



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Early evening in Abbey Road on May 17th

Community Centre

The wall between the bar room and toilets has been stripped and re-plastered over a damp proof membrane and plasterboard to cure extensive dampness. There are similar problems in the community room and we are hoping that Sandringham Estate, who are aware of the wall condition, will be able to carry out the work required as soon as possible. There are also electrical problems that need fixing before we can safely hire out the premises. A thorough cleaning after the long closure and builder's dust, will also need to happen before re-opening.

Geoff Kilham, on behalf of the Management Committee



Sunday June 27th

FAMILY SERVICE AT 11 AM

Bowls Club

Had it not been for the Covid pandemic, play would have begun three weeks ago. Nevertheless, it resumed on May 9th with fourteen players "opening the green". By the time you read this, there will have been matches in two of the three leagues. This 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

Book Club

Five members Zoomed together for another meeting in April. As there were varied opinions about the chosen book - The Architect's Apprentice - the discussion was lively and enjoyable. It is always good to be able to ask questions and challenge different views although Zooming can be somewhat stilted at times. There was also speculation about whether the next get-together might be in person and, in that case, how it can be handled. It was arranged for 24th May and the book title is "Chronicler of the Winds" by Henning Mankell.

Monica Mortensson

Social club

The Social Club Committee had its first meeting, since the first Covid lockdown, on Tuesday May 18th. This exciting occasion was tempered with sadness as we acknowledged the resignation, due to ill-health, of Roger Young after many years service as Chairman. We thank him for his dedicated hard work for the community.

We are indeed in strange times where very little is predictable about the course of the pandemic and how it may affect the Social Club. However the Committee is committed to its the future and want to get the show on the road. We are clear that when we open the doors again Covid safety will be our first priority. Rob Jary has offered his services to the Club as temporary Chair/Coordinator to bring focus to the Committee. If there is anyone who could be our Treasurer please step up as Debbie, who has taken the job on as an emergency measure, is very keen to step away. On that note we are keen to recruit volunteers to help in organising events for all the family, to generate new ideas or to help the Club break into social media. Come one come all, we would be very glad to hear from you. **Please contact Julia Irving on 600775** if you feel so moved. Your support would be very gratefully received.

Music at Dersingham with Flitcham July 27th and 28th

Music in Country Churches

is a charity set up in 1989 to hold concerts given by musicians, of national and international repute, in country parish churches. The charity aims to raise funds to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the church buildings where the concerts are held.

From time to time the concerts are held in a larger church to help a smaller one and this year Dersingham is hosting the event at Saint Nicholas Church to help Saint Mary's Church at Flitcham.

July 27th Apollo5

This award winning vocal ensemble presents a recital celebrating 500 years of choral music

July 28th English National Chamber Orchestra String Ensemble with Laura Deignan, clarinet.

The programme includes music by Rossini, Britten and Vivaldi - the Four Seasons

Both concerts are from 6.30 - 8.30. Tickets will be on general sale from June 27th, from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/micc>

Further details from Sally Stanton (609099) and on the Music in Country Churches website.

Greetings From Sweden

Marta Fletcher, who used to live in Abbey Road, would like to thank everybody who wrote or visited her in connection with her husband's sudden death, and later sending congratulations on her 90th birthday. She will write eventually but moving from one country to another, and having contact with various authorities, has tired her more than expected.

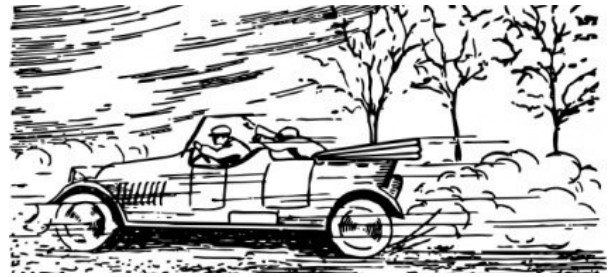
She now lives in a very modern ground floor flat with a big terrace overlooking fields. Her son and daughter-in-law have continued to help her with many practicalities and live only five minutes away. If she walks for ten minutes in another direction she has a good food shop with helpful staff. The modern and very efficient surgery has impressed her - and she will see the same GP every time she calls. Most of all she is happy to live near all her relatives, and especially enjoys seeing her first great-grandchild - as long as he doesn't cry.

Monica Mortensson

Thank You

John, Christine and Colin would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and messages of support after the sad loss of Bernard. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Special thanks to Colin and Sue, Robert, and Val and Paul.



For some time we have had a speed awareness message (SAM) device alternating between the approaches from Hillington and from Bircham. The intention is to alert drivers and encourage slowing down. Data are also collected showing vehicle flow and the proportion exceeding 30 mph. This was 13% for the bus stop location (vehicles entering from the Bircham direction) during the first two weeks in February. That seems a lot, even allowing for a few 'blue lights'. However, on this approach to the village, drivers are about to negotiate quite a sharp bend and need to be slowing down in any case. It's quite possible, therefore, that speeds through the main part of the village, particularly where people cross the road, may be a lot lower than you think!

The 13% figure arises from data collected over a short period, when there were around 500 vehicles a day during the week and 300 at weekends, with restrictions then in force, and only relate to vehicles travelling in one direction. Later in the year the SAM unit will again be at the bus stop location when more data will be available from what is likely to be a much higher volume of traffic.

From February 15th until April 6th, the device was mid way down Abbey Road, where the conditions are completely different. We shall consider the data from this site, and the possible implications, in next month's Newsletter.

NB. We share the unit with Hillington and I am very grateful to Graham Rogerson (Chair of Hillington PC), for downloading and analysing the data. Unfortunately (for him) it is only available in Windows/Android format and I use Apple!

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE?

If you know where this is - and what it 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 - 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.