

# FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH NEWS

November 2017

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The next meeting of the parish council takes place in the village hall on Monday December 4 and it will start at 6-30pm. Residents are welcome to attend and take part in the item at the end of the meeting which is aimed at allowing the public to put their points of view.

### **QUAD BIKE STOLEN**

POLICE are investigating the theft of a Quad bike stolen from a property on Main Street at Flintham on August 13.

### **FLINTHAM CONKER COMPETITION?**

A LOCAL resident has put forward a suggestion that the village should consider having an annual Conker competition

It has been suggested the resident in question research the position in the hope it might be possible to organise such an event for next year.

There is an annual World Conker Championship held at Southwick in Northamptonshire each year and since it began in 1965 it has raised over £415,000 for charity.

The World event next year will be on October 14.

### **SUE AT THE HELM**

SUE Daly has stepped in to take over the running of the new village Emergency Plan for Flintham following the retirement of Mick Burn-urdach was responsible for the setting up of the project.

## **40 YEARS SERVICE TO VILLAGE SCOUTS ENDS WITH AN APPEAL FOR NEW LEADERS**

After nearly 40 years of combined service Cathy and Geoff Bow are retiring from Flintham Scout Group.

The wonderful service of the couple all started when Cathy was coerced by a friend into helping John and Margaret Wyles set up a Beaver Colony back in 1998 when a cohort of local lads, including her son, reached the age of six. In 2000 a leader shortage meant that Cathy also took charge of the Scout Troop, holding both positions for just over two years.

In 2006 Cathy moved from Scouts to become the Explorer Scout leader, a section for 14 to 18 year olds, and since 2013 has overseen the group as Group Scout Leader. Geoff was similarly coerced into becoming a leader when his daughter wanted to become a Cub. Flintham Scouts, like many other groups at this time, only accepted boys but a changing view on inclusivity meant that the committee voted to accept girls into the group in 1999. The all female leadership team at Cubs needed a male leader so they could accept girls; at least that is what Geoff was told! Geoff was a Cub leader for a few years before becoming Group Scout Leader when John Wyles retired; more recently Geoff has been a skills instructor and executive committee member; setting up the Flintham Scout Website as well as helping on many camps.

### Young people developed

Cathy feels the best thing about being a leader is seeing the development of young people as they pass through the group. She says it was a privilege to help so many gain new skills, become more self reliant whilst making friends and having fun. The most satisfying was seeing so many work towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards, an externally recognised award, whilst the pinnacle was signing off the paperwork for eight Explorer Scouts who gained the top Scouting award for young people, that of Queen's Scout.

During the past 19 years Cathy has spent the equivalent of a whole year, that's around 370 nights, leading youngsters on night away experiences. These range from overnight in Flintham Village Hall, to weekends at Walesby; walking in Wales, a week in Hertfordshire; an international Jamboree in Scotland; High Alpine adventures in Switzerland as well as friendship camps to the Czech Republic; so many different experiences and challenges. Cathy's passion is mountain walking and the great outdoors and she will remain a skills instructor at District level and hopes to continue to teach and assess the fine art of mountain navigation.

Flintham Scout Group has had many leaders over the years and is very lucky to have the fantastic facilities it has and is a wonderful resource to the local community. However the group is at a crossroads; after years of growth within all four sections, a lack of leaders coming forward and increasingly a lack of parent support means the current leaders are overstretched. Unless extra leaders can be found some sections will need to close.

If you are able to help in any way please let Matt Wright, the new Group Scout Leader, know. He can be contacted by email at [mldw235@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mldw235@yahoo.co.uk)

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## CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER Service at St Augustine's, Flintham will be on Sunday November 26 at 11am Holy Communion (

## SALLY MOVES ON

POPULAR local police officer Sally Charles has retired from her position, to take up a post with Gedling Borough Council. She is well known in the area and was popular with many of the youngsters, often visiting a local school to talk to the children.

## TREE WORK IS APPROVED

PLANNING permission has been given by Rushcliffe Borough Council for tree work at Forge Cottage in the village. Pollarding can take place to an Ash and a Willow tree and a Silver Birch can be felled along with a 50 per cent reduction of an Hornbeam tree.

## NEW WINDOWS

RUSHCLIFFE Borough Council have given planning permission and Listed Building Consent to Mr Joe Ward for two replacement windows at the Thatched Cottage on Main Street.

## FIRST MARQUEE HIRE

THE first hiring of the new marquee purchased by the parish council for its own and public use has been made. It is available for hire at £100 with the hirer collecting, erecting and taking it down.

# PROGRESS POSSIBLE ON ISLAMIC SCHOOL SITE

A LONG awaited meeting between Rushcliffe Borough Council and the owners of the former Islamic School on the former Officer's Mess site at Flintham has taken place, and there is a possibility of progress on clearing the dangerous eyesore site.

Mr Dave Mitchell, for the Borough, says that a 'useful meeting' had been held and the site owners had said they would look at a scheme to demolished the building. "We are waiting to see what might materialise and have told them we will consider a demolition scheme ourselves if they don't arrange for the work to be undertaken"

The parish council have repeatedly said the site is a danger and fear that trespassers on to it could become involved in a serious in-jury accident.

## FUNERAL OF MICHAEL BLAGG

Michael Blagg, who was born in East Bridgford but spent much of his life in Flintham, has died.

At the age of 11 he attended the Robert Thoroton School off the old Fosse Road, Flintham where he was a popular student who excelled at all sports.

Michael went on to be head gardener at Flintham Hall and lived in The Godolphins on Main Street for many years. He had a wonderful garden of his own there and always left flowers, apples and produce from his vegetable garden at the gate for villagers.

After he retired and moved to East Bridgford Michael continued gardening for friends and unfortunately was paralysed for the last years of his life after he fell from a ladder in Flintham.

Our thoughts go to his sons Daniel and Andrew and his extended family and friends.

# TICKET SELL OUT FOR VILLAGE HALL CONCERT

FLINTHAM'S Friday Night concert with The Froe was another sell out event

The audience enjoyed an evening of beautiful violin, viola and cello folk music and the perfect voice of Ruth Angell.

Their beautifully delicate string arrangements of both traditional and original music made the perfect start to the weekend.

Thanks to the loyal villagers who supported this event - and also thanks to Live and Local - who provide the organisation of these local events with the support of The arts Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe County Council.

Iain Munro, Mike Ansell and Roy Simpson acted as amateur impresarios and made their selections for village concerts from the 80 choices available. In future we would welcome some help to ensure that our choice of performances best matches the tastes of the whole community. The Village Hall relies on village support to finance running costs and maintenance throughout the year. Events like this can raise money with your support. Become part of the management team or just buy a couple of tickets to contribute to the ongoing demands of the budget.

## Christmas in Colour

The four-page December issue of the 'News' will be in colour. If anyone has a seasonal Flintham picture - with some snow or decorations - we could use please contact the clerk on 0115 937 6506.