

# FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### MORE THOUGHTS ON THE SUPER SOMME FILM EVENING

As reported in the last issue, a silent film on the 'Battle of the Somme' took place in the village hall before a near capacity audience.

The official film was made in 1916 and gave an eye witness picture of the actual front line battle that began on July 1, 1916 and which saw on the first day no less than 20,000 British soldiers killed, representing 60 per cent of the officers and 40 per cent of all the men engaged in the battle.

British and French troops were engaged with the Germans in fiercely fought battles that lasted five months and which saw tanks being used by the British from the September of that year — for the first time ever in war. The event was bought to the village by Notts Heritage Forum and the Flintham Museum.

There was a superb commentary on the film by retired Army Officer Dudley Giles and Sue Clayton and Gavin Walker helped with other narrations. Sue gave many interesting facts about life in Nottinghamshire in 1916 and Gavin talked about conscientious objectors.

The village hall was decorated as a cinema of the time, with traditional national bunting, posters and adverts.

The Nottinghamshire Heritage Forum is a membership organisation of the County's many museums, heritage sites, libraries and archives. It organises training, opportunity for networking and celebrates the valuable and innovative work enjoyed by all age groups, and currently is working towards establishing a mobile museum which will engage with new audiences across the county.

### DEADLINE DATE FOR YOUR NEWS

In a move agreed by the parish council aimed at helping residents wishing to contribute items to the newsletter, a 'deadline' date will appear near the top of the information column on page two, giving the date for the next issue. It was also agreed that the editor had control of the way items would appear.

In respect of the web site the meeting was told that currently the council was not meeting the requirements placed upon it by the Transparency Act in that some of the required items were not appearing on the website. There was comment on the design of the website and the fact it was very difficult to find items.

### Theft from house

Police are investigating theft of cash from a house on Inholms Road at Flintham on February 19.

## ST GEORGE'S DAY VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS

FLINTHAM is to celebrate St George's Day with a village event aimed at all age groups.

It will be the first time in a number of years that the village has seriously marked any event for Saint George, the patron saint of England in a tradition established in the Tudor period, based in the saint's popularity during the times of the Crusades and the Hundred Years' War.

Veneration of the saint in folk religion declined in the 18th century, but attempts to revive the celebration of Saint George's Day — 23 April — as an expression of English culture and identity go back to the foundation of the Royal Society of St George in 1894 and have more recently, since the beginning 2010s, resulted in Saint George's Day celebrations with aspects of a national holiday for St George's Day being suggested. In Flintham the message is for everyone to attend and celebrate all things traditionally English at the Village Hall on Saturday April 22 from 7-30pm.

On offer will be local beer, cider & perry tasting, a Beetle Drive, an England quiz and Ploughman's supper, all for a £10 ticket. Purchase from: John 525572, Bill 525147, Anthea 525315, Roy 0779511447.

The event is to raise funds for the kitchen refurbishment plans for the village hall.

Until around the 17th century, St George's Day used to be marked by a public holiday, but not anymore.

However, many people are in favour of declaring April 23 a holiday, as a return to tradition, and as a mark of respect to England's patron saint to whom St George's Day is dedicated. They also put forward the examples of Scotland and Ireland, where St Andrew's Day and St Patrick's Day are public holidays, in deference to their patron saints. Although officially this is not a public holiday, many towns and institutions organise varied events to mark St George's Day.

### SNOWDROP THANKS

THANKS have been offered on behalf of the Church Council at Flintham to Sir Robert and Lady Hildyard for opening their garden and to Philip and Keith, the gardeners, for their preparatory work. Thanks also to all those who contributed by helping on the day or cake making and who attended and helped make it a very successful event. A total of £1055 was made (£470 on teas and cakes) after paying expenses and there were about 175 visitors. The proceeds will go towards the running and maintenance costs of the Church.

### FLASHING SPEED SIGN

FLINTHAM parish council are making investigations in regard to provision of a flashing speed sign, the cost to be shared between the adjacent parishes who would also share the use of the unit.

### MUSEUM VISIT AS A GROUP

FOR just £6 a head including tea & biscuits, Flintham Museum volunteers accept bookings for group visits. This takes in a guided village walk (including the parish church and a rare mud dovecote) and of course the Museum itself which looks at rural life through the eyes of a village shopkeeper.

### EASTER AT ST AUGUSTINE'S

SERVICES for Easter at St Augustine's, Flintham will be Tuesday, April 11, at 7 pm - Holy Eucharist (CW) and Reflection and Easter Sunday, April 16, at 9 am - Holy Communion (BCP)

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# CALLS FOR SENSIBLE PARKING ON VILAGE MAIN STREET

The question of dangers for motorists emerging on to the village main street from Woods Lane and caused by inconsiderate and often illegal parking has again been discussed by the parish council at Flintham.

The problem is a long standing one and has repeatedly been raised at meetings of the council when members have been told that motorists parking on the Main Street block the view of a driver emerging from the side road.

The erection of a traffic mirror at that point would not be approved by Notts County Council, the council has been told.

The surface condition of the adopted section of Woods Lane has also been raised with the council but members were told but it was unlikely County funding would be available for any current improvements.

## Bits & Bobs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE County Library Service's dates and times of the mobile library visits to Flintham for 2017.

No 16 Inholms Gardens from 12.10-12.25pm Telephone box on Main Street from 12.30-12.50pm

Coneygreys Spinney from 14.40-14.55pm pm on: Apr 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug 9, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 29, Jan 24 2018

## THEFT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP

POLICE are investigating the theft of 'a considerable sum' of cash from Flintham's community shop. The theft occurred between 3pm Saturday 11 and 2pm Sunday February 12 when a set of shop keys went missing and notes were taken from the till.

Police advised the shop to change its security procedures and only keep a minimum amount of money in the till and as a result it no longer has the flexibility to offer cash back on debit card payments.

## WELL KNOWN FOLK SINGER AT ST AUGUSTINE'S

HIGHLY rated folk singer and guitarist Bob Fox, with a 40 year career and who has earned many nominations in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for his interpretation of traditional and contemporary folk songs and his outstanding guitar technique, is to perform at Flintham St Augustine's Parish Church.

Bob composed, and will be playing music from the multi-award winning adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's 'War Horse', and will be at the church on Friday 12th May 2017. His show will start at 7.30 pm.

Admission is Adult £10.00 (in advance); £12.00 (at door) Children under 16/students - £7.00

There will be a bar available in the Village Hall prior to the performance from 6.45 pm (pre-order your interval drinks) and during the interval. Tickets: contact Iain Munro on 01636 526162.

## SEPTEMBERFEST PLANS ARE PROGRESSING – BUT MORE HELP NEEDED

Ideas for activities for Flintham's day-long and evening SeptemberFest event to take place on the village school field on Saturday September 16 are currently being formulated.

It is planned there will be something to interest all age groups and that the event will be a celebration of Flintham, its past, present and future.

So far it has been suggested that the event could include music, food, games, arts, quizzes, Flintham's history and lots of other things that haven't been discussed yet, including perhaps a 1960's Disco.

The short term aim is a celebration of living in Flintham, the long term aim is to start a new tradition with an annual September activity.

It is envisaged that community members of all age groups will be involved in organising the event and as an example school children will have an active part in deciding what is done and how it is done. The children will also help to evaluate the event and then decide how to build on the activities so that the 2018 SeptemberFest develops and improves.

Parish councillor Sue Clayton says they are currently looking for people to join the organising group which has already purchased a 16m x 6m marquee and other items in readiness for the event. The marquee will be available for hire by local organisations and residents.

## ANYONE FOR CRIB ?

IF any reader fancies learning to play Crib there is an opportunity to do so at the Boot and Shoe public house on a Tuesday evenings, from 6-30pm.

Local resident Mr Jim Hayden is happy to give a few lessons to would-be players and additionally to have any ready-made players turning up to play on the same evening.

"Just turn up and I will be there," says Jim.