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Communicata Update

Fleckney Communicata AGM

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tues 12th March 2019 at 6.30 p.m. in the Baptist Church lounge.

Please feel free to join us and make suggestions or contributions to the magazine.

Big Thanks

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers. You are crucial to the survival of our magazine. Thanks for another year of hard work, we could not manage without you!

Fleckney & Kibworth Running Club Report

Huncote Hash – Sunday 30th December

Jim Hawley was the club’s sole representative in the 2018 renewal of the popular Huncote Hash Cross Country Race. Its popularity was one of the reasons that other club members could not get a place in this 6.5 mile event. Hosted by Huncote Harriers, the course is run over a mixture of grass, woodland trails, fields, and an ascent of Croft Hill. The final mile includes a refreshing dip in a stream to wash the mud off, and runners can then enjoy a well-earned post-race snack of soup and a roll. Jim knocked around 10 minutes off his previous effort on the same course to finish in a time of 59 minutes 14 seconds for position 140 out of the 300+ finishers.

Couch to 5K Beginner’s Program

We will be running a nine-week course of this popular running program, ideal for those looking to take up running or get back into it after a break. Running as part of a group will help to keep you motivated.

Starting on 17th January, the sessions will be held on a Thursday, meeting at 7pm for a 7.15pm start. We have use of the Methodist Church Hall in Kibworth as a base for pre-run warm-ups and post-run chats with tea, coffee and maybe even a biscuit or two!

Please come along and join us.
For more details, please contact Andy Kemp on 07525 465643.

Fleckney WI

A new year begins, ladies… is it a good time to come along to Fleckney WI and see what we do? Our next meeting will be on Thursday January 24th in the village hall at 7.30pm. For members, annual subscriptions are due (£43), but if you are not yet a member, you could come as a guest for £4 before committing.

We would love to welcome you into our friendly group. The first meeting is going to be a light-hearted quiz, including a cheese and wine round. During the next year, we have, as usual, got a varied programme lined up, including a fun oil painting demo with audience participation, tales from a Wimbledon umpire, and the story of Coco Chanel.

Hope to see you there. If you need more details, ring Ruth Maggs on 2403589.

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This should be my last piece acknowledging all those who made cash donations and donated raffle prizes…97 in total, a massive amount once again, and I can’t thank everyone enough for their generosity:

Crispy Wisdom-Chew@Joules, Debbie@Capital House, Mark Evans@Rudland Antiques Centre, Chris Jones@Craven Cars, James Purdy@Purdy Building Services, Cath & Tony Elliott, Ann & Kelv@Kings Head, Sneeton Westerby, Tim Brayshaw & Chris Crowter@Specsavers Market Harborough, Andy Munn@Carpets Leicester, Sarah Smith@Physiotherapy & Pilates, Steve Scott@painter and decorator, Sam@Lolawood, Jean Devlin, Pat Deacon@PD Joinery, Inspirations Hair & Beauty, Marie@Fleckney Barbers, Maria & Andy@The Railway, Kilworth, Zoe Knight, Phil Long@Gardening Services, Lesley@Ironmonger, Steven J Parker, Syed@Cuisine of India, Neil McMillan@A2B Taxis, Post Office, Andy & Sally@GEMS, Barbara Hutton, Brian Hartley, Claire@Nail Shed, Dave Williams@the butchers, DuckPond Players, Wayne Legard@Legard’s Plumbing & Electrical Services, Wigston Pool & Fitness Centre, Dolly’s Tea Room, Rus@Dream Capture Photography, Panda & Joe@S/JW Auto Tuning and Repairs, AutoFix Fleckney, Crown of India, Fleckney, Langtons Garden Centre, Dee@Toast Office, Stav & Athina@Fleckney Chippy, Jo Denning, Dr Patel@Fleckney Dentist, Pud@Siddons Flooring Preparations, Garth, Mick@One Stop Building Service, Sean@5-Star Electrical Services, Daz Meilhurst@Clarendon Fleet, Dave & Tre Castledine@Creations, Karen@Fleckney Co-op, Sharon Sanders, Fleckney Alloymens, John Golton@Fleckney Tipsters, Phil Bale, Sean Mallon@Man Commercial Protection, Mick Fox@OK Graphics, Stuella@Queen’s Florist Kilworth, No.50 Coffee House, Kilworth, Julian’s Hair Studio, Kilworth, Coach & Horses, Kilworth, The Bell Inn, Gumley, Anna Dickman@LCFC, Adam Sanders@Alpha Studios, Sue Hind@Fleckney Chemist, Jeff@Booby Prizes… I must also thank all those who wished to remain anonymous.

Included in the speeches, Charlotte, Albie’s mummy, expressed her sincere thanks to everyone who’d taken a part in the various events, spread over a year, raising funds for their house adaptations. She also confirmed that little Albie’s DIY SOS project was now at an end and work had commenced on their house.

I recently visited Albie and was shown around the new extension and it was explained ‘where and what’ everything was planned and what the next stage was. The external walls and roof were up but the internal walls required knocking through and then the builders can commence on the windows and doors before the internal plastering and wiring can be completed along with the shower room and the transformation of the bedroom. Still plenty to do yet!

Once all this has been completed, social services can come out and inspect the work to enable the various hoists and mobility features which need to be installed.

Once again, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all concerned who supported this most recent event and helped raise £9,401.00, and I wish GEMS and Albie’s family all the very best for 2019.

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Wellness and Financial Planning
We are very pleased that the school has strong links with all the local churches. The children benefit from weekly assemblies led by several members of the local clergy: Steve Robson from the New Life Christian Fellowship, Father Philip from St Nicholas Church and Mike Townsend from Fleckney Baptist Church.

It was lovely to be able celebrate the true meaning of Christmas at St Nicholas Church during our Christmas services. Children from Years 2, 4, 5 and 6 told us all about some of the symbols we use at Christmas and what they can remind us of. The children read eloquently, the choir sang ‘The Sussex Carol’ beautifully and Jess was spellbinding with ‘Away in a Manger’ on the keyboard. We are so blessed to have such talented children at our school.

Thank you to Father Philip for his talks in each service, reminding us to look out for the Nativity icon around the village, to Mr Leah for his infamous jokes and to Mr Baun for accompanying all our singing on the keyboard.

As part of a school initiative, each year group leads a special assembly at various key points during the school and religious year. These feature significant input from the children themselves. We are looking forward to a special assembly in February when Year 3 will be presenting their Candlemass assembly.

Alice in Wonderland was the 20th Pantomime performed by the Duckpond Players in Fleckney Village Hall, once again playing to sell out audiences. Some of the young people who came to watch our very first pantos are now bringing their own children along. One lady said: "This is an amazing experience for my 3 year old son, the atmosphere is so relaxed and the audience participation is fantastic especially when the kids are invited on stage to sing with the characters. The Duckies Panto has become a tradition in our family'.

A special thank you to Linda, Wendy and their team at Fleckney Community Library who run our box office, this year’s panto sold over 800 tickets in total.

The Duckies once again held their Christmas party in the Shield and would like to thank Stella and her staff for a fantastic night, and also for providing us with a watering hole on Monday evenings after rehearsals.

After a short Christmas break we held our AGM in January, a new committee was voted in and we also welcomed new members Matt Gibbins and Dave Harrison to the group.

But time does not stand still and the Duckies are already rehearsing their next production, From Stage and Screen, a Hollywood themed musical evening.

Producer Vicky Deacon, who due to illness was unable to take part in the Panto, spent hours working on the content of the show while the rest of us were rehearsing, so after a short Christmas break it was in at the deep end and the show has now been cast. The show is to be performed in Fleckney Village Hall. Dates for your diary are 17th, 18th 24th and 25th May 2019, tickets are priced at £10.00, this includes your first drink from the bar. To find out more and to reserve your tickets please visit our website: www.theduckpondplayers.com

A finally we would like to say a thank you to our family and friends who provide a wonderful front of house experience for our shows, and to all our audiences, the past year has been a roller coaster for us and your continued support has been very much appreciated.
The Kibworth & Fleckney Rotary Club hold an Annual Charity "Trolleydash" Lottery in December.

The winner has the opportunity to run round Sainsbury’s in Market Harborough for three minutes and fill their trolley with Christmas fare.

The winner this year was Mrs Bird from Kibworth, who nominated her son-in-law, Stuart Hancox, to do the dash. A welcome early Christmas present for the family.

The profit of over £1,500 will go to Dementia UK (Leicestershire) and Voluntary Action South Leicestershire (VASL).

Photo Trolleydash: L to R – Caroline Wellicome (Sainsbury’s), Rtn Michael Pearce, John Bird, Stuart Hancox, Rotary President Graham Thompson and Rtn Paul Kirby.

In front, Luke and Elliot Hancox.

Photo 2: Stuart Hancox Celebrating

The president’s hat was to remind folk that Dementia UK train Dementia Specialist Admiral Nurses. There is a campaign to bring Admiral Nurses to Leicestershire.

www.facebook.com/dementiaUKforLeicestershire

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A Letter to Fleckney

Dear Fleckney

I have asked and agreed to stand in the May elections to represent Fleckney residents that vote for me.

What concerns and issues am I going to represent for you?

Well that is entirely up to you.

Please tell me what your concerns are and I will tell you what most of you are telling me and how I will try and help.

Email me at morrisonhelen.labour@gmail.com.

A bit about me.

I moved to Fleckney in November 1984 and in December I was delighted to hear Fleckney Silver Band playing Christmas carols outside of my house. I loved it.

In the nineties, my eldest child asked to join the band and the following years my two other children joined. As I had become the “taxi” driver, I joined as well. The band gave me an instrument to use while I was with them and taught me what to do with it free of charge. They taught all my children to read music.

Once with the band I successfully applied for a lottery grant for new instruments and in subsequent years I applied for grants to do all the recent improvements that have been made to the band hall. This has been of benefit to anyone in the village that has wanted to use the facility. It is my way of saying thank you to the band for introducing my children to music (my son has made it his career).

I only tell you this to show you that I am the sort of person that gets involved with things whole-heartedly. So, if I am voted to represent Fleckney, that is what I will do.

Work-wise, I have worked for the NHS since 1978… but I will tell you a bit more about that next month. Don’t forget to send me your emails. I want to know local and national concerns. No issue is too small; if it matters to you then it matters to me.

I will sign off now.

Hopeful Helen (Helen Morrison, Labour Candidate for Fleckney Ward)
As usual, our December meeting was not an event at the Band Hall, but a Christmas meal held at one of the hostellies in the local area. This year we went to the Queen’s Head in Saddington on Tuesday 12th December. This was a very jolly affair, as always, and when we sat down at the table the food did not disappoint. Most people had ordered all three courses and were presented with food that was a joy to the eye as well as the palate. This, combined with a few glasses of Christmas cheer and good company, made for a very enjoyable evening.

So, Happy New Year from the Gardening Club – and why not come along to one of our meetings in the Band Hall in 2019; we’d really like to see you.

Our next meeting will be on 27th February and will be a talk given by Dr John Page, from Solihull, a distinguished academic and an officeholder in the Alpine Garden Society and a leader of overseas botanical tours for the society. He will speak on “The Contemporary Alpine Garden”. This will take place in the Band Hall at 7.45pm.

Photo: Christmas meal at the Queen’s Head, Saddington
Bucket List
I have always had running a marathon on my bucket list, but as many of us, never had an idea of when I would get around to it.

In November 2017 I went to my gym in Wigston, where the owners have run marathons and triathlons over the years. One evening I was chatting with one of them I asked if they were in training for any events at the time and they said “no”. They asked me if I had ever run a marathon, I said: “no, but that I had always wanted to do one”. They asked me “what was stopping me doing one now?”; I didn’t have an answer, and the question weighed on my mind all week.

Finally realising that I didn’t have any excuses at the age of 46, I decided to go for it. I got advice, found a training plan and secured my place for New York 2018.

Putting in the Training
Training started in February 2018, before this time I had never run more than 15 minutes on the treadmill. As part of my training, I entered the 10K race in Market Harborough, in June 2018. I also ran the half-marathon in Nottingham in September 2018. I then flew out at the end of October to New York.

I took part in the Marathon opening ceremony on Friday 3rd November, flying the flag for Great Britain where I met many other Brits who were in the marathon. (see photo).

Race Day
Sunday 4th November was a cool sunny day which was perfect for the race. I ran the marathon from start to finish in 4 hours and 3 minutes exactly. Miles 22 and 23 were tough, but after that, it was a done deal. My enduring memory of the day was running up ‘1st Avenue,’ in Manhattan, with crowds 12 rows deep either side of the street cheering us on. I could see for three miles ahead with the street filled with runners. Colours and nationalities of every kind. Runners of every ability. At that point, I was truly living the dream. I finished strong and if anyone has been thinking of running an event like this, I would encourage you to do so.

Rainbows Hospice
Although I had already secured my place before. I decided to approach Rainbows Hospice and ask them if they would like me to raise funds for their charity. They agreed and I set a £2500 target. At the last count, I had raised over £3,800. They also invited me to visit the hospice in October, for a tour, which was very humbling.

The Big Six
I also applied for the London Marathon 2019 in May, but found out in September that I was not selected through the ballot. I approached Rainbows but all their places for London 2019 had been taken, so I asked to be put down for London 2020.

A couple of weeks later, Rainbows contacted me to let me know that one of their runners for 2019 had dropped out. They offered me the place, which I duly accepted.

While in New York I decided that I wanted to run all six world marathon majors, so I applied for the Berlin Marathon 2019 through the ballot system. A day after I had received the offer from Rainbows about the London marathon, I got an email from Berlin to say I had gained a place.

Therefore I will be running marathons in both London and Berlin (September) this year. Meaning I will have run three of the majors within ten months from a standing start; which was more than I had ever planned for, but I am grateful.

Now the hard work begins, and I aim to raise at least £2,500 for Rainbows Hospice in the process!
Steel Magnolias

For two nights in December, Fleckney Village Hall was transformed into a hairdressing salon in Louisiana for the production of Steel Magnolias by the Ensemble Theatre Company (ETC). The play is an adaptation of Robert Harling’s 1987 play of the same name and is based on the real-life story of his sister, who suffered from Type 1 diabetes and kidney failure and died from complications. The tragic end to the story is dealt with in a sensitive way, with comedy interwoven with the serious side of life.

The six female actors are to be congratulated for the way in which they not only remembered their lines, but did it all in a convincing southern drawl. Throughout the four scenes, they all were able to demonstrate the bond that they shared when dealing with all that life had to throw at them, including marriage, work, childbirth, illness and death. This was perhaps an unusual choice of subject material for a Christmas production, but it worked well and made a pleasant change from the more expected pantomime slapstick on offer at this time of the year.

Directed and produced by Dan Neal, this ETC performance demonstrated the versatility of the actors, who explored the lives and friendships of a group of women from Louisiana and showed how they combined inner strength with the fragility of a flower, hence the title – Steel Magnolias.

You can find out more about future ETC productions in Fleckney by visiting their website at https://www.ensembletc.com.

Hart of Fleckney Bowls Club

This is not lonely Pete playing on his own. The other bowlers are tucked neatly out of sight having their mug-game tea and biscuits and he was dragged away to perform.

They play short-mat here every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2 o’clock during the winter season but move out door from mid-April onwards. Additionally this summer a similar session will be held on Friday evenings for those who are still working. Find out more about the Club, its social side and its people at hartoofleckneybowlsclub.com

Thank you from the Silver Band

Not surprisingly it took three Sundays for the band to get all round the village before Christmas. Is the village getting bigger, or am I just growing older! We’re very grateful to everybody who donated to our collection. Your generosity has ensured that we remain financially stable for another year. Special thanks to our collectors who had to walk six times further than the band!

It isn’t just money we need to keep going, we also need players. So we invite you to join us, whatever your age or experience. Many of us started as adults, it’s never too late to learn

We practise from 8pm every Thursday, so come down to the Band Hall on Wolsey Lane and see what we are about

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Fleckney Village Cricket Club

The first January Friday night saw Fleckney return to pre season training at Leicester Grammar School. With the support of Tom Flowers Cricket Coaching’s expert coaches Ben and Jack the Village players got back into the swing of it after 4 months off. It was great to see a few new faces and really healthy numbers. It was not just batting and bowling, the fitness and fielding drills were really well received.

Nets are every Friday until the end of March - see our new website events schedule or download the Pitchero app and search Fleckney Village for more details. All website details can be found on our twitter feed @fvcc. New players are very welcome.

Fleckney Athletic

So here we are already in February and after a short but deserved Christmas break player, coaches and parents alike have launched into 2019 through January with a bang, but have also taken the chance to reflect on a great 2018!

The club progressed nicely in 2018 with a steady stream of trophy wins and league successes, but more importantly in terms of player development and community engagement. Our eldest group have progressed into senior football, (seeding Fleckney Athletic Seniors and beyond), a wealth of new energy joined through the younger ranks (in the u6 year group and across the age-ranges) and players are increasingly expanding into other areas of sport through refereeing courses and coaching experiences.

We have also looked to increase our presence and wider positive impact to the village, culminating in this year’s hamper raffles that hopefully you were all tempted into supporting given the fantastic prizes on offer. £2,000 was raised for the club which will be ploughed straight back into the players so thanks to all who supported through either prize donation, buying a ticket from a player or displaying the hampers to generate interest. Particular thanks to Joan Seaton who personally packaged, wrapped and presented each of the hampers so wonderfully.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners: Sam Underwood, Charlotte Eldersill, Emma Illingworth, Wendy from IOSH, Emma Ahmed, Paula (Old Crown), Wayne Legard, Claire Hack, Stacey Brummell, Claire Kearney, Ant Bentley, Matt A, Marie, Kev Price and Donna Garner

In other news, as you may have read Fleckney Village Cricket Club are proud to be becoming an All Stars Cricket centre in 2019. The ECBs programme for 5-8 year olds will see junior cricket make a welcome return to the village. Sessions will run for 8 weeks throughout May and June in 2019 and cost £40 per child. Not only will each player become a member of the club and receive expert qualified and DBS checked coaching, they will also receive a pack from the ECB containing a kit bag, bat, ball, personalised shirt and much more. Further info and pre registration can be found at https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

Meet the Teams - The Under-8’s Foxes and Eagles

One of our younger age groups, the u8’s consist of 3 teams… the Foxes the Eagles (pictured) and Athletic (who we will introduce in a future edition of Communicata)...

- How are the games structured?: 5 v 5 players, 40mins long, representing the village in the Leicester & District Mutual Football League
- …and the Team?: The Foxes and Eagles have a squad of 16 players with a really strong ethic of fun, teamwork and building confidence as they develop and learn new skills through football. The teams are thankful for the kind sponsorship of Fosters Building Services.
- Key recent success?: At such a young age the team have already successfully competed in the league for over a year but have particularly enjoyed tournament football during the spring/summer months (apart from the attraction of midges to the Fleckney yellow shirts!)
- What makes our Foxes and Eagles Coaches proud?: Jo, Ed, Wayne and the coaching team get most pride out of watching the players just light-up when they master new skills individually and play well together as a team. They are a great group of friendly kids to work with.

If you want to know more about any of the above or would like to help out with your Community Football Club in any way please drop me an email. Come on you Yellow’s! Dave. (djb2279@gmail.com)

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To find out more about how we help Open Hands see our YOU TUBE video “I can bring 1 can.” To find out more about Open Hands go to www.openhandsleicester.org.

If you wish to continue to make donations please feel free to drop them off on Sundays at the Village Hall between 10-12. This year we are starting a new initiative with the development of a project called Fleckney CommuniCare.

This project will be staffed by volunteers and funded by public donations, and it will seek to encourage our community to be the solution to our community needs. Local people helping local people.

The Dementia Café, which started in January and will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 11-1pm at the Library, is the first of many practical steps where we hope people will offer their time to assist those who need a helping hand.

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For more details about COMMUNICARE please feel free to contact Steve Robson. New Life Church Fleckney. 2403218 or 07512176852.
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