

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWS

December 2017

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FLINTHAM'S DEFIBRILLATORS NOW IN PLACE. SEE PAGE TWO FOR DETAILS OF TRAINING TO USE THEM AND CPR TRAINING

The next meeting of the parish council takes place in the village hall on Monday December 4, 2017 followed by the first next year on February 5, 2018 and will both start at 6-30pm. Residents are welcome to attend and take part in the item at the end of the meetings which is aimed at allowing the public to put their points of view.

Greetings for Christmas from FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL



TOP AWARD FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN of Flintham Parish Council David Cartledge was the winning finalist in the Enabling the Community section of the Rushcliffe Awards 2017 at a ceremony held at the Beckett School in West Bridgford last month.

David's award was for his work in the community over the last 50 years, having been born in Flintham 73 years ago.

As well as his more recent contribution of gaining the grant funding for draining the Sports Ground from Sport England and the grant from Community Heart-beat for the provision of three defibrillators in the village, all on behalf of the Parish Council., He has worked over the years helping to fund raise for the Parish Church, the Cricket Club, the Village Hall and the Scouts and was a Remembrance Day Poppy seller in the village for several years.

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Award Winning Museum has Vacancies

FLINTHAM'S highly regarded Museum has two vacant places on its Management Committee and is inviting anyone interested to contact them. The Museum is a nationally Accredited, multiple award-winning and internationally renowned Museum.

The management committee meets four times a year —often with a glass of wine and home made cakes!— and conducts most of its day to day business by email. Training is given, both in-house and with other volunteers at museums in the county. Contact Sue Daly 525786 or Sue Clayton 525641 for further information.

Flintham's Carol Service

Saturday 23rd Dec, 5pm

Sir Robert and Lady Hildyard kindly invite the congregation to Flintham Hall after the service for refreshments, to include mulled wine and mince pies. They would be very grateful if those attending could please make a donation towards the church Fabric Fund as they leave the church on the way to the Hall.

Sunday 24th Dec - 11 am - Holy Communion (CW)

Christmas Day - 9am - Festive Holy Communion (BCP)

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Christmas is coming....!!!

Flintham's Festive page of Bits and bobs

Dog fouling still a problem The majority of dog owners in the parish are responsible and 'pick-up' after their dogs. But there are a minority who do not act responsibly and leave their dogs faeces on paths, verges and roads.

This is not acceptable and unlawful, say the parish council. "Not only is it disrespectful to fellow residents it is also a health hazard," they say.

The Parish Council have provided dog waste bins throughout the village and it is the dog owners responsibility to clear up after their animal and to use the bins to dispose of the waste, Ordinary litter bins can also be used.

The parish council will work with Rushcliffe Borough Council to identify and take the appropriate action against the culprits but say they need help because it is impossible to monitor everywhere at once. The message to residents is: "If you witness an offence, please phone Rushcliffe Borough Council on 0115 981 9911 with as much information as possible, including exact location, the date/time of the offence and the offenders' type of dog as well as a description of the person in charge of the dog.

It would be useful if you could also e-mail the details to the parish council at elliottnews@btconnect.com so that they Parish Council can monitor both the number of incidents and the Rushcliffe's response.

Christmas odd fact: Turkeys are believed to have been brought to Britain in 1526 by Yorkshire man William Strickland. He acquired six birds from American Indian traders on his travels and sold them for twopence each in Bristol.

Shop hours change Flintham's community shop has introduced slightly different opening hours for the winter months. The shop usually opens weekdays from 4-6pm but now during the dark winter nights its closing at 5.30pm. But it says however, if anyone knows that they want to come to the shop between 5.30pm and 6pm please ring 525151 before 5.30pm and they will be waited for until they arrive.

Christmas odd fact: Cash amounting to £8 collected in the village over Christmas in 1914 was used to buy socks, pork pies and bacon to send to the 23 Flintham men serving in the war.

Islamic school site An Assurance has been given to the parish council by their Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Mrs Sarah Bailey that they are determined to seek action to clear the site of the Islamic School on the former Officers Mess site. The Borough had made it quite clear to the owners of the site that if anyone was injured they would be responsible for it. If the owners do not clear the site the Borough have said they would look to undertake the work and charge it out to the school.

Christmas odd fact: On Christmas Day 1815 churchwardens at St Augustines Church at Flintham paid 16s (80p) for a new song book for each of the church singers.

Defibrillators in place Flintham now has three defibrillators in place and usable. The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of the units and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest as well as giving CPR training.

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillators, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Everybody is welcome on one of the following dates, no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.

Monday 4th December 2017 in Flintham Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Saturday 6th January 2018 in Flintham Village Hall at 10.30 am

The defibrillators are positioned at the Village Hall, the Sports Pavilion and outside 15 Coney Grey Spinney.

Christmas odd fact Mrs. Claus, Santa's wife, was first introduced to the world in 1889 in the book "Goody Santa Claus On A Sleigh Ride" by the poet Katherine Lee Bates.

Traveller encampments Newark MP Robert Jenkins is calling on the Government to look again at the way police and local authorities can deal with illegal traveller encampments and says he was continuing his effort to introduce easier action to clear encampments. The parish council at Flintham are supporting him in his effort to bring changes to make it easier for the authorities to have the travellers moved on.

Christmas odd fact The Christmas carol "I Saw Mamma Kissing Santa Claus" was made famous by Jimmy Boyd when he was just 12 years old.

Welcome to Flintham — the place where we live

A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE village where people have lived for over 2000 years.—that's Flintham.

There are currently approximately 700 residents of all ages and social classes. They live in two areas which are separated by the A46 road. West of the road, the houses were part of an RAF estate from the 1950s until the 1990s. The properties were empty for some years before being sold by the Ministry of Defence. East of the road is the original village which was designated a conservation area in 1973. Many of the houses in the village are Listed which means they were built before 1832 and have architectural and heritage merit. Some of the properties in the village belong to the Flintham Estate and are rented out. The remaining houses are privately owned.

Farming declines The village's prosperity was based on agriculture and until WWII there nine farms along the Main Street. Now there are two working farms, one at each end of the village. Most people of working age commute to their employment, so all parts of Flintham can be very quiet during the day.

Broadband and cars Broadband connections are slow and many mobile phones do not work properly inside houses in the village which means there are often people standing in the middle of the road using their mobile phone! Houses are heated by gas, electric, oil or solid fuel central heating and some people also light coal fires in the winter. Wood burners are also beginning to be popular. Many of the households have one or more cars, although there are few of the older residents who do not have private transport and rely on the bus to travel out of the village.

Parish council

Flintham Parish Council has seven unpaid councillors who are elected every four years, although there has not been any need for an election for some time, the Council is supported by a paid Clerk. The Council's powers are limited and include commenting on planning applications relating to Flintham and it has responsibility for the civil cemetery. The Parish Council publishes a monthly newsletter and has recently supported the development of a village website. It raises money through an annual precept which is used towards paying for the running of the Council and maintaining land which it owns in the parish. Some financial support is given to village organisations if and when requested. It also supported a working party to consider all aspects of emergency planning.

Parish church etc

The Church of St Augustine of Canterbury is the parish church. There has been a church on the same site for approximately 1000 years.

Flintham Primary School: There has been a school for both boys and girls since 1874. Children aged 5-11 attend the school and live in Flintham and a number of surrounding villages.

Flintham Village Hall: The building was originally the village school, built in 1873. It belongs to Sir Robert Hildyard who lives at Flintham Hall. The building was leased for 25 years to a management committee of volunteers in the 1990s. They pay no rent but raise money to maintain the building.

The Flintham Society

The Society is a registered educational charity owned and run by volunteers. The charity runs a nationally Accredited and award winning museum which looks at rural life through the eyes of a village shopkeeper. The Society also organises educational activities for residents. The interpretation of 'education' is broad so a range of events take place including history, natural history, art and science. The Society relies on donations to maintain the museum and applies for grants towards specified activities and events.

Community shop

Community Shop is the only shop in Flintham and opened several years ago; it is sited behind the museum. The shop is run by volunteers which is the only way it is sustainable. The volunteers have a policy of supporting local producers as much as possible. The local Co-operative Society is very supportive and gives the shop discount. Some of the more vulnerable residents rely on the community shop but, on the whole, the majority of villagers do not use the shop except when they have run out of a basic commodity.

Sports and Social Association

The Association was founded 15 years ago by a group of cricket enthusiasts. It owns a pavilion which it maintains by renting it out to Keep Fit classes and private hirers. The sports field belongs to the Parish Council. In recent years, the Association has developed a number of sporting activities for young people which are well supported. A group of mothers obtained a grant and organised a play area on the site, plus another play area on the other side of the main road. The Parish Council maintains both areas.

Flintham Scouts

The Scouts' group was founded coming up to 50 years ago. They use an ex-classroom at the side of the village hall which is owned by the Flintham Hall estate. They pay no rent, but they raise money to maintain the building. The Scouts rent a small field across the road from the Scout Hut which is used for camping and other outdoor activities. Both boys and girls from 7 years of age are members of the Scouts. Everyone who runs the Scouts is a volunteer.

POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

AT the end of October, 70 visitors enjoyed 'People, Places and Patterns', an exhibition of photographs taken by Trevor Clayton from 1966-2005.

Trevor, one of the village museum's founders, was a professional photographer who had a good eye for the unexpected and could turn mundane objects into stunning photographs. Visitors enjoyed talking about the photographs in the 'places and patterns' section, recognising photos of Flintham folk, and remembering past village events which Trevor was good at recording for posterity. He died before digital photography had really taken off and there was a lot of discussion about the quality of 'old fashioned' techniques compared to today's instant images. The exhibition raised over £200 from the sale of cards, prints and teas which will be used towards the upkeep of the museum.

Thanks to everyone who helped stage the exhibition and take care of refreshments and a special thank you to the many cake makers for their luscious cakes and slices.

WATER SAVING TIPS

ALL pupils at Flintham County Primary School were treated to an assembly by Severn Trent Water about how everyone can all help conserve water supplies. The children were told that just by turning off the tap when they cleaned their teeth they could save 12 litres of water.

After the assembly Mrs Barker and the Eco Team worked with the water officer to create a Saving Water at School Action Plan.

Chairman award—from page one

He is Chairman of the Hacker Trust Charity which gives grants to young people for educational purposes and a Trustee of the Newark Fosse Way First Responders.

Another of his interests is sitting on the Police Priority Setting Committee.

Following his retirement from running his own building and contracting company David has had more time to attend to the many small repairs etc that need attention around the village.

He has been a member of the cricket club since he was 11 years of age and is currently its chairman as well as being an umpire. David has served on the Parish Council since 1976 and has been chairman for the last 23 years

He is now trying to gain grant funding for a Multi Use Games Area on the Sports Ground to go alongside the Sports and Social Pavilion for which he was also heavily involved with the fund raising with many other members of the community and acting to oversee the building work.

COUNCIL MARQUEE BECOMING POPULAR

THE parish council have received a second booking for its new marquee, as well as comments of interest being expressed by another possible hirer.

The marquee was purchased as part of the Septemberfest staged by the council earlier this year and proceed from the hiring activities will provide cash towards another repeat event next year.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR PARISH CLERK

FLINTHAM parish clerk Mike Elliott has been presented with two awards by the Society of Local Council Clerks, for long service —his first appointment as a clerk was in 1977— and in 'appreciation of his outstanding service to the members of the Society and to the Clerks' profession'. It was his second award from the Society, the other being the first ever award by the Society in 2005 for his "Outstanding Contribution" to the profession.

Mike was for seven years the national secretary of the Society, editor of the national magazine and organisers of its annual three-day conference. He is currently clerk to 15 parish councils including Shelford, Elston, East Stoke, Thurgarton and Hawton.

Burns Supper

Saturday 27th January 2018

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1894 AND STILL GOING STRONG.....

PARISH councils were first created by the Local Government Act of 1894. and Flintham's council came into being that very year, on December 13 when its first meeting was held., nine days after the statutory public meeting had been held to form the council. and elect members.

In accordance with the 1894 Act a Parish Meeting was held in the Schoolroom, and the Overseer, Mr. T. Pearson moved that the Revd. J.H. Smith be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

The Chairman received nomination papers from candidates for the first Flintham Parish Council and voting for these candidates took place with the following results:- Mr. Bills 30 votes, Mr. Brown Farmer 30 votes, Mr. Maltby Farmer 30 votes, Mr. Hildyard Gentleman 29 votes, Mr. Burgess 28 votes, Mr. Everatt Labourer 28 votes., Mr. Wilkinson 22 votes and Mr. Chapell Joiner 13 votes.

First Meeting

The Chairman declared that the first seven candidates were duly elected as the Flintham Parish Council. at the public meeting on the 4th of the month and the first meeting followed on December 13.

At a meeting in the Schoolroom the Revd. J.H. Smith moved that T.B.T. Hildyard Esq. be elected Chairman of the Flintham Parish Council. This was seconded by Mr. G. Brown. And carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Brown that Mr. Thomas Pearson be appointed Clerk to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Mr. T. Maltby and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Everatt that Mr. G. Brown and Mr. T. Maltby be elected Trustees, to act with the Vicar and the owners of Flintham Hall, in the distribution of the Hacker Charity. This was seconded by Mr. J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Everatt that Mr. G. Brown and Mr. T. Maltby should distribute monies derived from the John Smith Bequest (Widows Charity) on behalf of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Mr. W. Bills. and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Brown that Mr. Thomas Pearson (Clerk) should be appointed Treasurer. This was seconded by Mr. T. Maltby and carried unanimously.

The next meeting was on January 10, 1895 at 6-30pm in the Schoolroom. It was proposed by Mr. W. Everatt that meetings should be reported. This was seconded by Mr. J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

Waywardens

It was proposed by Mr. J. Wilkinson that Mr. G. Brown be appointed Waywarden until March 1896. This was seconded by Mr. C. Burgess and carried unanimously.

On February 28 the third meeting was held. Under the chairmanship of Mr. T.B.T. Hildyard. .

The following names were chosen (as nominee) to serve as Parish Constables for the years 1895 and 1896

Thomas Rawson, Labourer, Thomas Juckes, Labourer, John Henry Jackson, Butcher and John Drury, Woodsman. Thomas Rawson was elected Parish Constable by the Justices.

On March 15 a further meeting of the Council when the Chairman served a precept on the Overseers, Mr. T. Pearson and Mr. J. Wilkinson, for the sum of £3-0-0 to pay the current expenses of the Council. Mr. T. Pearson, the Treasurer, gave notice that he wished to resign. This was accepted. It was proposed by Mr. G. Brown that the Clerk, Mr. T. Pearson, be paid £3-0-0 a year as salary. This was seconded by Mr. W. Bills. and carried unanimously.

There being no further meetings recorded for the year 1895 so ended the first year in the history of Flintham Parish Council.

A waywarden in the 18th century was a person responsible for seeing the roads were clear and maintained.,