



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Flitcham Academy

We were delighted to welcome all of the children back to school on March 8th, after a long period of lockdown since January, where only key workers' children were able to attend. It has been fabulous to see everyone so happy to be back in school, chatting with their friends. There is a real buzz about the place again! During the lockdown, along with all of the remote learning that took place, the children created a fabulous Art in the Heart project which you may like to see:- <https://padlet.com/acressingham/Sandringham-Federation>.

We were able to go back to church for the first time in ages for our Palm Sunday service, although no singing was allowed yet, but the children enjoyed receiving their palm crosses from Father Jonathan. It felt a little strange to break up for Easter, as we were only back in school for 3 weeks, but I knew everyone was looking forward to their holiday.

We have also been able to enjoy our forest schools lessons again and we are especially grateful to Lady Dawnay of the Hillington Estate, for allowing the school to use the woodland. Here they are amongst the beautiful snowdrops.



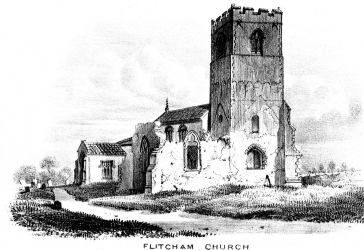
We would also like to say we have space in our Nursery class for 3 year olds from now and in September, so if anyone knows anyone needing a lovely nursery in a beautiful setting, do give the school office a call to arrange to look round on 600383. Mrs J Gardener

For Sale

Bedding Plants

Petunias - Dahlias - Marigolds

Available Late May £3.50 per tray of 27 plants
Tel: John 600124



THERE IS NOW NO SERVICE ON APRIL 25TH

Sunday May 23rd

FAMILY SERVICE AT 11 AM

Bernard Farrow

Everyone who knew Bernard will have been saddened by the news of his death on Easter Sunday. Apart from his service in the Second World War, and the last three years in Woodlands Care Home, he lived all his 96 years in Flitcham.

On being called up, he said "they shouted at me when I got off the train in my civvies and they didn't stop till I was demobbed". Bernard served in the Royal Marines and took part in the D-Day landings on Sword beach which, for a young Norfolk lad, must have been a terrifying experience. In 2016, as a D-Day veteran, he was made a Chevalier d'Ordre National de la Légion d'honneur, France's highest decoration for valour.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Dorothy, and was a gardener on the Estate for 50 years; most of us will remember the beautiful display of roses at his house near the church. A true gentleman, with interesting tales of Flitcham past and present, he always had time to listen, especially if the news was about local children. He will be fondly remembered as a real village character.

Susan Allen

Flitcham Past

"Fifty years ago when Matt Busby was at the helm of Man Utd and Ron Saunders filled the spot at Norwich City, the top of Div One of the North-West Norfolk League looked like this:

Flitcham 1st XI

Wells Town 1st XI

Heacham 1st XI

Briston 1st XI

...with Flitcham Reserves in Ninth spot in Div 3"

Rick Elyard

Mobile Library

This four weekly service has resumed but the library now only makes one stop - outside the Old Clubhouse in Abbey Road (11.40 - 12.00).

The next visit will be on May 27th.

The following guidelines have been issued:

You will be required to wear a face covering

The mobile library will be operating on a one customer (or one household of up to 3 people) at a time basis to reduce the number of people inside.

Please remember to bring your library card.

We will ask you for your contact details for 'test and trace' purposes.

Hand sanitiser will be available for use on the way in and out and surfaces that are commonly touched will be regularly wiped down.

Flitcham Bowls Club

The Club is all set for the season once restrictions are eased, with the green in fine condition thanks to John Farrow. Arrangements are already in place for the Albert Victor (Friday) League and The Bridges (Saturday) League. It is hoped that play can begin by the end of May but that will depend on the guidance issued by Bowls England, the National Governing Body.

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

Good Companions

Many people have expressed how much they miss listening to the speakers invited by the Good Companions, and the lunches and outings we also benefit from. As could be read in the last Newsletter, the Social Club is trying to get together helpers for cleaning and decorating the interior of the Community Centre. It has already started, with the carpet being cleaned. Hopefully we will be able to meet up indoors eventually and in the meantime we have to make arrangements for a Covid secure meeting room. The same applies to giving, and accepting, lifts that may involve new regulations.

Pat Cox is continuing to work hard trying to keep in touch with everybody and give support when needed, while others are making plans for the future. It is hoped that members are also trying to give support to one-another, when possible. Let's hope all of us have had our vaccinations and we can look forward to a bright summer.

Monica Mortensson

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4th May at 7:30pm. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, this will be held remotely via Zoom. Details regarding access to the meeting will be published on the village website in advance of the meeting as well as on the village Facebook page.

It is usual to have an annual report from the Management of the Community Centre and St Mary's Church as well as a detailed financial report from the Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Any person on the Flitcham village electoral register is eligible to speak at the Parish Meeting. Should you wish to do so, please let the Parish Clerk know in advance of the meeting in order for the item to be placed on the Agenda for discussion.

Gill Welham

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Getting On-Line

Increasingly, it's not just shopping or searching for information, but many other essential services which are hard - or impossible - to access unless you're internet connected and know how to use it.

In order to help people over 50, AgeUK Norfolk has set up the **Digital Inclusion Service** which, over 12 weeks, will teach you how to use your tablet or iPad. With telephone support, you will learn basic tasks such as setting up messaging services - such as WhatsApp - and handling video calls from family and friends. All tuition will be at your own pace and there will be the opportunity to gain more advanced skills, like online shopping, and setting up an email account.

Don't worry if you don't have a tablet or iPad as they will loan you one. At the end of the 12 weeks, you will then be given the option to purchase it or they can help you find an alternative.

Why not phone AgeUK Norfolk on 01603 863811 and talk to Emma Parker to learn more about it?

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE?

If you know where this is, you can email, phone or drop a note in my letter box. I'll

show several of these features during the year. In December, there will be a (small) prize for whoever "knows most"!



You may send in material at any time via my letterbox at Beech House, Abbey Road or email t.allen@suster.plus.com (note change of email address) 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.