

Flitwick Papers

Spring 2025



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Hello everyone and a warm welcome to the Spring edition of Flitwick Papers!

A lot has happened since the last Flitwick Papers starting with the unfortunate cancellation of the Flitwick Christmas lights switch on due to bad weather. I've been pleased to represent Flitwick at several events across Bedfordshire including various Carol Services, a coffee morning at Keech (one of my charities) and events in Bedford, Leighton Linlade, and Dunstable.

The Flitwick Community Fridge celebrated its 2 year anniversary on 3rd January. It is amazing now to think it started with two deliveries a week and one fridge. It has now grown into an operation that runs 7 days a week, working from dedicated premises in The Rufus Centre with a team of over 40 volunteers. Last year it provided approximately



44,000 kilos of food which is an amazing figure. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking the volunteers, local supermarkets, FTC Councillors, FTC Staff and everyone else involved in providing such a valued service. I would also like to thank Center Parcs Woburn Forest for kindly donating 21 surplus Christmas hampers to the project.

There is still time to see the display in The Rufus Centre organised by Flitwick resident Mark Rankine, commemorating the crash of a RAF Mosquito plane on 24th February 1945 in Steppingley Road Field. Tragically both pilot Sgt. Jacques L Bonnewit and Nav Sgt. John W G Muncaster died in the crash. Badges commemorating the event are still available to buy at The Rufus Centre with the proceeds going to my charities.

There are a number of other events coming up over the next few months including a Taylor Swift Tribute show at The Rufus Centre in May and a free Easter Egg trail in Flitwick Wood. More details are available later in this edition of Flitwick Papers.

Finally on **Friday 11th April** I am delighted to welcome English Middleweight Boxing Champion and local resident Linus Udofia to The Rufus Centre, to chat about his boxing career. This event, which is a must for all boxing enthusiasts, is being held in aid of my two Mayor's charities and tickets are available now at The Rufus Centre or online at therufuscentre.ticketsolve.com

With Best Wishes

Cllr John Roberts, Town Mayor



Annual Residents' Survey

It's time to share your views on the work of the Town Council and living and working in Flitwick with our Annual Residents' Satisfaction Survey.

Running until **14th April**, this is your chance to let us know what is important to you and what ideas you have for the town.

Your feedback is important to us and will help shape the work we do and the services and facilities we deliver in the future.

This is the fourth year of the survey, and the results are used to measure the Town Council's performance and its progress in improving our town.

The results will be shared at the public Annual Assembly on **Tuesday 29th April** and

will be available to view on our website and social media channels.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey online or you can pick up a paper copy from the Town Council offices at The Rufus Centre. Please call us on **01525 631900** if you would like a copy sent to you.

Your town, your valued opinions!

Scan the QR code to complete the Annual Residents' Survey



Meetings Calendar

April	
Tues 1st	Community Services
Tues 15th	Town Council
May	
Tues 6th	Community Services
Mon 19th	Finance & General Purposes
Tues 20th	Town Council
June	
Tues 3rd	Community Services
Tues 10th	Business
Tues 17th	Town Council

Meetings start at 7.45pm

View the full meetings calendar at

www.flitwick.gov.uk



Everyone is welcome to attend meetings

Joining instructions can be found on the meeting agenda or contact:

info@flitwick.gov.uk

Flitwick Town Council Land at Steppingley Road

The Town Council is moving forward with plans to secure planning consent for a new residential development on a parcel of land it owns at the bottom of Steppingley Road allotments.

A suitable build partner has now been identified, ensuring that this important project will progress towards delivering much-needed homes to local people and families, prioritising affordable housing.

The process of securing planning for house building on the land first started in 2015. The land was put forward to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) under their call for sites in 2016 and it was identified as viable. It was then examined and subsequently included in the Central Bedfordshire Local Plan to 2035 for residential development for up to 35 homes which was adopted in June 2021.

Apart from some minor adjustments to the site of entry to the allotments on Steppingley Road, the development will not impact the current allotment site or reduce the number of allotments available to residents.

A pre-application planning report was submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council's planning team, and the feedback received was very supportive of a scheme that prioritises approximately 25 predominantly affordable homes.

To ensure that the best value for the land can be secured, the final development may allow for a limited number of open market properties. However, the project will be built and managed by a housing association, ensuring that the maximum number of homes will be accessible to those who need them most.

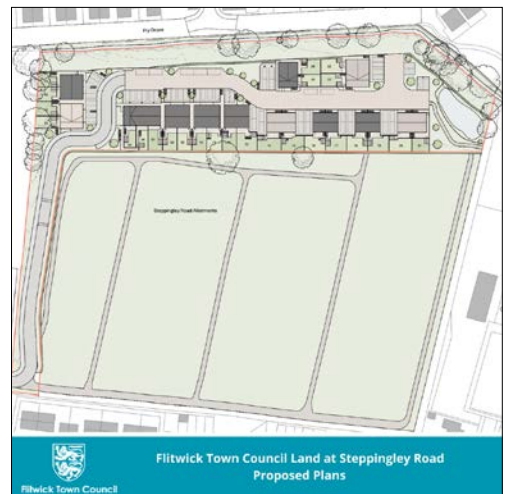
Proceeds from the land sale will be used to fund capital projects within the town.

We will continue to keep residents updated on the progress of the proposed development and intend to hold a public consultation in the coming months. In the meantime, detailed questions and answers can be found at www.flitwick.gov.uk or printed copies are available from the Town Council offices at The Rufus Centre.

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with Council news and events by following our Facebook and Instagram pages

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AN EVENING WITH ENGLISH MIDDLEWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION LINUS UDOFIA

Hosted by Gary Coniam

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

DOORS OPEN: 6.30PM

SHOW: 7PM



**THE RUFUS CENTRE
FLITWICK
MK45 1AH**



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Work Progresses on Town Centre Flagship Project

In February an exciting new chapter in the re-development of 3 Station Road (former Barclays Bank building) began.

Appointed contractors, Luton based Marlow Builders, are progressing well with building work to transform the building into a two-storey casual dining restaurant and a retail space.



The interior of the building is in the process of being refurbished into two units; a retail unit and a separate restaurant space. You will notice work taking place on the outside as well with the installation of new windows, entry ramps, and steps.

The Town Council is now working with a commercial agent to market the opportunity to potential restaurant and retail tenants. It is an aspiration that the retail space will incorporate a post office counter, a facility that was last offered in the town in 2022.

“This is a really exciting time for the project as we start to see the building take shape with this new programme of work,” said Cllr John Roberts, Town Mayor.

“A new restaurant and retail outlet in the Town Square will be a welcome addition to Flitwick and provide a great new attraction for people to visit the centre of town.”

We will keep you updated on the project in Flitwick Papers and through our social media pages.



Musical Park at Hinksley

A new interactive Musical Park is being created at Hinksley Park Recreation Ground next to the Tiny Forest. Funded by Central Bedfordshire Council Section 106 monies, the acoustic musical park will feature a selection of freestanding musical instruments suitable for all ages, including timber frame bass chimes and an arch-frame vertical xylophone.

Work started preparing the site in January, and new fencing is being erected to encompass the new musical park and the Tiny Forest. Our partner, Acoustic Arts, will be installing musical instruments in the park in April and plan to provide a one-day workshop at Kingsmoor school. The musical park will also feature two benches that are being made by registered charity Men in Sheds in Milton Keynes. We can't wait for this exciting new addition to outdoor play in Flitwick to open.



Manor Park

New Bridge

A new footbridge in Manor Park that will open up new areas of the park is set for completion by the end of March.



The fantastic P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) Group of volunteers has been working with our Public Realm team to build a new bridge at the top end of the park near the historic gates.

Over the next couple of months, an area will be cleared to the side of the bridge, and a new gate will be installed to allow access into the field behind.

Working Group

We had a great response from residents who wanted to join our new Manor Park Working Group to work together with Members and Officers to assist delivery of the management plan.

The group now has enough members, but if you would like to get involved, we are looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as clearing undergrowth and general maintenance to help us maintain this beautiful park for all to enjoy.

If you have visited the park recently, you may have noticed tree removal works taking place. Some trees had to be removed for safety reasons, but these will be replaced with new trees where possible.

You can read the Manor Park Management Plan on our website. It's not a short document, but it contains lots of interesting information about the park.



Annual Assembly

This year's public Annual Assembly meeting takes place on **Tuesday 29th April** at The Rufus Centre. Join us at 7.30pm to meet your Town Councillors and hear about the work of the Town Council, updates on current projects, and plans for the future.

We will also be presenting headline results from the Annual Residents' Survey launched in March (see page 4).



FREE EASTER EGG TRAIL

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
10AM-2PM
Flitwick Wood
Tennyson Road Entrance

PLEASE WALK: NO PARKING AVAILABLE



*Whilst stocks last!

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Flitwick Library

Adults-

Spring Wreath Workshops

Tuesday 1st April

Session 1. 9:30am-12noon

Session 2. 6pm-8:30pm

Join Jenny at her spring wreath workshop and make a lovely decoration for your door

£23pp



Spring Craft Session

Tuesday 1st April

1pm-3pm (or longer if you need) £22.50pp

Join Jenny for a SELF GUIDED spring workshop. Make a table centre or wreath of your choice. Get creative and use your own skills and knowledge.



Mother's Day Basket

Saturday 29th March

10:30am-12:30pm

Join Jenny for a relaxed workshop making a beautiful fresh floral arrangement

£25



As well as these workshops, we also have a large variety of clubs for Adults at the library!

Come and see us every last Wednesday of the month for a talk with a guest speaker!

Children-

Mother's Day Craft

Saturday 29th March

Come and join us to create something special for someone you love



Easter fun!

Join us throughout the school holidays for lots of fun crafts, activities, workshops and more!

Regular Activities

Library Cinema

Crafts

Colouring

Mega Bloks

Pop in to the library for more information or call us on 0300 300 8057

Do You Have a Story to Tell

We're bringing the history of Flitwick to life and need your help.

The Flitwick Living History project centres around a new interactive website managed by a joint group of residents and Town Councillors.

We're now looking for people to share their stories about living, working, and growing up in the town to include on the website.

We want to capture your memories of Flitwick and the events that have shaped the town over the years.

If you are happy to be interviewed or have a relative or friend who would be happy to talk to us, please get in touch to arrange a convenient date and time.

We have a team of volunteers trained by the Oral History Society ready to record your stories for all to enjoy. It will be very relaxed, like a chat with old friends!

FLH Flitwick
A living history

To arrange an interview or to find out more about what's involved email flh@flitwick.gov.uk

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the project, including writing content, uploading stories, and approving content submitted through the website.

There are lots of exciting things planned for the Flitwick Living History project over the coming months. Follow the Facebook page to keep up-to-date with what's going on.

Nature Park Enhancements

Have you explored the Nature Park on Maulden Road? It is already proving a popular place to visit, and we have exciting plans to make it even better!

Planning permission for the formation of the Nature Park was submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council in December 2024.

Plans include the creation of a fully accessible perimeter footpath, a new car park with 20 spaces (including four disabled spaces), bike racks, bins, and benches so you can take a seat and enjoy the surroundings as you walk around the park.

New interpretation boards will give visitors an insight into the park's natural features and the wildlife, flora and fauna that can be found there.

A full ecology survey undertaken as part of the planning application identified a small

number of common lizards. One of the standard techniques for surveying the presence of reptiles is to lay out reptile mats (known as refugia), as reptiles use the mats as shelter from predators and to control their temperature.



As part of the survey, 300 mats made from corrugated tin, corrugated onduline, and bituminous felt tiles were placed strategically around the rough grassland and edges of dense vegetation at the start of July 2024 to monitor the presence of any reptiles.

The park is also a haven for hedgehogs and ground-nesting birds.

Easter Fun

Make a date in the diary for our free Easter Egg Trail on **Thursday 17th April** in Flitwick Wood (see page 9) sponsored by Temple Flooring and Flitwick Club. Thank you to these local businesses for their support with this event.

Dan and the team are also getting ready for two fantastic events at The Hub during the Easter holidays on **Monday 7th** and **Monday 14th April**. Everyone welcome.

Our Free Movie Day also returns on **Tuesday 8th April** with two great films to choose from Labyrinth and Willow.



Book your free movie tickets online at therufuscentre.ticketsolve.com

Flitwick Town Council
Free Community
MOVIE DAY
Tuesday 8th April 2025
The Rufus Centre, Flitwick
FREE EVENT!
Film Showings:
Labyrinth (U) 11am
Willow (PG) 2pm
Scan to book free tickets or visit therufuscentre.ticketsolve.com
Please note: Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult

Movie posters for Labyrinth and Willow are shown on the right, along with a photo of the cinema interior.

Hub Easter Activities

What's On at THE HUB
FREE Football Fun
Join us at Millennium Park
Monday 7th April
Years 5 & 6:
9am to 12pm
Years 7 - 11:
1pm to 4pm
Please bring shin pads, appropriate footwear & water bottle
The Hub will also be open for:
Games, Music, Chill 'n' Chat, Mentoring & Support
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What's On at THE HUB
FREE Multi-Sports & Easter Crafts
Join us at Millennium Park
Monday 14th April
Years 5 & 6:
9am to 12pm
Years 7 - 11:
1pm to 4pm
Please bring shin pads, appropriate footwear & water bottle
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Style

A TAYLOR SWIFT TRIBUTE

Saturday 3rd May

Show 1 3-5pm

Show 2 7-9pm

*Doors open 1 hour
before the Show!*

TICKETS: £20

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Youth Provision Survey

Thanks to everyone who responded to our youth service provision survey. Your valuable feedback will help shape the future of youth services in Flitwick.

There were two separate surveys for parents/carers and young people so that we could get a better understanding of what everyone would like to see happen in the town.

Themed nights at The Hub, more sport, and increased activities during the school holidays were just some of the suggestions put forward.

Keep an eye out for news of what we have planned for youth provision in the future.



Skate Park

Taking Shape

The new extension to the Skate Park is underway at Millennium Park. Work has taken a little longer than expected due to a delay in the production of 3D metalwork for some of the new features, but it is now back on track.

Top of the wish list for regular users of the park was concreting the area at the top of the bowl. Thanks to additional Section 106 funding, this will be completed at the same time as the extension work.

The upgraded Skate Park will be put to the test on **Sunday 11th May**, when the popular Flitwick Skate Jam returns for an afternoon of skills and tricks in partnership with Rollback World.

There are categories for all levels from beginners upwards. If you're not taking part, it will be a fascinating event to watch. Make a date in your diary to come along from 1pm onwards, registration takes place from 12 noon.

Princess Afternoon Tea

with Elsa

Saturday 5th July
3:30pm – 5:30pm

The Rufus Centre
Flitwick, MK45 1AH

Adult £26*
Child £16*



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*Booking fee applies

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New bookings only. Max 40 people

The Rufus Centre
Meet, Work, Celebrate

Celebrating our 2nd Anniversary

Can you believe it was two years ago, on January 3rd 2023, that the Flitwick Community Fridge opened its doors for the first time in the foyer at The Rufus Centre with a single fridge and two weekly collections? How it has grown since then!

Flitwick Community Fridge is now a seven-day-a-week operation with a 40-strong team of dedicated volunteers who collectively donate more than 500 hours of their time each month. Still at The Rufus Centre but in its own dedicated space called The Food Hub, the team collects food from our community partners, Tesco Flitwick, Aldi, Waitrose, and Co-op, and it distributes around 4,000kg of food each month. We shared a total of 44,000kg of food in 2024! In February, we were delighted to receive a donation of 21 surplus Christmas hampers from Center Parcs Woburn Forest. The contents were distributed to local people in need, making a real difference to many families.

Fundraising

The Flitwick Town Mayor's Charity has been fundraising to expand the core service.

We'd appreciate everyone's support in voting for us through the blue token scheme for the Town Mayor's Charity Community Fund at Tesco. We will know soon if we have successfully secured a £1,500 'Stronger Starts' grant. If we are successful, we plan to run more family cooking courses.

We're also busy fundraising for a second-hand van as we have reached a stage where we require our own van to transport food and extend our reach within the community more effectively, including running a pop-up food stall in school playgrounds at the end of the school day.



Barry Brown, a Flitwick resident, nominated us for £1,000 from the SSP Foundation, which will help us achieve our van

goal. If you'd like to support this initiative, you can donate online or in person at the Food Hub.



'Use by' Sessions

Another popular service we offer is the same-date 'use by sessions' on Fridays and Sundays. These sessions are designed to cut food waste, offering items reduced in-store that have not been sold. Everything must be consumed on that day, although some items may be suitable for freezing.

The session on Friday runs from 21.15, and on Sundays from 16.30. Please arrive no more than 15 minutes before the start of the session. Food is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that the Food Hub is not open during this time.

Come and join us on Friday 16th May at our coffee morning at the Village Hall. If you are visiting Flitwick Market do pop in and support us!

**FLITWICK
COMMUNITY
FRIDGE**

Opening Times:
Saturdays 9:30am to 11:30am
Monday to Friday 9:30am to 11:30am
and 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Community News & Events

Hinksley Park Recreation Ground Junior Parkrun

We are proud to announce that Flitwick & Ampthill's first parkrun started on **Sunday 23rd February** and that at the first 2 events we had over 80 children taking part, nearly half for their very first parkrun experience! Alongside these children were numerous parents, older and younger siblings as well as an enthusiastic team of volunteers who helped to create a fabulous atmosphere to encourage all the children whilst they made their way around the two laps of our course.

We are keen for more people to join our junior parkrun event for children aged between 4 and 14 to walk/jog/run our 2k course at Hinksley Park Recreation Ground, Flitwick, MK45 1ES. The weekly event starts at 9am each Sunday, with a briefing and warm-up beforehand. We hope to see you there soon.

Flitwick WI

Flitwick WI meet the **second Tuesday of each month (excluding August)** at 7.30pm in Flitwick Village Hall. We host a variety of activities including crafts and guest speakers. You do not need to be a member to attend, visitors are welcome, and the cost is £5 per meeting. For more information contact: 07778 455422 or flitwickwi@gmail.com

Flitwick 10K

Flitwick 10k is on **Sunday 13th April**. Entries are now open for the race which follows a fast, undulating scenic route through Flitwick and surrounding areas suitable for runners of all levels.

There is also a free junior fun run after the main race. Follow the **Facebook page @Flitwick10k** to keep up to date with the latest information.



PLEASE REGISTER FOR FREE BEFORE YOUR FIRST VISIT!

www.parkrun.org.uk/register/

For more information please visit: www.parkrun.org.uk/hinksleyparkrecreation-ground-juniors/



Our events rely completely on volunteers both for events and behind the scenes and we are keen to build our team of potential volunteers. If you are able to help please let us know by emailing hinksleyparkrecreationgroundjuniors@parkrun.com

Saturday 26 April
QUIZ NIGHT
Flitwick Village Hall

Licensed Bar Only

£15 per person
Teams of up to 6

Price includes your choice of cod, battered sausage, halloumi, minced beef and onion pie or cheese & vegetable cake, all served with chips.

Doors open 6pm
Food served 6:30pm
Eyes down 7pm

All profits to support
Friends of Flitwick Church
Charity Number 1004541

To book your team or for more details, please email friends@flitwickchurch.org. Don't have the email? Friends? Contact us directly and we will join you up with others to make a team.

E-mail friends@flitwickchurch.org for tickets



Flitwick Gardeners' Association Spring Show

Come along to the Flitwick Gardeners' Association Spring Show (FGA) on **Saturday 29th March** at the Village Hall. Free entry to the public between **3pm** and **4pm** to view the exhibits. Enjoy refreshments, including homemade cakes, and a raffle.

For more information on the FGA and the benefits of membership, visit our website [www. flitwickgardeners.co.uk](http://www.flitwickgardeners.co.uk).

Walk the Ridge during the Greensand Country Festival 2025

The annual Greensand Country Festival returns this May. Our popular Greensand Ridge Walk is back too, giving everyone the chance to explore the Greensand Ridge route joining one, two or all three led walks. The walk has been broken down into three manageable sections (no more than 14 miles each), will take place on Sundays in May and June and are open to all ages and abilities, who are willing and able to walk the stated distance.



If walking's not your thing though, there's plenty of other opportunities to get involved in this year's festival, from dancing up the sun with Golden Hare Morris and Hemlock Morris at sunrise on May Day in Amptill Great Park, to Airshows, craft days with local woodland business Wassledine, art demos at the RSPB, and children's activities.

The Greensand Country Festival's varied events programme will showcase the local landscape, from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, encouraging people to discover more of the area, with its beautiful parks, woodlands, heritage sites, wildlife, and attractions.

Book tickets to Walk the Ridge at



[www.greensandtrust.org/
Event/walk-the-ridge-led-
greensand-ridge-walk](http://www.greensandtrust.org/Event/walk-the-ridge-led-greensand-ridge-walk)



You can upload details of your event to the What's On Calendar on The Town Council website. If you don't have online access give us a call and we'll add the details for you.

Flitwick Family Fun Day

June sees the return of Family Fun Day, one of the highlights of the Flitwick Community Calendar.



We are doing things a little differently this year with the addition of live music, a subsidised fun fair, and two films showing at the open-air cinema, finishing at an earlier time of 7pm.

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are available if you are looking to promote your business to a wide audience

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Tell your family and friends and make a date in the diary for **Saturday 14th June** at Millennium Park. It's going to be a fun one!

A special thank you to Flitwick Motorcycles, our Platinum Sponsor, and Flitwick & Ampthill Bathrooms, Oak Fostering, Flitwick Jewellers, D&G Short, and Flitwick Club for supporting the event.



More Trees at Station Road

We're delighted to have been successful with our application to Central Bedfordshire Council's Tree Planting Grant scheme for trees at Station Road open space.

Earlier in March, 60 new trees were planted across the space, including field maple, silver birch, hawthorn, beech, blackthorn, and sessile oak.



Flitwick Library Cinema

Enjoy cinema quality film and sound on your doorstep. All the fun, without the travel!

Adults £5 - Children £3.50 - Family ticket (2 adult 2 children) £15 - Concessions £3.50

TICKET

Friday 7th March

2:30pm



Pride and Prejudice

Saturday 5th April

10:30am



Frozen Sing-a-long
(with themed activities)

FLITWICK
LIBRARY
CINEMA

TICKET

Saturday 22nd March

10:30am



IF (relaxed showing)

Relaxed
Screening
Neurodiverse friendly

Tuesday 15th April

10:30am



The Wild Robot

Our relaxed screenings are catered to welcome those who find the cinema environment difficult. We welcome neurodivergent people, families with small children and anyone else who would benefit or like to come to the showing.

- Lights are on dimly,
- Sound is quieter.
- Movement and noise welcome.

Relaxed
Screening
Neurodiverse friendly

Eat Feast

Eat Feast is coming to town!

On **Saturday 26th April**, the first Flitwick Eat Feast will take place at Millennium Park from **4pm to 9pm**.

There will be a great choice of street food to suit all tastes, a licensed bar, and music in a relaxed setting in the park. *Don't miss it!*

If you can't make the April date, Eat Feast will be returning to Millennium Park on **Saturday 30th August**.



SPRING INTO ACTION WITH YOUR LIBRARY OF THINGS

Share: Flitwick and Ampthill's Library of Things can help you get going this spring! Whether you need long loppers, garden shredders, patio cleaners, strimmers, hedge trimmers, a scarifier or a garden claw - don't buy - borrow!

Browse our extensive stock of useful stuff at
www.shareflitwickandampthill.org/browse-items/

WHERE CAN I FIND YOU? ROUND THE BACK OF THE RUFUS CENTRE, STEPPINGLEY ROAD, FLITWICK

WHEN CAN I COLLECT AND RETURN STUFF? WE'RE OPEN EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 10-12

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? OUR MEMBERSHIP IS £5 ANNUALLY, AND MOST ITEMS COST £3-£5 PER WEEK TO BORROW

HOW DO I JOIN AND BOOK ITEMS TO BORROW? IT'S ALL ON THE WEBSITE - USE THE QR CODE OR GO TO WWW.SHAREFLITWICKANDAMPHTHILL.ORG OR CALL IN TO SEE US ON SATURDAY MORNING.



REPAIR CAFE

Our next Repair Cafe is at Parkside Hall, Ampthill on Saturday 12th April in the Bedford Credit Union Cost of Living Fair. Book items in via our website. Find out more at <https://bedfordcreditunion.org.uk/costoflivingfair/>





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The Rufus Centre

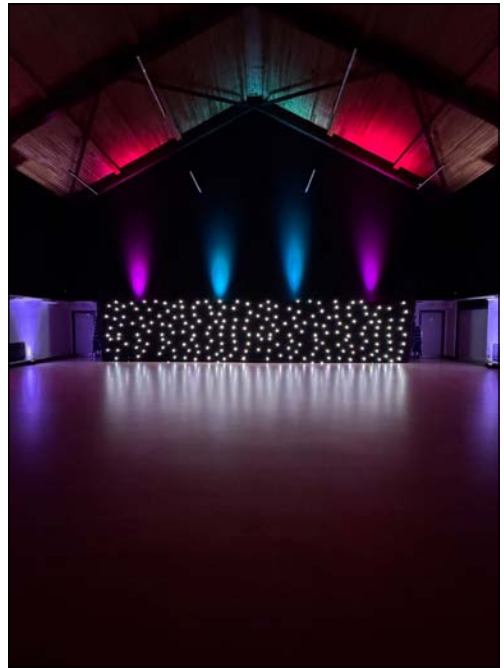
Versatile Space

The transformation of our biggest event space, The Lockyer Suite, is complete, and we are thrilled with how it looks. Feedback from our customers has been great, too.

The spacious room, perfect for conferences and exhibitions, transforms into a fantastic venue for weddings and parties.

If you have a special event coming up, please get in touch and we will be delighted to show you how we can help create your perfect day.

Later in the year, we are planning a Wedding & Celebrations Fair at The Rufus Centre so you can see our room set-up and meet local suppliers. Keep an eye on our socials for news of this event.



Meeting Room Offer

The Lockyer Suite is one of seven rooms available to hire at The Rufus Centre, providing meeting space for training sessions, interviews, and away days.

Every Friday until the end of May, you can take advantage of a special 20% discount on meeting room hire, which includes free welcome tea, coffee, and Danish pastries on arrival. Prices start from as little as £175+VAT. See page 16 for full details of this exclusive offer.

2025 Upcoming Events

4th April	Garage Night
11th April	An Evening with English Middleweight Boxing Champion Linus Udofia
12th April	Glamour Girls Drag Show
3rd May	Style! Taylor Swift Tribute
13th June	Garage Night
5th July	Princess Afternoon Tea with Elsa

HOW TO BOOK

Ticketsolve
is in place for
all our events.

Scan the QR code to view and book all the events on sale.



bookings@therufuscentre.co.uk

www.therufuscentre.co.uk

 01525 631905 

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FRESHLY PREPARED CAKES
TEA OR COFFEE

AVAILABLE AFTER 1:30PM
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PAYMENT IN ADVANCE
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Rendezvous Café & Bar

Now spring has arrived, it has been great to see so many people enjoying our outdoor space in the sunshine. Well-behaved dogs are welcome outside, too.

We are now offering a delicious afternoon tea in the Café available to pre-book for just £15 per person. Next time you are looking to treat someone special, why not pay us a visit?

RENDEZVOUS *Café & Bar*

**FRIDAY
NIGHTS**
@ RENDEZVOUS

£10 - £1 BOOKING FEE



**FRIDAY 4TH APRIL
8:00 PM - 1:00 AM**
**STEPPINGLEY ROAD
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MK45 1AH**

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THE VERY BEST IN OLD SCHOOL HOUSE AND GARAGE

**THE INTERNATIONAL
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Girls
DRAG SHOW**

**SATURDAY
12th April
7.30pm**
Show starts
8pm



LICENSED BAR
OVER 18S ONLY

TICKETS: £18*

THE RUFUS CENTRE,
FLITWICK, MK45 1AH



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THERUFUSCENTRE.TICKETSOLVE.COM
*BOOKING FEE APPLIES

The Rufus Centre Tenant Spotlight

This month, we are shining a light on **Griselda**, a nail technician and the owner of **Nails by Griselda**, which has been a tenant in our building for almost two years, and we would like to share her thoughts.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE OF RENTING OFFICE SPACE AT THE RUFUS CENTRE?

I have been leasing an office space since September 2023, and I am overall very satisfied with my decision to rent at The Rufus Centre. One of the most significant advantages of this facility is the security it provides; I feel confident that my salon is both safe and well-maintained. I also appreciate the spacious parking, which is convenient for my clients.



HOW DO THE OFFICE SPACE OPTIONS AT THE RUFUS CENTRE COMPARE TO OTHER PLACES YOU'VE CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY?

@nailsbygriseldazeneli

I discovered the space through a friend and was impressed by the variety of office options available. I considered the attractive pricing, convenient location, and the ability to customise the space to my needs. Ultimately, I felt a strong connection with The Rufus Centre, making it my top choice.

Flitwick
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PLEASE GET IN TOUCH**

The Rufus Centre
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Room Decorations including :

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2025!

THE RUFUS CENTRE, FLITWICK



APRIL
4

GARAGE NIGHT

EVENING WITH
LINUS

APRIL
11

WORLD MIDDLEWEIGHT
BOXING CHAMPION
LINUS UDOFIA

Hosted by Gary Condon

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
SHOW: 7PM

TICKETS
£5*



APRIL
12

GLAMOUR GIRLS
DRAG SHOW

TAYLOR SWIFT
TRIBUTE

MAY
3

TAYLOR SWIFT
TRIBUTE

Saturday 3rd May
Show 1 3-5pm
Show 2 7-9pm

Shows sold out. Book
before the show!

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AT THE
WOMEN

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JULY
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