



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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December Dates

- 1st** Coffee morning at the Community Centre 9.30 - 12.00
- 3rd** Victorian Fayre at Community Centre (note correct spelling!) 10.00 onwards
- 8th** Mobile library outside the Old Club House, Abbey Road 11.40 - 12.00
Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45
- 10th** Cabaret at Community Centre 20.00
- 12th** Village Carol Service 19.00
- 17th** Social Club Christmas Raffle Draw 19.30
- 22nd** Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45
- 24th** Social Club Christmas Eve Party 20.00
- 25th** Christmas Day Family Service. 11.00
- 31st** Social Club New Year's Eve Party 20.00

Twenty's Plenty

But not, it seems in Abbey Road. Our proposal to NCC Highways to reduce the current 30mph limit, which is much too fast, to 20 mph, got short shrift, as it was deemed incompatible with the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy. However, this dates from 2014 since when things have moved on considerably. In 2020 the UK, along with Experts and Ministers from 130 countries, adopted the "Stockholm Declaration" at a Global Road Safety Conference. It included the following commitment: [to] mandate a maximum road travel speed of 30 km/h (20 mph) in areas where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix... except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe, The Welsh and Scottish Governments are planning to replace their National 30mph limits with 20 mph (with exceptions), and Cornwall and Oxfordshire County Councils have a rolling programme of reducing speed limits - "20 mph is the new 30 mph" - for areas where there is local support.

Last week, Norfolk County Council, seemingly oblivious to all this, was discussing a draft update to the 2014 Strategy, which actually made it more difficult to set a 20 mph limit in small villages. Councillor Jim Moriarty took part in the debate and, using the above information we had provided, was able to mount a strenuous challenge, commenting that Norfolk appeared "to be going in the other direction". We wait to see whether there has been a rethink.

See this on https://youtu.be/5h7hh-_8uRs

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December 12th Village Carol Service
7 pm
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine
December 25th - Christmas Day
Family Service 11am

FLITCHAM COMMUNITY CENTER
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 10AM

FLITCHAM'S
VICTORIAN
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

HOMEMADE REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY AN OPEN FIRE.

Crafts
JEWELLERY
TOMBOLA
Raffle
AND MUCH MORE...



Dear Village,

Everything is progressing well at the School this term. We have exciting news; our planned new building of a log cabin has been approved and we hope to have a spade in the ground soon. The building will be a multipurpose space for use as a meeting room, space for small group work and a school library. Our wonderful PTA is going to be involved in fundraising for new books and refurbishment of our existing stock. Reading is so important for the children and this will be a wonderful addition to our provision. Anyone in the village who may be interested in volunteering to read or be a school librarian volunteer for half an hour or so at a lunchtime would be very welcome. We expect the building to be ready by Easter.

Children have been competing in various sporting events this term and we have some marvellous results with one of our pupils becoming a National Champion in Topper sailing and another achieving first place in a cross country event.

We are especially grateful to Lady Dawnay for the continued use of the forest for our Forest School sessions, which are enjoyed by all classes.

If you have any skills to share, however unusual, do get in touch with the school office (600383). At this time of year we are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to share cooking, sewing or singing skills, as we begin to prepare for Christmas craft and carol singing.

Warm regards
Mrs Gardener

Fritcham Cabaret

Cabaret on December 10th features Dan Watson and Emily Lawler, a British Americana duo. Also on the bill is Trevor Nurse.

Book early (during Club opening hours) to avoid disappointment!

Village Christmas Card Delivery

Richard Gray is happy to deliver your cards to addresses in Fritcham again this year.

The collection box will be outside the Community Centre from 3rd December until 10th December.

Delivery will be after the weekend of 10th/11th December.

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

A Word from our New Rector

Hello. My name is Paul and I am really looking forward to getting to know Fritcham and you, its residents. Let me tell you something about myself.

I was born in Chatham, Kent and, after University at St Andrews and Cambridge, and following my ordination, I served in the Medway towns, eventually becoming Personal Chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester. I moved to Tewkesbury in 2003 and as a Commander of the Order of St John, I am closely associated with St John Ambulance. I am married to Catherine, who is also a priest, and we have two adult children, Alice and Harry. Although we bring very happy memories of past years, Catherine and I are greatly looking forward to making our home with you and establish friendships in the future. Please don't hesitate to stop and talk with me and if you think I might be able to help in any way, the door to Sandringham Rectory is always open and the kettle on.

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Parish Council

November meeting report

As the seasons change, so too does the composition of the Parish Council. Noelyne Fuller has resigned from the council and we thank her for her contribution and hard work on the village's Emergency Plan which will be discussed at the January meeting. Noelyne's departure now means that there are two vacancies on the council and we encourage all residents to think about joining; if you care about your community that is qualification enough to come on board.

Terry Allen and Richard Gray were thanked for the splendid refurbishment of the bus shelter; their hard work will ensure that we keep dry as we head towards wet and wintry weather. Terry has also volunteered to be the Management Committee Member for the Community Centre.

Parish Councillors did meet NCC Highways safety officers to look at safety issues and speed limits in the village although sadly, at present, major changes are unlikely; we are keen to pursue this matter and will keep residents appraised of any progress. (See also 'Twenty's Plenty')

Safety checks have been carried out on both the playground and the defibrillator which will need a new battery in due course; this is in hand.

Full minutes of the meeting can be read on the website and Community Centre notice board.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

The Late Mrs Joan Smith

There will be a short service at Fritcham church at 11am on 10th December before the burial of ashes in the church yard. Several people in the village remember Joan and all are welcome to join the family.

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.