



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council

County Councillor Stuart Dark attended our September meeting and was able to give us some useful updates concerning both Flitcham village matters and issues pertaining to the whole County. The roadside drainage ditches in Abbey Road have been cleared and it is hoped that 30mph roundels will be painted on the road very soon. On a County level, all Recycling Centres will be staying open but will be closed for one day a week (see article overleaf).

With a new Government in power, there is uncertainty about the promise of a new hospital by 2030 but the County Council is stridently lobbying for it.

The proposed maintenance of the playground was discussed (see August Newsletter) and, as no offers of help from residents were forthcoming, the Parish Council will eventually have to buy in outside labour to complete the project.

The Parish Council met the Sandringham Estate Land Agent to discuss the proposed 2025 summer concerts and were assured that local Parish Councils would be invited to further planning and consultation meetings in January.

As a Council, we have asked for more details from the Norfolk Green Space initiative concerning the designation of a roadside nature reserve in Abbey Road.

Next meeting: Monday, 4th November 7.30 pm at the Community Centre.



October 13th - Holy Communion 5pm
October 27th - Family Service 11 am



**CHORAL
EVENSONG**

**ST MARY'S
CHURCH**

HILLINGTON

**Sunday 20th
October at 4 pm**

The Corner Choir

Join us for light refreshments after the service at
The Old Rectory, Station Road,
Hillington PE31 6DE.



Norfolk Accident Rescue Service

The CPR training (see September Newsletter) has now been arranged for Monday, October 21st at 7 pm in the Community Centre. Several people have expressed an interest in attending. If you have not already done so, but wish to come along, please let Gill Welham know so we have an idea of the likely numbers.
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Flitcham Bowls Club

With the season now over the team held its place in the middle of all the Leagues. We lost in the Albert Victor Cup Final by 6 shots and the Bridge's League Cup Final by 1 shot! However, we managed to win the North West Norfolk Subsidiary Cup. The Captains would like to thank all their players for their support and, in particular, John Farrow for all his hard work maintaining the green.
Paul Hunter

Tip for Tat

There can be few social occasions more rewarding than a “trip to the tip” or “household recycling centre” as we now have to call it, sacrificing both brevity and alliteration. Back in the 80s the one at Docking really was a tip – you just slung everything you had brought on to a huge pile in the corner of a shed. A digger would arrive periodically, scooping it up and dumping it in a pit. It’s all different today, and a lot more interesting too. I always take my time unloading so that I can carefully scrutinise what my neighbours are chucking out. If you spot something desirable you need to move fast to catch it in transit because once it’s got to the appropriate skip it is no longer the property of the donor and, if you retrieve it, it’s classed as theft. This is no absurd technicality – I know of people who have been prosecuted for what is, in effect, theft of rubbish.

You will also be in direct competition with the staff who, at Heacham, want stock for their two container shops, the contents of which are sold for charity. We always check out these too and, on occasion, have returned with more than we took. It’s similar to charity shops where you get rid of stuff you don’t want and then pay to replace it with stuff other people don’t want. This is called a virtuous circle – a set of transactions in which there are no losers and which enable you to feel good about yourself. And there’s nothing wrong with that.

Anyway back to the tip. One of the attractions was its relative spontaneity. However, from November (date to be announced) you won’t be able to just drop in when you’re passing but will have to book a 15 minute slot; moreover there are plans (again with no details) to close each tip on one day a week. Meanwhile don’t forget to get rid of those half empty tins of paint you’ve been hanging on to in case they “come in handy”. Take it from me, they won’t and even if they do, once you’ve managed to get the rusty lid off and scooped out the layer of skin, what’s revealed will be so thick and bitty, and all over your hands, that even you won’t want to use it. Better to take it along to one of the Annual “Household Hazardous Waste Days”:
Hempton (Fakenham) on 19th and 20th October 2024, 9am-4pm
King’s Lynn on 2nd and 3rd November 2024, 9am-4pm

Paul's Bygones



These are cork borers (September Newsletter) which produced small corks of various diameters and left corresponding holes in large corks. Boring the hole, without the cork disintegrating, took a level of skill which I never acquired.

NATURE VOLUNTEER NETWORK



A huge thanks to all Flitcham sapling savers from The Nature Volunteer Network <https://www.naturevolunteernetwork.co.uk>

Thank you for taking part in our ‘Don’t chuck it, Save It ‘ programme. I’m happy to report that 90% of tree saplings you collected from your gardens and donated to the Nature Volunteer Network have survived the summer, and are being cared for in my garden until they are big enough to plant out in public spaces. We are working with the Council to identify suitable locations for our trees and are going to reach out to Parish Councils to see if they could host a mini forest. We still need your help! So if you see any tree saplings growing where they should not in your gardens over autumn: “Don’t chuck it Pot it! “

Give me a ring and I will come to collect.

Thank you again

Julia 07788 159948



Please join us for a
GROUND FORCE DAY!
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER
10AM - 1PM

Come along and help Flitcham Primary Academy in the garden!

The school has a wonderful garden but it needs a bit of TLC to help make it great for the children. Can you spare an hour or the morning to help?

Tea, coffee and plenty of cake will be provided!
Any help or donations would be hugely appreciated!

Please just come along or contact flitchampta@gmail.com for more information
We hope to see you there!
(weather dependant!)



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.