



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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The next meeting of Flitcham Parish Council is due to be held at the Community Centre on **Monday 2nd 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.

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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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In the UK, the chance of survival from an out of hospital cardiac arrest is currently less than 10%. Early recognition, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and use of a defibrillator are vital in improving the survival outcome of patients.

NARS is committed to improving the chances of survival across Norfolk. Anyone can learn how to recognise a cardiac arrest and provide CPR while using a defibrillator. The NARS one-hour course is taught by their experienced volunteers and will teach you these simple but lifesaving skills.

Flitcham Parish Council is keen to arrange a training session with NARS but need to know the likely level of interest before taking it further. It will be free of charge to participants and we expect to arrange it on a weekday evening in the Autumn. If you would like to take part please let the Clerk, Gill Welham, know:
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September 8th - Holy Communion 5 pm
September 22nd - Harvest Service 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.

Thank you to those who came to the Church Coffee Morning at Church Cottage on 8th August. It was a lovely sunny morning, and everybody enjoyed the garden, the chat and the refreshments, which included scones with cream and strawberries. At the end of the morning we had raised £200 for the church funds, so thank you again to those who came and supported the PCC, and to those who provided delicious cakes and scones.

Linda Neave

Paul's Bygones



If you're of a certain age - OK, pretty old - you may remember these from your school days. I even used them in my first job.

Flitcham Social Club

**Opens Thursday, Friday and Saturday
from 7.30 pm**

See chalk board in porch for details of events

You dirty rat.....

On a balmy summer evening I can often be spotted having a gentle stroll along Abbey Road accompanied by my two dogs who slowly grub and rummage around. Recently however they have been like frenzied, out of control missiles dragging me from one hedge to another. The reason for this is simple; they have smelt and seen the increasing number of enormous and nonchalantly bold rats that live in the village. Rats, not without reason, do not have a great reputation either in everyday life or in literature. They are the baby eating intruders in Lady and the Tramp and, as Scabbers the rat, the animal form that the deeply unpleasant Peter Pettigrew takes on in Harry Potter. I remember reading Beatrix Potter's Tale of Samuel Whiskers and being appalled, delighted and scared in equal measure as the rats tried to turn Tom Kitten into a roly poly pudding.

In real life rats are undoubtedly huge pests and it is estimated that they pilfer one fifth of the world's food harvest. Furthermore, they are 'a reservoir of pathogens' known to cause more than 70 diseases including Weil's disease which is contracted from the urine of infected rats or water contaminated by them. However, in the interests of fairness I must also highlight a more positive role that rats do play. In Africa the charity Apopo trains rats to react to the scent of explosives, enabling them to detect landmines in Tanzania, Mozambique and Cambodia. They can search a 200 square metre area in 20 minutes and they are light enough not to set off the sensors and trigger an explosion. Rats are also trained to detect tuberculosis through smell in Tanzanian children and adults and they are being trained to search buildings and locate lost individuals.

Back to the rats in Flitcham and how to solve the problem. Queen Victoria kept a dachshund called Dackel who was an excellent ratter. We have two resident dachshunds in Abbey Road so, Agatha and Hudson, bring it on!

Ann Beasley

Alternatively try: pied.piper@Rats'RUs.com



Raising (for) the Roof



On Tuesday, 23rd July, St Mary's hosted this concert to celebrate the extensive restoration of the organ and also raise funds to repair the South Aisle roof. The church was packed, with standing-room only, enjoying a feast of music from the eminent organist Julian Haggett, from St Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, world renowned harpist Celine Saout from Opera North, Leeds, and the Fring singers.

The variety and quality of music was amazing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the concert. The music was brilliantly compiled by Avril Wright who also directed the Fring singers. At the interval, crémant and a very generous array of canapés were served. A big thank you must go to all those who most generously produced a veritable feast.

The evening raised £1800 for the roof but, as importantly, everyone left having enjoyed a most uplifting and jolly evening. A big thank you should also go to the committee of the Friends of Flitcham for organising the whole event.

Bill Twedde