



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Scene in Suffolk



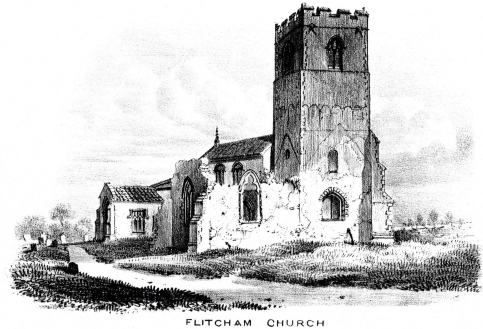
House Numbers

The chaotic numbering in the village has been a source of concern for many years. The Parish Council has bravely decided to address this and a plan for complete renumbering has been provided by the Borough Council. At the May Parish Council meeting, attended by several residents, it was agreed that the plan be circulated for information and also that Noelyne Fuller, who was at the meeting, would write a report to accompany it. **The plan is attached**, together with an introduction by Ann Beasley, on behalf of the Parish Council. Noelyne's account, which reflects the views of those residents who spoke at the meeting, is attached in its entirety. **We need opinions on this important issue; please write in so I can feature them in the August Newsletter.**

Flitcham Bowls Club

Five teams have withdrawn from the two leagues currently running and Flitcham is second at the moment in the North West Norfolk League. In all we have played 8 games so far, winning 4 and losing 4. All the players wish to thank John Farrow for his hard work in ensuring the green was playable after such a long break.

Remember that new players - experienced or beginners - are always welcome so if you are interested, contact: Paul Hunter on 07867 572231



FLITCHAM CHURCH

Sunday July 25th
FAMILY SERVICE AT 11 AM

A GARDENING REQUEST

From Monica Mortensson

As everybody knows, the church has been, and still is, closed apart from the service every fourth Sunday in the month as well as for special occasions. This means the old churchyard has been very neglected for more than a year despite regular grass cutting. Bramble and ivy are climbing over the walls, nettles are thriving and many of the old gravel-covered graves also have weeds and moss on them. There is much that needs doing and I seriously hope that some kind people will volunteer to join me on **Saturday July 10th** to tidy up a little. I will offer coffee or tea and cheese scones for a refreshment break. I am aware that many people don't go to church but it is a Grade II listed building and it deserves to have decent looking surroundings. PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING SOME HOURS and let me know.

This could also be an opportunity to get to know people in the village better.

In anticipation, Monica in 39 (next door to the Church). Tel. number 601094.

Note from TA: Everyone expects the Church to be always there when they need it for weddings, baptisms and funerals but in the meantime it all has to be paid for, and maintained. Increasingly this is done by a small, and generally fairly old, band of churchgoers. Here's your chance to show you care about it and give some support.

Community Centre

Many safety issues were found when the Electrical Installation and P.A.T testing took place. The Community Centre cannot open until these are addressed and quotes for the work are being sourced. Wall repairs in the community room are still needed but there has been no word from Sandringham Estate as to when that will occur. Paul Brennock has kindly offered to decorate the bar and toilets where the recent re-plastering has taken place. When the electrical work, decorating and a thorough clean are completed the Community Centre can open if the Government current regulations no longer apply. Geoff Kilham.

Social Club update

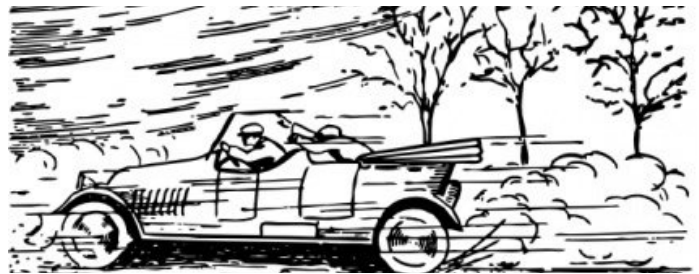
The Social Club Committee is still full of energy and enthusiasm. However, the building's electrical system is unsafe, and needs major work, and at the time of writing the schedule for this work is not clear. The Government's decision to extend the restrictions applying to bars and pubs has hindered the planning as our Club cannot function effectively with social distancing measures still in place. The Committee has set to and re-painted the garden furniture and is meeting on a regular basis to keep the momentum going. we have set up a sub-committee to devise ideas for social events and fun gatherings. Onwards and upwards. Julia Irving

Flitcham Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesday 6th July at the Community Centre, commencing at 7:45pm.** Members of the public are always welcome to attend. The main items on the Agenda will be the review of procedures and the maintenance of the children's play area as well as discussions on how we can encourage new councillors to join the Parish Council. Village renumbering will not be discussed at this meeting in order to allow time for the community to give feedback, following the information put out with this Newsletter. The full Agenda will be posted on the Noticeboard and the website five working days before the event. Gill Welham, Parish Clerk

...more from the Elyard Archives

Rick kept a scrupulous record of Flitcham Reserves' performance from September 1993 to March 2009. Over this period they played 325 matches and won 118 of them, losing 167 and drawing 50. Staying with the numbers, 787 goals were scored and 982 were - whatever the opposite is - received? From a long list of the 78 different goal scorers, Kevin Piggot who, until a few years ago, lived in Abbey Road, scored a staggering 154.



(Continued from last month)

From mid February until early April the SAM device was located half way down Abbey Road and recorded speeds of vehicles travelling from the village centre. The situation here is quite different from that in Anmer Road. This a straight stretch, with a derestriction sign in distant view, no footpath and is, in places, too narrow for two vehicles to pass. There is a lot of activity connected with the Barns, which are well beyond the derestriction sign. Unsurprisingly, compared with Anmer Road, traffic flow was relatively low but much of the tracking was still at a time of quite tight restrictions. Average weekday traffic was just over 90 for the seven week period and at weekends around 70. What was surprising is that only 4% of vehicles exceeded 30mph. However, unlike the caveats which I applied to the Anmer Road figures, these speeds are likely to be sustained or even increased as the derestriction sign is approached. Nevertheless, on the face of it, this figure would appear to show that Abbey Road residents' assertion that traffic "goes too fast" is not borne out. If you live here, however, you know traffic really is going too fast and what the figure shows is that a 30mph limit is much too high. More data will be collected over the next few months to see if they confirm the above, and, if so, what steps might be taken.

Have you ever wondered....

...how many jobs around the village, big and small, get done - as if by magic? Well, it's generally because we still have a few people here who see that something needs doing and just do it.

Mowing the football pitch is a case in point. This has been done regularly by the busiest, and most important, man in the village - the ever cheerful Neil Farrow, who otherwise spends most of his life maintaining our ageing vehicles and keeping us on the road. The cut at the beginning of June was a daunting prospect but, undeterred, Neil and his mate Barry soon did the whole job with the aid of a tractor and cutter courtesy of Hillington farmer Neil Riseborough. Grateful thanks to all three.

When Harry wed Sally

Sally Stanton and Harry Verney, both Flitcham residents, got married in St. Mary's Church on 10th June. A small group of friends and relatives attended the occasion and we want to congratulate them and wish them good luck for the future.

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.