



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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January Dates

- 3rd** Lynx 33 bus service replaces GoToTown 21
- 5th** Coffee morning at the Community Centre 9.30 - 12.00
Mobile library outside the Old Club House, Abbey Road 11.40 - 12.00
- 19th** Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45



January 22nd - Family Service 11.00 am.

Parish Council

The next meeting of Flitcham Parish Council will be at the Community Centre on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 commencing at 7:30pm.

The Agenda will be posted on the Community Centre Notice Board and on the Parish Council website at least five working days prior to the meeting. Members of the public are warmly welcomed.

Covid is again on the rise 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 Clerk or the Chairperson, Susan Allen- 600119



There will be significant changes to the bus service through our village in the New Year. As you would expect these days, they are not for the better - see below. They come on top of the cuts a while ago to the Fakenham- King's Lynn service (Lynx 49) which you could catch on the A148 at the Flitcham turn. Formerly there were several buses a day but there are now three.

Summary of changes:

The Go to Town service (21) from Hunstanton to King's Lynn will cease operation on December 31st 2022. It will be replaced by a less frequent Lynx service (33): four buses a day to King's Lynn (formerly seven) and three to Hunstanton (formerly six).

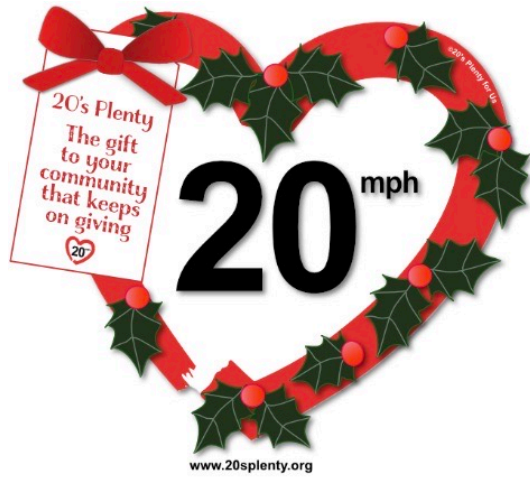
The new timetable will be displayed at the bus stop and is also available on-line at:
<https://www.lynxbus.co.uk/media/2217/33-kings-lynn-hunstanton.pdf>

Christmas Eve Carol Singing

We wish to thank all who contributed so generously to raise £93.50 which, as usual, goes to SOS Children's Villages, offering assistance to children around the world who have lost their families, whether through war or natural disaster, providing permanent care, and working to protect their interests and safeguard their rights.

Those with long memories may recall that, back in 1974, several of us, headed by Richard Cross, set up a fundraising group in Flitcham for this charity. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, our former MP and then a member of the Select Committee on Overseas Aid, told us that SOS was a shining example of a charity that really delivered. We raised thousands of pounds over several years and, in a very small way, we continue this tradition every Christmas Eve.
(<https://www.soschildrensvillages.org.uk>).

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The BUILD Charity is looking for people to support our social events for a small group of adults with disabilities, with all expenses covered. If it is a relaxing weekend that you are after, this could be a Sunday Roast, a Sunday afternoon Walkabout, a Grow and Go gardening session or even a Sunday afternoon cinema trip. We are currently looking into setting up our events near Kings Lynn again, hopefully once we know if the demand is there and if we can get volunteers!

If any of these volunteering opportunities are of interest to you then either call the office on 01603 618029, email us at volunteer@buildcharity.co.uk, or check out the website for our sign up form and donation pages.

As you will know, from last month's Newsletter, our attempt to have the speed limit in Abbey Road reduced from 30mph to 20 mph was rejected by Highways as it contravened their narrow interpretation of the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy which dates from 2014. Although there is a national - and international - drive to make 20 mph the norm in residential areas, Norfolk appears "to be going in the other direction", said Jim Moriarty in his criticism of the draft update of the Strategy last month. We have yet to see if the revised document is any different. I believe that we have a convincing case and we should not be prepared to sit back and accept a decision which is against our interests.

"20's Plenty for Us" is a very successful national (and international) campaigning group helping communities to fight for the right to safer streets. <https://www.20splenty.org/>

I have been in contact with them and will be getting advice on how best to proceed. We do start with the advantage that our Borough Councillor is on our side and is a staunch advocate.

Most importantly, however, is the support of the residents of Abbey Road and some have already shown that. However, it's not something to be taken for granted and, before proceeding any further, I will be calling at each house, early in the New Year, to gauge opinion. Every day it seems that our rights and freedoms are being eroded and it's all too easy to feel powerless. This is a fight literally on our doorstep, against the intransigence of those we elect, and it's one should strive to win.

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Flitcham's Victorian Fayre

Firstly and foremost we have to say a huge THANK YOU to Val and Paul for all their hard work and dedication. Also a big thank you to everyone who volunteered to make it a special day.

We raised £1043:50, an amazing amount. The money will go towards the Social Club to keep it running smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Carole Bloy

Christmas at St Mary's Church Flitcham



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.