

AUTUMN 2021

Flit "n" More

The parish newsletter for Flitton,
Greenfield and Wardhedges

As autumn draws in once more, let's hope there's just time for a last hurrah for summer, and cross our fingers for some late warm days - we certainly deserve it after the year we've all had.

The events in this issue kick off with the annual Duck Race, and if you don't know what I mean, just check out the photo above! See page 16 for more details.

And there's plenty more to keep you busy! No Gala this year, but watch out for events at the Village Hall, including 'Back to School' (see pages 14 and 21) and don't forget to book your table for the Church Quiz on Friday 5th October (see page 7) as there will be limited numbers this year.

Slowly we are creeping back to normality, but some restrictions remain; the Church has decided to retain the wearing of masks in

services for now, and some events will not go ahead again this year. We have already lost the Potato Race and the Gala, and it has been decided that there will not be a Harvest Supper this year. However last year's 'mail order' harvest brochure was so successful that something similar will be set up this year, so watch this space!

All this means that it is still very hard to fundraise for important local causes, but we know now that Flitton and Greenfield residents will step up to support wherever and whenever they can to keep our community thriving. Here's to us all!

Angela and Jo

*(Some of the lovely wild flowers
in the newly created border
near the phone box library)*



From Your Parish Council...

Keep up to date with what's going on in Flitton, Greenfield and Wardhedges, especially during these unusual times...

Writing this in August 2021, I am pleased that we now seem to have the virus much more under control and all our Parish Council services have returned to normal. Of course, the virus still represents a serious risk and we should all stay cautious to protect ourselves and others. The Parish Council is holding meetings in person again at the Church Hall and if anyone wants to take part or let us know about something, please feel free to turn up after checking the dates and an agenda on our website. <https://flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

I still get the feeling that people in the community do not believe they are well informed about the Parish Council role or the services we provide and fund. All this information is held on the website and I do strongly advise everyone to check it out and subscribe to receive email updates. We keep the website up to date and include news from Central Beds Council – for instance Planning Appeal decisions, road closures and most of the press releases. This way you can keep right up to date with what is happening around you.

At our last meeting we began talking about how we may get involved with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend in 2022 (Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June). Her Majesty will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, and there will be an extended bank holiday for communities to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. We are thinking about taking part in the annual Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June, so if anyone would like to contribute as part of a small group - food and fun with neighbours, street parties or a large picnic, do let us know (clerk@flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) as we want it to be a real community effort.

We are also pleased that extra work on the river path has now been made possible, mainly as a result of funding by the Parish Council. The end of Mill Lane has been re-surfaced and work is scheduled to take place in Brook Lane to avoid the stretch of mud which appears in wetter months. There will also be bollards installed at the Mill Lane end to prevent unauthorised vehicular access. The Council is commissioning signage for the path which will be called 'The Vincent Austin Way' and officially launched later this year. You will be able to read more on our website nearer the time.

I am also pleased to be able to inform you that two new benches have been ordered to be placed near/along the river (Greenfield end) and these should be installed soon. Plus, we are also having the village Festival of Britain signs restored as they were getting quite worn. I noticed today that the signs have gone, but by the time you read this they should look like new and be re-installed.

We are delighted with the wild flower verges in Flitton and Greenfield and feel the experiment has been well received with many people expressing their appreciation. We hope to expand the scheme further next year into more areas including the playing field. Look out for details on the website or in the next edition of Flit'n'More.

Hoping everyone stays safe and healthy and with very best wishes,

Mark Gates

Chairman of the Parish Council



Services at a Glance

Worship in the Churches of
Silsoe, Flitton & Pulloxhill

September & October 2021

Sunday 5th September

9.30am Holy Communion	Silsoe
11.00am Morning Worship	Flitton
11.00am Holy Communion	Pulloxhill

Sunday 12th September

9.30am Holy Communion	Flitton
11.00am Morning Worship	Silsoe
6.00pm Evening Prayer	Pulloxhill

Sunday 19th September

9.30am Morning Worship	Silsoe
10.30am Café Church	Flitton
11.00am Holy Communion	Pulloxhill

Sunday 26th September

9.30am Holy Communion	Silsoe
11.00am Harvest Festival	Flitton
11.00am Morning Worship	Pulloxhill

Sunday 3rd October

9.30am Holy Communion	Flitton
11.00am Harvest Festival	Silsoe
11.00am Harvest Festival	Pulloxhill

Sunday 10th October

9.30am Holy Communion	Flitton
11.00am Morning Worship	Silsoe
6.00pm Evening Prayer	Pulloxhill

Sunday 17th October

9.30am Holy Communion	Silsoe
10.30am Café Church	Flitton
11.00am Holy Communion	Pulloxhill

Sunday 24th October

8.30am Holy Communion	Flitton
9.30am Holy Communion	Silsoe
11.00am Social Sunday	Pulloxhill

Sunday 31st October

11.00am United Service of Holy Communion	Pulloxhill
3.00pm Remembered with Love Service	Silsoe
3.00pm Remembered with Love Service	Flitton

Sunday 7th November

9.30am Holy Communion	Silsoe
11.00am Morning Worship	Flitton
11.00am Holy Communion	Pulloxhill

Details of all services and activities: Rev David Payne on 01525 864858
email: vicar@3churches.uk or visit our website <https://3churches.uk/>

Flitton Church News

A Message from the Vicar

The Falling Leaves

A day of rain, a fall in temperature, and the first one has fallen on what loosely passes for lawn at the Vicarage. I'm talking leaves, and if you think I'm introducing the motif depressingly early, bear in mind I heard my first Christmas song this year on June 25th.

Anyway, where was I? Looking for the rake, that's where I was. As a martyr to Sciatica I have to profess a certain immunity to the romance of autumn. This is due almost entirely to the amount of leaves that seem to have come my way. In a previous place I once calculated that 300,000 leaves fell on my garden in an hour. Still, as a park-keeper once told me, 'you only have to pick each one up once...'

Every year, the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall ends with a cascade of poppy petals bearing tribute to the fallen and the lost. As a small boy I would single out one petal and assign it to the memory of the Grandfather I never met, reflecting on how many others must have been similarly affected.

The onset of autumn has a natural resonance with the task of remembering, tapping into the rhythm of the seasons and illustrating themes of loss, harvest and hope. These same changing patterns of nature were a rich



resource for the teaching of Jesus, who contrasted the fleeting beauty of nature to the permanence of His Father's love, and likened his own life to a grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying but producing new and abundant life.

Mirrored in the experience of individuals, communities and nations lies the possibility that sometimes things must die to bring new life, hope and growth. Ask any gardener. The dying of autumn prepares for the glory of spring, when even grizzled leaf-rakers like me are heartened by the green shoots that announce another season.

And so I will tell myself that all around me is a reminder of the pattern of dying and rising, of hope and new life, and I will resolve to treat the Vicarage lawn as a symbol of those things, such that whilst my back may be aching my heart may still be glad.

Rev David Payne



This Autumn at Flitton Church...



**Sunday 5th September
and Wednesday 15th September**

2.00 – 4.00pm

De Grey Mausoleum, Flitton Church

Flitton's best-kept secret! Last chance to visit this year!

There are four rooms of monuments, ranging from the early 17th to 19th centuries.

Sunday 26th September at 11.00am

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is our annual celebration which reminds us of all the good things God gives us. We collect food to share with others who are not so fortunate. Please consider donating to our Harvest Festival. The Church will be open for decorating and donations from 10am on the morning of Saturday 25th.

Tinned and long-life produce will be given to Preen, our Foodbank collectors.

We are also keen to receive homemade preserves, crafts and cake 'promises' to sell in our Harvest Catalogue, which will be distributed around the village in early October. Please contact Jo Holt on 01525 792777 for further information.



**Sunday 14th November,
10.30am outside Flitton Church
Act of Remembrance**

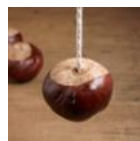
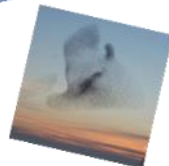
The Churchyard will be decorated with poppies made by local crafters, and we invite you to join us to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

We will end with the two-minute silence at 11.00am

**SEE ALSO... Page 7 For details of our Autumn Quiz, tables going fast!
and Page 9 For Margaret's latest historical talk,
this time on our villages in the Second World War**

Autumn Quiz

1. What causes the change from Summer to Autumn?
a. Earth's magnetic field b. Earth's orbital speed c. Earth's tilt
2. Hedgehogs are more active at the moment, as they fatten up in preparation for hibernating for the Winter. What is the name for a group of hedgehogs?
a. Colony b. Array c. Army
3. A Winter migrant to the UK, usually arriving in October and November. Can you name this member of the thrush family?
a. Fieldfare b. Hoopoe c. Brambling
4. Which British garden bird is known for its 'Autumn Song'?
a. Blackbird b. Woodpigeon c. Robin
5. The berries of the Mountain Ash tree are a favourite food of Waxwings. By what other name is this tree also known?
a. Rowan b. Hawthorn c. Douglas Fir
6. Squirrels, Jays and Nuthatches are known for creating caches of food in the Autumn, but which other garden bird also stores food?
a. Robin b. Sparrow c. Coal Tit
7. In Autumn, swallows migrate from the UK to Africa. On average, how many miles a day do they cover?
a. 20 b. 200 c. 2000
8. A spectacular sight at this time of year, a murmuration is a vast, swirling cloud formed of what type of bird flying together?
a. Starling b. Blackbird c. Wren
9. The annual World Conker Championships is normally held on the 2nd Sunday of October in Northamptonshire. According to records, where did the first game of conkers take place?
a. Isle of Skye b. Isle of Man c. Isle of Wight
10. Which of the following is the official end of Autumn?
a. Bonfire night b. Winter Solstice c. Autumn Equinox



With thanks to Gardenwildlifedirect.co.uk

(Answers on page 19)

THE FRIENDS OF FLITTON AND GREENFIELD CHURCH EVENTS FOR 2021



Friday 15th October

7 for 7.30 in the Church Hall

THAT PESKY FLITTON QUIZ IS BACK!

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Tables of 6 only, price £15 per person includes Chilli supper (VG option)

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Friends Christmas Cards 2021



Last year's cards showing our 2019 advent windows were so popular that we've gone for a similar look this year, but with some of the **AMAZING** windows that residents produced for 2020, despite (or maybe because of?) the grim lockdown Christmas that we all had to endure.

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(NB final design may differ from the sample shown—see more windows overleaf!)

**For more information about any of our events
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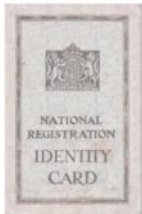
An Illustrated Talk

(part 1)

by

Margaret Butt

(part 2 next year)



7:30 pm

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We are thrilled to announce the return of our ever-popular coffee mornings in the Church Hall. There will be the usual favourites of refreshments, tombola, jigsaws and produce, along with a few Christmas crafts to get you in the mood.

You can also pick up some of our lovely Christmas cards.



The Flit'n'More Thank You Pages

In this issue we remember Vincent Austin, who died a few months ago, and who gave so much service to this community in so many ways.

Proud father, grandfather, great grandfather and husband, Vincent Austin spent many years living with his wife Joan and their family at the Old Vicarage in Flitton before moving in 2006 to Suffolk, where he passed away peacefully a few months ago. Vincent continued to be as active as he possibly could until the very last, his scooter becoming a familiar sight in the streets of Southwold!



He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by many in Flitton and Greenfield, having given so much of his time here to helping the local community in every way he could. Vincent was never a man to do things by halves, and his enthusiastic involvement in just about everything he set his mind to not only made him a much respected member of this community but also imbued every aspect of his life, personal and professional.

Vincent was born in 1929 in Northhamptonshire. He attended Wellingborough Grammar School and Technical College, and initially worked in farming and engineering, despite early ambitions to become an artist. All these would feature heavily in his later life. After National Service, where he developed his skills in vehicle engineering and metal work, in the early 1950's he designed (and even patented!) agricultural equipment, and even found time to train as a registered silversmith. He also published several books.



Sketch of the Old Vicarage
by Vincent

But he had always yearned to work in developing countries, and after gaining a degree from LSE he eventually took a job as a lecturer in agricultural engineering at Silsoe College, hoping that this would lead to opportunities abroad — which it did!

And so in 1967 the Austin family moved into the Old Vicarage in Flitton. Despite working abroad for extended periods, Vincent and Joan still threw themselves fully into village life, and quickly became involved with the church and community. It would take a whole book (and a fascinating one!) to describe Vincent's career but maybe this sample of just some of the countries where he worked will paint the picture; Peru, Panama, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) Nigeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Greece, Papua New Guinea, Mexico... the list goes on.

All the more amazing then, that Vincent still managed to be so involved in village life throughout all his years in Flitton. He became a Churchwarden in the early 1980s, and remained on the PCC for many years. In 1990 when the diocese was planning to get rid of the Church Hall it is no exaggeration to say that had it not been for the input of Vincent there would no longer be a Church Hall in Flitton. With the blessing of the Vicar and PCC, he set up the management committee, which stills runs the building to this day, and was its first chairman, driving fundraising which enabled many of the improvements we enjoy today. In 1995 he was elected as an independent District Councillor, and later served on the Parish Council where he became chair in 1998. He was also a foundation governor of Greenfield School (where he also volunteered to teach Design Technology) becoming chair of the governors in 1999. On a lighter note, few can forget the close relationship that Vincent had with Father Christmas, persuading him to turn up at many children's parties over the years(!)



Somehow in all this frenetic activity, Vincent finally managed to fulfill his long-held dream of taking up painting in a serious way, and many a wall in the village is graced by his pictures, many of which he generously donated to fund-raising events. More recently, he was chair of the Southwold Art Circle. There he also joined the Bowls Club, Golf Club and Sailor's Reading Room, to name but a few. Vincent and Joan also gained an award for Southwold's best beach hut!

From Bedfordshire to Bangladesh, Vincent had that rare quality of making everyone he met feel valued, and that's possibly because to him, they were.

Angela Ayres

(There will be a memorial service for Vincent in Flitton Church on Saturday 9th October at 2.30 p.m.)

Gala 2021 & 2022



Just to confirm that this year's gala is not going ahead, which you may have guessed from the lack of signs and banners and someone knocking at your door to sell raffle tickets. Sadly at the time when we needed to start planning, there was too much uncertainty about what we would be allowed to do.

BUT... on the bright side... We will be back on the **2nd or 3rd Saturday in September 2022**. In order to put on an real extravaganza that we can all enjoy, the current committee would welcome more volunteers. Please contact Simon on 01525 861727 or Margaret on 01525 861111.

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SWEET POTATO CASHEW AND APRICOT TARTLET (vg) (v) (n)

Flitton & Greenfield Village Hall

Whilst we are waiting to see how life returns to "normal", we do have some provisional dates for your diary:

Xmas lunch for the more senior citizens - Saturday 4th December; for further details ring 07938 965817

Hall AGM - Tuesday 7th December at 8.30pm; for further details ring 07847 778334

Xmas film for the family - Sunday 12th December; for further details ring 07847 778334

More information will be posted in due course on the village hall website and Facebook page, or you can ring the numbers above. We hope to see you at one or more of these events



**FLITTON & GREENFIELD
GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

Our team of DBS checked volunteers all live in the villages that we cover (Flitton, Greenfield, Pulloxhill and Wardhedges) and have a willingness to give up their time to assist others, something which has become ever more prevalent over the recent weeks. In fact, our usual 14 volunteers have over doubled by temporary volunteers who have joined us to assist with the increase in demand during this difficult period.

During the Coronavirus situation, we have been busy picking up prescriptions and getting shopping for residents who are self isolating. Normally, our main tasks involve providing lifts to medical appointments or to the shops, but with social distancing, this simply isn't possible at the moment.

There are several ways that you can get in touch with us. We have a dedicated mobile phone number which is manned 7 days a week (07594 578 741) and a Facebook page where you can send us a request for assistance through Facebook Messenger. We also have an email address where you can contact us (info@good-neighbours.org.uk).

Our group is funded by donations from those we assist and by the reasonable charges we make for lifts which covers the volunteer's fuel and a small donation to our scheme. We are also very fortunate that the Flitton & Greenfield Parish Council have made donations to our scheme to assist us in buying equipment needed and to help cover our modest running costs.

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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SATURDAY

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DUCK RACE

Monday 30th August

from 3.30pm till 5.00pm

As we have not been able to hold our annual FAMILY BARN STORM for 2 years we have decided to have the DUCK RACE only on Bank Holiday Monday. So please come down to Flitton Moor Nature Reserve.



We will have a couple of artists exhibiting in the Barn and a "Climate Crisis" stall.
If you would like to exhibit something please let me know.

And, to have a chance of winning: Ducks are £1 each
Proceeds to go towards our new Two Moors Heritage Trail leaflet which is about to be delivered to all homes in the parish.
For more info contact David Sedgley on 01525 714961



FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

As well as working at Flitton Moor and its barn, the 'Friends of Flitton Moor' also work on our local footpaths.

We are a small band of 8 regular volunteers with occasional help from others. As we are all retired we usually work on footpaths on weekday mornings once a week – usually Tuesdays. During spring and summer we are mostly clearing vegetation, and 5 of us are trained in the use of brushcutters on Rights of Way. We are funded and insured by Central Bedfordshire Council.

Over the last two winters we also installed several new bridges - replacing the old sleepers. We have also changed most of the stiles in the parish to kissing gates.

If you know of any problem on our Rights of Way network please let me know.

If anyone is interested in joining us please let me know through my contact on back page.

Happy walking, David Sedgley

Answers to Puzzle Page Quiz:

1c 2b 3a 4c 5a 6c 7b 8a 9c 10b



Drama Club Social Evening

Come join us for a social evening to learn all about the Club and find out more information on our upcoming performance of the Vicar of Dibley and our Young Actors group.

There will be a free drink on offer and a behind the scenes tour of the stage and production areas.

We look forward to seeing you all!

7:45pm on 16th September 2021

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Autumn 2021 Programme



Wednesday 1st September

7.30 for 8.00pm at Flitwick Moor car park

Bat Walk – led by Colin Carpenter

Booking essential as limited to 15 participants.

Sunday 19th September

10.30am at Flitwick Moor car park

Fungal Foray – Led by Alan Outen, local enthusiast.

How many of the 600 fungi species recorded for the Moor will we find today?

Booking essential as places limited

Saturday 9th October

10.30am at Maulden Church car park

'Geology walk' – a fascinating insight into the rocks around us.

Led by Derek Turner – Beds Geology Group member.

Sunday 31st October

9.45am at Rectory Lane – Houghton Conquest

Seed collection – led by Colin Carpenter

Come and help collect seeds for Colin's tree nursery.

Please phone to book and for more information on location.

Walks are £2 per person – children free.

Flitton and Greenfield

Saturday 11th September 5
–9 pm



BBQ, Bar & Family Fun.
Open to all no need to attend

...book via our Facebook page

or message 07847778334.



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Greenfield School is a church school

Our Christian ethos: nurture, inspire, flourish; underpinned by Jesus' mustard seed parable - the smallest of seeds when planted becomes the greatest of trees (Mt13v31-32). We nurture each other while growing in confidence, knowledge and character; we inspire creativity and support relationships and resilience to enable our community to flourish.

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We encourage visits to our school.

We would love to hear from you and are always ready to welcome visitors as we take pride in our schools.

Mrs Debbie Drawbridge - Headteacher

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VILLAGE HISTORY

BY MARGARET BUTT

7th Earl Cowper 1834-1905

Thomas Phillip, Earl de Grey inherited the Wrest estate in 1833, and he had the means to build a modern replacement to the old house. The foundation stone of the present house was laid in 1834, the year that his grandson Francis, later 7th Earl Cowper (see right) was born. He was educated at Harrow and Christ Church College, Oxford.

The 7th Earl inherited the estate in 1880 from his mother, Anne Florence Cowper, 7th Baroness Lucas and daughter of Thomas Phillip. Thomas Phillip had no surviving sons so the De Grey title was passed onto a distant male relative. The Lucas title, however, could be passed down the female line. Francis' father was George Cowper, the 6th Earl so his son obtained both titles, becoming the 7th Earl Cowper, 8th Baron Lucas and also 4th Lord Dingwall and Lord Butler of Moore Park.



The Cowper estates were in various parts of the country including Melbourne Hall in Derbyshire, Panshanger in Hertfordshire and St James's Square, London. The total acreage he owned was 37,869 acres and he was extremely wealthy.

The 7th Earl Cowper was a Liberal politician who spoke regularly in the House of Lords, opposing Home Rule for Ireland. In 1870, he married Katie [Katrine] Compton, the eldest daughter of the Marquess of Northamptonshire. She was considerably younger than the Earl and there were no children. She appears to have been caring and hard working, visiting the poor in Flitton and Silsoe but she was strongly opposed to women's suffrage.

Katie was a noted society hostess and claimed that she invented the Country House Weekend. Her parties at St James's Square were famous but the weekends at Wrest and Panshanger were the most sought after. At this time, society was divided; the Marlborough House set, led by the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, was devoted to horse racing and gambling. The Cowpers, Wyndhams, Tennants and Grenfells were part of The Souls set who were intelligent, wealthy, often related, men and women who met on equal terms and formed the core of the country house weekends. At Wrest they would perform plays, play Scrabble in German, have political discussions and hold shooting weekends which were very popular.

Visitors included politicians, army leaders, diplomats, financial leaders and members of the aristocracy, all with their wives and servants. Where did they all sleep at Wrest? The house was not large with 8 bedrooms on the first floor and maybe one more on the ground floor.



The development of the Country House weekend was only possible with the growth of railways. Visitors to Wrest could have arrived at Ampthill or Shefford Stations. As time went on and cars became more reliable, no doubt many visitors arrived that way.

After Francis died [his will was worth £1,079,000] the title Earl Cowper became extinct because he had no male heirs. He and Katie died of bronchitis, the Earl in 1905 and the Countess in 1913. Wrest Park was no longer needed by the family and was rented out to Mr White-law Reid (pictured left) who managed to get King Edward VII to stay for the weekend at Wrest in 1909.

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