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BROADBAND UPDATE COULD BE GOOD NEWS

NOTTS County Council has confirmed the signing of the Better Broadband £6.32m Contract 2.

They have made available the updated map for the entire county which they will be publishing on their site. They have also updated the postcode checker with the link: : <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/business/broadband/where-and-when/>

Additional funding of £1.6m has been obtained to that originally envisaged under contract 2 and BT are currently modelling the rollout with this additional money. "We can confirm that this additional money is solely for increasing coverage in the Newark and Sherwood and Bassetlaw Districts," say the County Council.

MOVEMENT ON SCHOOL SITE!

THERE could be movement on action to rid the village of the eyesore of the former RAF Officers Mess Building on the Inholms Road approach from the A46 road, either by total refurbishment of the existing building or a housing development.

It has been confirmed that architects have been employed by the owners, the Madni Trust, to bring forward two possible schemes for the site which is split into two sections because of the new A46 slip road. The school originally opened in 1994. The air base closed in 1970, and the school closed eight years ago and since then the buildings have been allowed to fall into disrepair.

The two options, the parish council has been told, is to sell the land separated from the buildings and use this for housing, putting the money gained into refurbishing the former Al-Jamia Al-Islamia boarding school for boys. The second option is to clear the site of all buildings, sell it for housing and then use the income to build a new school elsewhere.

The parish council has been brought up to date in this long standing battle. They have tried to progress the site by asking for demolition of the derelict building.

Open Again as School

Zaheer Rahman, a spokesman for the Trust, says their ideal solution would be to refurbish the existing buildings and re-open them as a school. He admitted that as a charity they struggle for funds.

"The Borough council have stressed that the pending planning application does not reduce in the meantime the need for the building to be made safe", and an agent for the Trust has been told they are looking for three things to be undertaken — tidying up the site by removing spoils of rubble etc, securely blocking access into any buildings and removing any dangerous parts of the building including the chimney stack fronting the road.

Mr Dave Mitchell, Executive Manager for Communities at Rushcliffe, welcomed the current news, adding that he is aware of the strong concerns there are in Flintham over the condition of the building.

Calling Flintham cake bakers

A DATABASE of cake bakers in Flintham is to be set up. It is the idea of Helen Pollard who has very kindly offered to co-ordinate the project.

She will keep the contact details of all those willing to bake for fundraising events of any of the village community groups – school, scouts, church, village hall, museum, community shop, sports and social club, the art group and WI.

Event organisers can advise Helen of their requirements and she will arrange the necessary number of cakes.

"Simple yet brilliant for a village with lots of fundraising going on," says Sue Daly.

Helen can be contacted by telephone on 01636 525994 or athel.pollard@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to offer your baking skills.

MORE RECOGNITION FOR FLINTHAM SOCIETY

The FLINTHAM Society and Museum have been recognised at the East Midlands Heritage Awards evening for their initiative in staging events to commemorate WWI and the way it affected the village.

Extracts of the comments made by the judges said, "Congratulations to the Flintham Society and Museum for being Highly Commended for the Heart of the Community Award and the Judges' Special Award at the East Midlands Heritage Awards event. This is a tremendous achievement, there were 61 entries from 38 different organisations to the East Midlands Heritage Awards so the competition was fierce and the judges had some very difficult decisions to make."

The judges thought that other communities could learn a great deal from the Flintham Society's innovative approach to history which uses accurate facts in fascinating and unexpected ways.

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Village groups are invited to send items in for publication in the 'News' ##

Bits & Bobs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE County Library Service has confirmed dates of the mobile library visits to Flintham for 2015 and the next one is July 15. This will be followed by visits on August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4 and December 2.

Details of the stops in the village are: Inholms Gardens 11.45-12.00
Main Street, phone box 12.05-12.25pm
Coneygreys Spinney 14.10-14.25pm

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RUSHCLIFFE borough council refused a planning application for The Bakery Farm House, Main Street, Flintham, for conversion of the existing detached outbuilding to guest accommodation, install an internal staircase, removal of disused bread oven, demolition of parts of walls in order to rebuild and make safe, a new lean-to greenhouse/entrance porch, insertion of entrance door and windows and replace roof timbers to accommodate velux roof-lights and insulation.

The Borough said insufficient information had been received with the Listed Building Consent application to demonstrate to them the impact the proposals would have on the special architectural and historic character of the listed building and its setting.

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POLICE are investigating the theft of a small tractor taken from a farm building on the Fosse Road at Flintham. The incident occurred on May 15.

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FLINTHAM museum is up and running for the summer season after its usual Winter break.

It is open every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday afternoons until the end of October. Entry is free although donations are always welcome.

The museum looks at rural life through the eyes of a village shopkeeper and the theme of the shop window displays this year is the Women's Institute because the WI is celebrating its centenary.

FIRST WORLD WAR LIFE EXHIBITION IN FLINTHAM CREATES TREMENDOUS INTEREST

THE impact of the First World War on Flintham as shown by the Flintham Society provided an impressive backcloth for an exhibition staged by them in the village hall last month.

The event, Keeping The Home Fires Burning?, took a look at the lives of 100 village families during the 1911-1921 period. Visitors were fascinated by the information.

Over 70 people have been involved in the research work that made the finished product possible. Work started three years ago following a £16,710 Heritage Lottery grant.

Society secretary Mrs Sue Clayton said the exhibition had not included all the material they had produced.

She said they were working towards a project to recreate the Peace Celebrations after the end of the war, and hope to have this ready for 2018. And because of the amount of information they have obtained, consideration is being given to the possible production of a booklet.

Lots of village people were involved in the research work that was carried out, ranging from the very youngest person, Anna Habermass, aged 8 years to 93 year-old Mr Jim Hayden.

SHOP QUESTIONNAIRES BEING ASSESSED

A GOOD number of responses have been submitted to the village community shop giving those sending them the opportunity to comment on the future of the shop.

Mette Wilson volunteered for the enormous task of collecting the questionnaires, and the shop's management team is asking everyone to be patient. The questionnaires can be taken to the shop.

The shop organisers say they are delighted to welcome Helen Pollard as a volunteer and she says she looks forward to seeing you on Fridays between 5pm and just after 6pm.

BOWLING FOR AN AFTERNOON?

WONDERING what to do on a Wednesday afternoon? 'Come and join us for Carpet Bowls in the Village Hall at Flintham', is the message from organisers of a weekly session of the sport. It takes place every Wednesday from 2pm to 4p, with a break for tea, biscuits and a chat.

Say the organisers: "We are a friendly group, just playing for fun. We charge £2 per person to cover the hire of the hall."

Contact Doris or Bill on 525147.

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE CRICKET TEAM

FLINTHAM Cricket Club fixtures for the coming weeks are as follows, all having a 1.30pm start.

July: 4 Beeston and Toton - at home, 11 Ravenshead - away, 18 West Bridgford - home, 25 Southwell - away

August: 1 Ruddington - home.

EXTENSION FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL

NOTTS County Council has announced plans for the removal and demolition of the existing single and double classrooms at Flintham Primary School and replacement with a single storey freestanding classroom, 60 place single storey double classroom together with a single storey music room, which will be a 300 place equivalent.

The plans have been submitted by the Notts County Council Children, Families and Cultural Services department.

The parish council has been asked for comments and individual residents can make them direct to the County.

The plans can be inspected at the Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre at Rectory Road at West Bridgford or the County Council Development Management department at County Hall during normal office hours.

The Gift of Presence

Mind Full, or Mindful?

Time going too fast?

Rushing through life with a constant 'to do' list that never gets completed? Does this often leave you feeling

stressed, frustrated and unfulfilled? Have you heard about the amazing benefits of Mindfulness?

Would you like to learn about how to be more present, and therefore experience life in a more fulfilling, rich and satisfying way?

I run Saturday taster workshops or evening courses in West Bridgford.

For more information contact Lydia Weston on 07786 527665 or lydia.weston57@gmail.com

Community shop welcomes local artist ...

SALLY-Anne Elliott, Flintham artist, will set up her easel in the community shop on the first Saturday of every month, 12 noon to 4pm until further notice. Come and watch Sally paint, enjoy her conversation and have a cup of coffee. Saturday afternoon is when the butcher calls so you could order meat in advance and collect that at the same time.

PARISH PLAN?

FLINTHAM parish council has looked at the possibility of producing a Parish Plan and agreed that a meeting be called in September when all village organisations will be invited to appoint three members to attend. Discussion will be held on the overall situation of village amenities. The meeting date will be announced soon.

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