasons have been busy and have done an excellent job in repairing the four South and West windows and the East window. Thank you to the Friends of Fritcham Church for financing this work.

It has been another quiet year for the church with the Covid virus still about. Wearing masks and being unable to sing was not easy but we enjoyed our Christmas Carol Service and a very well attended Morning Service on Christmas Day. Our thanks to Avril, our organist, and the Fring Singers for leading us at these times of Worship.

The Church is The People! Our congregation have been wonderful throughout a difficult two years and our Service on the fourth Sunday of the month has remained well attended. Coffee time is important and it is a joy to once again have time to chat and catch up with news after the service. St Mary's offers a warm welcome to all. Thank you to everyone.

Linda and Sally

THE 20TH ANNUAL FLITCHAM YARD SALE

Easter Day April 17th
From 9am onwards

Now's the opportunity to sell off that old rubbish those priceless treasures you have carefully hoarded over the last three years. It will cost you a mere £2, with proceeds towards the Community Centre.

Val Blackmur will again be organising it so contact her if you want to take part - 600020.

Musings from Fritcham End

I am constantly impressed and heartened by the ingenuity and creativity that both animals and humans display in this world when either solving a problem or ensuring that they get what they want. I absolutely hate pigeons, especially when a clinically obese dead one hits me on the head (ask John Farrow about that incident) but have to admire their ability to adapt their behaviour. The pigeons in Fritcham like drinking out of the dogs' water bowl in the garden; the dogs are outraged and try to catch them. However, the pigeons have worked out strategies for success, these include:

(a) waiting until the post man arrives so the dogs are more interested in him and go rushing to the gate.

(b) waiting until I utter some loud expletive whilst gardening as the dogs then rush to see what calamity has occurred this time.

(c) simply waiting until, weather permitting, the dogs are dozing by the back door.

In this particular battle of wits, I think the pigeons are winning which doesn't say much for the IQ of my dogs.

Another story of ingenuity which warmed my heart recently was the tale of a dog called Millie who was trapped on dangerous mudflats in Hampshire. Volunteers could see her but were unable to persuade her to run to them – until someone suggested a food lure. Accordingly, a sausage was dangled from a drone flown at low level and Millie followed said drone back to safety. Genius! Reading this article also led me to think about what treat would tempt me to gallop after a low flying drone: sausages perhaps not, but most chocolate except Toblerone would have me breaking into a spirited sprint.

Ann Beasley

(We have a resident pair of collared doves who also hate pigeons and swoop down to chase them off in spectacular fashion. Birds of peace eh? TA)

Fritcham Bowls Club

If you've wandered down Abbey Road over the last few weeks you'll have seen much activity at the bowling green. Back in the autumn, the whole surface was removed, levelled and reseeded.

A more serious problem was also tackled - the steady collapse of the bank on the North side. There is now a retaining wall along its entire length. This work is a clear vote of confidence in the Club's future as they approach the start of the season in April. New players are always welcome; contact Paul Hunter on 07867 572231

Catcalling

David Baddiel named his cat "Chairman Miaow"

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.