



Summer is definitely upon us, and what a packed season we have in our villages! With the fabulous Potato Race back up and running (see what I did there?) not to speak of the exciting news of our new vicars (yes a matching pair!) arriving in July, and a packed summer programme at the Village Hall and the Wildlife Trust.

If you prefer a more leisurely pace, why not visit the gardens open in our villages this summer? There's info on the National Garden Scheme website, ngs.org.uk. Fancy some new plants or a fab cream tea? You can find details on Page 15.

But this summer it's all about the Jubilee! Beat a path to the Picnic in the Park, with FREE musical and children's

entertainment! Want to get into the spirit? Here are a few suggestions for you;

Red White and Blue—dress yourself in your finest for the occasion

Best Dressed House—and if you, why not your house too? Bunting, flags, balloons, anything goes. A photographer will go around the villages making a pictorial record.

Platinum Pudding or Cake Competition — see page 11. Forget the official recipe and make up your own!

Have a great summer!

Angela/Jo

Simon/Pamela

From Your Parish Council...

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

I very much hope that everyone is looking forward to the Jubilee weekend which will be fully celebrated in the villages. Thank you Jubilee volunteers for making all the plans and I am delighted that the Parish Council has participated in this through funding and our volunteer representative. I hope the sun shines and we are all able to marvel at the service which our Queen has given over the last 70 years.

We have joined in the Jubilee initiative known as the Queens Green Canopy planting trees across the nation. We were able to fund and plant 70 trees throughout the Parish and you can see which and where by clicking on the following link on the website <https://flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-admin/post.php?post=3719&action=edit> These should be a lasting reminder of the celebration for many years to come and also create a green legacy, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate.

Hopefully another repeat project will be in full bloom and evidence in the summer and you will be able to see lovely wild flower verges again throughout the villages and in the Playing Field. This was very much appreciated last year and all the comments we received were positive and encouraged us to expand the areas and make a further commitment this year. However, a little reminder that the verges may not look as well kept as normal after the flowers have bloomed, but in order to propagate them again next year, they have to be left in a semi wild state, which is different from our normally well mowed verges.

The Council was really fortunate to welcome a new Councillor recently. Cllr Simon Barker lives in Flitton, has served in the public sector and worked with Councils as part of his career, so has hit the ground running and is already contributing to the discussions and meetings which govern the way the Parish is managed. We welcome and thank Simon very much for taking up this role.

Please do not forget that if you have any issues to raise in the Parish, you can contact any of your Councillors or the Clerk to the Council and all contact details are shown on the website and noticeboards. We will do our best to help with any problems or resolve issues and if we cannot do this, we will try to point you in the right direction to get an answer.

Also, now we are into a new financial year, we have a new grants budget to allocate. Funding is modest, but is there to aid or assist any local service, projects or initiatives in the parish. Application forms and our criteria for grants can be found on the website.

Mark Gates

Chair Flitton and Greenfield Parish Council

Services for Summer



Fri 27th May	10 am	'4th Friday at Flitton' Holy Communion Service
Sun 29th May		No service at Flitton
	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Silsoe
	11 am	Social Sunday at Pulloxhill
Sun 5th June	11 am	Special Platinum Jubilee Service—see page 5
Sun 12th June		No service at Flitton—Potato Race Day!
	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Silsoe
	11 am	Holy Communion at Pulloxhill
Sun 19th June	9.30 am	Morning Worship at Silsoe
	10.30 am	Café Church at Flitton
	11 am	Holy Communion at Pulloxhill
Fri 24th June	10 am	'4th Friday at Flitton' Holy Communion Service
Sun 26th June	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Silsoe
		No service at Flitton
	11 am	Social Sunday at Pulloxhill
Sun 3rd July	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Silsoe
	11 am	Morning Worship at Flitton
	6 pm	Evensong at Pulloxhill
Sun 10th July	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Flitton
	11 am	Social Sunday at Silsoe <i>and</i> Morning Worship at Pulloxhill
Wed 13th July	7.30 pm	Installation of Simon and Louise Moore at Silsoe
Sun 17th July	9.30 am	Morning Worship at Silsoe
	10.30 am	Café Church at Flitton
	11 am	Holy Communion at Pulloxhill
Fri 22nd July	10 am	'4th Friday at Flitton' Holy Communion Service
Sun 24th July	10 am	Three Churches Service—venue TBC
Services for August at Flitton will follow our usual pattern...		
Sun 7th	11 am	Morning Worship
Sun 14th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 21st	10.30 am	Café Church
Fri 27th	10 am	Holy Communion



Simon and Louise, our new vicars, will be installed in July, hurrah! See overleaf for a welcome message from them.

Watch the chalkboard outside the church for up-to-date church news!



Flitton Church News

The Benefice of Silsoe, Flitton and Pulloxhill

Growing as beacons of Christ's Light in our Communities

**A 'Hello' from Simon and Louise Moore,
soon to be our vicars.**

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce ourselves as we prepare to move to be the vicars of Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe in the summer. At the moment we lead three churches in the parish of Sutton in St Helens in Liverpool Diocese, where we have been for the last five years. We finish on June 5th, moving to the vicarage in Silsoe the following week and start officially after our licensing service on Wednesday 13th July at 7.30pm.

We are excited about coming to the area and look forward to getting to know you, although we will perhaps meet on a footpath with our pair of hybrid hounds before the official start. We are enthusiastic about all the possibilities of ministry in the area and are increasingly aware of what a special place this is and the strategic role the church plays in the community. We look forward to getting involved in village life in the services and events at church, the local schools, pubs and with you.

Simon was originally a geography teacher, and Louise an occupational therapist. Shortly after our wedding we felt called to overseas mission partnership and used our professional skills in a mission school and hospital in Kenya.

Just before we returned to the UK two years later, our first daughter Hannah was born. Following a time at Bible College and another daughter added (Ruth), we worked in Zimbabwe for five years where our youngest daughter Miriam was born. For 17 years before heading to St Helens we were in various churches in Hertfordshire where two of our daughters and new grandson now live. Simon enjoys the outdoors, golf, running, real ale, red wine, films, trivia, pies, curries, and pub quizzes. Louise likes walking and running and enjoys white wine and wide-open spaces, painting, books, and animals of all kinds. Presently the owners of dogs (Belle and Bo), and guinea pigs (Evie and Heidi).

Bless you all

Louise and Simon





PLATINUM JUBILEE
CELEBRATION

Sunday 5th June Flitton Church

Join us to celebrate 70 glorious years of
Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's reign

11:00: Bring your chairs for an outdoor service
dedicated to the Queen

12:00: Cream teas and free traditional games
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Sunday 12th June - The Famous Potato Race

Sunday 19th June - Father's Day

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12pm -6pm



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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

Platinum Pudding or Cake Competition

As the official rules had not been announced when we planned this competition, we opted for a possibly easy alternative; Puddings or cakes can be any size, shape or design so long as they contain strawberries and/or chocolate (two of the Queen's favourite ingredients).



The competition is free to enter for all ages. Please bring your masterpiece to the village hall by 2pm on Saturday 4th June for judging at 3pm.

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Luke & team



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FAMILY BARN STORM

Saturday 23rd July

from 12.00 till 6.00pm



Join us for our magical event on
Flitton Moor Nature Reserve
On the reserve this year we will have:

A Barbeque from 1.00 pm

An Art Exhibition

Calling all local artists - please let me know if you would
like to exhibit any pictures, photographs, sculptures etc

Children's activities will include
Animal Orienteering and Map Making

And of course the famous **DUCK RACE**
at approx. 4.30 pm

Stalls may include: The Wildlife Trust, BNHS, The
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KEY TIMES

10:00 - 11:30	Registration for all races at the Village Hall
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 @ 12.25

- 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 teams with all runners aged 45 or over will qualify for the 10kg weight
- 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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Saturday 11th June - 10.00am to 3.30pm Flitwick Moor Invertebrate day with Colin Carpenter

Join Colin, the moor's warden, and experts from the BNHS for this annual hunt into the great variety of insects, snails and other small creatures on this magical wetland. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Free event

Saturday 9th July - 10.30am at Fancott Arms Pub

A nature walk round **Fancott Wood & Meadows**

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Saturday in July tbc - 10.30am at Ramamere Heath Nature Reserve, Stockgrove

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Saturday 6^h August – 10am at Duck End Nature Reserve, Maulden

A walk around this small local site which has three ponds and plenty of interest. Led by David Withers, volunteer warden and Sue Raven of the Greensand Trust.

Saturday 13th August - 10am at Jordan's Mill, Broom

A walk led by local nature lover Betty Cooke around the environs of Broom. Betty has a wealth of knowledge about all things natural – this will be a fascinating walk.

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

Flitton Flits 2022

After three years since our last Fun Run it was great to see everyone back again in glorious sunshine, as well as some new faces. We had a record turnout in all three races and new records set. See the website for full results and prize winners – www.fdhg.co.uk

I had many favourable comments from first time runners especially about the new boardwalk on Flitwick Moor. From someone outside the area; "A delightful route with lots of support – but I didn't expect the Kissing Gates". I'll remember to mention them next time! The mood at the end was exciting, with the crowd cheering on the runners.

Thanks to all our marshals and all the local businesses who generously donated prizes to what is known locally as "The little race with the big prizes." All prize donors are listed on the website. Thanks also to Nathan and all at the White Hart for providing the barbeque, including free burgers for all marshals.

We made a profit of over £700 which will be used for works looking after and improving Flitton Moor. We will shortly be renovating the pond platform and installing some new sculptures Thanks to those who pre-entered online – it made processing entries much easier.

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We have been very busy at Greenfield & Pulloxhill Academy. This year we have started to offer 'Book Looks' for parents, this gives parents the opportunity to come into school and look through a selection of work that their children have been doing. The children are always happy to share and talk about what they have done! We have also been able to offer Phonics and Maths workshops for parents and these too were successful. Our aim is to provide these workshops at the beginning of every academic year. We have introduced a Reading Café for some year groups, where adults come into school, listen to the class teacher read a story, and then they complete an arts and crafts activity with their children. The children absolutely loved having an adult in school and sharing some time.

The children had a wonderful opportunity to take part in Book Day Workshops to celebrate World Book Day. We invited a professional company in to share a story through dance and movement. The children had a wonderful time bringing the books to life.



Our children celebrated Easter at church, providing a wonderful service for parents/carers, grandparents and other members of the community. The church is a very important part of our school life.

Our Year 3 and 4 children visited Grafham Water for a residential trip in May. We were so proud of them; they took part in activities like climbing, archery and bush craft. However, the sailing was the biggest success!



We always welcome new visitors to our school. If you would like to visit, please do contact the school office on 01525 712426. We welcome children in our nursery from the age of three and our children leave us at the end of Year 4, age nine, when they transition to middle school.

Best wishes.

Mrs Drawbridge
Headteacher

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Philip Yorke, 2nd Earl of Hardwicke

Last time, I wrote about Hadley Cox and Lord Hardwicke, and their efforts to help the poor in the parish of Flitton cum Silsoe. Lord Hardwicke is an interesting man in his own right rather than just the husband of Jemima Yorke nee Campbell, who became Marchioness Grey when she inherited Wrest Park from the grandfather, Henry Duke of Kent. As a woman, she could not become a duke so was given a new title of Marchioness which could be passed onto her male heirs. Sadly, she had no surviving sons so that title was lost too.



Phillip Yorke, 2nd Earl Hardwicke and Viscount Royston, had 2 brothers and 2 sisters, and was educated at Dr Newcome's School in Hackney and Corpus Christi, Cambridge.

He was a politician and writer, and a strong supporter of the protestant Hanoverian kings. He was very interested in science and became a Fellow of The Royal Society in 1741.

In 1738, he was appointed Teller of the Exchequer, an appointment he had for life. This meant he was a receiver of revenues for the government. He was Member of Parliament for Reigate 1741 – 1747, and then he became MP for Cambridgeshire. In 1760, on the accession of George III, he became one of the Privy Council so was at the heart of government. He was Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire from 1757 until his death. He had a strong sense of public duty as did the De Greys but did not have the ambition and drive to achieve as much as he might have done. He suffered from poor health and his main hobby was collecting historical documents.

In 1740, he married Jemima and they had 2 daughters, Mary and Amabel. Amabel eventually inherited Wrest, becoming Countess de Grey. Philip inherited the Wimpole Estate from his father in 1764 and he ran both estates with the help of stewards. He tried to improve the life of the poor people on his estates with money, inoculation against smallpox, improved housing and extending the workhouses. He was generally thought to be a good landowner who looked after his workforce with the help of Stewards.

Philip and Jemima had 2 London homes. The Yorke house was in Grosvenor Square and the De Grey house was at 4 St James Square. Together with the Wrest Park and Wimpole Estates, they were wealthy landowners. He died in 1790 and is buried at St Andrew's church at Wimpole where there is a monument by Thomas Banks. He shares a monument in Flitton mausoleum with his wife, Jemima.

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