

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWS

October 2020

UNUSUAL SEASON FOR VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

The very much shortened cricket season for Flintham — caused by the coronavirus pandemic — has now finished., somewhat much later than in a normal year,

The Club managed to put out two teams in the South Notts League league for the first time for several years. The first team managed to reach the semi-finals, in a changed format because of the UK situation, playing against East Bridgford who went on to win the final.

The club were unable to hold their annual fund raising dinner and auction earlier in the year, again due to the virus. It costs a minimum of £4000 a year to keep the club functioning and a wonderful response from our vice presidents, players and other supporters following a letter sent out by the president Len Jackson and the chairman David Cartledge. The club also received a government backed grant from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Club members will be working over the closed season preparing the square and ground in readiness for what they hope will be a full season next year.

The committee have managed to keep in touch, including by a group What's App, and will be holding the club AGM in November, either in person or by Zoom.

RECYCLING A new waste recycling centre and household tip is to be provided by Notts County Council on land off Hollygate Lane at Cotgrave. The new site will be a modern centre and able to handle much greater capacity than the previous location in Langar.

WEBSITE USE Figures of usage of the parish council web sit in the month to August 31 totalled 400 page views which included 197 unique visits and 160 first-time visitors.

COUNCIL MEETING The next meeting of the parish council at Flintham will be on Monday October 19 at 7pm, and will again be on the Zoom system. Any resident wishing to observe the meeting must send an email request to the clerk by no later than 1.30pm on the day of the meeting.

DIGITAL MUSEUM PLAN AS FLINTHAM TACKLES CORVID-19 PROBLEM

Proposals for Flintham to have two museums - both a physical and a digital one — are moving forward as it tackles difficulties brought about by the Corvid-19 situation which is still causing problems as it shows no signs of coming to an end.

In a message to residents, Sue Clayton, the Honorary Museum Curator, says: "We have just begun a programme of digital training to give us new skills so that we can showcase and share our collection with you in different ways.

"One thing we have to seriously consider is beginning a social media presence.," says Sue, adding they will welcome comments from residents on the future plans for them. "These will help us to decide where we should concentrate our efforts," she adds,

VILLAGE GROUP GRANT A group established in the village and supported by the parish council has received a boost thanks to a £700 grant from the Reach Rushcliffe Fund being operated by the Borough Council. The aim of the group is to provide a meeting place for an informal monthly drop-in group — either in a meeting place or as a virtual meeting — to provide informal support for local women who are on their own, and to provide practical but informal advice about how to cope in various situations, as well as offering opportunities to be with women who understand the problems of widowhood.

READING BOOKS HELP Run out of books to read? Not comfortable with visiting a local library just yet? Never at home when the mobile library van visits? Here's how to access library books without visiting a library or being around when the mobile library van arrives.

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The books are packed into stout paper carrier bags and arrive by the mobile library van — next delivery is Wednesday 28 October, 12.10pm at the Boot & Shoe or 13.55pm at Conegrey Spinney. You can either pick up the bag yourself or Sue Clayton will collect it and put it in her porch where you can either pick it up at a time to suit you or arrange for someone to deliver the books to you.

"I tried the system" said Sue, "but my book requests were a bit vague and I wasn't expecting a great choice to arrive. I was really pleased with the ten books that had been selected for me." The mobile van driver told Sue that the system is working well and the library assistants, many of them volunteers, are enjoying choosing books and matching them to requests. Why not give it a go?

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Thoughts from the Vicarage –October 2020

Dear friends,

The 2nd October will be the first anniversary of my licensing by the Bishop as your priest, and what a year it has been! Not the well thought out, smooth year I was eagerly anticipating – taking my time getting to know people and joining in with the life of the villages, together developing ideas of what we hoped the church might look like in time

and hoping to spread a little of God's love in our community in the process. I was looking forward to christenings and weddings, to getting fully involved with the life of the schools and refreshing and building on the relationship between the church and the community in its broad sense.

But instead, I have experienced a steep learning curve of a different kind with over half of the year spent mostly in the vicarage, in the midst of a pandemic lockdown, riding the storm we have all been travelling through. I have been ministering not only in a new place but new and creative ways, trying to reach as many as possible with God's love. I have had the opportunity to develop relationships with many and walked alongside some through challenging times in their lives. I'm not sure I have got it quite right yet but I am doing my best! I celebrate my first anniversary among you feeling that in many ways I haven't yet had the opportunity to really get started. Many have shown me great love and trust and I hope that those I have met though the year will feel positive about this new start for the church too and for God's growing place in this community.

This anniversary reminds me that I am only just at the start of a journey God has set me out on and that calls for faithfulness and trust in the one who sent me.

I am reminded of this passage from the prophet Jeremiah:

"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about a future full of hope." Jeremiah 29: 11

So I also look forward to living and working alongside you in the next year, getting to know more of you (pandemic permitting of course) and building our church family and God's kingdom in ways that may not yet be clear.

And of course, enjoying all that God has planned for me and for you!

Every blessing

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