

Worship Events in March
St Mary's, Newton Flotman

Sunday	3rd	11:00	Morning Worship - Lesley Cox
Sunday	17th	11:00	Morning Worship - Kirsten Remer
Sunday	24th	11:00	Palm Sunday Holy Communion - Austin Uzoigwe
Monday	25th	19:30	Compline - Kirsten Remer
Sunday	31st	11:00	Easter Day Morning Worship - Lesley Cox

St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

Sunday	10th	9:30	Mothering Sunday Swainsthorpe Special - Dawn Davidson
Sunday	17th	9:30	Swainsthorpe Special - Philip Simmons
Sunday	24th	9:30	Palm Sunday Holy Communion - Austin Uzoigwe
Wednesday	27th	19:30	Compline - Philip Simmons
Sunday	31st	9.30	Easter Day Swainsthorpe Special - Lesley Cox

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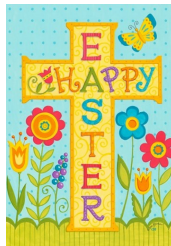
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10-12am

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With the arrival of the months of February and March the evenings are gradually getting lighter, and signs of spring are beginning to appear. The first spring flowers are bursting into life and the trees and shrubs are beginning to stir out of their winter slumber. As a keen gardener I am looking forward to the prospect of getting out into the garden once again and I have already been sorting through my seed packets to see what I can set first.

February also saw the beginning of Lent, a season which began on Ash Wednesday, which this year was on 14th February which was also St. Valentine's Day – a day of celebrating love in our culture.

The season of Lent, a period of 40 days (46 if you include Sundays) reminds us of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before his ministry began. Many traditions have grown up around Lent. Some people find it helpful to give something up, for example chocolate, as the season is one of fasting. Others take something up, committing maybe to spending more time in prayer or reading the Bible or Lent book; others commit to learning a Bible verse each day. All have their own advantages and help prepare us for Easter Day.

To begin Lent, many Christians attended a service on Ash Wednesday. During the service they received the sign of the cross, in ash prepared from last year's palm crosses, on our foreheads with the words "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ". This reminds us of our own mortality and our need of repentance, saying sorry for the things we have done wrong, and asking for God's forgiveness.

Lent gives us the opportunity to grow closer to God, and so be ready to meet the risen Lord on Easter Day, which this year is on the 31st of March. It is lovely to think that by the time Easter comes our gardens will be bursting with new life, reminding us of the new life that God offers to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

However, as you prepare for Easter, I pray you will have a very holy and peaceful Lent.

With every blessing,
Rev'd Austin Uzoigwe

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The next edition of Partnership will be for April 2024. Deadline will be 14th March 2024. Contributions by email to caroline@uv6.com or call **07855 838553**. The editor reserves the right to edit copy and print as space permits.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH
Newton Flotman

We are in the church season of Lent when we commemorate the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, enduring and resisting temptation ahead of starting his ministry.



Don't forget it is Mothering Sunday on 10th March!



The Newton Flotman and Saxlingham Thorpe Heritage Group (NFaST) is hosting Village Café on Saturday 9th March. Come and view our archive and share memories or ask questions about the village.

Village Café is on tour on 23rd March up at the Easter Craft Fair and we have **Easter Space on Easter Saturday** with Easter themes craft and activities, inside, out and up if the weather is good as we can run trips to the top of the tower, **Saturday 30th March, 10-12** in the Church Room. There will be activities and refreshments for all, and Becky Morgan will be joining us, too, with one of this year's newborn lambs!

Newton Flotman Climate Care

Newton Flotman Climate Care has been considering lifestyle changes we could (or should!!) be making to reduce our carbon footprint and do our bit for the environment. In particular we have been thinking about food - what we eat. Generally eating meat results in much higher greenhouse gas emissions than vegetable diets. We have looked at veggie recipes, vege mince, vegetable ready meals and even veggie burgers. Why not give it a try? To start with go for two meat free days each week. Let us know how you get on. We have also considered how our food is packaged and ways of reducing plastic use.



We aim to encourage our leaders to make bold choices to head for net zero. We have submitted a response to a government consultation about putting solar panels on new homes and written to Keir Starmer urging him not to go back on his promised green transition plans and spending.

If you are concerned about the climate it would be great if you were to join us. Just drop me an email and I will tell you how to join in.

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Amy Ferguson

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A few words in memory of Amy Ferguson...much loved resident of the village for almost 20 years who died in February. She and her husband, Alec, 'moved south' for the milder climate for Alec's health. Amy was at the heart of village life for much of these two decades, fully involved with church and WI (hard to beat in the competitions, I remember hearing!)

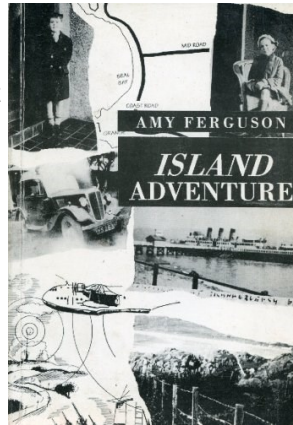


Amy, along with Sheila Buchanan, united in their Caledonian roots (and need to feed the 5000!), had the vision to start up Coffee Stop (now Village Cafe) as a way of raising money for the church building. Her sausage rolls were legendary!

Amy had been a teacher in her working life and was involved in curriculum development of Religious and Moral Education in Scotland. She was women of faith and an author. She was a great storyteller and read lessons in church

beautifully, bringing them to life. She was a great gardener but we learnt not to get started on politics with her! Amy had a great sense of fun and wouldn't let much stand in her way. We were all impressed that only a matter of a couple of years ago, she was swimming off a boat in the Aegean!

My favourite tale has to be that she was there at Prestwick airport, which at the time was a USAF base, in 1960, when word got out locally that the military plane on which Elvis was travelling, touched down for refuelling!



She related so well to youngsters and there is a generation of young people (and older!) in the village and beyond, who have very fond memories of her; whether doing little jobs for her and being paid in cash, cake and Mars Bars (!) or the advice and counsel she gave in that lovely Scottish brogue of hers. Rest in peace Amy.

Kirsten Remer



Amy (left), pictured with Sheila Buchanan and Emily Poyser on the 5th anniversary of *Coffee Stop*

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St Peter's Church, Swainsthorpe

Saturday 16th March 2024

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Refreshments will be free, but donations would be gratefully received and will go towards our Bell Fund.

Articles Wanted for Partnership

Please send your contributions to the editor by email at: caroline@uv6.com

Mobile Library for March

The mobile library will be visiting Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe on Wednesday 27th March Please note times below. The library is a vital resource for those who do not have transport - please use it to ensure the is maintained!

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NEWTON FLOTMAN	JOY AVE	12:45	13:05	NR15 1RD
NEWTON FLOTMAN	SCHOOL ROAD	14:20	15:30	NR15 1PR

Crafting for a Cause

Crafting for a Cause meets on the first Wednesday of the month, 2pm to 4pm in Newton Flotman church room. Those attending bring and share skills which are put to use to raise money for all sorts of good causes. Our current cause is Priscilla Bacon Hospice in Norwich. The next meeting will be 6th March.

If you would like to be involved, contact Vicky (01508 471506) or Hilary (07806 762296) for more information. All are welcome.



What's On In Our Villages:

Social Club - Newton Flotman Village Centre

15th March - Easter Bingo - Eyes down at 7.30pm
29th March - Social Club Night

Easter Fair - Newton Flotman Village Centre

23rd March 10am to 2pm with Village Café on tour

Newton Flotman Litter Pick

Saturday 27 April - 9:30 at the Church Room.

Youth Club - NF Village Centre

For 8 -16 year olds
Wednesdays 6-8 pm

Stay & Play - NF Village Centre

For parents/carers and preschool children
Tuesdays, 9:30am to 11am - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Cherry Tree Café

Wednesdays, 9am to 12 midday - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Film Night - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Tuesday 19th March - One Life
Bar open from 7pm; Film starts at 7.30pm

Outreach Post Office - Newton Flotman Church Room

Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am

Village Café - Newton Flotman Church Room

Saturdays 10am - midday
(‘On Tour ‘ at the Easter Fair on 23rd March)

Crafting for a Cause

1st Weds of the month, 2 - 4pm, Newton Flotman Church Room

Village Walks

For more details contact Richard Beach 07963006091.

Meetings

Newton Flotman Parish Council
26th March, 7:30pm - NF Village Centre
Swainsthorpe Parish Council
13th March, 7.30pm - St Peter's Community Centre.

To book Newton Flotman Village Centre contact Vicky Ball 01508 471506

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Newton Flotman Village Centre – Updates on Fete 2024 and Social Club

Planning for the **Newton Flotman Village Fete 2024** has already begun. Please put the date in your diaries – **Sunday 25 August 2024** – the August Bank Holiday weekend again. On behalf of the fete organising committee, I would like to thank all of you who supported the event last year and made it the success it was. We hope you will be able to come along again this year, whether to join in the Dog Show, buy raffle tickets or to simply enjoy everything else that will be going on.



One of the areas in which we feel we can improve on last year's fete success is by having a larger team of volunteers to ensure that everything runs smoothly. The team of volunteers making up the organising committee is small but nonetheless enthusiastic. If you are able, please consider helping in any way at all, whether as part of the organising team or just by making yourself available on the day. Richard Green will be pleased to hear from you at ragreen707@gmail.com

The same goes for the Social Club team where we could always do with more people available to serve behind the bar and generally be involved. Thank you to everyone who has supported the various events and the food vans. We always welcome suggestions for social events, especially during the winter months when we can't sit outside and enjoy the warm evenings. We have now purchased a pool table and all we need to do now is to make it moveable so it can be enjoyed regularly. We may even be able to support a pool team if there is enough interest. The same goes for darts, again if people are interested.

We have slowly been making improvements to the Hall itself and efforts recently have centred on creating the new bar area. Once this is complete, we will be making other improvements to make the hall a more welcoming space for the residents of this village. I am pleased to report that fund raising activity has been going on and, in particular, may I thank Hayden Moon for his support following the fantastic Christmas light display he put on last year.

Elsewhere in this month's magazine you will see some of the social events taking place over the next few months. These include an **Easter Bingo night on Friday 15th March and an Easter Craft Fair on Saturday 23th March**. Please keep an eye out for publicity of what's going on at the Village Centre on social media as well as in the monthly Partnership magazine.

Finally, we have our **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th April** to which all are invited. If you want to know more about what's going on at the Village Centre and Playing Fields and what volunteering might involve or to make suggestions, this would be a good opportunity for you.

William Ball
Chairman, Newton Flotman Village Centre
& Alan King Playing Field Committee
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Newton Flotman Neighbourhood Plan

The Newton Flotman Neighbourhood Plan is a planning policy document written by the community to guide future development in the area over the next 20 years.



In February, the Steering Group of Parish Councillors and local resident produced a set of character appraisals of areas of the village which will assist in the development of design codes for future planning.

Meetings were held with AECOM to start the research process into the housing needs of the village and design codes for future development.

How you can help

In last month's copy of *Partnership* magazine you received information about *Placecheck* where you have been dropping pins on a specific point in the village to tell us 'what you like', 'what you don't like' or 'something that we need to work on'. Thank you to all those who have used your smart phone, tablet or computer, walking about the area or at home. www.placecheck.info/app/maps/nf



Please continue to highlight what your thoughts are about the village, and either "like" or "dislike" the comments other residents have left on the map. This will let us know the level of feeling there is about the issue raised.

We will be sending out a detailed survey in the spring - watch this space!

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at paulweeksnfnpsg@gmail.com

For more information about the Neighbourhood Plan, please go to: www.newtonflotmanpc.co.uk/neighbourhoodplan

Paul Weeks

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News from Newton Flotman Parish Council

Biodiversity

At the January parish council meeting discussions began regarding developing a biodiversity policy and action plan for the village. It is hoped that the Parish Council will work with other local groups to protect and promote the biodiversity in the village. Come along to the Parish Council meeting on March 26th where it will be discussed further

Youth Club

The Youth Club is run by youth workers from YMCA Norfolk with financial support from the Parish Council.

Since January the Youth Club has been running exciting sessions based around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and maths) including making volcanoes and “ooze”! The half term finished up with pancake making!

The club runs every Wednesday in term time from 6-8pm at the village centre for 8 – 16 year olds. For more information email:

youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org or call 07907 960621

Meetings

The Parish Council meets every month (except August and December) on a Tuesday evening. Forthcoming meetings are being held on:

Tuesday 26th March, 7:30pm, Village Centre

Tuesday 30th April including Annual Parish Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Centre

Tuesday 21st May – Annual Parish Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Church Room

Members of the public are very welcome to attend parish council meetings and there is always an opportunity for you to ask questions and to have your say. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the Parish Council website:

www.newtonflotmanpc.co.uk/agendas-and-minutes

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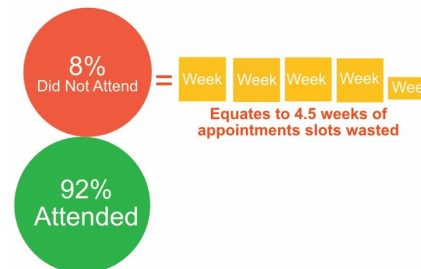
LONG STRATTON MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

Swan Lane Surgery, Swan Lane, Tharston, Norwich, Norfolk, NR15 2UY Tel: 01508 530781

Statistics from Long Stratton Medical Partnership regarding missed appointments

At a recent meeting of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) we discussed the “Did not attend” patients. These are the patients that have an appointment booked but for whatever reason didn’t turn up to their appointment. This was also a subject of discussion at a meeting of other PPG’s arranged by the Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board and Norfolk Healthwatch.

We discussed the affect this has on the surgery and their ability to give other patients appointments and why we thought it may happen, for which there could be lots of legitimate reasons. From the available data, we know the over 250 patients missed multiple appointments, the overall statistics are shown below. Alarmingly all the missed appointments meant that there were 4.5 weeks’ worth of appointments wasted in 2023.



What can you do?

Please let the surgery know if you need to change arrangements, you can do this by calling the normal surgery number choose option 4 and then option 2, there is no need to be held in queues or to speak to reception staff. If you know a relative has an appointment and needs a helpful reminder if you

could do that, it will make a difference to the efficiency for the practice and open availability for other patients. If you have any anxiety about attending your appointment, please call the practice and seek some help or advice from them.

The surgery may call you when you miss your appointment to check that you are okay.

Let’s try to help each other by letting reception know if you no longer require your appointment, please call 01508 530781 option 4 then option 2.

As a PPG we are your voice, there is a committee that meets regularly to discuss topics where we can help, please feel free to email us via the surgery if you want to find out more about us and if you are interested in becoming a committee member (lsmp.d82037@nhs.net – mark for the attention of the PPG).

Martin Lander – Chair PPG



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