



# FLAG News

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## FLAG's Notice Board

### Dates for your Diary 2018

26th July

Great Yarmouth

2nd August

Drop-in

9th August

Drop-in

16th August

Tea, Coffee, Cake  
Social Afternoon

23rd August

Tea Party Fundraiser

30th August

Committee Meeting

6th September

Drop-in

13th September

Drop-in

20th September

Tea, Coffee, Cake  
Social Afternoon

27th September

Drop-in

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## Summer.

I started writing this the day after England beat Columbia in the second round of the World Cup. Talk about tense. We had just about won the game when the Columbians equalized from a corner in time added on. We got through the thirty minutes of extra time and then it was the dreaded penalties. Yes, we did it, we won on penalties, come on England. Laura just rang me, I said "did you watch the football", she said "no, I'll be glad when its all over". Erm.

Its now Saturday the 7th of July, the day England beat Sweden to get through to play Croatia in the World Cup semi-final. Its been a hot day again. I watched the match sitting by my fan with flag in hand. Semi-final on Wednesday.

Its Wednesday. We lost. Never mind onto the Euro's.

## Seaside.

I'm now looking forward to next weeks trip to Great Yarmouth. I hope it will be dry but not too hot. At the moment we have 39 members going, almost a full coach.

## Christmas Meal.

Do you remember last years Christmas Meal at the Rugby Club. We tried to get somewhere with a bit more space, which it did have, but it was too cold, not set up in time and not very festive. This years meal has been booked for the 12th of December at the "Tre Fratelli Function Suite" at the Cross Keys pub, Wood End. The suite can cater for one hundred people, but we are having it to ourselves. There will also be a DJ.

Tracey Brightman

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## Hampton Court Palace.

12th April 2018.

It took us about two hours to get from Bedford to **Hampton Court Palace**. The coach parked at a nearby railway station and we walked across a bridge over the Thames to get the 200 yards to the entrance.

**Hampton Court** is a royal palace in the borough of Richmond upon Thames. Building of the palace began in 1515 for Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, a favourite of King Henry VIII. In 1529, as Wolsey fell from favour, the Cardinal gifted the palace to the King to check his disgrace; Henry VIII later enlarged it. Along with St James's Palace, it is one of only two surviving palaces out of the many owned by King Henry VIII.

In the photo below, I think Brendan has upset Henry the eighth, the King looks like he is about to issue an order for him to be beheaded as he did with two of his six wives. Don't worry, Brendan managed to talk his way out of this dreadful fate.

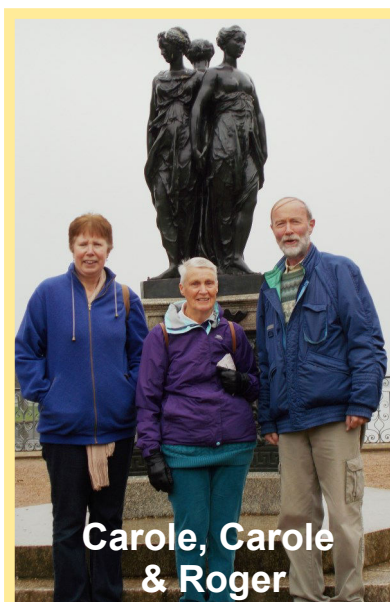


Some Musicians



Henry VIII

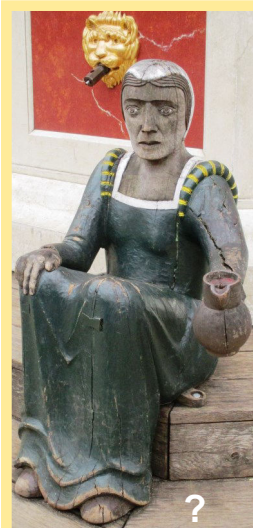
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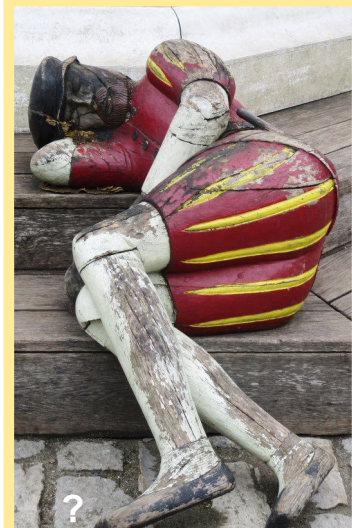
Carole, Carole  
& Roger



Palace & Gardens



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## Hampton Court Palace. 12th April 2018.



Gordon, Lance, Linda, Jesmary, Karina, Frank



A Bunny Rabbit ?



The Gardens



The Gardens

You might wonder about the giant bunnies dotted around the palace grounds. It was Easter time and an Easter egg hunt had been arranged for the kids.

It was a huge place, it involved a lot of walking for some and the cobbles were difficult to negotiate, but I think FLAG members enjoyed themselves. *Tracey Brightman*



## Thursday Afternoon Craft Session.

Some photo's of a Craft Session we had in June, Gnome Painting. One of our newest members, Keith, looks happy with his Gnome.



Keith



## Fundraising

Takings from **St Paul's** Spring Fair - £35.00.

Takings from **Sharnbrook** Village Fete - £112.00.

Takings from **Christ the King** Table top sale - £15.00.

The "**Wixamtree Trust**" have given us a grant of £1500.00 to be used to hire a coach on our next 2 day trips. A big thank you to them.

Don't forget FLAG is still doing its 5p challenge so keep hold of those little coins, we'll be collecting them soon.



St Paul's Church - Spring Fair



Sharnbrook Village Fete



## AGM 2018

**Fish/Sausage n' Chips**  
**31st May 2018**

## Annual General Meeting

On the 31st May FLAG members gathered at Priory Methodist Church for our **Annual General Meeting**. The night was divided into two parts, first the boring review of the year and the election of the 2018/19 Trustees, the second part, a much more enjoyable time to converse with friends and enjoy our Fish and Chips.

The evening was also an opportunity to thank our highly dedicated volunteers. Our AGM fell on the eve of volunteers' week, a national celebration of all volunteers, FLAG presented its volunteers with cards and a cake to thank them all for their hard work.



Linda, Ros, Jesmary,  
Maggie, Bernadette, Roger.

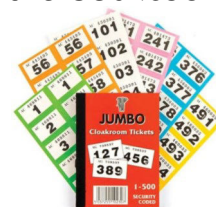
### The 2018/19 FLAG Trustees were elected as follows:

Laura Peggs	Chair-person
Lisa Thomas	Vice-chair
Tracey Brightman	Treasurer
Brendan Gaunt	Fundraising support
Ros Graham	Committee Support
Bernadette Frisby	Community Coordinator
Gordon Cooke	Member liaison.
Vacant	Secretary
Vacant	Fundraiser
Vacant	Newsletter Editor

**FLAG**  
Bedford



During the evening we had a raffle that raised £53 for FLAG.



A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the night a success. With a special thanks to "Mario's" for their fantastic Fish / Sausage and Chips!

*Laura Peggs*



During the meeting Linda Payne gave a vote of thanks to Laura and Tracey for their commitment and hard work as Chair and Treasurer respectively. The success of Flag owes a great deal to their dedication and professionalism".

*Ros Graham*

**FLAG's  
Notice Board**
**Dates for your  
Diary 2018**
**4th October**  
Drop-in

**6th October**  
Murder Mystery Night

**11th October**  
Committee Meeting

**18th October**  
Tea, Coffee, Cake  
Social Afternoon

**25th October**  
Drop-in

**1st November**  
Drop-in

**8th November**  
Drop-in

**15th November**  
Tea, Coffee, Cake  
Social Afternoon

**22nd November**  
Drop-in

**29th November**  
Committee Meeting

**6th December**  
Drop-in

**12th December**  
Christmas Meal

**13th December**  
No FLAG Meeting

**20th December**  
Christmas Tea, Coffee,  
Cake Social Afternoon

**27th December**  
No FLAG Meeting

Please note dates and  
times may change.

**Future Fundraising**
**Fundraising Tea Party**

23rd August 2018



Priory Methodist Church

(2.00pm - 4.30pm)


Tea, Coffee, Cake,  
Craft Stall, Bric-a-Brac  
Stall, Raffle, Music and  
a Sing-Along. Tickets  
will be on sale soon.

**Future Events**

**Great Yarmouth trip**

26th July 2018

(Day Trip)


**Murder Mystery evening**

6th October 2018

Priory Methodist Church

(Saturday evening event with food)

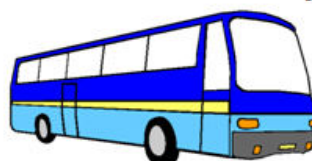

**Christmas Meal**

12th December 2018

Tre Fratelli Function Suite

at The Cross Keys Pub, Wood End

(Evening)


**Harry Potter World**

London

Feb / Mar 2019

(Day Trip)


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