



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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October Dates

- 6th** Coffee Morning at Community Centre
9.30 - 12.00
8th Cabaret at Community Centre 20.00
13th Mobile library outside the Old Club House,
Abbey Road 11.40 - 12.00
Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45
27th Folk Club at Community Centre 19.45

Parish Council

At the September meeting various issues were discussed including: car parking within the village, bus shelter repairs and village renumbering.

We are asking the local beat police officer to advise us regarding the continuing chaotic and sometimes obstructive parking within the village.

Repairs to the bus shelter, carried out by two of our councillors, are nearly complete; the cost of materials has been met by County Councillor Stuart Dark from his budget.

We are still trying to arrange a site meeting with Highways, jointly with Hillington PC, to review speed limits. Two dates which had been arranged over the past few weeks fell through at the last minute.

The Parish Council decided **against** requesting the Borough Council to ballot residents on the proposed renumbering scheme which was circulated last year. On this divisive issue, therefore, there are now no plans to change the current situation. Full details about this decision can be found in the minutes of the meeting which are published on the Parish Council website and posted on the noticeboard outside the Community Centre.

For those properties in Abbey Road and Anmer Road which have 'duplicate' numbers, the Borough Council has offered to help residents replace the number with a name. For a short period, this will be done free of charge. If you are affected, and wish to pursue this further, please contact our Clerk, Gill Welham: 01366 384205

or
clerkflitchamparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk



October 23rd - Family Service 11.00 am.

Shhhhh

Glancing out of my front window the other day, I noticed a small poster stapled to the telegraph pole opposite. It said "Shhhh... don't tell Big Brother" and featured a QR code. You may have seen one yourself. I just assumed it was one of those irritating reminders about the TV programme and made a mental note to remove it. However, it was the weekend of a big family party so I never got round to it. It was only when I bumped into John and Ann Beasley, a day or so after, that I learned it was very far from the innocuous triviality which I had assumed. They had taken down several posters in the village, as had my neighbour Phil Clarke, having learned that scanning the QR code led to a torrent of extreme right wing racist and anti-semitic material. I later removed four posters in Station Road, Hillington and, the following day, Susan retrieved three copies of a DVD which, from the description on the back, was clearly promoting holocaust denial. These had been left in the bus shelter, so could have been picked up by children. It seems that we are not the only part of Norfolk targeted by these extremists and we have passed on our information to the police.

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**THURSDAY 29TH
SEPTEMBER**

FLITCHAM SOCIAL CLUB

INVITES YOU TO
A MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FROM 10.00

OFFERS OF HELP PLEASE TO CAROLE BLOYE
07540649306

Flitcham Bowls Club

With the season just having ended, the Club has had some real successes, notably beating Docking to win the North West Norfolk League. We were runners up in Division Two of the NWN League, fifth in the Bridges League and sixth in Division One of the Albert Victor League.

We closed the green after a successful season on Sunday September 4th with a BBQ, which was well attended by players and families. The drive was won by Mark Godfrey and the runner up was Joseph Tucker.

Paul Hunter

It was good to see Paul making such a speedy recovery from his serious accident. As ever, he welcomes enquiries from anyone interested in joining this thriving club. You can contact him on 07867 572231

Flitcham Fete

August 28th

The Fete was a great success and was well supported. It was lovely to see lots of new faces too. We had various stalls with tea and coffee and lots of homemade cakes, together with a barbecue, raffle and, of course, Stoli Gibson and the Pearl Onions



They once again did us proud and were enjoyed by many.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us for their support. After a donation to the Kings Lynn Food Bank, we were able to add £500 to Club funds.

Best wishes from Carole Bloye and all at the Social Club

Images of Summer *...and then it rained*



Musings from Flitcham End

A few Sundays ago I went to Docking and spent a wonderful time in the church at the Festival of Books. While the rain poured down outside I pored over second hand books inside and enjoyed that serendipitous thrill that comes when you never quite know what you are going to find. I came away with four books having successfully resisted the temptation to buy yet another copy of one of my favourite childhood books, Pollyanna by Eleanor H. Porter.

Like many of us, books are some of my favourite things and a great stress reliever. A study by the University of Sussex in 2009 found that reading was better at reducing stress than either listening to music or having a cup of tea; imagine the benefits then of doing all three at once; we would all be some of the most chilled out villagers in Norfolk.

We are lucky in the village to have the mobile library and our own little library in the old telephone box. During the pandemic I know that, for many of us, our worlds became very small but books have always been able to open the door to new places, people and passions.

Pollyanna in my childhood book says there is something about almost everything that you can be glad about if you keep looking hard enough. If you hate doing the shop, be glad when you are doing it that it will be at least a week before you have to go again. If you are fed up with the continuing shadow of covid, be glad that vaccinations have given you reasonable protection and some freedom back. The recent heatwaves and drought may have made you thoroughly grumpy but be glad that they have saved you from cutting the lawn. If like me, you continue to be enraged by the numbers of pigeons in your garden, be glad that you are lucky enough to have a garden for them to land in. I am still working on being convinced by this one...

Ann Beasley

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