



Glanton Parish Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2010. Thank you as always to everyone who has contributed items and helped with editing, printing and delivery of the newsletter. It really is a team effort to get it out to every household every two months. Guest Editors, and new ideas for articles, news snippets and features are always welcome. Don't forget, an audio or large print edition can be made available upon request. You can also find up- to- date news on the village website: www.glantononline.net and use the on-line message board to keep in touch.

On the subject of ideas...You cannot fail to have heard about a certain wedding taking place in April! The Parish Council want to know if you would like to participate in a village event to celebrate the Royal Wedding (see page 2). They are looking for ideas format and offers of help to organise this.

There is more good news, closer to home with welcome arrival of Dave and Jackie Hutchinson of our new Landlord and Landlady at the Queen's Head. Please support them as they re-establish the pub as an important community facility for the village.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas, with good health and much happiness in 2011.

Lynne Livsey

What's On ?

Here are some highlights but please see inside for more

December

16th Whittingham Scouts Postal Delivery in Glanton

19th St.Andrew's URC Village Carol Service

29th Bottle Bingo, Glanton Memorial Hall

January 2011

4th NTC Beauty and the Beast, Glanton Memorial Hall

8th Book Sale, Whittingham Memorial Hall

12th New Pilates Course starts, Glanton Memorial Hall

24th Glanton Parish Council Meeting, Glanton Memorial Hall

Newsletter Deadlines for 2011

5th February

2nd April

4th June

6th August

1st October

3rd December

Please make a note in your diaries

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Update from the Parish Council



Report on the Parish Council Meeting -

The Parish Council met on Monday 29th January and the following points were discussed:

- It was noted that Ben Tansey had resigned owing to his move to Rothbury.
- The new notice board had been delivered and would be put up as soon as the weather permits.
- The level of next year's precept was discussed and it was agreed to keep to the same as the current year provided that no extra services were pushed onto the parish from the County Council.
- Following the public meeting about Article 4 it was agreed that the Parish Council should take no further action on that subject at present.
- The repairs identified by the Red Telephone Box group were approved.
- It was agreed to co-opt John Lang onto the council to fill the vacancy created by Chris Livsey's resignation.
- It was agreed to adopt the new model Standing Orders as recommended by NALC.
- It was agreed to put the subject of the recently announced Royal Wedding onto the agenda for the next meeting. Do you think the village should mark the occasion and if so how? Please let us know.

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Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 24th January 2011

At 7pm

Glanton Memorial Hall

Please Contact Linda Lazenby, Parish Clerk

If you have items for the agenda

Jack Daw's Nature Column



Winter's woes

The unprecedented snow fall at the end November has left everyone dumbfounded. Snow piles the size of cottages and knee-depth drifts have provided us all with challenges - global warming you must be joking. In the first three days of the snowfall, hundreds of pink-footed geese were seen most mornings as they headed south to find pastures green! Some of these birds will have stopped off in the Till Valley on their way from normal wintering grounds such as Aberdeenshire and around Aberlady Bay, Lothian. Most will be residing in either Lancashire or Norfolk (depending on which county has the least snow). Glanton rarely sees geese numbers on this scale even during the autumn migration period.

Due to the snow, many birds are visiting bird feeding stations. This includes small numbers of species that you associate with the hedgerows and that are not normally found in gardens such as: yellowhammers, reed buntings, fieldfares and even skylarks. This is the first time that I have heard of this species visiting a feeding station and an excellent photograph clinched its identity. Skylarks are normally birds of the open fields and at this time of year are normally associated with stubbles or weedy crops. I have never seen them in hedgerows, woodland or close to buildings. However, this bird was so desperate it was tucking into grain spilt by the finches. Another bird that may turn up, if the weather gets worse, is the red grouse. In February 2010, small numbers of grouse were found on the coast well away from the heathery mountain haunts.

I am sorry that December's Jack Daw has been so dominated by birds, but there is so little other fauna to see. Brown hares, and roe deer are not venturing out of the woods and badgers and foxes are staying well under ground. One thing that I did notice when shovelling snow were patches of pink ice. Research has suggested that this is one of the many algae that can be associated with snow. To date over eighty species of algae have been found in snow, world-wide.

Please help the fauna of the parish to survive in this continuing cold spell by putting out food. A good range of fruits, nuts and seeds as well as fat balls are essential in helping birds survive at a time when they find it difficult to forage on the ground. If possible, please also try to put out some water.

Happy Christmas

Jack Daw

Christmas Church Services

St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Glanton

19th December 6pm Carol Service

25th December 10am Christmas Day Service

No Service on Sunday 26th December

Contact Rev. Edward Butlin: Telephone 01670 783 452

St Bartholomew's Church of England, Whittingham

10th December 6.00 p.m. Big Sing St Bartholomew's -This is in aid of the Childrens Society and Christian Aid. Soup will be available

18th 7.00 p.m. Carol service at Edlingham

22nd 2-4 p.m. Children's Christmas workshop Whittingham Memorial Institute

24th 6.00 p.m. Crib service St Bartholomew's

24th 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass St Bartholomew's

25th 9.15 a.m. Communion Bolton

25th 11.0 am Christmas day service St Bartholomew's

26th 11.00 4th Sunday service St Bartholomew's

Contact Ian Lepingwell (ianlepingwell@progresspersonnel.com) (PCC Secretary)

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

24th December 8pm First Mass of Christmas, St.Ninian's, Wooler

24thDecember Midnight Mass at St'Mary's, Whittingham

25th December 10am Mass, St.Mary's, Whittingham

26th December 09am Mass at St. Ninian's, Wooler

26th December 11am Mass at St.Mary's, Whittingham

Contact Fr. David Tanner: Telephone 01665 574 240



NEW Prescription Delivery Service – Bondgate Practice , Alnwick

If your surgery is The Bondgate Practice you may well know by now that Hendersons the Chemists (01665 602142) are about to start a trial home delivery run. They will start on Monday 13th December with fortnightly deliveries. You need to order your prescription by the Wednesday of the week before, asking the surgery to send it to Hendersons marked 'Home Deliver'.

If you aren't already on the list, it would be helpful to let Hendersons have your name and address if you wish to be involved in the pilot scheme. Hopefully, it will be possible for the service to become a permanent weekly feature if enough people wish to participate.

Gill & Norman Dunn

Bottle Bingo

In aid of the Memorial Hall

Glanton Memorial

Hall

29th December

Starts 7.00pm,

Eyes Down 7.30pm

Donations of bottles or raffle prizes welcomed

Please leave in the box in the shop or hand to one of the committee



Whittingham Parish Churches

BOOK SALE

In the Whittingham Memorial Hall on Saturday,

January 8th 2011 from 10.30 a.m to Noon.

Fair Trade Tea or Coffee 50p.

All enquiries to Beryl Parr at 01665 574385.

Some Sad News

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of two much loved Glantonians in recent weeks. Marion Guiry has prepared these tributes and on behalf of the parish and their many friends, we send our sympathy and best wishes to their families at this difficult time.

Verne Thomas

We were saddened to hear of Verne's death on 23rd November. Verne and Sibyl came to live in Glanton around 1991 and took an interest in Glanton life. Verne will be remembered for his contribution on Architectural Heritage for the Glanton Millennium Book. He was also always willing to give help and advice on matters of planning and building regulations, having been involved with the building trade during his working life. Through ill-health he was unable to get out and about for some considerable time.

Dorothy Ewart

We were also saddened to hear of Dorothy's death on 3rd December. Dorothy came to live in Glanton with her parents, George and Ruth Smith in 1947. They opened a grocer's and general dealers shop. Some time later, they took over the Post Office, which Dorothy ran for some 25 years until she retired in 1987. In 1990, she married Jack Ewart who had the Draper's Shop in the village. Latterly Dorothy survived two major operations and everyone admired her determination to recover and carry on with her life. She was a popular member of the community and will be missed by her many friends.



Looking Through A Lens

Dave Dixon

My main camera, the one I take with me pretty much anytime I'm shooting anything vaguely important, is a modern digital single lens reflex (DSLR) camera. As I use this so often, I can use it instinctively – its controls fall naturally under my fingers and it behaves as I expect it to behave.

As I know the camera so well, I can also recognise when it's not performing well. So, I was a bit perturbed when I had it out to take some photographs recently and it started making what could best be described as “potentially expensive noises”. I crossed my fingers and hoped for the best. But, the next time I went out to take some pictures, the first shutter button press of the day brought forth just a mechanical grinding noise, followed by the camera going catatonic.

I realised that this was serious, and packed the camera off to a specialist repairer. But while I was waiting for the repair to be done, there were still photographs to be taken. Time, therefore, to fall back on film photography.

I have a decent film SLR camera, and like to do a bit of film photography now and again, just to keep my hand in. With digital photography it's so easy to get snap-happy – to take loads of pictures on loads of different camera settings – whereas with film resources are more limited; there is more pressure to really think a shot through before committing to firing the shutter and capturing the image.

This year I have somewhat neglected my older “analogue” camera, so it felt slightly strange to be taking photographs with that again. The camera felt slightly different in my hands, the controls weren't quite where I expected them to be...most crucially there was no digital screen to review the image on after I'd taken a picture.

Consequently, the trips I had out with that camera really had me thinking hard about what I was doing. Before I pressed the shutter release button I needed to be sure that I was ready to commit to taking that particular view. Were the shutter speed and aperture settings correct? Was the composition exactly what I was looking for? Did I really want to use a precious frame of film for that shot?

After a period of exclusively digital photography, it felt a bit unusual to find myself having to think through the photographic process to such a degree. However, that's not such a bad thing. Although digital photography allows you the freedom to experiment and to cherry-pick the results from a wide range of pictures, it's good to spend time thinking about what you're doing, and getting as much right as possible at the time of taking a picture.

That, I think, is why it is useful to spend a bit of time using a film camera every so often – to remind yourself how to think through the photographic process, and not to simply just click, click, click away with a digital camera. Of course, you can still do all of that thinking and planning before photographing digitally, but it's all too easy to fall into the 'shoot first, think later' approach with digital photography – an occasional spell with a film camera helps to keep the thought processes sharpened.

Of course, the biggest frustration of film photography is the waiting to see the finished result. Either toiling in your own darkroom, or waiting for a commercial film processor to develop and print your photographs.

Most film processors will provide you with a CD containing electronic scans of your images. Once you've got that, you can do a bit of digital manipulation on a computer, just as you would with an photograph taken on a digital camera, to fine-tune the final picture.



© Dave Dixon LRPS

Top Tip

Even when you're shooting digitally, take a moment to two to think before you press the shutter button. Is the composition spot-on, or could it be improved? Are the camera settings right for the image you want to capture? A few moments spent before taking a picture are better than longer moments of regret afterwards that the picture isn't quite right.

Village Photograph Reminder

If you ordered a village group photograph in September and have not yet collected your order, please will you collect it from:

Tony Meikle, 44 Front Street. Glanton.

Telephone: 01665 578546

Thank You

**The Northumberland Touring Company
Return to Glanton Memorial Hall
On 4th January at 6pm**

With their production of

Beauty and the Beast



A beautiful girl, a father on his uppers, an enchanted castle, a mad gallop through the forest, a deserted rose garden, a promise not kept, a classic tale, a love story.

What more could you want in the middle of a long winter? This is a story you've always known, but you'll feel you were hearing it for the first time. It's funny, it's sad, it's exciting. It will warm your heart and send shivers up your spine, whether you are young or old.

Tickets are £ 6 (Adults) £3 (Children)

Available from: Glanton Village Shop

or Contact Joe Easton:

Early booking is advised as these productions are always popular

Christmas Carol Service

This year's village carol service will be held
On Sunday 19th December
In St. Andrew's URC Church
At 6pm
Refreshments available afterwards
All are welcome



A New Pilates Course

Wednesday evenings at 6pm
Glanton Village Hall
Starts on
Wednesday 12th January 2011
Ten week term: £40 for course

Suitable for all levels
Wear loose, comfortable clothing
All equipment provided

For more information contact:
Tracey Mortimer: 0784 1196938



St Andrews United Reformed Church



I was in seeing a friend yesterday and heard her daughter asking how long it was until Christmas only to be told that it was a way off yet. But let me ask you, even at this early stage, how many of the Children we know have started to measure the time by counting the number of sleeps that are left until Christmas day? And whilst this can become annoying, it is also wonderful to see because for me, it highlights their excitement and puts some of the magic back into Christmas.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year and there are many things that I love about it. I love the decorations and the way that the lights twinkle off the tinsel, I love to see the children's faces as they open their presents, I really enjoy being at the school Christmas performances and the junior church nativities as the story of Jesus' birth is told once more. I also get a lot from singing carols and hearing the Christmas readings too, though by Christmas day I'm almost sung out.

But I've also discovered that Christmas can be a really hard time for some people. It might be painful experiences that we associate with Christmas. It might be the tension in some households as families are brought together for a celebration but yet find it really hard being in each other's company. There can also be a weight of expectations under which we labour as we try to make the household budget stretch in order to buy the things we know our families would really like.

Just as our Christmas has two sides so does the story in scripture too. There is the wonder of those who come and worship at the manger, but there is also the hatred, anger, fear and pain that Christ's coming arouses in King Herod and the Jewish mothers whose sons are put to death.

So this Christmas let us be real about how life is. The tranquil scenes of Bethlehem that we see on so many cards, wasn't the reality. But equally let us take this chance to build bridges, to offer olive branches and to look for ways to restore friendships and relationships. For when we get down to the reason why God sent his son into our world, it was for this very purpose, that we might be welcomed once more into his family and be restored as one of his children.

Happy Christmas

Edward Butlin

**Services every Sunday @ 6:00 p.m.
Everyone very welcome to join us**

Christmas Services

**Sunday 19th Dec @ 6:00 p.m. – Village Carol service
followed by refreshments
Sat 25th Dec @ 10 a.m. - Christmas Day service**





Glanton WI

As with everything else, the W.I. is grinding to a halt because of the snow. Our December meeting has been abandoned but we hope to Christmas lunch in January.

However, thinking of Christmas, there seems to be 101 ways to cook a turkey – it's what to do with the left-over's that is the problem. This is one idea for using some of them:

Christmas Recipe – Turkey Paste

Ingredients:

8oz Cold Turkey
4oz Bacon
2oz Butter
Salt and Pepper
A pinch of mace or nutmeg
Dash of Worcester Sauce
Lemon Juice

Method

Trim bacon, then, fry until crisp
Process the turkey and bacon, then add butter and seasonings
Process again to mix
Pack into small pots and cover
Keep in the fridge.

This past makes very tasty sandwiches



Scout Post

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will deliver your Christmas cards by foot in Whittingham and Glanton on 16th December.

Please put your cards into the box in St Bartholomew's or the shop in Glanton by noon on 16th, or give them to one of the group. Please put a donation in an envelope in the box to support this service!



Thank You !

To everyone who supported the Sale of Work in aid of St. Mary's Church in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 13th November.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised £854 in the afternoon and received a further £300 in donations. We greatly appreciate your support and it was lovely to see you there.

Gill Dunn.

Royal British Legion - Annual Poppy Appeal

Thank You

To everyone who helped with Poppy Appeal collection and all those who supported this. We raised £294.51 from the Glanton area

Marion Guiry



Glanton Memorial Hall

Our AGM was held on the 10th of November the officers and committee members were re-elected. It was unfortunate that the meeting was unattended by any people other than the committee. If the village wants the Hall to reflect their needs and interests the committee needs to hear from you. The AGM is an ideal occasion for this interaction. Having said this, any of the officers will be pleased to hear your ideas and views.

We are sure that many of you will have seen the posters for the new Pilates Classes in the Hall every Wednesday. These are proving very successful and although they are taking a break during December the classes re-start on 14th January. If you need any more information please ring Tracey Mortimer on 01665 578565.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, quotes have been sought for new heating and lighting. It has proved a difficult task to find companies either able or willing to quote but we have received one very competitive quote for the new heating. The system quoted for is the same as installed in the Whittingham Hall. It is hoped that a second quote will be available before the next committee meeting and that a decision to start the installation can be made before any more inclement winter weather is upon us. We are still seeking quotes for the new lighting.

We have also started on the redecoration of the Hall. The disabled toilet and adjacent corridor has been completed and the lower meeting room is well on its way. Unfortunately the current bad weather has caused work to be temporarily suspended. As soon as the weather improves it will be full speed ahead again.

Sorry to keep droning on about the same old topic but the Hall is an important asset for the village. It is your hall and needs everyone's support so please try to support as many of the activities that are being organised to encourage more use.

Mike Paice (Treasurer)

Two dates for your diaries:

29th December: Annual Bottle Bingo 7pm for 7.30pm.

Bottles for Bingo and raffle prizes either to the Village Shop or any member of the committee. Thanks in advance.

4th January: Northumberland Touring Theatre Group, Christmas Panto "Beauty and The Beast" at 6pm

*Dave and Jackie Hutchinson
Would like to welcome you to the
Queen's Head Pub, Glanton*

Festive Opening Hours

Christmas Eve	12-2.30pm 5.30 – 11pm
Christmas Day	12 – 2pm
Boxing Day	12 – 3pm
Monday 27th	10am – 10.30pm (Christmas Hunt meet)
New Year's Eve	12 – 2.30pm 7pm – Late
New Year's Day	12 – 11 (All Day)



1st Whittingham BP Scout Group



This summer, our scouts participated in a Jamboree in Germany, and made friends with scouts from Germany and all over the world. At the First International Jamboree 1920, just after Armistice Day (11th November 1918), Baden-Powell said:

Brother Scouts, I ask you to make a solemn choice. Differences exist between the peoples of the world in thought and sentiment, just as they do in language and physique. The war has taught us that if one nation tries to impose its particular will upon others, cruel reaction is bound to follow. The Jamboree has taught us that if we exercise mutual forbearance and give-and-take, then there is sympathy and harmony. If it be your will, let us go forth from here determined that we will develop among ourselves and our boys that comradeship, through the world-wide spirit of the Scout brotherhood, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and good will among men.

The beavers, cubs and scouts did us proud at the Service of Remembrance, parading into church with their flags, and taking time to consider those who do their duty to our country. The Cubs and Scouts promise to do their duty to God and the Queen, but also to uphold the fourth scout law –

A scout is a friend to all, a brother to every other scout.

If there are any children or adults (Rovers) who would like to join in with our exciting adventures, please give me a call. We have space for everyone from five years upwards! Next term will see indoor ice hockey for the Beavers, Rainforest adventures for the cubs, new sport opportunities for the scouts, more Duke of Edinburgh challenges for the Seniors (including winter skills and kayaking in Scotland) and anything from wood-turning to winter mountaineering for the Rovers!

Group Scout Master: Ninette Gray

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