



The parish newsletter for Flitton, Greenfield and Wardhedges

Spring 2015

I'm passing on the main part of this editorial to Simon Sadler this time - he has a lot more to say than me, at least a lot more important stuff, not the usual twaddle I come up with...

Angela

Gala is back – 5th September!

Only good news this time. Following the Christmas edition of Flit 'n' More, some fresh faces have volunteered to join a committee, which, coupled with more offers to help on the day, means that the gala is back in business and is scheduled for Saturday 5th September. We would welcome more volunteers in terms of giving time, sponsorship, raffle prizes or manning stalls. If you are keen to see and help this tradition continue, please contact Margaret Lowe (861111) or Simon Sadler (861727).

Christmas Quiz

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the cryptic quiz which raised over £210 for church funds, which is an all-time record. Despite the moans and groans about the questions, there were several people with full marks (far more than last year) and it came down to the luck of the draw but the lucky winner whose name was 1st out of the hat was not from the villages but from Essex. If you are curious enough to know the correct answers, please contact Simon Sadler on

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(This month's cover picture shows the barns at the bottom of Brook Lane taken from across the Flit... perfick!)

Village website? It's at; <http://flittongreenfield.bedsparishes.gov.uk>

Church website; www.3churches.co.uk Contact Clare at clare.butlerellis@googlemail.com

From Your Parish Council ...

Keep up to date with what's going on in Flitton, Greenfield and Wardhedges

It does not seem a moment since I was wishing you all Happy Christmas and now it is nearly Spring, so I will extend my greetings to you for Easter too.

The Parish Council have been working on the Annual budget and there is one month before the Elections on Thursday 7th May. Councillor Kathy Wright and Vice Chair Sue Phillips will both leave us in May; Kathy has run the allotments in Greenfield and all plots are now let and in productive use. Sue has been Vice Chair for a number of years and has given great support in every aspect of the role. She has decided to step down to concentrate on other activities, although she has agreed to continue working on the Parish Plan. Both have also served on other sub committees and so it's a big thank you to them for their public service.

There are 8 other members of the council and they have all expressed a willingness to continue, so if we are able to get two new nominations, then we will be back to full strength again. Do let me know if you are interested and I will be happy to answer any questions.

As part of the 2015/16 budget, the Council has again allocated funding towards a Rural Match Fund Highway Scheme application at Flitton Hill. We have to apply to Central Beds to match our funding and at the time of writing this report, our outline application has been shortlisted so is through to the next stage. We have been working with Flitton Hill residents over the past 10 months to design a scheme which would slow traffic down going into and out of the village. This currently involves a raised feature at the top by the gateway and also just before the junction with the High Street at the bottom; plus a narrowing of the carriageway to include lanes for use on foot, by cyclists and horses. If we are successful, then the Council will work in more detail with Central Beds, Amey and residents on budget and timescales. There were suggestions to make the Hill one way or close it to traffic altogether, but for now, these plans have been shelved. A newsletter by Sally Smith and Dougie McColm can be viewed on the website Notice Board for February <http://flittongreenfield.bedsparishes.gov.uk/noticeboard/>. If you have views about these possible options for the future, please tell the Council.

Drawing to a close this year is the match funded scheme to improve walking routes, although there is still one more area to be improved in the High Street Flitton. We have had some very positive comments about the new arrangements and we think access to the Village Hall and Church Hall is now much safer.

On a disappointing note, today I witnessed someone exercising their dog in the Playing Field, which is anti social behaviour and now contravenes the legally enforceable Dog Control Order which Central Beds has introduced covering all recreation areas. The PC will have no hesitation in reporting this behaviour and the penalty is a maximum fine of £1000 or a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 in place of prosecution. If you witness it, contact me or the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team on 0300 300 5686 or email community.safety@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

Best wishes, Nick Thompson, Chairman

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ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT/ORGANISATION IN FLIT'N'MORE... THAT'S WHAT IT'S THERE FOR!

The next issue will be out in June 2015 for events up until September. Please contact Angela if you have something to publicise or Simon on 861727 if you would like to advertise. Free for voluntary groups, very good rates for businesses.

Services for Spring at St John the Baptist, Flitton



Sunday 15th March	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Families from Greenfield School will join us in this Family Service to celebrate Mums of all ages - there's a posy for every Mum!
Sunday 22nd March	9 am	Holy Communion A short service without music - please note no Parish Breakfast this month!
Sunday 29th March	10 a.m.	Palm Sunday - A Three Churches Communion service at Flitton to mark the start of Holy Week - a special service where palm crosses will be distributed. We will be joined by worshippers from Silsoe and Pulloxhill and the service will be led by the Bishop of Bedford
Thursday 2nd April	7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday communion service at Maulden Church
Friday 3rd April	11 am	Good Friday - a special Service of Witness at Silsoe, starting at the millennium green and processing to the church
	3 pm	A service of Hymns, prayer and reading for Good Friday at Pulloxhill
Sunday 5th April	11 a.m.	Easter Sunday Family communion, with the choir, led by the Rev Tim Bull - and a little bird tells me that there might be chocolate eggs for children...
Sunday 12th April	9.30 am	Holy Communion An all-age service with the choir, led by the Rev Julie Cox. This service will be followed at 12 by the Annual Vestry Meeting, which is the AGM of the PCC - all are welcome!
Sunday 19th April	11 a.m.	Matins led by Robin Wellsford
Sunday 26th April	9 a.m.	Holy Communion - a short service without music led by the Rev Roger Wood, and followed by Parish Breakfast in the Church Hall - see page 5 for details!
Sunday 3rd May	10.30 am	Family Service - Activities for children and refreshments for all at 10.30 am, followed by an informal service at 11 am. This moth's theme - Joseph and his technicolour dreamcoat!
	11 a.m.	
Sunday 10th May	9.30 a.m.	Songs of Praise A special service of favourite hymns with the choir in memory of our lovely organist, Enid Gibbon, who died earlier this year
Sunday 17th May	11 a.m.	Matins led by Robin Wellsford
Sunday 24th May	9 am	Holy Communion A short service without music led by the Rev Roger Wood
Sunday 31st May	10 a.m.	Three Churches Service at Silsoe - no service this week at Flitton

Jottings from St John's - Flitton Church News



EASTER LILIES

This Easter, as every year, we will be making a special display of Lilies in the church, sponsored by villagers in memory of a loved one. If you would like to sponsor a lily, let us know by **Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)** so that the lilies can be ordered. Please contact Angela giving your name and that of the person in whose memory the lily will be donated, as well as a suggested donation of £5 towards the cost of each lily.

The lilies will be arranged for Easter Sunday, and a list of those commemorated will be read out during the service.
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CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

If you would like to be on the church electoral roll, now is the time to enrol. (If you are already on it, don't do anything unless you wish to be removed.)

The electoral roll provides a list of worshippers at St John the Baptist, Flitton, and see themselves as part of the church's life. All who are confirmed, over the age of 16 and who worship at the church, whether or not they are resident in the parish, are eligible to go on the roll. All PCC members need to be on it.

The deadline for changes this year is **Esster Sunday 5th April**, and the Vestry Meeting (PCC AGM) is on **Sunday 12th April at 12 noon** in the church. Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church on Sundays, or from Angela on 860723.

NB This has nothing to do with the Electoral Roll which allows you to vote at general elections, its just for the church!

NEW VICAR?

By the time you get this mag, we hope to have news of a new Vicar for Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton - there will be an announcement at the Mothering Sunday Service, so come along if you are curious!

AND FINALLY...

A very happy and peaceful Easter to you all from Angela and Clare (the Churchwardens) and all at St John the Baptist Church. We look forward to seeing you at one of our Services.
EVERYONE is welcome!

THE STORY OF FLITTON, GREENFIELD AND WARDHEDGES IN THE GREAT WAR

On Friday November 13th 2015, Margaret Butt will be giving a talk in the Church Hall about our village 1914-1918. It will include village life at the time and information on all who served and gave their lives. Below is a list of everyone who served as far as I know. I would really like to borrow any old photographs, postcards or information about those years which I could use in the talk. Please contact Margaret Butt 01525 862170 mkatebutt@yahoo.co.uk

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LET'S DO BREAKFAST!

Sunday 26^h April 2015

PARISH BREAKFAST

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AS WE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS**

This will follow the 9am Communion but ALL are welcome, you don't have to go to church! It's not designed to make money, just to cover costs, but any profits will go to Flitton Church.

- ▶ Don't mess up your own kitchen, bring the family and forget the washing up!
- ▶ Late night out on Saturday? Just what you need to blow away the cobwebs!
- ▶ Live alone and can't be bothered with a fry-up? Let us do it for you!
- ▶ Read the Sunday papers, relax with a coffee.. It's like Flitton's own pavement cafe.. But indoors!
- ▶ Know someone who might be glad of the company? Bring them along!
- ▶ If you need a lift, just call Angela on 860723 and we will arrange it!

The Friends of Flitton and Greenfield Church

The 2014 Christmas cards were a great success, all 169 packs were sold – thanks again to Jack Crawley's executors for permitting his artwork to be used and to all who bought the cards.

On 21st March the Friends are planning a social event, not a coffee morning but an “afternoon tea”. The theme will be “Cream & Eggs” – it will soon be Easter! There will be activities especially for children - Easter card making, face painting - and for the adults the option of a cream tea (and plenty of chat). Make sure your children or grandchildren bring along a decorated egg (preferably hard-boiled first) – there will be a prize for the best one. (See opposite page for more details)

After that 3 further events are planned. The first is a summer wine tasting on the 10th of July, a Friday evening. In the autumn on 13th November the Friends and the PCC are joining forces for a talk on “Flitton & Greenfield in the Great War” to be presented by Margaret Butt. Finally for 2015 there will be a coffee morning on 21st November – please make a note of these dates.

The Friends would welcome new members and especially anyone willing to join the Friends' Board to assist in the planning and organisation of Friends' activities. If you are interested please contact Caroline O'Neill (telephone 07749 836245 or email carolinejaneoneill@hotmail.co.uk).

Enid Gibbon



Everyone at St John the Baptist Church was devastated at the recent death of our much-loved organist and director of music, Enid Gibbon. Enid was a leading part of the music of the benefice, particularly at Flitton, for as long as most of us can remember, and it will never be the same without her. However, her family have generously asked for donations in Enid's memory to go to the church, and we will be starting a special fund in her name, dedicated to the development of all things musical at St John the Baptist Church. Enid will also be remembered by many in the parish as a wonderful teacher - and everyone's favourite - at Greenfield Lower School. Enid's love of music, her energy and enthusiasm, were infectious and irresistible and the choir, under her direction, achieved far more than they ever believed possible. The choir members plan to go on singing, but there will be an interval while they consider the future, and during that time you should contact Clare (see back page) for further information.

Saturday

21st March

Flitton Church Hall



2pm

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Put these important Spring Dates in your diary... book now!

March 15th - Mothering Sunday

Easter:

Easter Saturday 4th April - Quiz at 8.30 pm

Easter Sunday - Karaoke

Easter Monday - '3 Meat Roast' in the Garden

Sat 25th April - 'Caribbean Night'

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Saturday Night - Quiz

Sunday Night - Karaoke

Monday Afternoon - 'Pig Roast' in the Garden

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Flitton Flits Has a Star Wars Theme!

This year's Flitton Flits will take place on May the 4th which is of course Star Wars Day.

In response to popular demand, well a few comments on the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FlittonFlitFunRuns), it has been decided to have a Star Wars theme this year.

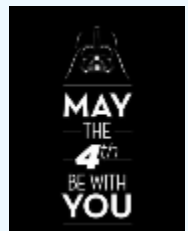
We would therefore encourage entrants to any of the Flits, adult or child, to dress up as a Star Wars character, carry a light sabre, or any other Star Wars related item to be in with a chance to win spot prizes.

As usual there will be 3 races, a 200m race for the under 7s, a mile for the older children and 5K for the over 12s. And of course there are the usual prizes for those dedicated runners who don't want to dress up.

Entry forms will shortly be available from local pubs, shops, the village website and the Ampthill and Flitwick Flyers website. On the day entries will also be available, up to 10am, at the Church Hall on Brook Lane - subject to places being available. For updates visit our Facebook page. We also have a dedicated e-mail address for enquiries, flittonflit@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!!

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Monday 16th March

7.45pm at Maulden Church Hall. Talk on 'Otters in Bedfordshire' by Richard Laurence - ex BNHS mammal recorder.

Monday 20th April

7.45pm at Maulden Church Hall. Bedfordshire's Wild Orchids, by Graham Bellamy - co-author of 'Wild Orchids of Bedfordshire'.

Saturday 2nd May

10.00am at Flitwick Moor car park. A Bird Walk around our local site, led by Steve Halton - local bird expert.

Saturday 20th June

10.00 at The Fancott Arms, for a half mile walk to the reserve. A walk around the lovely Fancott Wood & Meadows reserve, led by Graham Bellamy - ex reserve warden. There should be lots of wildflowers, including orchids.

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News from Central Beds

James Jamieson
Central Bedfordshire Councillor for
Flitton, Greenfield, Pulloxhill and
Westoning



We are well into the new year and I like many others have been concerned with the number of attacks on democracy and freedom of speech, be it in Paris, Denmark or elsewhere. As George Orwell said "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." My thoughts are with the friends and families of those killed in the atrocities in Paris, and elsewhere.

Democracy is all about getting involved. It's not just about voting in the next election in May, but also participating in the wider aspects of community life. As I knock on doors and talk to people, I often hear the comment "what's the point it won't make any difference". I find that point of view a bit depressing as I know how much of a difference can be made by getting involved in the community either through more formal channels such as the Parish Council or more directly in the many and vital aspects that make our community work, such as voluntary groups. I am always impressed by just how much work is done, unfortunately all too often by so few.

As we move forward, I see the role of volunteering and getting involved in community life increasing in importance. We have seen dramatic changes over the last few decades with life expectancy rising dramatically. I have heard the statistic that for each passing decade, life expectancy increases by two years. This is wonderful news but it also brings with it both issues and opportunities.

As our older population increases it will be vital that we can offer them the right level of care and support they need to continue to live well. This may be about specific services, such as home care but as much as anything we need to make sure that our elderly residents aren't living lonely and isolated lives.

And that's where the opportunity is. Because as well as people needing care and support, our increasing life expectancy means there will also be a growing group of fit, healthy and knowledgeable residents with available time – retirees. I see a real opportunity for a "Win Win" situation. A much misused term but one that really applies here. How to encourage and facilitate more volunteers to help build and reinforce our community. As a village with an already thriving community we have a head start but there is always more. Involving more people will also help address the issue of social isolation not just of the elderly.

If you have any issues or concerns please contact me

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We cater for babies up to four years old with toys and games, craft every week and story time too. And during the summer holidays, we arrange weekly get-togethers. The cost is only £2.50 per family including a hot drink for you and squash and biscuits for the children.

We are a friendly bunch and we try to meet socially one evening a month in the pub or a local restaurant. It's pay as you go so you don't have to come every week and the first session is free! Either drop in or call **Kelly Bosworth** on 07828 292019 for more information.



News from Greenfield Lower School

We are thrilled that our new nursery class, 'The Ducklings', have settled in so well in their new classroom. This is an exciting new venture for Greenfield School as it is the first time the school has educated nursery aged children. The specially designed classroom and outdoor area allow the children to play and learn in an inviting environment and make the transition into school easy! We take children from two years nine months, if you



have a child that you wish to attend and would like to visit the Ducklings Class, please contact the school on 01525 712426.

We were thrilled to have poet and author Roger Stevens visit us to celebrate World Book Day. Greenfield and Pulloxhill Schools got together in



the large new hall at Greenfield to enjoy a performance and then work with Roger to develop their own poems. The children said that Roger was 'very very very funny indeed'. Please look out for our new website launched recently on www.greenfieldpulloxhillschools.org.uk

Annette McCullion
Headteacher
Greenfield & Pulloxhill Academy

Memories of village life in the 40s and 50s

by Pat Woodland

I was born in 1943 in a nursing home in Luton, and brought home to Flitton soon after. I don't remember anything about the war, of course, but do remember my early years at school in Greenfield. That was the old school, at the top of School Lane. The headmistress was Mrs Hobbs, and the teachers were Miss Busson, who took the primary class, and Mrs Kitchener who took the middle class. Mrs Hobbs took the senior class. In those days school leaving age was 15.

There were three class rooms for the three classes. There were two playgrounds, one for boys and one for girls. The toilets were brick buildings, one in each playground, and were buckets with a wooden seat over. There was no kitchen or dining room, so we had to go home for lunch, involving walking, or running a mile or so each way, to return to school after an hour and a half.

We went to Sunday School, and we had an outing each year (either school or Sunday School) by coach to Clacton. On the way to the coast we stopped at a halfway house for refreshment. It seemed to take nearly all day to get there, and we had to leave Clacton by 6 pm, so we didn't have

much time at the seaside. In the summer we had a weekly trip from school by coach to Eversholt swimming pool. I think the water came straight from a river or lake at that time. It was green and the bottom of the pool was slimy and slippery. I was terrified to get in there. Nothing at all like the pool there now.

Sweet and tobacco rationing was still in force in the early 1950s. I remember going to an out-building at the rear of the Jolly Coopers to buy sweets and also to get Grandad's tobacco ration for his pipe. I don't remember having to get Dad's cigarettes, but I suppose he bought them himself. The White Hart was owned by Mr and Mrs Kingham. Dad used to go for a pint before Sunday lunch, but occasionally he didn't go and I would take a jug to buy a pint and bring it home for him.

We lived in the middle of the village and didn't have piped water. There was a well in the front garden from which Mum had to draw water in a bucket. Piped water was installed to our house around 1950 (I can't remember exactly when, but it was before 1952. Water was not piped into the house, but we had a stand pipe outside the back door. The toilet was in a shed and was a big hole in the ground with a plank of wood over with a hole for your bottom. Woe betide you if your bottom was too small for the hole! After a few years we graduated to a chemical toilet. Bath night was once a week, and was in a galvanised bath in front of the fire. Water was heated in a copper and carried to the bath in buckets. I expect Mum and Dad bathed after we went to bed. I don't remember seeing them in the bath.



We had quite a big garden. Grandad and Dad grew most of our vegetables, and we kept chickens. I remember there was a flood one year and the chicken run was under water.

We did have electricity in the house. Radio was our major entertainment. I remember listening to Dick Barton, and my Dad's favourite was Journey into Space. The Archers started after Dick Barton was taken off the air.

Milk was delivered by Mr Dollimore, who brought it in a van in milk churns. He would ladle it into jugs for Mum. The nearest shop was the Co-op in Silsoe. Mr Laird would come and pick up the grocery order once a week, and deliver it a few days later. Mr Goby came through the village once a week with his horse and caravan, carrying all sorts of hardware goods, soap powder, paraffin, pegs and such. If we were lucky we could get a lift back to school in the afternoon.

We had buses through the village in those days. I think the bus company was Eastern National. That was before most people had cars. There were enough buses for convenience. Going to Luton – 7.00 am, 8.00 am, 2.00 pm. Coming from Luton 1.30 pm, 4.45 pm, 6.30 pm, and 8.30 pm. We didn't go to Bedford, as that involved walking to Silsoe to catch the bus which ran from Luton to Bedford. Shopping locally meant catching the bus to Amphill. There was a tea shop there called The Spinning Wheel. The Doctor's surgery was also in the centre of Amphill. Dr Van, we called him. I think his proper name was van Landenberg.

Of course, the number of houses in the village has grown quite considerably in the last 60 years – just about doubled, I should think. There were no houses on the right hand side of Flitton Hill, and nothing at all on Wardhedges Road until you got to Wardhedges. Highfield Road was built around 1947, I think. In the centre of the village, there was a big field between Sandycroft and 41 High Street (Mr and Mrs Ledger). The Godfreys' garden was between 37 High Street and the White Horse pub. Nothing between the Church Hall and Jesmond House – that was the Tookeys' house, except for Frank Horne's bungalow. On the other side of the road, 58 High Street was the last house there, with a farm yard between that and Kidbrook Cottage. Old Mrs Lowe had the post office in the village centre, and there were no houses between the Vicarage and Orchard House, and nothing between there and Sand Road. Between Sand Road and Fitzroy Cottages was a bungalow and a house. One or two houses on the other side of Greenfield Road. In Silsoe Road was a row of cottages where the detached houses now are. Wardhedges was much more sparsely populated than now. 21 houses have been built there in the last 40 years or so.

At the bottom of Flitton Hill were two old cottages – no longer there. Mrs Muir lived in one. She was a stereotypical 'old lady', who we children all thought was a witch. However she was a kind lady who gave us bread and dripping and played 'The Sun has got his Hat on' and 'Give yourself a pat on the back' on an old wind up gramophone. She had a lodger called Mr Stringer. The tenants in the other cottage changed, and I can't remember who lived there.



We had happy childhoods then; not afraid to play outdoors, and with plenty of open space to play and very little motor traffic through. Everyone knew everyone else. When I was a child, I could name every person in every house. Nowadays, I doubt if I know everyone in Wardhedges.

I wonder if these reminiscences evoke similar memories from older villagers? Please correct me if I remembered anything incorrectly, and add to them if you remember more.

Pat has also shared some old photos with us - it looks as if there were dramatic performances in the village? If you recognise anyone or can tell us more, get in touch!





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