



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Who's There?

You will know, from reading Ann's notes on the last Parish Council meeting (overleaf), that the 'discussion' on house numbering was an inconclusive, and often acrimonious, affair. Insofar as there was any agreement about anything, it was that we should all display our house number or name prominently which is, incidentally, a legal requirement. Of course, doing so only serves to identify a property once it has been found and is of no use in locating it. Still, it's nice to find something on which most of us can agree.

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Flitcham Fete

This well publicised event proved to be a fantastic success with over 150 people turning up - many of them tourists possibly escaping the traffic chaos around our neighbour's event up the road. We had "magic weather" (said Eileen), plenty of visitors, a good selection of stalls, cakes of all sizes plus drinks with or without alcohol. It was well organised with something for all ages, thanks to willing volunteers, who had spent many hours in preparation and no doubt more hours tidying up and counting the pennies. The splendid fund-raising effort combined with generous donations has raised over £1,500 and "I think much fun was had by everybody" (said Don). Thank you to all for a lovely Sunday afternoon.

Monica Mortensson

Community Centre

The Management Committee of the Community Centre (a registered charity) is made up of representatives of various organisations within the village and maintains the building and the running of the centre. **The AGM is being held on Tuesday 19th October at 7.45 pm.**

There will be a vacancy on the Committee for a secretary whose role mainly involves taking the minutes and organising the agenda for the bi-monthly meetings.

The Community Centre Room is available to hire at £10 per hour for non-members of the Social Club and £7.50 per hour for members.

If you wish to hire the room outside the opening hours of the Social Club and would like the bar, please speak to Gavin, the Steward on 608667.

Joan Gray



FLITCHAM CHURCH

Sunday October 24th Family Service at 11 am

Date for the diary:

Church Coffee Morning Friday 3rd December

Coffee Mornings

Sadly the popular Friday coffee mornings held at the Social Club had to be put on hold 18 months ago due to the Covid pandemic. It would be possible to resume this weekly activity if we can find enough volunteers to assist either by running it and/or to assist by providing goodies. We would hope that enough people could spare one Friday morning per month to run the event and that others might contribute with cakes, scones, sausage rolls etc.

The coffee mornings have always provided opportunities for meeting friends and neighbours for a lively chat and to enjoy the coffee and cakes. The proceeds from the mornings go to the Social Club funds which help to keep the Community Centre open and available to all.

If you are interested in helping in any way we would be delighted to hear from you a.s.a.p. as we would be hoping to start up again in October.

Please contact:

Elizabeth Osborne 07920004621 or

Patsy Young 01485 600948

Thank you.

Flitcham Bowls Club

We ended the season with a final closing game, and barbeque, enjoyed by many of the members. Flitcham ended up top of Division Two of the North West Norfolk League, came fifth in the Bridges League and retained our place in the Albert Victor first division. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for this season, especially John Farrow, and hope to see everyone next year.

Paul Hunter (07867 572231)

Dog Fouling - it Gets Worse

We were so pleased to read Pam Ellis's account of dog fouling in Abbey Road. We live at Number 50, with a long bank. Fred strims this regularly and we have to monitor whether any dog faeces have been thrown up the bank. Unfortunately, he has already been splattered with dog poo whilst strimming!

Fred and Yvonne Sturman

Off With Their Heads

It looks like I need to continue risking life and limb, according to Christine Farrow, who tells me the dead heads on those roses need snipping back to "the first outward facing leaf". Ah well, serves me right for asking.

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Social Club

The Club bar is now open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

BINGO

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Monday, October 25th

Doors open 6.30 pm - 'Eyes Down' 7.30 pm
Raffle and Refreshments.

Tables will be arranged for social distancing and sanitiser and face coverings will be available.

The Playground

This dates from 2006 and, inevitably, parts of the wooden structures have decayed below ground level. While the problem was not yet serious the Parish Council decided that it was sensible to carry out remedial work now. This involved digging out the lower portions of two of the four timber supports, from both the double swing and the climbing frame, removing the decayed wood, and fitting steel feet (see below). TA



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.

Parish Council

Part of the meeting on September 7th was spent discussing on-going matters which concern the village. As mentioned before, the state of the path along Hillington Road is still very poor and it was agreed that we would contact the Highways Department again before the proposed deadline for work to be carried out has been reached.

We are currently waiting for a response from Sandringham Estate following an encouraging meeting with the Land Agent over the possibility of agreeing some permitted off road walking routes around the village.

It was also agreed that, following concerns raised over the increase in dog fouling in Abbey Road, a third dog bin may be reintroduced in its original position near the grit bin.

Repair and maintenance work has been completed on the playground and before winter sets in we need to weatherproof some of the structures and fencing with wood preservative. Any offers of help to do this would be greatly appreciated; as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

Unfortunately, the issue of re-numbering in the village proved to be contentious and provoked a somewhat heated and intemperate debate. This is clearly an issue which is divisive and has the potential to become more so. In light of this, the decision as to whether to take this to the next stage was postponed. It was suggested at the meeting that villagers had not been adequately informed of this whole process, despite frequent updates in the village newsletter and numerous invitations to contribute and respond at various stages. We can only state yet again that the Parish Council is easy to contact if the desire to do so is there.

Ann Beasley

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE? NUMBER 5

Here's an easy one to finish with. If you know where



this is you can email, phone or drop a note in my letter box. I'll show all five in the November issue. In

December, there will be a (small) prize for whoever "knows most".