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The next meeting of the parish council takes place in the village hall on Monday February 5 and it will start at 6-30pm. Residents are welcome to attend and take part in the item at the end of the meeting which is aimed at allowing the public to put their points of view.

FITNESS CLASSES AT VILLAGE HALL

Zumba and Pilates classes are being held in the village hall at Flintham every Friday, having started two weeks ago. They are suitable for all fitness abilities.

Zumba classes are from 9-15am to 10am and Pilates from 10-10am to 10-45am. Those attending are asked to take a mat with them. The charge for one of the classes is £4 or £7 for both. And booking a block in advance will offer a saving.

Lorna Flint is the organiser and she can be contacted at lornamarifitness@gmail.com or at www.facebook.com/lornamarifitness

Proposals Revealed for Syerston Changes

AIRFIELD UPLIFT

MAJOR plans for an extension of the activities at Syerston Airfield are to be considered by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

A planned Aviation Academy at Syerston will be a 'first of a kind' provision for the UK and will be a joint venture with the RAF Air Cadets, for whom RAF Syerston is their home base.

It will provide integration of education, training and industry pathways for the Aviation Skills Partnership's six areas of aviation – pilot, air traffic, airport, operations, cabin crew and aviation engineering. It will also provide pathways through school, college and university for all skill levels and for all job types and will also cover the Aerospace and Space Sector as well as Cyber/Information Security.

Based on the needs of aviation employers locally, nationally and internationally, it will provide job-ready people with the right skills for the right jobs and will integrate feed and partnership with other regional aviation locations including military and civil sites.

The proposed Aviation Academy will measure 110m x 47.1m x 17.8m and will provide 6,392 sq m of accommodation.

Half of the building will be an Emulation Zone where students can emulate engineer activities in workshops and by working on one or more real airframes such as the Boeing 737-800. — Half of the building will provide traditional training in classrooms, group rooms and seminar rooms.

Aircraft for display will be accommodated in the atrium associated with the training half of the building. The RAF has agreed to provide the 'famous five', the last five fast fighter jets in service with the RAF. This is so the facility can attract visitors of the kind who may be interested in a career in the aviation industry.

Aviation Academies

In response to high levels of growth in the aviation industry, and the corresponding demand for well trained young people from many disciplines, the Aviation Skills Partnership (ASP) was established in 2013, promoting a wide variety of training and career pathways.

In April 2017 ASP were able to present the first dedicated training centre, the International Aviation Academy in Norwich (IAA-N).

A key feature of IAA-Norwich is an Aviation Emulation Zone®, a hangar space that contains a decommissioned Boeing 737; a suitable vehicle for students to carry out simulated maintenance and repair tasks. Supported by associated engineering workshops and by a Training Zone, arranged for more traditional lectures and seminars, the building provides appropriate facilities for advanced learning in the aviation sector. Students will be able to complete courses in aviation related topics, most particularly Bachelor degree level engineering courses, and to benefit from the ability to carry out engineering and avionics maintenance tasks on a real airframe. The courses are approved by the Civil Aviation Authority.

A second Aviation Academy is now planned at RAF Syerston, the home of the RAF Air Cadets. The RAF have made available a 5.34 Hectare corner of the airfield to accommodate a building modelled on the Aviation Academy at Norwich; again containing the two distinct halves, and Aviation Emulation Zone® and a Training Zone.

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Your library visit

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE County Library Service's dates and times of the mobile library visits: No 16 Inholms Gardens from 12.10-12.25pm Telephone box on Main Street from 12.30-12.50pm. Coneygrey Spinney from 14.40-14.55pm pm on: February 21, 2018.

Looking back 100 years

The year 2018 will see a number of commemorative events held all over the UK — including of course Flintham — to mark the centenary of the ending of World War I.

History shows there were serious meat shortages in the Newark area. Eating less meat was recognised as a small sacrifice to make so that the brave lads in France were well fed.

In January 100 years ago Wednesdays and Fridays were designated as Meatless Days at all public eating places in the provinces. It was an offence to serve or consume any meat, poultry or game at a public eating place. Diners were also reminded to take their own sugar if they were drinking tea or coffee at a café or restaurant. Between 3pm and 5.30pm it was not possible to be served with more than one and a half ounces in total of bread, cake, scones or biscuits.

The parish council at Flintham is looking to stage a bonfire in line with the rest of the country at 7pm on November 11 this year and will also look to extend the activity in some way, either just before the bonfire or afterwards.

NEARING THE 500 MARK

THE current Full Register of electors for Flintham, just published by Rushcliffe Borough Council show there are a total of 495 electors in Flintham. There are 221 of them on Coney Grey Spinney and 57 on Inholms Gardens.

NEWARK POLICE CUSTODY SUITE CLOSES

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE police Chief Constable Craig Guildford has confirmed he has closed the Newark Custody Suite, but has said the future of the police station there is secure. The closure will mean, he says, an increase in the number of constables stationed there and says it is his firm intention to further increase the number of local resources as part of his plans for local policing in 2018.

Mr Guildford, in explaining his decision, said the vast majority of detainees housed at Newark were not arrested in Newark. He said the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police had given an assurance Newark could use the Suite at Grantham on a 24/7 basis.

VILLAGE MUSEUM LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting of Flintham Museum will be held on Tuesday February 6 at 7.30pm at the museum.

The meeting is open to anyone to attend and visitors will be welcomed.

The Museum says their standards of management are high, but they have a lot of fun running the museum and devising projects with a difference, plus meeting fascinating people from all over the world.

Council to lead on reducing single use plastic

Rushcliffe Borough Council will aim to lead by example to local businesses and residents by reviewing single use plastic usage across its services.

As such products become ever more into the spotlight through documentaries such as BBC One's Blue Planet II, a Full Council in December saw councillors unanimously support a motion to review where their impact could be lessened during its activities.

This could include a review of what single use plastics and packaging are used by its service areas and contractors or consider publicising advice and information to residents, businesses and parish and town councils on avoidance of use of the items.

The Leader of the Council Cllr Simon Robinson said: "All councillors were in agreement with this motion in response to growing global concerns.

"We want to be an environmentally friendly authority and talk must lead to action. Together we are committed to making a positive difference to the environment in Rushcliffe and we also need our partners to come on board with this."

Increasing harm to farmers' livestock, wildlife and the local environment was cited for the review to curb the items in their public areas. The Council's Community Development Group scrutiny work programme will now consider developing an action plan as part of their focus in 2018 with any key recommendations presented for consideration by Cabinet.

SNOWDROP WALK TIME AGAIN

Flintham's annual Snowdrop Walk in Flintham Hall gardens is on Saturday 17th February from 11.00 - 4pm (last entry 3.30pm).

Refreshments will be available at the Village Hall. Admission:

Adults £4.50 ; children under 16 free. Proceeds to the Village Hall and parish church fabric fund.

FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICE

The February Service at St Augustine's at Flintham will take place on Sunday February 25, and will start at 11am. Holy Communion (BCP)