

*The parish newsletter
for Flitton,
Greenfield and
Wardhedges*

Flit 'n' More

Spring 2023

Spring is just around the corner, though it may not feel like it after the rather cold winter we've been having, and before you know it Easter will come round again, and that always makes us feel that the summer is not far away.

Speaking of Easter, you might like to know that there will be a service in one of the three churches of the benefice (Flitton, Silsoe and Pulloxhill) every day in Holy Week, culminating of course in the joy of Easter Sunday. You can find details of all the events on the benefice website www.3churches.uk.

For children, Easter means lots of chocolate, and they can add to their haul by collecting a chocolate egg if they come to church on Easter Sunday. I hear a rumour that there may also be a church Easter Egg hunt somewhere in the benefice... watch the noticeboard and website for details!

Of course, there is also lots of non-church news inside, with the Coronation, Potato Race, Flitton Flits.... No excuses then, get out and have fun!

**Angela/Jo
Simon/Pamela**



From Your Parish Council...

Keep up to date with what's going on in Flitton, Greenfield and Wardhedges

I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a great 2023. As I write this it is noticeable that spring bulbs are starting to nudge upward, and birds are looking to rebuild nests. This theme of renewal is also one for your Parish Council.

Firstly, I would like to publicly thank Councillor Jen Fisher, who will be standing down from the Parish Council after several years in May. Her support and enthusiasm for all things in the parish will be missed and I wish her well.

The whole of your Parish Council is required to stand down in May this year and seek re-election for the next five years. I said that this is your Parish Council, so if you have been thinking about supporting your local community this may be a great way to give something back. If anyone is interested, this is the time for you to get involved and I would be more than happy to talk through the roles, structure and commitment that may be required. So please do call.

The annual budget and the precept for 2023-2024 has been finalised. We have agreed an increase of 1.5% for our tax base. It's just a small increase of less than £1 per annum for a Band D Council Tax payer.

We continue to work with CBC to try to do more to alleviate traffic issues within the parish and this led to road surveys in 2022 on all routes into and out of Flitton, Greenfield and Wardhedges. The results didn't surprise us in that the volumes of traffic, at traditional rush hour times especially, were quite high. The Parish Council has been trying to justify the installation of speed indicator cameras to CBC and I can confirm that two stretches of road, being Sand Road in Flitton and High Street (Moat Farm end) in Greenfield, met the criteria laid down. This will lead to two cameras being installed in the next few months. We hope these will provide a visible deterrent to those relatively few drivers that speed through our villages.

Those who use the playing field will have noticed a new gate has been installed; this isn't quite complete yet but will include access for all through to the new bench that was installed as part of the late Queen's 70th Jubilee celebrations.

Back for another year in the Spring, will be the Great British Spring Clean, a country wide initiative that gets communities together to help collect litter within the Parish. This is usually well supported by the schools and has been traditionally by parishioners. It is a great way to get to know other like-minded neighbours and have a laugh at some of the rubbish people have thrown into our hedgerows! Once we have a date it will be communicated via the Parish Website at flittonandgreenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk and the community Facebook page.

We are currently looking at supporting celebrations for the new King's Coronation and welcome any ideas that you may have so do get in touch with any of us if you want to get involved in this or, indeed, any other Council initiative as we always welcome help from our community.

Mark Gates

Chairman of the Parish Council

Services for Spring

Check for updates on noticeboard or 3churches.uk



Sun 5 Feb	10.30 am 9.30 am/11 am	Morning Worship with Rev Simon and Jo Holy Communion at Silsoe/All Age Morning Worship at Pulloxhill	
Sun 12 Feb	10.30 am 9.30 am/11 am	Holy Communion with Rev Louise Morning Worship at Silsoe/Morning Worship at Pulloxhill	
Sun 19 Feb	10.30 am 9.30 am 4 pm	Café Church with Rev Simon Holy Communion at Silsoe Messy Church at Pulloxhill in the Church Hall	 
Fri 24 Feb	10 am	'4th Friday at Flitton' Holy Communion Service with Rev Louise	
Sun 26 Feb		No Service at Flitton 9.30 am/11 am Holy Communion at Silsoe/Holy Communion at Pulloxhill	
Sun 5 Mar	10.30 am 9.30 am/11 am	Morning Worship with Gillian Kern Holy Communion at Silsoe/All Age Service at Pulloxhill	
Sun 12 Mar	10.30 am 9.30 am/11 am 4 pm	Holy Communion with Rev Simon Morning Worship at Silsoe/Morning Worship at Pulloxhill Messy Church at Silsoe	
Sun 19 Mar	10.30 am 9.30 am 11 am	Mothering Sunday All Age Communion Service with Rev Louise Mothering Sunday Communion at Silsoe Mothering Sunday Communion at Pulloxhill	
Fri 24 Mar	10 am	'4th Friday at Flitton' Holy Communion Service with Rev Louise	
Sun 26 Mar		No Service at Flitton 9.30 am/11 am Holy Communion at Silsoe/Morning Worship at Pulloxhill	
Sun 2 Apr	10 am	3Churches Service for Palm Sunday at Silsoe with Revs Louise/Simon No Services at Flitton and Pulloxhill	
Sun 9 Apr	10.30 am tbc/9.30 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday Sunrise Communion at Pulloxhill/Easter Communion at Silsoe	
Sun 16 Apr	10.30 am 9.30 am/11 am	Café Church in the Church Hall with Jo and Margaret Holy Communion at Silsoe/Morning Worship at Pulloxhill	
Sun 23 Apr		No Service at Flitton 9.30 am/11 am Holy Communion at Silsoe/Social Sunday at Pulloxhill	
Fri 28 Apr	10 am	'4th Friday at Flitton' Holy Communion Service	
Sun 30 Apr	10 am 4 pm	3Churches Communion Service at Pulloxhill Messy Church in Flitton Church Hall	
Sun 7 May	10.30 am 9.30 am/11 am	All Age Morning Worship followed by PCC AGM Holy Communion at Silsoe/Holy Communion at Pulloxhill	



Flitton Church News

The Benefice of Silsoe, Flitton and Pulloxhill

Growing as beacons of Christ's Light in our Communities

From from our vicars, Simon and Louise Moore...

Dear Friends

Spring is a time of change, we may not clock it as yet with probably another 'beast from the east' still to come. But the days are getting longer and I try to optimistically encourage folks with the fact that summer is coming (although perhaps not with the severity we pray of last year's hottest on record).

Change is a constant of life, we can feel threatened by it or embrace its possibilities for the future. By the time this goes to distribution I will have started an additional part-time job working for St Albans Diocese in vocations and training so a new pattern in my week will be emerging. It got me thinking about all the jobs long and short I have had over the years. From paper rounds, through catching chickens, hospital cleaning, Kenyan teeth safaris, teaching and vicaring (still working on this one!), change has been afoot.

Sometimes in more wistful moments I ponder what I might have been if not a teacher or minister and I'm left with hotel inspector (bit of a recovering perfectionist), children's entertainer (may have had to retire early), movie critic (too opinionated) or travel writer (I like the travel but not the write up). Sadly my ever-expanding list of possible jobs will have to be parked as changing careers now is unrealistic!

The unknown writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes was not someone to have round to your party as much of their twelve punchy chapters in the Bible were about the seeming meaninglessness of life. Many of us may know Chapter three's, 'A Time for Everything' put to song memorably by The Byrds. It reflects the gift of time and the opportunities that we have to create change and to turn from one aspect of life to another. Change at its best is motivated by a desire to make the most of ourselves and better the lives of others.

So whatever this unfolding season brings I pray for change not for change's sake but that you and I more fully bring to realisation, what will make the best of the time we are blessed with. It would be wonderful as the author of Ecclesiastes wrote for more healing, building, laughing, dancing, mending and peace everywhere.

Every Blessing

Revs Simon and Louise Moore

Just in case you've forgotten it, here is the famous passage from Ecclesiastes which the Rev Simon mentions in his article opposite...

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3; v1-8)

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Dance Mix (60 minutes) 7:00pm

THURSDAY
Redborne Upper School
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SATURDAY
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Dance Mix (60 minutes) 9:30am

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Jo Holt (Chair)

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Our next event is..

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 25th March in the Church Hall,
10.30 am to 12.30 pm

**COFFEE AND CAKES!
CRAFT STALLS !
TOMBOLA!**

Here we go again...

***Friday 12th May, 7.30 pm,
Flitton Church Hall***



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Helps to maintain your memory, reaction & senses

An increased loss of neurones in the brain begins to affect memory, proprioception, our senses and ability to respond and react as quickly.

Moderate exercise taken at a gradual pace to allow for mind, muscle memory connections to develop, can improve cognitive skills & brain function.

Which in addition to making slow safe transitions, can help improve memory, attention & reactions, including senses such as hearing, sight and taste.



Helps to improve muscle strength & balance

A gradual loss in muscle mass (sarcopenia), leads to reduced strength, power and function.

Caution needs to be taken to exercise within a comfortable range of movement and at a steady pace. Due to reduced elasticity and balance the risk of potential muscle tears or falls is increased.

The benefits of physical activity mean that you will be able to continue with hobbies, daily activities with greater ease and remain independent.



The vital capacity of our lungs becomes lower.

With reduced sensitivity to respiratory changes and diminished flexibility of the ribcage, we can become more breathless & find it harder to respond and recover when physically active.

Taking gradual steps to stay active and exercise within a comfortable zone, will help improve respiratory muscle strength.

Plus improve postural awareness helping to maintain a better breathing capacity.



Helps lungs be more efficient, so you can breathe better

Helps to maintain a healthier heart & blood vessels

Not only do we become stiffer in joints and muscles, but our heart and blood vessels, being muscular, become harder and lose elasticity.

These changes increase the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, potential strokes or heart attacks.

Taking precautions not to overexert, monitor how we feel with gentle physical activity along with a healthy diet, not smoking and leading a less sedentary lifestyle, the benefits can make day to day activities much easier, improving energy levels and reducing fatigue.



Loss of bone minerals and mass lead to fragility, less shock-absorptive bones, increasing the risk of osteoporosis and potential fractures.

Our posture becomes compromised as joints stiffen, affecting our balance too.

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As you will remember, we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee last year in style with a series of events over the weekend and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to come together for a party. We have another opportunity - this time to celebrate the King's Coronation over the weekend of **6th to 8th May** - yes an extra Bank Holiday.

The outline plan is

Saturday 6th

Watching the coronation on the big screen in the village hall, accompanied by the licensed bar and refreshments such as bacon rolls and cream teas

Sunday 7th

Celebration in the park ie the recreation field with live music, kids entertainment, food wagons and, of course, the hall bar. Timings are approx 1-5 and then adjourning into the hall to watch the evening concert at Windsor on the big screen, hopefully with a fish'n chip supper.

Other activities will be the design a crown and coronation cake competitions

Monday 8th

This is called the Big Help Out with the emphasis on volunteering so here's an opportunity to lend a hand with the various voluntary groups around the villages and then come together for a well-earned BBQ

There will be more going on but at this stage we need help coordinating the various events and organising the Celebration in the Park in particular. We hope to repeat the success of last year's Jubilee organising committee but **we need volunteers now** - anyone interested should contact Simon Sadler on 07341 550990 or flittonsadler1@btinternet.com. Likewise, please let us know of any other activities taking place in the villages.

The immediate challenge is fund-raising which needs to start now - the 1st fund-raiser will be the **Valentine's Soul and Motown evening on 11th February** - see the Facebook Community page. Another musical evening is in the pipeline but we are looking for sponsorship or donation as without them,, we cannot repeat the free musical and kids' entertainment of last year.

A separate flyer will be distributed when details and events are confirmed, but in the meantime put these in your diary .

Let's Celebrate but also let's get involved.

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Notice of the 17th Flitton Flit Fun Runs

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Monday 1st May 2023

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11:35	Safety briefing for all runners (other than S&S) at the Village Hall
12:00 – 12:30	Races start at Moat Farm
12:40 approx	Spud & spoon races start from Village Hall and Sand Road
14:00 approx	Prize-giving at The White Hart of prizes & trophies

THE RACES

Adult Individual Mile for over 16s @ midday

- 20kg for men, 10kg for ladies
- Veterans prizes for the first male and female aged 45 or over
- Entry fee £15 per person (£20 after 10pm Friday 19th May)

Youth Individual Mile for 10-16 year olds @ 12.10

- 5kg for 14-16 year olds, 2kg for 10-13 year olds
- Entry fee £6 (£10 after 10pm Friday 19th May)

Cadet Team Relay for 16-17 year olds @ 12.20

- Relay team of 4, each runner carrying 10kg in a rucksack for ¼ mile
- Teams can be mixed male/female
- Entry fee £24 per team (£30 after 10pm Friday 19th May)

Youth Team Relays for 10-12 & 13-16 year olds @ 12.20

- Relay team of 4, each runner carrying the spuds for ¼ mile
- 5 kgs for 14-16 year olds, 2 kgs for 10-13 year olds
- Teams can be mixed male/female
- Entry fee £24 per team (£30 after 10pm Friday 19th May)

Adult Team Relays for over 16s @ 12.30

- Relay team of 4, each runner carrying 20kg or 10kg potatoes for ¼ mile
- Teams can be mixed male/female but only a full ladies team will qualify for the 10kg weight
- Veterans category for teams with all runners aged 45 or over
- Entry fee £40 per team (£50 after 10pm Friday 19th May)

Spud & Spoon races for children aged 9 & under @ approx 12.40

- Course for 6-9 year olds starts at the village hall
- Course for under 6's starts at the bottom of Sand Road
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Flit Vale Wildlife Trust Spring Programme 2023

Monday 20th March

7.30pm – Maulden Church Hall

"The Wildlife of Estonia" - by Dr Wilf Powel.

This small country has over 100 butterfly species and is on a major bird migration route. Wilf will tell us about many of its splendours seen on 6 visits since 2009.

Saturday 22nd April

10.00am – Walk at Knocking Hoe nature reserve Pegsdon.

Led by Dr Graham Bellamy – looking for Pasque Flowers & other grassland flora. We may also spot some birds on spring migration.

Saturday 13th May

10.00am - Whipsnade Downs – park in National Trust car park

A Butterfly walk led by Dr Wilf Powel. Join butterfly enthusiast Wilf, searching for the lovely species found on the downs.

Please phone to book and for more information on talks & walks.

Walks & talks are £4 per person – children free.

Please contact Ann on 07580 178889 or flitvale.info@gmail.com

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE

Simon Sadler is collecting used and unused candles to help local Ukrainian refugees.

If you have any, please leave them in the church porch at any time and Simon will collect them.





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0%, In these financially difficult times I am pleased that Central Bedfordshire council is proposing not to increase council tax, while maintaining services. These are always difficult decisions, as we would like to do more, but think with residents facing significant pressure on household budgets it is the right thing to do.

A big frustration in the last few months has been the absurd number of road closures and temporary traffic lights in the area. Whilst some have been for long term essential works such as the culvert in Greenfield Rd Flitwick, the majority have been down to utility companies, particularly Anglian Water seeking emergency access for leaks etc. But so frustrating to see a road closed for a couple of weeks with barely any work going on. I have raised this and CBC will seek to implement a Lane Rental scheme, which means utility companies (and others) get charged for the time they close the highway, incentivising them to get on with the job.

The traffic interchange at Flitwick is almost complete (a couple of minor mods are still needed) providing much better access to the station and improving traffic flow on the High Street and around Tesco's. And more good news, that we should see the start on disabled access, with a new bridge and three lifts this summer.

However it is frustrating to hear that following the closure of the Post Office in Flitwick, that Barclays will also be closing in the Spring. I have raised the issue of access to Banking facilities with ministers and our local MPs, with the nearest bank now being in Bedford. As a council CBC cannot run a Bank, but we will continue to work with any willing partner to facilitate a banking/service hub in the area.

On the positive side, we are expecting the Aldi store in Flitwick to start construction in August

James

VILLAGE HISTORY BY MARGARET BUTT

Evacuees in World War II

The Greenfield school register from the war years give details on the number of children who moved into the village. Evacuees started arriving from the outbreak of war in September 1939. Some were official evacuees but others came because there were relatives living in the Parish. The children came from all over the south of England such as Kent and Sussex, but mostly they came from London – Finsbury, Southwark. Edgware, Camberwell etc. They would have arrived by train to Flitwick and then sent by bus to the villages around. About 50 evacuee children attended the school plus young children and their mothers.

This is a lot for a small village, no wonder the Parish Room had to be used as an extra classroom. If any household had a room to spare, they had to have an evacuee. If you refused, you faced a fine of £50 or 3 months in prison. Some households were banned from having evacuees because there was TB in the family.

It must have been very difficult for everyone – the staff of the school and householders had to contend with an influx of children who were separated from their parents, not having the slightest idea what the countryside was like. I wonder how they got on with the local children and if they settled down to their new way of life. I heard that the boys fought a lot. One thing that surprised me was how many were only here for a short time – sometimes weeks or a few months before they went back to London or elsewhere. Presumably the households where they stayed had their ration books and some of them, if they were evacuated to farms and small holdings probably helped out.

Here are a few examples of evacuees from my notes.

John Pearson born 25.7.28 lived at 73 High St, Greenfield. He came from Brixton with his 2 older brothers Harold and Sidney. There is no record of where they went to but other children are recorded as going back to London. Was there a system of children coming to villages like ours as a temporary measure just to get them out of London and then sent where they could live for a longer time? Or maybe they disliked the countryside so much, they preferred the risk of bombing?

Betty, Eric and Lilian Bowden lived at 52 Fitzroy Cottages. Terence Hobbs lived at Sunnyside Cottage in Cemetery Lane. Another evacuee in Cemetery Lane was Thomas Kershaw. Joan Brady lived at The Old Vicarage in Flitton and left to go to Toddington.

The Wilsher family – Beryl, Sylvia and Ronald lived at 10 School Lane and all returned to London but no date given. Wilsher is such a familiar name that they must have come because they had family links. Peter Jones moved here from Croydon. He lived at Orchard House in Flitton. Florrie and Bob Bristow lived in a house on Greenfield High Street owned by the Shaw family. Bob took over the Arnolds Farm next to The Old Bell so some evacuees didn't return to their former homes and stayed in the village.

Greenfield School could not cope with the influx of children so The Parish Room [now The Church Hall] was used by the boys. Three extra teachers came from London to help. The boys did so much damage in the hall that new tables and chairs had to be purchased after the war.

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