

Spring 2019

Flit 'n' More

The parish newsletter for
Flitton, Greenfield and Wardhedges

Welcome to the packed Spring edition!

We have lots of political issues to consider in the next few months. I will not mention the dreaded B****t, but urge you to read Mark Gates' pages regarding local elections.

On a lighter note, there are details of the Flitton Flits and Friends' quiz in May and Potato Race in June. The Gala this year will be held on the later date of Saturday 21st September.

And finally, don't forget to change your clocks, which 'spring' forward on the 31st March.

Jo Holt, Co-Editor

Our two defibrillators are now operational. They are located at the Village Hall and Church Hall.

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From Your Parish Council...

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

Did you know that on 2nd May 2019, there will be Local Government Elections to decide upon new Councillors for Central Beds Council (CBC) and all the Town and Parish Councils in this area including Flitton and Greenfield Parish Council. It will mean that we can elect in a new Council and for local democracy to work well it is so important that local communities have good representation, with people who are prepared to be their voice and help make them great places to live and work.

Here in this Parish we have 10 excellent Councillors, 5 for Flitton including Wardhedges and 5 for Greenfield and we need to make sure we continue to have 10 willing representatives after 2nd May.

Some of our existing Councillors may not want to stand again, having served several years of their time, so if you decide you would like to stand to represent the local community or as a CBC councillor, then now is the time to act. No other role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to quality of life for people in our local area. Grass roots democracy depends on people showing an interest and taking part in council work, which is very rewarding and I hope you will think about coming to join us. If anything needs changing in our area you could be just the person to change it by becoming a councillor.

Why are councillors important? They play a key role:

- as a voice of the community, representing local people and communities;
- as champions of the users of local services;
- setting council budgets and strategy
- helping to shape services to benefit local people and trying to protect our community.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, you must make sure that you are officially nominated as the election date draws nearer. There is a formal nominations process. This means you will need to be proposed and seconded by two people and to be a CBC Councillor to also have eight further people as 'assentors' to your nomination. The nomination papers are available from CBC council's Elections Office or locally from the Clerk. You must also give your consent in writing to your nomination. Nomination papers for the local elections on 2 May will be available from 18 March and the closing date for receipt of nominations is 4pm on 3 April 2019.

If you would like further information, or have any queries, please contact me (01525 – 715793 or mark.gates@flittongreenfield.org.uk) or the Clerk to the Council on 01525 860377 or clerk@flittongreenfield.org.uk. More information about becoming a councillor can be also be found on the CBC website at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. SEE INSIDE BACK PAGE FOR AGM & APM

Services for Spring 2019 at St John the Baptist, Flitton

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MARCH

Sunday 3rd	11 am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 6th	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday service at Silsoe church
Sunday 10th	9.30 am	Choral Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 17th	10.30 am	Café Church. Come along for an informal morning
Sunday 24th	10am	United Benefice service at Silsoe
Sunday 31st	8.30 am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion <i>Every mother receives a pot of primroses at this lovely family service.</i>

APRIL

Sunday 7th	11 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 14th	10 am	Palm Sunday Choral Communion <i>We welcome our friends from Silsoe and Pulloxhill to this combined service. Everyone receives a palm cross to remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem</i>
Thursday 18th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday <i>Service of communion and hand washing at Silsoe</i>
Sunday 21st	11 am	Easter Sunday Parish Communion <i>A very special service to think about the Resurrection</i>
Sunday 28th	8.30 am	Holy Communion

MAY

Sunday 5th	11 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 12th	9.30 am	Choral Communion followed by coffee
Sunday 19th	10.30 am	Café Church
Sunday 26th	8.30 am	Holy Communion



JUNE

2nd	10.30 am	Café Church
9th	9.30 am	Choral Communion followed by coffee

Dave's Diary, Flitton Church News



The Benefice of Silsoe, Flitton and Pulloxhill

Growing as beacons of Christ's Light in our Communities

Recently we held a celebration of christenings at Flitton Church. Christening is the same as baptism and during the year across our three churches, we Christen/Baptise lots of children (and some adults). During the service we looked at one of our baptism registers which began in 1895. But baptisms go much further back in Flitton and the records office holds copies of baptisms in Flitton church as far back as 1591.

During a christening the child (or adult) is baptized with water. It's the start of an amazing journey of faith for your child and a special day for all your friends and family. It's good to explore what a Christening means.

What Happens at a christening? At a christening a child is baptized with water. This is the heart of a christening.

Welcome The vicar will welcome everyone and especially the child who will be christened and their family. There will be a Bible reading, and the vicar will also talk about what a christening means.

The promises Parents and the godparents will make some important promises for your child in the service. Everyone promises to continue supporting the child from this moment. The vicar says: "...People of God will you welcome this child and uphold them in their new life in Christ?" Everyone present says: "...With the help of God, we will."

The sign Often, this is the point in the service when parents and godparents will be invited to come out to stand at the front with the child. In many churches, a special oil may be used to make the sign of a cross on your child's forehead. It's a significant moment, which marks your child as belonging to God. The vicar will say: "...Christ claims you as his own. Receive the sign of the cross."

The water Water, which is blessed in the church's font will be poured over your child's head by the vicar. This is your child's baptism. It's a sign of a new beginning and becoming a part of God's family. The vicar says: "...I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Prayers and welcome The vicar, or perhaps even someone else from the church, will pray for the child and for all those who will support them in their path of faith. Everyone present welcomes the child into the family of the church with words given in the service.

A candle A candle will be given to the child at the end of the service. The vicar says: "...Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God."

What's next? Your family are warmly invited to come to church whenever you can. The church may also keep in touch in other ways. Even if you move, there will be a Church of England church local to you in your new parish, so we are always there for you, wherever you are.

Your child is precious to you and precious to God. You want the very best for them, and so does God. You want them to make right choices in life, for themselves and for others. A christening is just the beginning of this and so much more. Over the years to come, it's a journey you'll share together with your child by:

Being there for your child to talk to about the bigger questions of life – questions about hope, faith and love.

Praying for your child through the ups and downs of their faith journey.

Showing them practically how to make those good choices in life.

A Baptism Prayer

Heavenly Father, In your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours.

Surround us with your love, protect us from evil.

Fill us with the holy spirit and receive us into the family of your church, that we may walk together in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.



Your PCC invite you to a
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The Famous Flitton Potato Race!

Sunday 16th June 2019

Help us celebrate our 10th birthday by making it special for everyone and raising bumper funds for charity and the community.



Categories for individuals and teams of all ages:

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WEDNESDAY

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SATURDAY

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Make a start to restart your fitness

Did you make a commitment to yourself to get fit? Did you join a gym or buy some equipment to use at home but it's gathering dust whilst you stay on the couch, wondering when you will get the time to exercise? With our busy lifestyles, juggling work, home and children our exercise ambitions often fall by the wayside.

Then when you finally get to the gym or make time to have a workout at home you may wonder what exercises you should be doing, for how long and whether you are doing them right.

The motivation and self-confidence dwindles, but along with it the frustration builds up and without a release for that pent-up energy and stress, our mental as well as our physical well-being suffers. Daunted by feeling that everyone around you is fitter, has the time and the simple fact that starting to exercise is scary! .

As an instructor, I get to meet so many lovely people who are nervous and self-conscious the first time they come to a class. Maybe they haven't exercised because they've had a bad back or children, or maybe they have just got out of the habit. It doesn't matter what the reason is for not having exercised, what is important is taking those initial scary steps to restarting. Believe me, going to the first class is the hardest part. From there you will meet people, so the social side will help encourage you to stay motivated. The fear of the unknown will disappear and the best thing is that you will feel empowered! Taking responsibility for your own wellbeing, even if it seems tough at the time will leave you feeling awesome!

You will have more energy, feel positive, and gain self-confidence and strength. Exercise helps control your weight too!

TIPS TO SUCCEED

- See exercise as a treat not a chore by choosing a class or activity that is fun
- Use music to keep you entertained
- Stay motivated and be supported by attending a class, or exercising with a friend
- Set yourself mini targets and reward yourself when you achieve them
- Start at a moderate level to begin, but make a commitment and schedule it in as you would any other appointment and stick to it! You can always add more when time allows and as your fitness improves.

For a class timetable, contact Nicola Raynor Fitness

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Village History: The Origins of the Grand National

by Margaret Butt



Steeplechases have a long history in the British Isles. The earliest recorded steeplechase was in Ireland in 1752, and the first in England was in 1792 in Leicestershire. Distances varied between 4 to 8 miles but were always between two landmarks. Churches were often the highest buildings, so they were the obvious choice. Closely connected to hunting country, Bedfordshire was one of the main counties for such races.

A steeplechase is recorded near Bedford in 1810 and there was a full racecourse at Elstow where horses raced over hurdles rather than cross country. Pubs called The Flying Horse such as the one at Clophill were often associated with steeplechasing and were the meeting points for riders where they paid the entrance fee.

In 1830, Thomas Coleman, owner of The Turf Hotel in St Albans, with a reputation as a fine horseman, organised a special steeplechase called The Great St Albans Steeplechase. Entry was 25 sovereigns and the prize 300 guineas – a huge sum in 1830.

The route was kept secret until the last minute, so no-one had an unfair advantage. The horses and riders gathered at Luton and were eventually told that the race would start at Harlington Church and then to Silsoe approximately 41/4 miles away. Tommy Coleman, the umpire, had to ride ahead to get there first by using roads and short cuts.

Because the steeple of Silsoe Old Church had collapsed the year before when Thomas Philip, Earl de Grey had tried to get the spire taller, the finishing point was the 86 feet high Harrold Obelisk in Wrest Park. . The obelisk was originally at the end of one of the long rides at Wrest but was moved when Capability Brown re- designed the park.

The race took place on 8th March 1830 and there were 16 riders. Riders had to be gentlemen, in other words, amateurs, and had to be a maximum weight of 12 stones. The Carpenters Arms at Harlington probably did very well out of the race as did The George at Silsoe. The actual route is not known but the riders were shown the way by men waving flags. The course involved many fences and banks as well as very rough terrain. The winner was Captain McDowell on The Wonder.

It was soon realised that there was plenty of money to be made from such races especially if the race started and finished in the same place. Thomas Coleman started to use a circular racecourse at St Albans in 1831 and this idea was taken up by the owner of the Aintree Course near Liverpool. The steeplechase course at Aintree was called Grand because the prizes were good and National because it was open to all. It's great to think that our parish, then called Flitton cum Silsoe, was instrumental in the start of such a great British tradition.

It is interesting to note that The Grand National is exactly the same distance as The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race – 41/4 miles. The first boat race was in 1829 so nearly the same as The Great St Albans Steeplechase.



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and under - donations on the day.

Start: approx. **10.45am**.

Juniors - 1 mile run for 8 -12 yr. olds.

Entry fee £3.00

Start: approx. **10.50am**.

Main Race – 5k race across the moors for
adults and children 13yrs & over. Entry fee
in advance: £8.00 (£10.00 on the day)

Start: approx. **11.00am**.

Fun Team Challenge: enter as Pub Team,
Work Team or other group.

**Enter in advance or on the day if
numbers permit. Main race is limited to
170 entries.**

Prizes donated by local businesses will be
awarded to race winners at the White Hart
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There will also be food, drinks and
entertainment in the pub garden from 12pm
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29/30TH JUNE 2019

FLITTON & GREENFIELD OPEN VILLAGE

Save the date for this year's village extravaganza!

Things are hotting up for the Open Village Event this year!

We have 12 confirmed Open Gardens, along with a whole host of other events celebrating our wonderful rural location. Full details will be in the next issue of Flit 'n' More.

It's not too late for your or your organisation to get involved. We are particularly interested in anyone who would be prepared to sponsor part of or the whole event.

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While there is exasperation at the antics of Westminster, we continue to look to see what we can do to improve the local area. As I speak to residents the key concerns are community safety, stretched infrastructure, education and affordable housing.

I am pleased that we have a number of initiatives in these areas.

Community Safety – While the police will have extra resources from their £24 precept increase, we want to do more locally, so are currently proposing to invest in a team of 12 additional community safety officers to patrol Central Bedfordshire. We are also considering other options such as additional CCTV cameras and how additional community officers or PCSO's might be funded. While this will not fix the problem it is moving in the right direction.

Infrastructure – As part of the Local Plan, the M1-A6 link road will be built, diverting traffic and particularly lorries down the A6 to the M1, rather than through the villages and Flitwick. But it is not just about more roads, we need to look at how we reduce the need for car journeys. So we are also seeking to start a scheme to develop for new cycle and footpaths so people do not always need to get into their cars, with the path between Pulloxhill and Greenfield being a personal priority.

Education – many of you will be aware that we are discussing with the Local Schools how we can best deliver education in the area, and provide additional school places. We have also funded a dedicated school improvement team to support schools.

Housing – we are currently working on an over 55s village on the old Leisure Centre site in Flitwick. Outline plans include 80 apartments with care support, 40 homes for over 55s and a 60 bed care home. Longer term we are seeking opportunities in Ampthill, Toddington and elsewhere. These will provide real communities and downsizing opportunities, and will free up family homes, so we do not keep having to build on green fields.

Leisure – we continue to seek to build on the success of Flitwick Leisure centre and are currently building an additional dance studio.

While there is much to do, these are exciting developments, in addition to which we will seek to move forward the Flitwick station redevelopment and the provision of Health Hubs throughout Central Bedfordshire.

Meanwhile at a local level we continue to fight hostile planning applications, and I am lobbying hard in Westminster to speed up approval of Local Plans, as this will be the best way of resisting these applications.

James Jamieson

Flitton & Greenfield GALA

Are you involved with a local project or good cause that would benefit from a donation?

In 2018 the Gala raised money for local projects and good causes in the Flitton & Greenfield area.

If you would like to benefit from this, please contact Jo Holt on jo_holt@sky.com or 01525 792777 with details of your project and what any donation will be used for.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS MARCH 31ST 2019

The Gala committee meet once a month from January to September.

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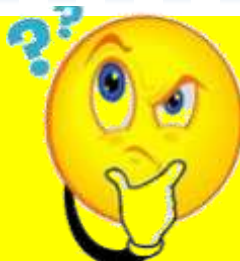
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Our restaurant, marquee and extensive garden is the perfect place to relax and enjoy a bespoke special event put together by our experienced team.



Your Neighbourhood Plan (covering Flitton, Greenfield and Pulloxhill) is nearing completion. We expect the draft to be ready in the next couple of months and we will begin the process of formal consultation where each and every one of you will get the chance to read the plan and make comments. These comments will be extremely important if we are to produce a final plan that the majority are happy to adopt.

This is an exciting time for the villages as we have an opportunity to protect and enhance our area. The formal process, in brief, requires that we allow a minimum six-week period for public consultation, followed by a period of incorporating comments. During the consultation we plan to hold one or more events to which you're all invited to come along and let us have your views. The final draft is then sent for independent inspection. Once all the comments from residents and the inspector are addressed, we can move forward to a referendum. The referendum requires a simple majority for the plan to be adopted.

Your vote will matter and your opinion on the plan also matters, so I ask you all to engage in this process as best you can and help us put this important document in place. Once adopted the plan becomes a legal document to which central Beds Council planning committee must put weight in all planning decisions. It also becomes a very important roadmap for the future of our villages and greenspace.



If you would like any more information about the Plan please contact your Parish Council at clerk@flittongreenfield.org.uk
Best Regards

Craig Prest

GET AN ALLOTMENT PLOT NOW!



GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT AND VEG?

You could be harvesting lovely fresh fruit and vegetables and getting the satisfaction of knowing you have grown them, plus fresh air and exercise all on your doorstep.



HOW?

There are some allotment plots vacant at Joes Close, Greenfield. They cost from £5 a year depending on the size you want, and you can have one immediately. That means some summer fruit or home-grown salads ready for the BBQ season.

INTERESTED? Contact Rik Stokes on rik.stokes@flittongreenfield.org.uk
or Parish Clerk on clerk@flittongreenfield.org.uk

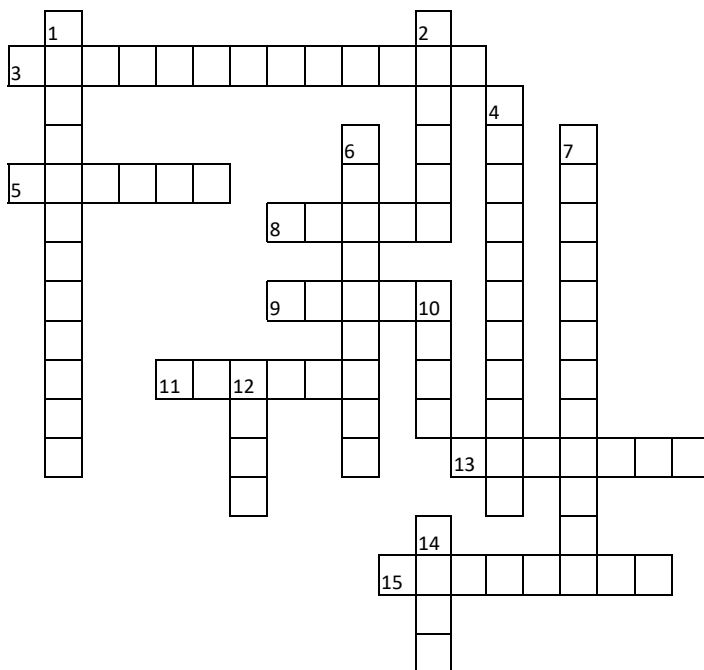
Spring Puzzles



SPRINGTIME ANAGRAMS

1. RSPGNI
2. LSMOOSB
3. OPSIADRNR
4. OOLMB
5. METHRSO
YAD
6. LIRPA OLOF
7. TPSULI
8. CMRAH
9. AAERST
10. CCURSO
11. OHTECCOLA
12. BSEKTA
13. EPODLTA

FLIT 'N' MORE CROSSWORD



Across

- 3 We should all know how to access and use
- 5 Potato Race Mascot
- 8 Author of the next Drama Club production
- 9 Chair of the Parish Council
- 11 Another Church in our Benefice
- 13 What are the Friends opening this June?
- 15 Surname of our local County Councillor

Down

- 1 Subject of this issue's Village History
- 2 Join the PCC for one in March
- 4 Good Friday VH movie
- 6 Speak to Rik Stokes for one of these
- 7 Fun Run held on 6th May
- 10 Sue Allen teaches you to do this at your own home
- 12 Three Counties care for your...
- 14 What should you wave on 14th



ADVENT WINDOWS 2018

WITH MASSIVE THANKS TO ALL WHO TOOK PART



**Easter at
Flitton & Greenfield
Village Hall**

Free entry screening of

Peter Rabbit

Friday 19th April

Doors Open at 3pm

Easter Egg Hunt and Prizes at 3.30

Film Screening at 4pm



ALL welcome, children please feel free to bring cushions to enjoy the film in comfort
Pypers Bar will be open from 3pm and food will be available from 3pm

Flit Vale Wildlife Trust - Spring 2019 Programme



Monday 18th March 7.45pm at Maulden Church Hall
Wildlife on a Bedfordshire Farm – talk by Dave Parsons*

Dave Parsons, has watched, monitored and recorded the wildlife on a local Beds farm for over 20years. Illustrating the talk with his own photographs, capturing the birds and animals throughout the years and seasons.

Monday 15th April 7.45pm at Maulden Church Hall
“Overlooked Wildlife” – a talk by Brian Eversham*

Brian has a fascination for the small and the unusual. He is an excellent speaker and photographer, Brian’s encyclopaedic knowledge of all things natural will bring insights and unexpected facts.

Saturday 11th May 10.00, Folly Wood Car Park, Flitwick Moor
Morning bird walk with Steve Halton*

Find out who has set up residency on the moor’s varied habitats. This should make for a wonderful early summer morning’s amble.

Wednesday 5th June 7.00pm, Pegsdon Hills Nature Reserve
An evening walk with Graham Bellamy*

A gentle walk around the Pegsdon Hills, looking for summer flowers. With caulk land species, and rare arable plants, we will be hoping for a rich list of names by the end of the evening.

Saturday 29th June 10.00-15.00, Folly Wood Car Park, Flitwick Moor

Join Colin for this annual hunt into the great variety of insects, snails and other small creatures on this magical wetland. Families are especially welcome. Children must be accompanied. Free event

*£3 per adult requested for talks & walks (booking required) £2.

Contact Ann on flitvale.info@gmail.com or 07508 178889

More from Your Parish Council...

The Council will hold its AGM and the Annual Parishioners Meeting on May 15th starting at 19.00h. This is where all new Councillors will be welcomed and complete their registration. There are 6 Council meetings a year and also a number of sub-committee meetings in between and the dates of these can be seen on the Councils website at <https://flitongreenfield.bedsparishes.gov.uk/parish-council-meetings/>

The Annual Parishioners Meeting which starts at 19.00h on 15th May, is not a Council meeting. It is an open forum for all residents, to provide an annual opportunity for discussion of local topics or concerns. At this Parishioners meeting the Agenda will be set by the Parish Council (as we host the meeting), but any members of the Parish may submit items for discussion if they wish. Please contact the Clerk with any items you want to raise so that they could be placed on the agenda, but this is not essential. The meeting is open to all who live in the village and is a good chance to talk about something which you are concerned about in the Parish. If you can't make that, then you can always attend any Parish Council Meeting where the first 15 minutes is an open public forum where you can also raise any local or Parish issues.

It would be great to see more people involved in local democracy during 2019.

Councillor Mark Gates.

Chair, Flitton and Greenfield Parish Council



Puzzle Page Answers. ANAGRAMS. 1. Spring, 2. Blossom, 3. Raindrops, 4. Bloom, 5. Mothers Day, 6. April Fool, 8. March, 9. Easter, 10. Crocus, 11. basket, 13. Tadpole

CROSSWORD 1. Steeplechase, 2. Coffee, 3. Defibrillator, 4. Peter Rabbit, 5. Spuddy, 6. Allotment, 7. Flitton Flits, 8. Wilde, 9. Gates, 10. Swim, 11. Silsoe, 12. Lawn, 13. Village, 14. Palm, 15. Jamieson

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