

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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READY FOR THE SHOW...

THIS year's Flintham Show takes place on Thursday September 24, at Long Bennington, by kind permission of the Fearn family.

It was in the year 1912 at Flintham's Boot and Shoe public house that the Flintham and District Ploughing Match was founded, following a bet.

A small committee formed to organise a match between the young lads of the village and those who could plough an acre of land in the best manner won not only pride but money!

Since then the show has grown almost beyond recognition.

This year is the 95th show and it promises to offer a fun-filled day out.

There will be a Horticultural section with competitions for all ages, including home baked goods to vegetable growing, and wine making to flower arranging.

MEMORIAL TO RON LEE

TOP SCORE AT FLINTHAM CRICKET CLUB

FLINTHAM Cricket Club have a new scorers' box, built in memory of well known village resident and club stalwart Ron Lee.

The box has been built, over many months, by Club Chairman, Mr David Cartledge and club president Ken Russell says they are very grateful for all his hard work and efforts.

Ron was a valued member of the Club, being Secretary, Treasurer, Umpire and in later years, Scorer.

He was with the Club for over 30 years, joining when he retired from the RAF at Newton.

Besides the valuable efforts of the Chairman, Mr Russell says the Club would also like to thank Mr Robert Beale of Smiths Timber, Newark, who supplied most of the timber, for which they are also very grateful.

There will be an official opening of the facility by Ron's widow, Muriel on President's Day the 2nd August.

Club fixtures for August are:

1st August	Ruddington - home
2nd August	Radcliffe Rovers - home
8th August	Beeston and Toton Sycamore 2nds - Away
15th August	Ravenshead - Home
22nd August	Kinoulton - Away
23rd August	Car Colston - Away
29th August	Bottesford 2nds - Home

YOU SUGGEST — AND WE ACT, says Community Shop

VOLUNTEERS at Flintham's Community Shop have responded to comments made by villagers and some changes have been made to the shops' hours.

Until the end of the last school term, Mette's coffee mornings became popular with mums dropping in for coffee and chatter. It is hoped these sessions can start again from September.

From the middle of last month work placement scheme worker Paul began a 26 week scheme which meant the shop could increase its opening hours and it is hoped this will include early evening opening, to catch people on their way home from work.

On the first Saturday of each month Flintham Artist, Sally-Anne Elliott, is painting in the shop from 12 midday to 4pm. The first session proved very successful and was enjoyed by everyone who popped into the shop while she was there.

FORMER ISLAMIC SCHOOL

The last meeting of the parish council was told that discussions concerning the future of the former Islamic school were progressing between the Borough council and agents for the owners.

A question of possible development of the site for housing was still being looked at with a suggestion that up to 60 properties could be proposed as well as redevelopment of the site for the school to be able to re-open.

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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 August 12. This will be followed by visits on 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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SUPPORT has been given by the parish council to plans by Notts County Council for improvements at Flintham Primary School. The project will include new classrooms being provided to replace the removal and demolition of existing single and double classrooms on the site.

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THE parish council has given thanks to Chris Appleby for his work for the council in past years. He has now retired from the council but is continuing to look after the council website.

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NO decision was taken by the council after the chairman said there had been a suggestion that a beer festival could be planned for the sports ground, with use of the pavilion included. No decision was made by the council as to whether or not it would support use of its ground for such purpose until further information was given.

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The Flintham museum will take part in this year's Heritage Open Days on Saturday September 12th, 11am-4pm. Teas will be served in the village hall where there will be lots of information to discover about Flintham families and where they lived during World War One.

SMILE AT OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE
The button was so MINUTE that it was a MINUTE before I found it.

SUCCESS OF FLINTHAM'S PLAY AREA PARKS

by Coun. Paul Brookes

AS readers may know, Flintham has two parks for the children of the village. One is next to the Inholms Road Pavilion and one in Coneygreys Spinney.

Both are checked every month by two Parish Councillors prior to a Council meeting and then an oral and written report is given at the meeting. The proforma we designed is now used by other village Councils.

Health and safety issues are always a priority when considering costs of maintenance and repairs. Repair costs can be significant and increase as the Parks age. Nevertheless, both Parks are in good order.

If users become aware of any problems or issues then please contact me initially on 01636 525077. Different agencies have to be informed and used to initiate repairs and/or solutions.

An annual independent Play Park Safety Inspection Report has to be made by an appropriate company who reports back to RoSPA and the Parish Council. The inspection reports for both Play Parks for 2015 have raised no issues and both Play Parks are of "Low Risk"

EMERGENCY – Village Group making progress.

Good progress is being made with plans for Flintham's Emergency Plan and the Steering Group under the leadership of Mick Burn Murdoch continues to meet to discuss future stages of the Plan.

Checks have been taken on mobile phone signals for Coneygreys Spinney and now they are to conduct a similar exercise in the rest of Flintham.

The Steering Group has looked at places of safety that could be used in case of a major village emergency and have agreed that the Village hall, the School and the Sports Pavilion would fill the bill. It has also been suggested that RAF Syerston may make a suitable place of safety.

In regard to liaison with volunteers, the Group gave thought to the need to keep the information on the questionnaires up to date. The group has looked at possible local threats and feel the most likely could be the former Islamic school with potential injury to pedestrians or blocking the road as debris falls off the building; the bridges on A46 may be damaged or blocked by vehicles which would cause problems with the two sides of Flintham being unable to communicate and share resources; prisoners being transported along A46 may be caught in snow with problems about where they would be housed while waiting for the road to be cleared; and the water supply at Coney Grey Spinney, because any electricity failure would affect the water supply.

CRICKET CLUB SEASON END NEARS, from Page 1
Flintham Cricket Club, with current president being Ken Russell, was formed in 1870. Initially their ground was in the Park in front of Flintham Hall. In early records it is shown that Walter Rushby was captain for no less than 33 seasons. Later his son Maurice took up the captaincy. The pitch in front of The Hall was ploughed up at the start of the Second World War, to provide for food production.

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

LOTS OF BIRTHDAY WISHES

A COMBINED 80th birthday party at the Flintham home of Brian and Rita Fisher generated £2500 in donations, to be given to Children's and Teenager Cancer Research.

SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT

Notts County Council have introduced a 20mph speed limit outside the village school, in line with a county-wide scheme. Parish Councillor Ken Russell said the sign on the approach from the A46 side of the village could not easily be seen. Concerns were expressed over the continuing problem of traffic outside the school at peak times and comment was made as to why the Vicarage Field was not available for use for parking.

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