Flitwick Papers Autumn 2023



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Flitwick Papers

Flitwick Papers is published by Flitwick Town Council on a quarterly basis. The next edition will be Winter 2023 which will " be distributed in December.

To share your news and events in Flitwick Papers call 01525 631900 or email * beverleyjones@flitwick.gov.uk.

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Mayor's Welcome

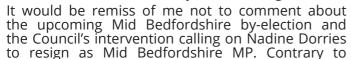
A warm welcome to the Autumn edition of Flitwick Papers! It's been a busy summer of local events, and it's been fantastic to see so many of you attending hugely successful community events, including the Family Fun Day, Proud AF's first Pride Picnic and the Flitwick Car Show. Other highlights have included the Proud AF 'Evening of Drag Entertainment' and visiting Flitwick Bowls Club, Flitwick & Ampthill Sea Cadets, Flitwick Church Flower Festival and another guiz win in Dunstable in a team with Stotfold!



Many people in our community are struggling to meet everyday living expenses because of the cost of living crisis. We're continuing to focus on local initiatives to give practical help. Flitwick Community Fridge continues to redistribute more than 6,000 kilos of food each month with negligible wastage – we're looking for more volunteers to help increase the volume of food available. We're continuing to offer a weekly Community Hub session, free Community Movie Days each school holiday, and we've extended our free weekly Circuit Training sessions until the end of March. We're excited to introduce a free weekly family cookery course this autumn!

We've also been busy working on many important projects to improve our town's facilities. We're pleased to have new street furniture at the Town Square and we're busy planning the redevelopment of 3 Station Road, formerly occupied by Barclays.

You'll find lots of information in this issue about upcoming events, including the Civic Service, Christmas events! Remembrance Service and The annual Town Mayor's Charity Quiz is on 3rd November – come and test your knowledge!





the statement by Ms Dorries, Flitwick Town Council is not 'Labour-run' and continues to operate on a non-political basis. After a considerable period where our constituency hasn't been adequately represented, the by-election is an important opportunity for residents to elect new representation at Westminster, so please make sure you get out and vote on 19th October.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Stacie Lockey as the new permanent Town Clerk & Chief Executive of Flitwick Town Council. Stacie leads our team of staff and is responsible for the delivery of all FTC services.

Cllr Andy Snape, Town Mayor



Meet Your New Town Councillor

Flitwick Town Council is delighted to welcome Tim Parsons as a new Town Councillor. Tim was co-opted to serve as a Councillor at the July Town Council meeting.

Councillor Parsons has lived in Flitwick for over 10 years with his wife and two young children and is Chief Financial Officer of a financial wellbeing and education platform.

Commenting on his co-option Councillor Parsons said: "I grew up locally and moved back to Flitwick to raise my family, and I am passionate about local



issues. As a Chartered Accountant I'm interested in financial and commercial matters and hope to put my skills to good use for the benefit of the Town Council. I've admired the work of the Council in recent years and look forward to supporting future initiatives to the benefit the local community."

Notice of Election



New Office Opening Times

The Town Council offices at The Rufus Centre are now open earlier from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. The offices are closed at the weekend. Our friendly Reception Team look forward to seeing you.

Meetings Calendar

October

3rd Community Services 17th Town Council

November

21st Town Council

View the full Meetings Calendar www.flitwick.gov.uk

December

5th Community Services
12th Business
19th Town Council
Meetings start at 7.45pm

Joining instructions can be found on the meeting agenda or contact: stacielockey@flitwick.gov.uk

Everyone welcome to attend meetings online or at The Rufus Centre

Sit And Relax At Flitwick Town Square

Visitors to the town centre can now enjoy a new place to sit and relax with seven benches installed at Flitwick Town Square. The transformation of the outside space provides a real focal point for the town and will help bring the community together throughout the year at events such as the monthly Sunday Market and Christmas Lights Switch On.

project significant The represents а investment in the public realm by the Town Council. The new street furniture includes four additional bins and a new noticeboard to help keep residents up to date with what is happening in the town.

Town Mayor, Cllr Andy Snape, was joined by Cllr Ian Blazeby, Cllr Howard Hodges and Cllr Robert Wilsmore on the day of installation to celebrate the completion of the work.

Feedback from the Annual Residents' Survey highlighted that addressing the lack of public space and seating in the town centre was a priority for residents, and the Council has been focused on delivering this. The installation has





taken longer than planned due to manufacturing issues, but the Council is delighted that there is now seating in the centre of town at Flitwick Town Square for all to enjoy.

Work continues behind the scenes to explore opportunities to develop commercial and community space at 3 Station Road (former Barclays building), which FTC purchased in November 2021 to secure as a valuable community benefit and protect it from being converted for residential use by a developer.

The building is leased to Barclays until March 2024, and our surveyor is still negotiating dilapidations with them. Officers have begun working on plans for the site, but we are not able to make any announcements just yet. We will update residents on plans as soon as we are able to do so.

Get Involved with Planning

We're looking for residents to volunteer to join our Planning Improvement Working Group (PIWG) and work together with Town Councillors to influence the future development of the town.

The Town Council's role in the planning process is to represent the wider community and comment on planning applications as a consultee. Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) is the planning authority.

For sites that have already been allocated for development in CBC's Local Plan, it is likely that the development will proceed. In these cases, it is essential to ensure that the best possible outcomes can be negotiated for the town.

PIWG was formed last year to do this, with the aim of engaging with Central Bedfordshire Council, residents and developers to try to influence plans before they reach an advanced stage. By working together, the group aim to ensure the community gets the maximum benefit from any planned development

Being a member of PIWG will involve some time commitment on your part, but you will be working with a group committed to making a difference to Flitwick.

To diversify the group we are particularly interested in hearing from women and young people who would like to help us in our work.

If you would like to know more, please email info@flitwick.gov.uk, or call 01525 631900.

Civic Service

Residents are invited to attend this year's Civic Service which will take place at 3pm on **Sunday 8th October** at St Peter & St Paul Church.

Hosted by the Town Mayor, Cllr Andy Snape, the Civic Service will be conducted by Reverend Claire Harald.

If you would like to join us for the afternoon please contact Zoe Putwain on 01525 631900 or email zoeputwain@flitwick.gov. uk.



War Memorial Gains Listed Status

Flitwick War Memorial was officially listed on Historic England's National Heritage List in June.

It is listed at Grade 2 under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for both architectural and historic interests.

The granite memorial was unveiled in October 1920 dedicated to the local men who served and fell in the First World War. Following the Second World War a further 14 names were added to the memorial.

You can read more about Flitwick War Memorial's official listed status by visiting www.historicengland.org.uk.





A Banking Hub is coming to Ampthill

Cash Access UK, the organisation set up to protect nationwide access to cash, are making good progress in bringing a new Banking Hub to Ampthill.

Ampthill was recommended to receive a Banking Hub after LINK, the UK's cash access and cash machine network.

identified the need for enhanced cash deposit services following a community request from Ampthill and Flitwick Town Councils.

The new Hub will provide shared cash and everyday banking services to individuals and businesses in the community. There are a number of steps involved in opening a Hub, and finding the right location is often the most time-



consuming part. Cash Access UK have found a suitable location and hope to be able to confirm this soon.

The Hub, when it opens, will offer a counter service operated by the Post Office, where customers of all major banks and building societies can carry out regular cash transactions, Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm.

You will be able to:

- · Withdraw cash
- · Deposit cash and cheques
- · Make balance enquiries
- · Pay utility bills
- \cdot Talk to a community banker from your own bank about more complicated banking matters such as managing your account, payments and transfers, getting online and many other things too.

Community Bankers will work on rotation, with a different bank or building society available on each day of the week. They are usually provided by the banking providers with the most customers in the local area.

The Cash Access UK team will keep the community updated with progress and latest developments will be added to the Ampthill page on their website https://www.cashaccess.co.uk/hubs/ampthill-bedfordshire/. They are working hard to open the Hub as soon as possible and look forward to supporting local people and businesses with cash services.



Article sent in by Cash Access UK

(Photos show how the Banking Hub looks in Brixham)

Support with the Cost of Living

Are you aware of the different initiatives the Town Council has in place to help residents with the cost of living crisis?

Community Fridge

We've had a wonderful response from residents sharing their surplus produce with us from their gardens and allotments for the Community Fridge at The Rufus Centre.

The Fridge is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 10am and 3pm to 5pm. It's also open at additional times depending on stock levels. Follow the Community Fridge on Facebook for the latest information.

We have a regular group of volunteers who support the Fridge by collecting from local supermarkets and warehouses. Without these volunteers we wouldn't have the stock for the Fridge. If you can help with collections then please get in touch with the Community Services Team. Collections are made in the evening from supermarkets and daytime from the warehouse. Travel expenses are paid to volunteers. Email: communityservices@flitwick.gov.uk

Community Hub

The Community Hub, Dunstable Road is open every Wednesday between 9.30am to 4.30pm. You can drop in for refreshments and have a chat. We are also planning a series of sessions to help residents with advice on job search and CV writing, shopping on a budget, and benefits advice.

Free Community Movie Days

There's two more free Community Movie Days planned for 2023. Halloween themed day on **Friday 27th October** (see page 27 for full details) and a Christmas special on Thursday 21st December. All films are free but you need to book online via Eventbrite or give us a call on 01525 631900 and we will book it for you.

Family Cookery Courses

In September we launched a free six week cookery course at the Village Hall, encouraging young people to cook together with their parents and learn new skills. The first course is fully booked. More dates will be added soon.

Free Circuit Classes

Our free Circuit Class programme has been extended to March 2024. Held outside on The Rufus Centre field there are two sessions every Thursday: Ladies only 6pm-6.45pm and Mixed from 7pm to 7.45pm. There is no need to book, just turn up.



For more details on all initiatives scan the QR code.

FLITWICK LIBRA

WHAT'S ON

Adult events and clubs:

Or come and play bridge with our Bridge Club! 2pm on Fridays!

How about a 20-minute piano session? Tuesday mornings

> Come and join Language café!

(Saturday mornings one Saturday a month)

Would you like to learn how to knit?

2pm on Wednesdays

Good Afternoon events!

2:30pm on the last Wednesday of every month

Idren's events and clubs:

Come along to Crafty tots on Tuesday mornings! (term time only)

Join us for stories, rhymes and singing with our Rhyme-time group!

10am - 10:30am (term time only)

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Tea Dances Return

Tea Dances made a welcome return to The Rufus Centre in August.

Always a popular social event, we had many requests to reinstate them after they stopped a couple of years ago. We're delighted that we have secured some dates for this year with our fantastic dance hosts.

There's no need to book you can just turn up and enjoy dancing, good company and refreshments. Entry costs £4 per person, including tea/coffee and cake.

We will initially be holding Tea Dances bimonthly but if demand is there we will look to see if we can return to monthly dances in the future.

Next Tea Dance - Thursday 12th October







Join us for Coffee!

Join us at the Village Hall on **Friday 29th September** for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We will be there from 9am to 12 noon with a delicious selection of cakes and refreshments available for a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you are planning to visit Flitwick Market on that day make sure you pop in to say hello and help raise funds for this fantastic charity.





CBC or FTC Who to Contact?

We appreciate it may be difficult to know who to contact if you have a query or an issue to report in the town.

On page 2 of Flitwick Papers you'll always find a handy checklist of who is responsible for what area and contact numbers for both Councils, and your Town Councillors and CBC Ward Councillors.

For the majority of services such as refuse collections and highways, it is Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). CBC have an online reporting system called 'Fix My Street' where you can report problems and check on progress.

The Town Council looks after areas such as the burial ground, allotments, and parks and play areas (with a couple of exceptions). On our website you'll find a 'Service Finder' section where you can find out who has responsibility to help with your issue and find a solution.

If you don't have online access please call us on 01525 631900.



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Tell Your Story

Following the launch of the 'Flitwick - A Living History' project on 14th September, residents are invited to share their stories of Flitwick at the next event on Saturday 21st October.

Come along to The Hub, Dunstable Road, between 10am to 12 noon and bring your other photographs, programmes and memorabilia of events in Flitwick to share on the new 'Flitwick - A Living History' website.

We want to hear your recollections of life in the town over the years.

If you have any cine film or video that we could convert to illustrate your stories on the new website that would be fantastic.

For more information on the project please contact email:ianblazeby@flitwick.gov.uk



Educational Grants

Are you due to start your second year of university or apprenticeship this September?

Flitwick Combined Charities offer a one off support grant in the autumn to students whose home is in Flitwick and have completed their first year at university, or in an apprenticeship and are about to enter their second year.



To apply for an educational grant please visit www. flitwickcombinedcharities.org.uk and download an $application form. \, Deadline \, date \, for \, receipt \, of \, applications \, is \, \textbf{30th September.}$

The charity also provides support to Flitwick residents who are in financial need and offer grants for specific items throughout the year, as well as grants around Christmas time. You can visit the website for forms and more information. Deadline date for receipt of applications for a Relief In Need Grant is 31st October.

If you need any more information please contact Ann Lutley, Flitwick Combined Charities' Treasurer, on 01525 712837.



Christmas Celebrations

When it comes to Christmas we have something for everyone this year including a Christmas shopping trip and special pantomime visit:









Christmas Celebrations

Christmas events at The Rufus Centre are guaranteed to get you in the party mood with delicious food and festive entertainment:









New Name For Popular Group

Flitwick Golden Age is changing its name and will now be known as the Cameo Club.

The Club will stay more or less the same, meeting on Thursdays at the Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Unfortunately, we will not be offering transport in the future due to rising cost of fuel and rising ages of our helpers.

We do not want any age restrictions as we are happy for anyone who would like some company, enjoy some games, and a cup of tea and a chat to come along.

Our meetings have started again after the summer break. We look forward to seeing you.

What's On At The WI

The WI have a monthly programme of events held at Flitwick Village Hall. For more details contact flitwickwi@gmail.com

10th October - Food bring and share

14th November - Indoor curling

12th December – Christmas Party, Dinner and Entertainment (Booking Required)

Bedfordshire Hospitals Roadshow - Thursday 5th October

Join us at a Public Information event being given by Bedfordshire Hospitals (incorporating the Luton & Dunstable Hospital & Bedford Hospital) following their merger in 2020.

Speakers will talk about all the on-going redevelopment programmes at both hospitals, operational issues following the merger and the covid pandemic and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions in an open question & answer session at the end of the programme.

Come along & hear our 'before & after stories' and where we're going from here! Flitwick Community Football Centre, Ampthill Road from 2pm to 4pm.

Autumn Gardeners' Show

Flitwick Gardeners' Association (FGA) Autumn Show takes place on **Saturday 14th October** at Flitwick Village Hall.

The show is open to the public in the afternoon from 3pm to 4pm with tea, coffee and homemade cakes available as well as a raffle.

There'll be plenty of vegetables, fruit and flowers on show. Everyone welcome!

65th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Ann and Phillip deVall, who have lived in Flitwick for the last 30 years,

celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on 26th July 2023.

A special celebration was held at The Swan in Flitwick with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The day was completed with the arrival of a card from King Charles III and Queen Camilla congratulating them. family say they are sure the card will take pride of place on the wall next to the one they received from Queen



Elizabeth II on their 60th anniversary.

Congratulations to you both on your special 65th wedding anniversary!

New Term, New Hobby?

As we start to draw into the darker evenings and the television doesn't do much to inspire, is it time to take up a new hobby?

Flitwick Singers have been meeting as a choir for almost forty years and as we have only relatively recently been able to wave goodbye to the restrictions placed on amateur choirs following Covid, we're looking for new members to come along and join our choir. There are about 30 in the choir, with 10 men and 20 ladies, so we are open to all!

We meet on Monday evenings in Flitwick Methodist Church. We are a more traditional choir and although we sing from printed music, the ability to read music is not essential as rehearsal tracks are provided to help your learning. We sing a really wide selection of music and, with almost 400 pieces in our collection, there's likely to be something there that you recognise or will get enjoyment from learning something new. We are directed by a professional Musical Director and we charge a membership fee to cover running costs.

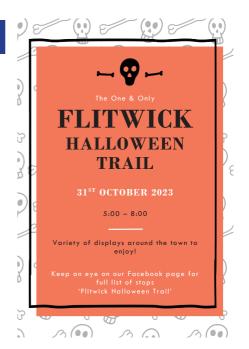
We rehearse to perform and hold at least one concert per term, raising funds for our chosen charity (this year it is MND) or for other organisation's charities. If you'd be interested in coming along, please email theflitwicksings@gmail. com to reserve your place.

Get Ready For The Halloween Trail!

The organisers of the popular Flitwick Halloween Trial are busy getting ready for this year's event on **Tuesday 31st October.**

Make sure you follow the Flitwick Halloween Trail Facebook page for news of all the houses taking part this year.

We will be displaying an interactive map of the Halloween Trail on our website for you to follow. Visit www. flitwick.gov.uk on the day!



Summer Adventures For Flitwick Scout Group

The pinnacle of Flitwick Scout Group's summer adventures was the exhilarating summer camp held at Thriftwood, Essex.

Cubs and Scouts came together for a memorable journey packed with exciting challenges. From hiking through scenic countryside to mastering the art of pioneering and campfire cooking, their teamwork and resilience were put to the test. The camp's activities, including fishing, Postman's Walk, Vertical Assault, Kayaking, Crate Stacking, Jacob's Ladder, Zip



Line, Rafting, Cave Bus, Abseiling, and Water Roller, provided a diverse range of experiences that fostered personal growth and a sense of adventure.

Flitwick Scout Group's commitment to providing a holistic learning environment that nurtures essential life skills and values is evident in their remarkable summer term and camp.

As the sun sets on this season of adventure, the memories and lessons learned will undoubtedly linger in the hearts and minds of these young Scouts for years to come.

As the young people entered into the summer break, some have taken on personal challenges to raise sponsorship towards upgrading their meeting place. The group will be raising month with games and crafts at their hall during the Flitwick Christmas lights switch on event on **Sunday 26th November.** To find out more, visit their website at https://www.flitwickscoutgroup.org.uk

Mid-Bedfordshire Widows Group

We meet at The Royal British Legion Hall, Station Road, from 2pm to 4pm every Tuesday afternoon where you can be assured of a warm welcome.

We enjoy a variety of activities as well as speakers, along with the occasional visit to a place of interest or a meal out.

Come and join us and make new friends, or maybe reunite with those you have lost touch with. Have a chat and a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information call Jackie on 01525 720967 or Angela 01525 795028.

New Flittabus Service

Flittabus is launching a new weekly service every Monday from 2nd October connecting Silsoe, Clophill, Maulden, Ampthill and Flitwick.

Anyone can use Flittabus; bus passes are valid or payment is accepted by cash, card, Apple or Google Pay.

For more information on all routes and timetables visit www.flittabus.co.uk





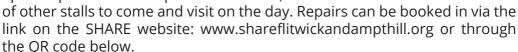


SHARE Repair Cafe Returns

Our July SHARE: Flitwick and Ampthill Repair Cafe, the first in Flitwick Village Hall, was a great success. Our Repair Team managed to fix everything from clocks and radios to kettles and computers. While they couldn't fix everything, they

managed to bring back to use more than half of the items that residents brought along. The event was helped with grant funding from Urbaser, one of CBC's recycling contractors. Money donated on the day, including for the refreshments, helps us to fund the Library of Things and future events.

The next Repair Cafe will be in Ampthill Parkside Hall on **Sunday 8th October** between 11am and 2pm as part of the 'Ampthill Green Fair', with lots



Finally, SHARE is preparing to leave its current regular home at Flitwick Village Hall for new larger premises at The Rufus Centre. With extended storage

space we will be able to accept more donated 'things' that can be borrowed by residents at very low cost. We are also aiming to offer a greater range of pick-up and return times than we can currently. Look out for more details on our website and Facebook page and sign up to our newsletter to be kept up to date with future events.



Flitwick Views Calendar

The 2024 Flitwick Views Calendar will soon be available to purchase. There were some amazing submissions making It very difficult to select the top 12 images to be included in the calendar to celebrate the town.

The calendars make fantastic Christmas presents and will go on sale at the Town Council offices at The Rufus Centre in October.

All profits from the calendar will be shared between this year's Town Mayor's charities - Tibbs Dementia Foundation and SOS Saturday Outreach Service.



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The Rufus Centre

Meet Mathew Earles, the new Business & Facilities Manager at The Rufus

Mathew joined us in June and has extensive experience in the events industry.

Commenting on his appointment, Mathew said: "I am delighted to join the team here at Flitwick Town Council & The Rufus Centre as Business & Facilities Manager.

"Having lived in Flitwick for approximately five years now, and as someone who is passionate about their community, I am delighted to be working in a position that enables me to work on initiatives to develop the



business and our community assets, and support the local community."

Rendezvous Café & Bar

New digital signage screens have been installed in the Rendezvous Café - we're really pleased with them and hope our customers will like them too. Look out for the homemade specials on the board!

We also have new Rendezvous Gift Cards which can be topped up for any amount. A great gift for the coffee lover.



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Come And Work With Us - Casual Catering Vacancies

Do you have a passion for catering? Have experience in catering but not looking for a permanent role?

We're looking to expand our pool of casual staff to support the busy Rendezvous Café & Bar, and our kitchen for our busy events programme and private functions at The Rufus Centre.

You'll need to have a minimum of Level 2 Food Hygiene and some experience of working in a catering or kitchen environment.



Interested in joining our casual catering team? Email your cv to info@ flitwick.gov.uk. If you would like to know more about the role please call us on 01525 631900.

Rufus Events

If you are looking for a great night out we have lots of different events planned at The Rufus Centre in the run up to Christmas. From Christmas Party Nights to Breakfast with Santa you can find out more on page 17.

Get your dancing shoes on for the Silent Disco on Friday 13th October - you can switch between music from the 80s, 90s and noughties and dance the night away. (See page 27 for more details).

The ever popular Castle Comedy return to Flitwick with a great line up on Saturday 18th November. Hosted by the brilliant Paul Revill, tickets are now on sale via Eventbrite. Follow us on social media to keep up to date on what we have planned.



Flitwick Skate 'Jam'

Despite the weather we had a great turnout for September's Flitwick Skate 'Jam'. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

There's plenty going on in the town for young people with weekly sessions at The Hub, Dunstable Road term time.

On Mondays the free Youth Club is open for Years 5 & 6 from 4pm to 6.30pm. Registration forms must be completed by an adult at the first session.

Open Access Youth Drop-in for young



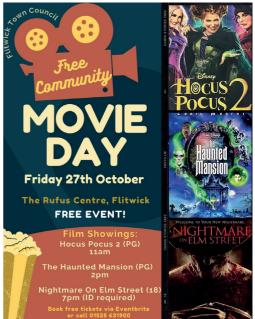
people aged 11 to 16 years is every Tuesday from 4pm to 6.30pm with lots of activities including pool, table tennis, air hockey, free snacks and the chance to chill with friends.

In partnership with the Town Council, youth services are delivered by Dan Gaze Support Services and we're delighted to confirm that their contract has been extended to March 2026.









Advertorial

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