



**WELCOME** to our Third Newsletter prepared for the Fleetville Community Centre.

Since our last Newsletter in Spring 2021, a lot has happened. We moved out of national lockdowns and with the rest of the country resumed normal services.

Local groups and hirers are booking the centre for diverse uses such as music, art, keep fit, young and older groups, quiz nights and parties. The centre remained opened, following government guidelines and our centre manager Cathie Crowne has been working to answer telephone calls and to take bookings within government guidelines.

The centre is now back to normal activities and services.

### LARKS IN THE PARK

Sunday 10 July 2022

12 Midday to 5 PM

Fleetville Community Centre

Fleetville Recreational Grounds and Park

We are raising money for our new centre

BBQ's Games Food Stalls Raffles Music



## JUBILEE CHEER

As a nation we needed to shake off the pandemic blues, and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations was a great welcome. Across the country we joined in street parties to having a well-earned short break with the extended bank holidays.

Here is a delightful Jubilee Cheer Cake made by a local resident for the Campfield Rd Jubilee Steet Party on July 5th, 2022.

**Congratulations and our thanks to Her Majesty for her 70 years of service to our country.**



## Fleetville Community Centre - Update on the New Build

It has been nearly 7 years since we first started to explore the possibility of getting a new Community Centre built. Many users love the current building, as it's been a part of some people's lives since the 1940's when it was originally a war time structure. The Centre has been running from 1982, but it's now showing signs of age and becoming expensive to maintain and run.

Last year St Albans District Council elected to fund the rebuild of a new centre. Things have moved slowly but steadily as these proposals had to be approved and funding agreed.

The Council engaged an architectural practice to draw up plans for the new centre, using much of what the Fleetville Community Centre New Build team had derived from surveys and community discussions to inform their design decisions.

Things are now moving along at a more rapid pace and currently the plans are that the centre will close in the summer of 2022 and re-open in 2023. We'll confirm this when Trustees have a firm date. Keep a check on our web site [www.fleetville.org.uk](http://www.fleetville.org.uk)

We'll have a larger kitchen, better and separate female and male toilets, including washing facilities for religious groups, the hall will be larger than the current by 90 square meters, and will have a partition enabling it to be divided into two halls and both with storage. A break/lounge area with outdoor access will be close to the entrance foyer. The centre will include a series of meeting rooms and multi-use rooms, a maker space, a discrete room. The whole facility has been designed to be fully inclusive, all on one level with wide doors and level thresholds. It will include 'changing places' which will be of benefit to those with various levels of disability and mobility.

The environmental impact of the building is being addressed with efficient renewable energy systems, a flat roof section will accommodate a sedum roof to enhance biodiversity, high level of insulation will reduce heat loss. We had a couple of years of disruption with the pandemic and again the centre will be closed for use as it is rebuilt. This will be frustrating for some users and hirers. We will look after current hirers when they start to consider re-booking and we hope to see new hirers and users when the centre reopens.

The centre is run as a charity, there's a manager and board of trustees. It will need extra management when it reopens so we are interested in talking to people who have had experience of working with community centres or similar. The new build phase is about to commence from September 2022. There may be changes to design and materials, so the information is current as of writing.

We will update you in the next newsletter of changes and progress. The drawing below is an impression of what we think the new centre will look like, but we will show more photos/drawings in our next update.



## Centre Contact and Information



The 2 nurseries will be continuing during the build phase and some other events and groups may continue but services will be disrupted from September 2022.

Please contact to find out about bookings and services at the Centre.

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## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

### Floral and Spice Sugars

Choose scented edible flower petals like roses, lavender, or mint and bergamot. A handful or two of floral petals to 6 table spoonful castor sugar. Crush them with a rolling pin to release the fragrance into sugar.

Decant them into a sterile jam jar and shake.

Leave for a week before use or longer. Serve fragranced sugar over fresh fruit or use for baking cakes/biscuits.

Use bay leaves, cinnamon sticks, cardamoms, saffron strands, in the same way and use for cha/chai/tea/



St Albans District Lottery  
We now have a St Albans District  
Community Lottery page  
Support Fleetville Community  
Centre  
<https://www.stalbansdistrictlottery.co.uk>

