

FLINTHAM MUSEUM'S NEWSLETTER

May 2014

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.



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Contact Geoff Bow 07977 599960 for further information

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 22 June, Flintham gardens open; gardening display at museum.

Friday 25 July, *Oh What A Lovely War* at the Lakeside Theatre, Nottingham. Leave Flintham village hall at 5.45pm by free coach - part of our WWI project. Tickets £15 and £13 concs. Contact Sue Clayton 525641 for further information.

Sunday 21 September, Nottingham Castle. Foresters Morris perform Flintham's version of a traditional Plough Play. Details of performance times in a later newsletter.

Saturday 15 November, concert in the village hall, similar to ones staged in 1914-15 to raise money to send Christmas presents to Flintham's serving men. What an opportunity to perform your party piece! We'd welcome ideas for homespun entertainment please.

January or February 2015, traditional games evening, similar to ones organised in 1916-17 to raise money to send gifts to Flintham's serving men. Further details in a later newsletter.

12-14 June 2015, exhibition in the village hall about the impact of WWI on Flintham and its legacy.

Sufficient information about Flintham, 1911-1921, has been gathered to begin work towards staging our final exhibition in June 2015 about the impact of World War One (WWI) on the village and its residents. We began our project with nine themes, but extensive research means we've increased this to twelve subjects. You'll be able to find out about Flintham before, during and after WWI in these areas:

Agriculture, communications, education, employment and the village's economy, food and eating, gender issues, health, housing, law and order, population and migration, religion and social activities.

Family History

Following the family history workshop, Lin O'Neill is available for one-to-one advice. Please contact Lin direct; she will be pleased to help you with further ideas about how to continue your researches. A donation towards the museum's upkeep is always welcomed.

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The Merry Month of May

May has always been a 'sorting out and tidying up' month in most villages. It was the month when Parish Councils held their annual meetings (they still do) and sorted out their accounts; when chapel anniversaries were held to listen to the Sunday School children's reading and singing achievements before they were allowed their annual tea and treats; and when rooks were shot to give the newly emerging crops a chance of growing through to harvest. All of these activities took place in Flintham, 1914-1918, but it's the unexpected which catches the attention. For example, in May 1914 George Cartledge, a labourer, died aged 44, leaving his widow to look after their seven children, six of whom were under 8 years old. How did she cope? Two bishops visited the church in the same week (the *Newark Advertiser* reckoned this was 'unique in the annals' of Flintham). The Bishop of Southwell preached and the Bishop of Derby confirmed 25 people three days later. In May 1917, food shortages were such that a local auctioneer, Mr Bradwell, was fined £5 for selling potatoes above the regulated price set by the Food Controller. To ensure a good harvest in 1918, the Parish Council used rent money from the Lings allotments to pay a bounty for vermin: anyone who took 12 rats' tails to Fred White's shop received 1s (5p) and if they handed over 12 sparrows' eggs they received 3d (1.5p). The lists of payments are kept in the museum and it's easy to work out the numbers of tails and eggs which were collected.

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