



FLITCHAM and APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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May Dates

- 3rd.** Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting at the Community Centre 19.30
- 5th** Coffee morning at the Community Centre 9.30 - 12.00
- 9th.** Bingo at Community Centre (see Social Club feature for details)
- 12th** Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45
- 19th** Coffee morning at the Community Centre 9.30 - 12.00
- 22nd** Family Service 11am.
- 26th** Mobile library outside the Old Club, Abbey Road 11.40 - 12.00
Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45

Community Centre

The Flitcham Free Hog Roast planned for Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee has had to be cancelled due to lack of support and commitment.

The Community Room has recently been decorated; thanks must go to Scott Garwood for doing an excellent job (see photo). We received a Borough Councillor allowance grant from Councillor Jim Moriarty and thank him for the £150 towards the cost of redecorating.

The Community Room is available to hire for private parties and other events. Please contact the steward Gavin Austin on 07867615947.
Geoff Kilham



Sunday May 22nd Family Service at 11 am

Social Club Events

9th May Bingo. Eyes down 7.30 doors open 7pm. Books £6.00. Bar open and raffle too.

Quiz to be held on a monthly basis; dates to be arranged.

A Summer Fete is planned for 28th August.
Joey Smithson

Refugees from Ukraine

Wendy and Frank Woo have written to ask if there is anyone in Flitcham who is hosting, or hoping to host, Ukrainian refugees:

“We live in Hillington and are not aware of anyone here doing so, but we are trying to find anyone else locally who is facing, or likely to face, the same potential complications as we are experiencing and would be interested in forming a loose support group. There is, for example, one in the Woottons that seems to be functioning well and another, much bigger one, in King's Lynn and they are all happy to help but don't have the transport issues that we are likely to experience, for example. We already have offers of help and support from friends around King's Lynn and other villages in West Norfolk, but if there are enough of us within shouting distance it would make for a much better local support base for all involved. I should be very happy for you to pass on our email address to anyone you might know who is also contemplating, or already involved in, sponsoring people from Ukraine.”

Wendy and Frank can be contacted by email at wdfawoo@gmail.com

New Options from Careline

Most people will know of this service, operated through the Borough Council, by which users can summon help using a call button on a pendant. This connects to a call monitoring centre and an operator will contact family, friends or the emergency services, if needed, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

However, the link is via your home landline, which can be limiting, and there are more versatile options, one of which is **Careline GO**. It operates in a similar way - via a button on a pendant - but, because it has a mobile link with the call centre, works anywhere and also has a GPS function which enables you to be located. It has a roaming mobile SIM so connects via the strongest signal regardless of the network.

This service costs £6 per week and there is also an installation charge, currently £34.30. A grant towards the latter cost is available for people on "qualifying benefits" or those who are experiencing memory loss.

For more information phone 01553 616200 and on: <https://www.careline-cs.org.uk>

Flitcham Bowls Club



By the time you read this, the bowls club will have had its first gathering of the season on April 24th.

Games officially start on April 29th, in the Albert Victor League, and on Saturday evenings (to be announced) for the North West Norfolk and the Bridges Leagues.

The Bowls Club has thrived in the village for very many years; new players - experienced or beginners - are always welcome so if you are interested, contact Paul Hunter on 07867 572231

Parish Council

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is due to take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 7:30, followed by the **Annual Parish Council meeting**.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for villagers to attend an open meeting. The Chairman gives his report on the events of the year, the finances for the year are reported 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. Regrettably, the current Chairman, Geoff Kilham, has decided to stand down from the Council after more than 15 years of being a councillor. The Parish Council will therefore begin its proceedings by electing a new Chairman.

The Agenda will be posted on the noticeboard outside the Community Centre and on the village website.

Gill Welham, Clerk

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Flitcham Yard Sale

Easter Sunday gave us all a beautiful day for the yard sale. This was quite a special event as it was the 20th year it has been held and the first since Covid restrictions had been eased. Our thanks and congratulations to Val and Paul Blackmur for organising it once again! The Yard sale helps people re-use and re-purpose belongings helping the environment.

What a pleasure to see so many visitors flocking to the village to hunt for bargains and how rewarding it was that so many residents had taken time and trouble to hunt out goods they were willing to part with. Every stall made a small donation towards the Social Club funds which was collected by Val. The Social Club laid on refreshments including "bacon butties" and the bar was open, making everyone welcome. There were many visitors who enjoyed looking around and went home carrying a wide variety of goods, chatting delightedly about their bargains. Many of these visitors were old friends who had lived in the vicinity and had been pupils at our village school many years ago; they particularly enjoyed being able to chat to stall holders and other people they had not seen for a long time.

All in all, a very successful and enjoyable event where everyone worked to the good of so many.
Patsy Young

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.