



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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September Dates

- 1st** Coffee Morning at Community Centre
9.30 - 12.00
Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45
- 6th** Parish Council Meeting at Community Centre 19.30
- 10th** Cabaret at Community Centre 20.00
- 15th** Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45
Mobile library outside the Old Club House,
Abbey Road 11.40 - 12.00
- 19th** Nature Workshop, Weyborne (see Feature)
- 24th** Nature Workshop, Sedgeford (see Feature)

Parish Council

The next meeting of Flitcham Parish Council is due to be held at the Community Centre on **Tuesday 6th September commencing at 7:30pm.**

The Agenda will be posted on the Community Centre Notice Board and on the Parish Council website five working days prior to the meeting. 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.

Covid restrictions have been eased but councillors and members of the public should remain socially distanced. Mask wearing will be optional.

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Remember that if there are any issues you want the Parish Council to consider please contact the Clerk or the

Chairman, Susan Allen- 600119
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Cabaret's Back!

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 8 PM
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
FEATURING SIMON KEMPSTONE**



September 4th - Holy Communion 8 am

September 25th - Harvest Festival 11 am

Donations of produce will be given to the King's Lynn Food Bank and can be brought to the service or left in the church porch during the week prior to this Sunday.

September 11th 4pm at Wolferton Church

Licensing & Installation of our new Rector, The Reverend Canon Dr Paul Williams.

Refreshments after the service.

If you would like to attend please let Sally know by September 11th (01485 609099)

Nature Workshops

Norfolk Coast Partnership and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust are offering a series of workshops across the County teaching "hands-on ecological skills" and will offer small grants for nature-based projects which build towards local nature recovery. The full programme is available on the website. While some events seem to be quite specialised, and to do with setting up conservation projects, others are of more general appeal, e.g 'Greening for Wildlife in Gardens', at Weyborne (September 19th). Nearer home, in Sedgeford (September 24th), there is a Night Safari searching for bats and moths.

<https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/riverandcoastworkshops>

Social Club News and Events

REMINDER

**THE FLITCHAM FETE IS ON
SUNDAY AUGUST 28TH
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.
ALL THE USUAL ACTIVITIES PLUS RAFFLE,
BARBECUE AND LIVE MUSIC.
3.30 ONWARDS**

Images of Summer - An "Old Lady" visits

At first I thought it was a bedraggled peacock butterfly which flew into our kitchen a few days ago, but it was too drab by far. Closer inspection showed that it did not have clubbed antennae so it wasn't a butterfly but a moth. I took a photo and sent it round to Mervyn Allen who came whizzing round with his Moth book. At first we thought it might be an "Orange Underwing" but finally identified it as an "Old Lady" moth. Neither of us had ever seen one before. Maybe the warmer weather brought it up from further South.

Roger Young

...Another Old Lady visits



This is our remaining hen who survived:

- Being at the bottom of the pecking order
- A marauding fox who polished off two of her sisters
- My vain attempts to keep her in her run

Aggie (my suggestion of 'Eggie' was rejected) now "Freely Ranges" in our garden, and those of our neighbours, and has become quite a well-known character. She wanders into the house, given half a chance, making a curious, squeaky noise of, (I like to think) contentment. How sobering to contrast her life with the misery experienced by most of these intelligent and sensitive creatures.

TA

That reminds me...

In the piece Ann wrote in July, she referred to wellington boots as being "vastly underrated". Many years ago, when we lived in Hillington, our next door neighbour but one was Cliff Worrell who had retired there having been the manager at Church Farm. He had been in farming all his life and, one evening, as he reminisced, I remember asking him what he thought was the biggest change on the farm over his lifetime. I naturally assumed he would refer to, perhaps, the combine harvester or, at the very least, the tractor. But no, for him the biggest single improvement was "water boots". While, for the landowner, mechanisation brought huge gains in productivity, it's easy to forget just how hard was the life of the farm worker. For Cliff and all those like him, not having to walk around all day with wet feet changed everything.

Rereading this I recall that the tractor too wasn't always widely welcomed at first. Not only did ploughing with a horse require its own particular skills but work on the farm, especially an arable one, meant that you were often separated from other workers for long stretches of the day. As Cliff put it, "Once the tractor took over, you were on your own. Previously you would have had at least two horses and sometimes more - you never got lonely".

He also had a healthy disrespect for authority and pomposity in all its forms. One day, travelling down to London by train, he found himself sitting opposite "a parson" seemingly engrossed in his book. Cliff observed that a fly was slowly crawling up the page. Eventually the reader noticed this too. "How blessed I would be", he intoned, "if I was as sure of getting to heaven as I am of catching this fly", whereupon he slammed the book shut. "Blast - missed it!"

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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.