



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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March Dates

2nd	Mobile Library outside the Old Club House, Abbey Road 11.40 - 12.00
3rd	Social Club Bar reopens 20.00
4th	Social Club Party - food/music 20.00
7th	Parish Council meets 19.30
13th	Bingo . Eyes down at 20.00
26th	Annual Church Meeting 12.00
30th	Mobile Library outside the Old Club House, Abbey Road 11.40 - 12.00

Flitcham Social Club

A number of meetings of the Social Club committee have investigated the opportunities for the Social Club Bar and it has been decided that it will **re-open on Friday and Saturday each week, beginning on 3rd March to 'test the beer' with a party on Saturday 4th March. There will also be a Bingo on March 13th, with further events to be announced.**

We know that there is a risk here, as future success will depend on meeting the needs of the community, as a resource for clubs, private functions and as a meeting point. We also need to raise £2,000 for a new cooler for the beer cellar. We plan to achieve this by issuing a restricted number of Lifetime Memberships, at £100 each, and careful financial management. There will be an opportunity to take out Lifetime Membership at the party as well as to contribute ideas for new clubs or events. Please come and enjoy the function.
Colin Lukey, Chairman

Remember

The Flitcham Social Club is a members' club and has a Club Members' Certificate. This permits the sale of alcohol to Club Members only and their invited guests, who must be signed in by a member. The only exception is if members hire the Community Room for a private party or celebration etc when alcohol may be served to those attending. **Sale of alcohol to the general public is strictly forbidden.**

On your first visit after our re-opening, please apply for membership or renew your existing one (still only £5), which, unless you are founder member, has now expired.



March 26th - Family Service 11.00 am.
Following this service,
the Annual Church meeting will be held
at 12 noon

Defibrillator

This is located in the porch of the Community Centre. On-line training for CPR, utilising the defibrillator, is now available at:

https://revivr.bhf.org.uk/?cjevent=5ba045cda61c11ed804c017c0a18ba73&dclid=CN2Z_ez2gP0CFXMkBgAd4oUPWQ

Parish Council

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

The Agenda is posted on the Community Centre Notice Board and on the PC website. 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.

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Remember that if there are any issues you want the Parish Council to consider please contact the above or the Chairperson, Susan Allen - 600119
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More from the Elyard Sporting Archives

Flitcham's Football Club was in the second division for eleven out of the twenty seasons played between 1992 and 2012.

Played 270
Won 116
Drawn 43
Lost 111
Goals For: 611; Against: 587

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Iris Mary Williamson 1931-2022

A Memorial Service to remember Iris Mary Williamson will be held at Flitcham Church at 2.30 p.m on Saturday, 18 March. Iris was the younger daughter of Tom and Ethel Williamson and lived in Abbey Road until she married at Flitcham Church in August 1951. Her husband, Tony Kirk, was an airman and although they were based at various RAF stations, Iris often returned home to Flitcham between postings with her five children, all of whom attended Flitcham Primary School several times. In later life Iris moved to Hempton, near Fakenham, where she spent happy years playing bowls, golf and walking her dogs. All are welcome to attend the service which will be followed by an afternoon tea at Flitcham Community Centre.



This national campaign is really taking off and many areas, including near neighbour Cambridgeshire, are moving towards 20mph as the default limit in town and village streets. Not in Norfolk of course but it's only a matter of time. How much time depends on the lobbying activities of people like you and me. **More news next month.**

Local Elections

May 4th

For the first time you will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections. Check now that you have an accepted form of ID. These include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK or EEA drivers' licence and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older, or disabled, person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Younger voters can also use an identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card). You will be able to use expired ID if you are still recognisable from the photo. If you are one of the estimated two million people who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID, you will be able to apply for free ID online at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/ or by completing a paper form. Paradoxically, however you have to go online order to download the paper form. **Help is at hand, however, for those without internet access and/or printers as I have a stock of these so just let me know. Please don't be put off voting just because it's been made a bit more difficult.**

This year local elections also include those for **Flitcham Parish Council.**

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk is urging anyone interested in standing as a candidate to read the information on its website and to book a place on one of the forthcoming pre-election briefing sessions. These briefing sessions will take place online on Microsoft Teams. To attend any of these sessions you will need to register your interest by emailing elections@west-norfolk.gov.uk or calling 01553 616773.

Nomination papers need to be submitted to the Electoral Registration team at the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk offices, in person, from 21 March 2023 and by 4pm on 4 April 2023. It is best to telephone, to make an appointment and to submit papers well ahead of the deadline so that there is time to make any changes that might be required. TA

Hire the Community Room

The Community Centre charges are £10.00 per hour for members of the Flitcham Social Club and £12.50 per hour for non-members.

The Centre has a Club Premises Certificate for the sale of alcoholic beverages to Club members. If a member hires the premises for a private function, a licensed bar can be provided at an additional cost of 10.50 per hour when the event takes place outside normal opening times. This permits the sale of alcohol to the hirer and guests.

**To hire the room contact Carole Bloye:
07540 649306**

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.