

# FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH NEWS

March 2020

The date of the next meeting of the parish council has yet to be arranged. Meetings are being changed from Mondays and plans for this are currently being made. They will be advised as soon as possible. All residents are welcome to attend, and to take part in the item allowing the public to participate.

### BUSY TIME FOR BOOT AND SHOE

Flintham's village pub, now up and running again, has a number of events lined up, starting with Mothering Sunday Lunch on 22 March and then the Timothy Taylor's Tasting evening on March 12 at £20 to include nibbles, a pint and tastings of new beers. Please book to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget the 10% off Wednesdays and the popular Tuesday Curry Night Special at only £10 per person.

Gin of the week is launched every Friday - £3 per gin and tonic.

The Coach House coffee shop is open from 9am every day serving breakfasts, hot drinks, scrumptious cakes and snacks. We have free wi-fi and space for business meetings.

Looking for a part time job with good rates of pay? Call in for a chat.

### SEPTEMBER FEST IS SEPTEMBER!

The 2020 SeptemberFest for Flintham is retaining its name and date. Despite some suggestion it may move to June, this year it is not and will take place on Saturday September 12 on the sports fields on Inholms road.

### St Augustines special events - services for Lent

#### Fosse Group Lent Course

Join us for a 5 week course exploring the Bible passages that set our hearts on fire. Suitable for beginners. Monday evenings at Flintham Vicarage 7.15pm for 7.30 starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### Celtic Communion at St Augustine's, Flintham

If you would like to try a quiet reflective service with plenty to stimulate the senses and the soul then join us as we use words from the Iona Community and Celtic music to celebrate communion with a light and inclusive touch. All welcome. **7pm 27<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Mothering Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** St Augustine's has an 11am all-age service for Mothering Sunday. We are pleased to have the Community Choir with us to celebrate and there will be the traditional blessing and giving of flower posies. Come and join us.

If anyone would like a copy of the Lent to Easter booklet which contains information on all the services and special events through Lent to Easter Sunday across the Fosse Group churches please let me know

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## VILLAGE MUSEUM CONTINUES TO FLOURISH

Several village projects were celebrated in the annual report of the Chairman of Flintham Society, Sue Daly.

In her report she referred to the finalisation of the Flintham Looks Forward Project, with happenings staged in the church in November last year, an oral history training session and the publication of a booklet, available to every household in the village of Flintham's history from 1918 until 1928.

Sue also explained that the Sail project came to an end, a major input from that being the Daisy Game. Sue said: "We have been very lucky to have been supported by the Co-op Community Fund so that the very hard working and creative 'Remembering the 1960s' project team has been able to continue their outreach work with people affected by dementia and further develop the Daisy Game."

In June last year the village museum celebrated its 20th anniversary. "Not to be deterred by the adverse weather conditions the band of supporters simply moved their picnic indoors," commented Sue.

Sue expressed congratulations to the Society's curatorial advisor Claire Cooper on the arrival of her daughter.

She also expressed "a big thank you" to all who have continued to support the museum, especially to her loyal committee for all their contributions in the running of the Museum and the Society's activities.

## WELL LOVED RESIDENT DIES AT 31

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Elizabeth Rose Braund at the young age of 31.

Elizabeth attended the village school where she excelled and went on to Toothill and The Beckett in West Bridgford.

During her schooldays in Flintham Elizabeth was the village paper girl, seen delivering the Evening Post with her customary pleasantness and politeness and also volunteering in the village community shop and is perhaps where many will remember her. This helped towards her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Elizabeth went on to win a place at Oxford University to study Biology, she won another award, a prestigious Rhodes scholarship and gained a first class degree. Elizabeth applied for and received a grant from Flintham's Hacker Trust to help towards books for her studies.

After leaving university Elizabeth became a very successful leader in the business world, working in Manchester.

We send our deepest sympathy to Elizabeth's parents Philip and Sarah, her brother Ben and extended family.

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# Thoughts from the Vicarage

March 2020

Dear Friends

I'm afraid I have never been overly house-proud and I must admit that sometimes our house appears in complete chaos. Rachael does a great job keeping it clean for us but must despair sometimes at the clutter! As I write this letter I am feeling under increasing pressure to get it sorted and to make some room before hosting one of the groups for the Lent course which starts in a couple of weeks.

Someone suggested looking at the advice of Marie Kondo on Netflix. For those uninitiated amongst you, she is a Japanese tidying and decluttering expert who has made millions encouraging us to find joy and peace in cleaning and organising our homes. It was something she said about thanking each item you choose not to keep that got me thinking. I'm yet to convince my family of the wisdom of thanking an outgrown or unfashionable jumper for what it's given them, before folding it carefully into the charity bag, but perhaps this might be a way to encourage us to think about where the item came from, how and where it was made and what resource might have been needed in its manufacture too. At this time of impending crisis for our planet as we begin to scrutinize the worlds finite resources and how we use them sensibly this is perhaps not a bad strategy to use.

Helping us to think differently in this way may also be a lovely thing to apply to our lives and routines as well as our possessions. What might emerge if I let myself say goodbye to some things and create a space and time for something new?

These questions are quite seasonal of course. Every year, Christians try to embark on an annual internal spring clean during Lent (the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter). At its best it's a chance to simplify life for a time, to remove the distractions that stop us seeing what really matters, be that overindulgence with rich foods, alcohol, smartphones or indeed netflix! The aim is not just self-restraint for its own sake, but rather in order to help us see what we usually miss, and give us the time and space to draw closer to God. To create the quiet places where we can hear what it is God is saying to us.

This year Easter falls on 12<sup>th</sup> April and so the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, has already arrived on 26<sup>th</sup> February before you read this letter. I'm not sure exactly what I'll be giving up or taking on this Lent but I know that it will involve a bit of internal Marie Kondo-ing, a time to think about what is joy giving and make sure that isn't squeezed out, and a time to think about what is just clutter, pulling me from who and what God really wants me to be.

Perhaps even if the house is still a work in progress, I'll be a bit more ready to celebrate Easter because of it.

Do come and try some of our special services and events during Lent to see if a fresh connection with God is just what you need as part of your personal de-cluttering.

Every blessing for this season of Lent

Rev Ruth