

# FLINTHAM MUSEUM'S NEWSLETTER

April 2015

*News from Flintham's Home Front, April 1915*

*4 April: Easter Day and 32 took Holy Communion at the 8am service and 19 took Holy Communion at the 11am service. The numbers are lower than last year, but that is to be expected when so many of our brave lads are away.*

*4 April: The Royal Engineers were on the Fosse and because it was a fine, bright and hot Sunday, many parishioners walked to the top of the lane to cheer them on their way.*

*11 April: Many parishioners signed the petition asking Rev. Cursham to stay on as our vicar. However, he announced from the pulpit during today's service that this is impossible because arrangements for Rev. Rouse to take over as our vicar are too far advanced. Rev. Cursham made a touching speech thanking everyone for their kind thoughts.*

*12 April: Fred White at the Stores is not well but assures everyone that the shop will be open as usual and Mrs White will be pleased to serve you.*

*15 April: Bombs were dropped from zeppelins in London a few days ago and yesterday they caused £55 worth of damage on Tyneside but we are relieved to hear that there were no fatalities.*

Museum Opens at 2pm on 6 April 2015

This year's window displays feature the Women's Institute which is celebrating its centenary.

Flintham WI was founded in 1929, not long after Judge Hildyard and his family moved to Flintham Hall. Mrs Sybil Hildyard offered the Hall as an initial meeting place and a cross section of Flintham women joined. After meeting at various venues in the village the WI settled in the school (now the village hall) until the outbreak of WWII when the cost of blacking out the windows was too expensive. The monthly programme usually included a talk or demonstration followed by refreshments, a competition and a 'social half hour'. In the 1930s talks concentrated on improving or learning new skills such as making gloves or felt slippers and the competitions reflected the chosen subject such as 'something new out of something old'. To modern eyes, there's an innocence about the social half hour which would be almost impossible to recreate nowadays. The women either played games and charades, danced, sang, answered quiz questions or giggled during a Roll Call. A subject was chosen for the roll call such as 'can or should men help in the house' or 'uses of a lemon' and every woman was invited to give an answer.

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The Flintham Museum is a nationally Accredited, award-winning museum which looks at rural life through the eyes of a village shopkeeper. The Flintham Society is the educational charity which owns the museum. Its charitable aims are to run the museum and to organise educational and enjoyable activities for the community.

Visit the museum's website for greater detail about projects or the village website for up to date information about current events.



## Dates for your Diary

### Sunday 26 April

is Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out when lots of museums around the county will be open free of charge. We're serving refreshments in the village hall from 11am - 4pm.

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