

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWS

October 2022

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== Flintham Village Hall ==

Do you need a venue for your forthcoming event or maybe you would like to promote a community activity then look no further. The Village Hall is an ideal place to hold Parties, Educational or leisure pursuits, or family events.

The Hall can accommodate up to sixty people in a spacious and friendly atmosphere. For more information please contact John Wyles on 01636525572.

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Show Number 100 a record

Thursday September 23 was a very special day for the Flintham and District Agriculture Society — they were staging their 100th annual show, and what a wonderful success it turned out to be.

Several thousand people turned out to support the event held at Longhedge Lane, Shelton and organisers were able to be proud at what was provided to ensure the extra special show was just that — special.

The history of the annual event goes back more than 100 years, the very first one being held in 1912. But over the years there have been some when such as the war, foot and mouth disease and more recently covid have meant the cancellation of the event, but now the total of 100 shows has been achieved.

Chairman Ian Montgomerie said he was proud to hold the post for the show's centenary, and recalled his long connection with it, dating back to when, as a 14-year old, he had competed in a ploughing class when the show was at Brockers Farm at Aslockton in 1966.

One of the highlights in a busy programme of entertainment was the appearance of the Atkinson Action Horses, as they thrilled, excited and astonished the crowd with their high energy, breath-taking and death defying stunt show.

BIG SUCCESS FOR SEPTEMBERFEST

Flintham's Septemberfest 2022 was a huge success, and gave the village a way to attempt to forget the over-riding sadness caused by the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Thanks to the efforts made by the new committee for this years event the much loved village event was able to be put on again in style and special thanks go out to Charlotte Stibr, Angela Godwin, and Paula and Roy Simpson for their hard work organising the event.

Due to the Queens passing there was some concern that the event may be cancelled. However instead it was decided that it should celebrate her life and work, so it was marked by a lovely speech by Rev Ruth Colby followed by a minutes silence.

The weather was on the side that day of the organisers and the event started with some mini sports for the children. With the equipment kindly being funded by the Flintham sports and social association. The children had such fun trying to beat the guest star sonic the hedgehog.

The live music was a success with Local band The Flyerston Collective taking to the stage alongside a new act Lisa De'Ville. Lisa is a local singing teacher and alongside her own songs she sang with local residents Ellie Adey and Angela Godwin. Resident DJ Andrew Crawford was always on hand to liven things up in between, and did an amazing job of announcing all the activities of the day.

The Entertainment went bigger and better this year with the introduction of a Rodeo Bull which was a smash hit with the older children and the prize for who stayed on the longest going to Katie Hurst.

The carnival games such as "splat the rat", and "Hook a Duck", face painting and bouncy castle were loved by the younger children.

The Food and Drink were enjoyed by many especially the newly introduced silverwings Hog Roast which was very well received and delicious. Thanks go out to those in the community who donated the most wonderful selection of cakes. And special thanks to the Boot and Shoe for bringing the horse box bar again which was such a lovely addition.

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SEPTEMBERFEST

Some local stall holders attended the event including the community shop and Museum. The tombola also raised some much needed funds to insure the event continues next year, so thanks to those who donated prizes. And finally thanks to everyone who volunteered on the day or turned up to support the event, spent some money and have a good time. Hope to see you all again next year!

USE THE PHONE BOX — FOR A BOOK!

Short of summer reading material? The phone book box on the village Main Street has a fascinating selection of books available for people to borrow, to keep or to pass on. Currently, the box has novels, children's books, cookery books, art, local history, self help and gardening books. The book box is kept neat and tidy by Paul Quant who is happy to shelve your bags of unwanted books..

TREES, TREES AND MORE TREES!

Residents in Flintham can make their properties even greener by applying for free trees from Rushcliffe Borough Council for a fifth year running.

Over 9,000 trees have been distributed since the start of the campaign in 2018 and now a further 1,600 field maple and hazel trees are available without charge for those who live in the Borough. It's part of R B C strategy to provide sustainable environments in line with the Borough's significant housing and employment growth in the coming years. Householders are encouraged to apply as soon as possible given anticipated high demand and can apply for up to two trees by visiting

Successful applicants will have trees delivered by Streetwise. [Read more on Borough website.](#)

VILLAGE WELCOMES UKRAINE VISITOR

Flintham welcomed its first live-in Ukrainian guest last month, Tania, who is living at Main Street.

Tania lived about 100 miles from Kiev, in a large village which had three churches, each with its own choir.

Since May, following considerable damage to her community, Tania and her friends Galina and Mariia —who live at Sibthorpe) — have been 'sofa surfing' in Lithuania while waiting for suitable matches in the UK.

Tania is settling in well and, having been given a bike, is exploring the area. Although she has some English, Tania is about to begin on-line English lessons and, thanks to a translation app at the District Council's offices, has signed on at the Job Centre.

Tania says she would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome, their kindness, the gifts of clothing and toiletries and the offers of lifts.

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