

Spring 2022

Flit 'n' More

The parish newsletter for Flitton,
Greenfield and Wardhedges

For the first time in two years I'm happy to tell you that we can offer you a spring edition of your village newsletter which is packed with events and things to do in our lovely villages. Hurrah!

Yes it's spring (see how many times you can find that word in this article!) but as we go to press the weather is miserable, wet and windy, but I'm sure by Easter it will have improved a lot, and we can look forward to shaking off the problems of the last couple of springs and getting back to normal. Let's hope so at least.

It's going to be a very special year anyway with the Queen's 70th Jubilee, and you'll find lots of events inside to co-incide with that, as well

as much more.

At Flitton Church, we are still without a vicar, but hope springs eternal, and in the meantime there are lots of services for all the family, especially over Easter. Watch out for our famous flowery cross in the churchyard... and join us on 22nd May for a bracing hike to all our three churches of Flitton, Silsoe and Pulloxhill. That should put a spring in your step!

So no excuses, it's time to spring back to life—see you out there!

Angela/Jo

Simon/Pamela



From Your Parish Council...

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

I am so pleased that we seem to be moving towards a new normal in terms of living with Covid and that we can all look forward to getting on with our lives, work, council business and enjoying fresh air and nicer weather as it arrives.

I have to pay tribute to my fellow Councillors who have taken all the Covid changes in their stride over the past two years. Council business has not stopped, although some of our services had to be closed for some periods of time. Everything is open again and are still looking after the community and putting in time to make the Parish a better place. I also want to acknowledge the efforts of the volunteers in the parish who helped during the lockdowns and made sure that our vulnerable residents were offered help. Thank you to all.

I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Cllr Pat Woodland, who has stood down from the Council. Pat has been a Councillor for many years including a stint as Chair. Her knowledge of Council matters will be sorely missed as will her common sense contribution to discussions. We wish Pat well over the coming years.

What this means is that we now have a casual vacancy for a Councillor, preferably from the Flitton area to serve until May 2023, when the whole Council stands for re-election. If anyone is interested in standing I would be more than happy to answer any questions. Myself or the Clerk can be contacted at any time at flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or on the notice boards.

Once again, we have finalised the annual budget and the precept for 2022-2023. We have agreed an increase of 1.5% for our tax base. This allows the Council to cover its annual costs and carry out some necessary work and improvements. It's just a small increase of less than £2 per annum for a Band D Council Tax payer. We do hope you all see this as good value for money.

We have recently starting looking again at minor highway improvements. The match funding from CBC has been re-introduced but it is a very different scheme with much less funds available, so any applications are necessarily going to be for minor works. We will keep you all informed about this if we find we can make any application.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will see details of the national litter picking campaign, which we are joining in with on Saturday 26th March, please come and take part to keep the Parish looking clean and tidy.

As you will also see, we may have a free allotment plot if anyone is interested and, in any case, we keep a waiting list for when plots become available. Get in touch if you fancy this challenge.

I am looking forward to the celebrations being planned in the Parish for the Queen's Jubilee year. The Council is hoping to be part of the Queens Green Canopy to plant more trees and details of this are on page ?. Do get in touch with any of us if you want to get involved in this or any other Council initiative as we are always looking for help.

Cllr Mark Gates, Chairman of the Parish Council

Services for Spring



Wed 2 March	7.30 pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at Silsoe
Sun 6 March	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Silsoe
	11.00 am	Morning Worship at Flitton
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Pulloxhill
Sun 13 March	9.30 am	Holy Communion (with choir) at Flitton, with Archdeacon Dave
	11.00 am	Social Sunday at Silsoe and Morning Prayer at Pulloxhill
Sun 20 March	9.30 am	Morning Worship at Silsoe
	10.30 am	Café Church at Flitton
	11 am	Holy Communion at Pulloxhill
Fri 25 March	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Flitton from the Book of Common Prayer
Sun 27 March	8.30 am	Holy Communion, at Silsoe, a short service
	10.00 am	Mothering Sunday, services at all three churches!
Sun 3 April	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Silsoe
	11.00 am	Morning Worship at Flitton
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Pulloxhill
Sun 10 April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion (with choir) at Flitton, a Three Churches Service
Fri 15 April	11.00 am	Walk of Witness for Good Friday at Silsoe
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Service at Pulloxhill
Sat 16 April	6.00 pm	Easter Vigil, at Flitton, a 3Churches Service
Sun 17 April	7.30 am	Easter Sunday Dawn communion at Pulloxhill
	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Silsoe
	11.00 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Flitton
Sun 24 April	10.00	Holy Communion (with choir) at Pulloxhill, a 3Churches Service
Fri 29 April	10.00 am	Holy Communion at Flitton from the Book of Common Prayer
Services for May are tbc but will probably follow our usual pattern...		
Sun 1 May	11 am	Morning Worship
Sun 8 May	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 15 May	10.30 am	Café Church





THE
QUEEN'S GREEN
CANOPY

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, everyone is invited to plant a tree to not only commemorate the 70 years of the Queen's reign but also create a green legacy across the UK, which is being called the **Queen's Green Canopy**.

Here in this parish, the aim is to plant at least 70 trees which can be standalone or as part of a hedge. The Parish Council has identified certain communal areas where it be planting young trees but the opportunity is open to individuals and organisations. Ideally, locations selected should be visible to the public, but that doesn't exclude back gardens; as the traditional planting season is October through to March, there is time to plan.

A record of all trees planted in the parish under this scheme will be kept and uploaded on to the national register; once registered, virtual plaques should be available but there is always the possibility of a physical plaque.

Some species (eg traditional hardwoods) will be available via the parish council from the CBC scheme but there is nothing to stop anyone doing their own thing and still registering. There may be other grants available in due course.

For further information, please contact:

David Sedgley: dsedgley@talktalk.net with enquiries about matching trees and locations

Simon Sadler: flittonsadler1@btinternet.com with general and registration enquiries



Would you like an allotment plot?

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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.

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We have at least one allotment plot available at Joes Close, Greenfield. They cost from £5 a year depending on the size you want and you could start using it straight away. That means lovely home grown produce ready for jam making, easy salads and beautiful roast vegetables.

INTERESTED?

Contact Bob Rishton bob.rishton@flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk
or Rik Stokes on rik.stokes@flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk
or Parish Clerk on clerk@flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Great British Spring Clean Litter pick in the Parish on Saturday 26th March

The annual litter pick in Flitton and Greenfield will take place this year on Saturday 26th March 2022 starting at 10.00h from the MUGA carpark.

Please save the date now and watch this space for more details. If you already know you can make it, please drop the Clerk a line on clerk@flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk so we get an idea of numbers.



We will supply (as far as we can) hi-vis vests, litter picking sticks, gloves and bags. You just need suitable clothing and sturdy shoes/boots and be able to pick for about 2 hours if you can.

It is a really good chance for us all to clean and tidy up those parts of the village that our regular litter pickers can't get to.

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Thursday 2nd June - Queen's Jubilee Party Opener with entertainment

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Sunday 12th June - The Famous Potato Race

Sunday 19th June - Father's Day

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Luke & team



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SMALL CHANGES TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

We all have goals, changes we want to make to various aspects of our lives. The problem is factors such as lack of time, being tired, busy, ill & demotivated often inhibits our success & so we quit. We have an all or nothing approach where if we don't give 100% we've failed. We are impatient & want quick results which aren't sustainable.

Habit stacking can help you make small changes in your life that you can stick to, leading to big results

4 easy steps to get started:-

- 1 - Write down current habits which are already part of your life** - eg making breakfast, walking the children to school
- 2 - Write down a new habit that you'd like to adopt** - eg drink more water, become more flexible
- 3 - Attach the habits that fit together** - eg whilst making breakfast have a glass of water or when you return from taking the children to school stretch for 5 minutes. This approach no matter how small the initial new behaviour is will become a habit which you can build upon with another new habit. Such as whilst having a glass of water when making breakfast, fill up a water bottle ready for a workout or to have at your desk
- 4 - Seeing it through** is probably the hardest step, but consistency is essential to make the new habit stick and become part of your life so you don't even need to think about it. This is why making small changes that link to existing habits are more sustainable.

It's not about perfection every time, but being consistent & making it part of your routine like cleaning your teeth which will lead to success!

So let's get habit stacking!

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SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2022

Raise money for national and local charities & local good causes:

Motor Neurone Disease Association, Bedford Hospital Charity & Friends, CHUMS, Flitwick & Ampthill Community First Responders... and more!

Run one mile, or form a relay team of four, carrying either 20, 10, 5 or 2 kg of potatoes.

Categories & prizes for all ages

Spud & spoon races for kids!

Races start at midday

Can you beat the
course record?

It currently stands at
5 mins 26 secs!



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This event is made possible by our primary sponsor (and provider of potatoes!), Isle of Ely Produce.



KEY TIMES

10:00 -11:30	Registration for all races at the Village Hall, with free shuttle to start
11:40	Safety briefing for all runners other than children at the Village Hall
12:00 – 12:25	Races start at Moat Farm
12:40	Spud & spoon races start from Village Hall and Sand Road
13:45 approx	Prize-giving at The White Hart of prizes & trophies

THE RACES

Adult Individual Mile for over 16s @ midday

- 20kg for men, 10kg for ladies
- Veterans prizes for the first male and female aged 45 or over
- Entry fee £15 per person (£20 on the day)

Youth Individual Mile for 10-16 year olds @ 12.10

- 5kg for 14-16 year olds, 2kg for 10-13 year olds
- Entry fee £6 (£10 on the day)

Cadet Team relay for 16-17 year olds @ 12.20

- Relay team of 4, each runner carrying 10kg in a rucksack for 0.25 mile
- Teams can be mixed male/female
- Entry fee £24 per team (£30 on the day)

Youth Team relays for 10-12 & 13-16 year olds @ 12.20

- Relay team of 4, each runner carrying the spuds for 0.25 mile
- 5 kgs for 14-16 year olds, 2 kgs for 10-13 year olds
- Teams can be mixed male/female
- Entry fee £24 per team (£30 on the day)

Adult Team challenge for over 16s @ 12.30

- Relay team of 4, each runner carrying 20kg or 10kg potatoes for 0.25 mile
- Teams can be mixed male/female but only a full ladies team will qualify for the 10kg weight
- Veterans category for teams with all runners aged 45 or over
- Entry fee £40 per team (£50 on the day)

Spud & spoon races for children aged 9 & under @ approx 12.40

- Course for 6-9 year olds starts at the village hall
- Course for under 6's starts at the bottom of Sand Road
- Entry fee £3 (£5 on the day) and every runner who crosses the finish line gets a goodie bag

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Can you spare an hour or so on race day?

Every year the Potato Race gets bigger and better and the organising committee rely on a small army of volunteers to facilitate everything from registrations to road closures, refreshments to raffle ticket sales.

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Leading up to race day every year we run a Tatties In A Bucket competition to encourage children to grow their own potatoes.

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Some local schools take part but you can also enter on your own. To find out more please email flittonpotatorace@hotmail.co.uk



Notice of the 16th

FLITTON FLITS FAMILY FUN RUNS

Monday 2nd May 2022

5K Fun Run, Junior 1 mile run and under 7s' Flit Sprint

Time to get yourself fit for a great run around Flitton & Flitwick Moors over a flat cross-country route. The event is a great day out for the whole community, which finishes with prize giving and a BBQ at the White Hart.

Please let the organisers know if you can help in any way.

**Entry forms will be in local pubs,
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For more information or offers of help please contact
David Sedgley on 01525714961 or Jen Fisher on 01525 713917
Email flittonflit@gmail.com

Flit Vale Wildlife Trust Spring 2022 Programme



Monday 14th March

7.30pm – Zoom talk

"The Mystery of Scientific Names" - by Bob Hook & Judith Knight.

Book through Ann for link – details below.

Monday 25th April

7.30pm – Zoom talk

"Banking on Butterflies" – by Gwen Hitchcock, Wildlife Trust officer.

What these beautiful insects need to thrive.

Book through Ann for link

Saturday 14th May

10.30am - Totternhoe Nature Reserve

A Butterfly walk led by Gwen Hitchcock

Will we be lucky & see the rare Duke of Burgundy?

Please phone to book and for more information on walks.

Walks are £2 per person – children free.

Please contact Ann on 07580 178889 or flitvale.info@gmail.com



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Saturday May 7th 2022
Doors open 7pm

all standards welcome

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It's Party Time from 2nd to 5th June!

Over these 4 days, the nation will be celebrating the 70 years of the Queen's reign - there are national events that will be covered by TV but obviously, it is a good excuse to decorate the village in red, white and blue and there is nothing like a good party. Here is an outline of events that we know about:

Thursday 2nd

Jubilee Party Opener with themed menu at The White Hart and entertainment from Cockney Sparrows from 5pm - see Facebook for further details

Friday 3rd

Pre-Derby **Race Night** in the village hall. Watch the thrills (and spills!) on the big screen and celebrate your wins at the bar. Further details on the hall Facebook page in due course.

Saturday 4th

Picnic in the Park with music and entertainment - on the recreation field from lunchtime onwards. We are looking for local bands to play one or two sessions as in previous galas so please get in touch if you are interested. Entertainment for children and food outlets are planned and, of course, Gerald's bar will be open. In addition, there will be competitions; the best platinum Pudding, design a crown, fancy dress - the list is endless. We are hoping that everyone will enjoy the informal atmosphere. In the evening, you can retire to watch the Concert at Buckingham Palace on the hall's big screen - not forgetting Gerald's as well!

Sunday 5th

Special church service at 11am. For details nearer the time, see the church's Facebook page. The De Grey mausoleum will also be open.

Lunch or tea on your doorstep - a quiet opportunity to get together with your neighbours over a glass or cuppa - Just like VE Day during lockdown!

If you are aware of other activities in the villages please get in touch. We are looking for help throughout but with the picnic in particular.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Simon Sadler on 07341 550990 or flittonsadler1@btinternet.com

We all like to party so let's make it one to remember



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, enabling our community to flourish.

The New Year has started very well for us at school and we are excited to be able to start getting back to a more 'normal' school life. Here are some activities that the children have enjoyed this half term.

Ducklings (our Nursery class), have had a lovely half term, the children shared stories about their Christmas experiences. The topic has been toys, so the children were encouraged to talk about and create pictures of the toys they have and that they enjoy playing with. We also learnt about toys from years gone past.

Robins (our Reception class), had their first reading cafe. We invited in parents, grandparents and siblings to share a story and then get creative with us. We read Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson and worked with our family to make our very own set of paper dolls. We loved using all the sparkly and shiny art resources, and were very impressed by the parents' creativity.

Wrens (our Year 1 class), have been learning all about the Seaside and where to go on holiday. They have been thinking about different countries and comparing features and climates. In art, they have been drawing self-portraits and learning about how colours can be used to create a certain mood to a piece of art.

Owls (our Year 2 class), have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'On Safari'. In geography lessons, the children have used world maps, atlases and globes to identify many countries, the seven continents and the five oceans. They were extremely lucky to have a member of our community talk to them about living in Kenya. She told the children about working as a midwife, the landscapes, the food and some very funny stories about her animal encounters!

Hérons (our Year 3 class), have been learning about famous artists around Europe, focusing on drawing and painting. They have enjoyed exploring the different styles of art especially using the style of Michelangelo, 'Painting on the ceiling'. The children re-created this by drawing underneath the table.

Eagles (our Year 4 class), have been enjoying their PE lessons where they have been learning to balance and form gymnastic shapes, and have also been learning how to play netball. They have also been looking at sculptures and have found out interesting facts about the American artist, Alexander Calder. The children have designed a maquette and then made a fish sculpture using clay.

If you would like to visit our school, please do contact the school office on 01525 712426. We welcome children in our nursery from the age of three and they stay with us until year 4, when they transition to middle school.



Best wishes.
Mrs Drawbridge
(Headteacher)



FAMILY BARN STORM

Saturday 23rd July

from 12.00 till 6.00pm

Save the Date of our annual event on Flitton Moor
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Duane Savage - Director

This method of marketing is generally used for probate sales or the sale of vacant properties, often those with potential to improve, and benefits the seller by ensuring that the best possible price is achieved. A 'guide price' is set and the property is widely advertised for a period of 3-4 weeks with a final date for offers to be received specified from the outset. Any offer must be submitted in writing and placed within a sealed envelope clearly marked with the property address as reference, we will supply a form to complete which identifies any required information to strengthen a bid, such as whether your offer is dependent upon the sale of an existing property and, if so, whether that is on the market or already sold (stc), and how you intend to fund the purchase, by mortgage or cash for example. On the closing date, the seller will be invited into our office to open all the 'sealed bids'.

For the buyer, this may feel a little like a 'blind auction' but ensuring that your bid is the maximum that you are able and prepared to pay will give you the best possible chance of securing the property. Some buyers may enclose a personal letter with their bid with a little more background on their position, if there's little between two offers this could just make the difference between your offer being the one that's accepted.

It is important to remember that the purchasing position of the buyer can have as much importance as the offer itself, so if you do need to sell a home in order to buy it's important to get your property on the market as soon as possible, and ideally to have a buyer in place yourself before the tender closes. In the current fast moving market this can be achievable within the 3-4 weeks that the tender runs. If you have a property that you think may benefit from this method of marketing or you've seen a property for sale by Informal Tender and want more advice on placing your bid, please give our team a call on 01525 721000 and we'll be happy to help.



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VILLAGE HISTORY BY MARGARET BUTT

Rev Hadley Cox—The Needs of the Poor

Rev Hadley Cox 1763-1782, was very much involved in the care of his parishioners and was well liked and respected. I have written before about his involvement in the early inoculation of the Wrest estates against smallpox. This is the time of Jemima Marchioness Grey and her husband Lord Hardwick who managed Wrest Park. I have kept the original spellings and grammar.

June 1766 Flitton Hadley Cox (HC): 'the poor in general are very poor caterers for themselves. Beer and gin with both sexes, tea and snuff with the females I don't doubt bear much too great a proportion in the use and the make of the money bestowed 'pon them'

March 12th 1769 Flitton HC: Sends Lord Hardwicke accounts as requested extracted 'out of the overseers books & the stewards accounts, a computation of the monies bestowed upon the poor of this Parish.

16th March 1769 Flitton HC: Tis indeed a great pity that after so much bestowed on 'em in the articles of dwelling, cloathing, victualing & doctors, there should be so many miserable, ragged, piteous looking objects as there are. *(He recommends a poor house)* 'a large and commodious building where they might be collected together, furnished with proper implements for works of various kinds & maintained comfortably as one family. *(This idea has already been voted impracticable by the Parish.)* In short my Lord, I doubt it must be confessed, that (our kind and truly charitable friends at Wrest excepted) there are not in all the remains of the Parish men of property, at least not of public spirit sufficient to put such a scheme in execution.

April 16th 1769 HC: *Describes persons assigned to run the workhouse.* I should hope every considerable advantage to the Parish by reclaiming the poor from that inveterate habit of idleness, filthiness & shameful raggedness which has long been with too much reason the subject of complaints. *HC worries about the small size of the proposed workhouse:* I can't bear the thoughts of having my poor widows left in the lurch' & asks Lord H to recommend that they are treated as well as those inside the workhouse.

May 11th 1769 Flitton HC: *Referring to new poorhouse* 'tho the poor seem at present to be shy of coming into it, most of them preferring liberty with hunger, rags & dirtiness to Restraint with good fare, warm cloathing. *Describes the double sufferings of poor parishioners* in current freeze of cold and unemployment as they 'strive hard to live out of the workhouse'. As they have been very moderate in their draughts upon your Lordship's charity purse in my trust, I have thought proper to bestow about forty shillings upon fewel for their comforts in these hard times.

Feb 28th 1771 Flitton HC: Receives 5 guineas via Mr Cole 'by your Lordship's very kind & charitable order for the further relief of my poor parishioners. *The firewood given out in previous letter* 'would scarcely go through ½ the parish' so he has now spent £3-1-0.

Jan 29th 1777 Flitton HC: *Another request to get a young man – James Simmons – into Bedlam.* Sir – My Lord says he has had more applications from Silsoe about mad people than from any other parish in his (estates?)

March 31st 1777 Flitton HC: *Thanks LH for* 'getting their unhappy lunatic admitted into Bethlem Hospital.

March 28th 1782 Silsoe JP [Joseph Pawsey]: Hadley Cox died yesterday July 27th 1782 Mrs Cox says he wants to be buried in Chancel at Flitton by the side of his late Uncle Hadley." I beg to say it will not interfere with the Remains of any of Lady Grey's family."

Also in 1782, Joseph Pawsey, the steward at Wrest Park, reported to Lord Hardwick that the poor were again getting too uppity; 'the lower order is most depraved, did not attend church as well they should and showed a lack of respect to the vicar.' Mr Pawsey was a hard task master and presumably had little sympathy for his poorer tenants.

Lord Hardwicke and Rev Cox did their best to improve the lives of the poor of the parish. I wonder if they were appreciated?

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