

FLINTHAM MUSEUM'S NEWSLETTER

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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 in-depth detail about projects or the new village website for up to date information about current events.



Forthcoming Events

Sunday 6 April, 11am-4pm, the museum will be open as part of Radio Nottingham's Big Day Out. This is an annual event when Nottinghamshire museums and heritage attractions open their doors for free or put on special events for the day. Visitors to Flintham will be able to see two new displays. One concentrates on gardens and gardening to tie in with the Flintham Open Gardens Day, 22 June, while the other shop window features World War One (WWI) from the shopkeeper's view. Coffee, tea and home made cakes will be available in the village hall. The museum re-opens for the 2014 season on Easter Monday, 21 April and every Sunday afternoon onwards until October.

April Showers Bring Forth

men in white flannels keen to connect bat and ball on the nearest cricket pitch. In April 1914 members of Flintham's Cricket Club met at the Reading Room (now the Flintham museum) for their Annual General Meeting. They agreed to purchase a small pavilion and a mowing machine, but their plans were scuppered by the declaration of war, 4th August. Just days before, the team had played Farndon, although it is not known which side won.

If the Club held their Annual General Meeting in April 1915, the event was not recorded in the *Newark Advertiser* and it was not until March 1919 that the newspaper made any further mention of the Cricket Club. The paper reported a Club meeting when Fred White, the village shopkeeper, made 'touching references' to the village cricketers who had died and everyone stood for a few moments of silence in their memory.

By June 1919, cricket matches were being played again; one of the first was against Long Benington when Flintham won by 20 runs. Maybe the new team felt the need to make up for lost time because they played four matches during Whit Week, winning two of the games. There was a 'good attendance' at the 1920 AGM when members were told that the Club was solvent with £1 10s 9d (£1.54) in their account. The team won their matches consistently during that season - or maybe they never sent reports to the *Advertiser* if they lost!

The following year, 1921, the team was equally successful winning all the matches that were reported in the *Advertiser*. In February 1921, the Cricket Club organised a social evening which began with hands of Whist. After the cards were put away, a guessing competition was held (won by Mr Goodwin Jnr), followed by singing. Miss Gash from Syerston and Mr W. Rylatt from Flintham both won encores for their songs and the evening closed with the National Anthem. The event made £13 18s 3d (£13.91) for the Cricket Club's funds.

A very interesting **Family History Workshop** took place in March, facilitated by Lin O'Neill. We know that the event was successful, thanks to feedback received, including the following:

"My wife and I found the recent family history presentation both informative and engaging. As a result of the information gained, and encouraged by the highly motivated presentation team, we have recently re-embarked on an investigation of my wife's ancestry. We had previously failed to make any progress beyond her grand parents. Thanks to the lecture we are now researching a continuous record dating back to 1769 and spanning a sizeable segment of Southern England. We have also created an extensive family tree with many options for further research. I think it is fair to conclude that the presentation was highly successful and, in our case, achieved its objective."

Chris Wynne

Lin O'Neill has been invited by the Trent to Trenches team to help with WWI genealogy sessions during the summer.

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