



FLITCHAM *cum* APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council Meeting

Full minutes of the July meeting can be read on the Parish Council website, and on the notice board outside the Community Centre, but some of the main points of interest are summarised as follows.

Sandringham Estate has confirmed that it is the responsibility of the individual tenant/owner of domestic property in Flitcham to deal with any vermin; they use a company called Command Pest Control who, we were assured, were competent and competitively priced.

We have also made some progress with the Highways Department and although they have still refused to consider a 20mph speed limit in Abbey Road, they have agreed to put in additional 30 mph roundel repeater signs and have painted 30 mph signs on the road surface. They are also investigating the possibility of a village gateway sign which Councillor Dark has agreed to finance from his County Council allocation.

The Land Agent from Sandringham, Mr Edward Parsons, has made contact with the Parish Council and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss issues surrounding future concerts and to look at ways to minimise local disruption to residents.

In May we asked for volunteers to help Terry Allen and Richard Gray dig out and replace the feet of the double swing and activity tower in the playground. Unfortunately, as yet, there has been little response to this appeal. This is a job that needs help from others, especially anyone with experience of the building and construction trade, but basically anyone fit enough to swing a pickaxe and handle a spade! If local help is offered it could avoid the cost of outside contractors and save the village a lot of money.

Date of next meeting: Monday September 2nd at 7.30pm

Monica Mortensson

The Mortensson family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their condolences, flowers and cards following the death of Monica Mortensson at her home on Sunday, June 23rd. Her funeral will be held in St Mary's Church on Tuesday, August 6th at 12.30.



August 25th - Family Service 11.00 am.

St Mary's Church is reliant on fundraising to help with costs for general running and maintenance. Please come to the [Coffee Morning](#) and sign up to "easyfundraising" - [see overleaf](#). If anyone has any other fresh/innovative ideas to generate the church's income and fill its coffers, the PCC's church wardens would be very grateful for suggestions.

Contacts: Sally Stanton - 609099.
Linda Neave - 529188.

Come and enjoy
A Summer's Day
Coffee Morning

Thursday 8th August 2024
10am-1pm

At Church Cottage, Church Road, Flitcham
(by kind invitation of Sally & Harry)

REFRESHMENTS - CAKE STALL - RAFFLE

Free entrance
All proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Flitcham



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Flitcham Church

Dear Parishioner

Did you know that you can now support Flitcham Church every time you shop online? Even 'Click and Collect' will benefit us as this counts as online shopping with many retailers. We're excited to announce that we've registered with *easyfundraising*, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise free donations with every purchase you make. Just insuring Flitcham Church costs £1800 a year!

With over 8000 participating retailers, ranging from your weekly food shop at Tesco, Sainsbury, John Lewis, booking a holiday with Booking.com, and even taking out insurance on Compare the Market, there's something for everyone! And here's the best part: **for two weeks, from July 28th**, every supporter who signs up to support Flitcham Church through *easyfundraising* will trigger a **£1 bonus donation**.

It only takes a few minutes to sign up. Join us here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/flitcham-church>

If you do encounter any problems just contact Harry Verney on 609099

Paul's Bygones

The device featured in June's Newsletter is a 1905 pair of "shade ring pincers and light socket changer". Back in the days of incandescent filament bulbs the heat was enough to virtually weld the shade ring to the holder. Had I known about this device I could have avoided burnt fingers, broken nails and damaged fittings.

Flitcham Social Club

Opens Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7.30 pm
August Events

- 1st** Folk Club
- 2nd** Poker Club
- 3rd.** Yard Sale and Car Boot - [see panel opposite](#)
- 13th** Bingo - Eyes down 7.30.
- 15th** Folk Club
- 16th** Poker Club
- 29th** Folk Club
- 30th** Poker Club



We have a little family of woodpeckers and there's one or other having a go at the peanuts most of the time. Blackbirds, having now worked their way through our cherries and raspberries, gather beneath for the fragments flying from that terrifying beak. In case you're wondering, the appendage on the fat ball feeder is my attempt to discourage jackdaws from eating them all. Within minutes of its installation, there was one hanging upside down on it, completely undeterred.

Help Needed

Flitcham and Hillington Churches are joining up to run a cake stall at the Sandringham Lychgate on Friday 23rd August 12am. - 4pm. Any offers of cakes, scones or savouries to sell will be gratefully received. Could you give an hour or two on the day to help? All enquiries to:-

Mary Nichols. 07973 513720

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Linda Neave. 07769718012

lindaneave@me.com

Hillington and Flitcham Summer Yard Sale and Car Boot

Saturday August 3rd
11 am - 2 pm

To book your Flitcham stall (£5) contact:

Val Blackmur - 600020 or

Debbie Griffiths - 07966 589815