

Glanton Parish Newsletter

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Hello Everyone and welcome to the May/June 2012 edition of the Glanton Parish Newsletter. May brings with it an important date for your diary: the Annual Village Meeting which will be held on May 13th in the Memorial Hall after the Parish Council meeting has ended. This is your chance to come and hear what the Parish Council are doing and have your say. The more, the merrier!

There are sure to be plenty of events happening during the summer months so please keep the newsletter in mind when it comes to publicity. New ideas,

poems, articles, etc. are always welcome!



Thank you to everyone who is already involved with printing, contributing and distributing – if you would like to help, please see inside (volunteer distributors are required for the Whittingham Road area of the village).

Nicola Frater

Above: Summer's day at Cragside

Deadlines:

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this month's parish newsletter. The next deadlines are as follows:

-17th June (Jul/Aug edition)

-18th August (Sep/Oct edition)

Please Contact:

Email: glanton_newsletter@hotmail.com

Report of the Parish Council on the March 2013 meeting

The Parish Council met in March and discussed the following:

- The resignation of George Dodds owing to pressure of work was noted with regret, he was thanked for his past contributions and we now need to find someone else to co-ordinate the village planting and to take forward a possible entry for Northumbria in Bloom.
- The leak from the spring next to the Old School has at last been attended to by Northumberland County Council following a letter sent by the Clerk.
- The PC has received Listed Building Consent to install a handrail at the village shop and costs will now be sought for the work.
- Hedgeley Parish Council has agreed to participate in the village website but that it looked as though Whittingham would prefer to create their own.
- Following a review of the Parish Plan by Mrs Rogers and Mrs Collingwood-Cameron it was agreed that it would be appropriate to undertake a formal revision of the plan to bring it up to date again, and a sub-group was organised to take this project forward.
- The PC has submitted a formal objection to the planning application for a proposed wind turbine at Follions in Callaly.
- Following another serious accident on the A697 the Chairman was authorised to take up the matter of the safety of the junction of the Shawdon road with the A697 with County Highways.

Jon Radgick

Yoga and Pilates

From now on, Pilates will take place at 6pm followed by yoga at 7pm on
Wednesdays in the Glanton Memorial Hall.
For more information, contact Tracey on 07841196938.

St Mary's Church Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 18th May** in support of St Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Whittingham Village Hall from 10:30am

Raffle – Cake Stall – Tombola – Refreshments



PLUS a Table Top Sale – book your table now for only £5.00!

Contact Gill on 578338 or Joyce on 574554

All are welcome!



WHITTINGHAM MEMORIAL INSTITUTE SUNFLOWER COMPETITIONS



**YOUR CHANCE TO SEE IF YOU CAN GROW THE
LARGEST OR TALLEST SUNFLOWER**

There will be prizes for the winning adult and child in each category:

- **Tallest Sunflower**
- **Largest Sunflower Head**
- **Best Picture/Painting/Collage of Sunflower/s**
 - **Best Photograph of Sunflower/s**
- **Best Sunflower Needlework/Fabric Craft/
Knit or Crochet item**

All entry forms must be received by Friday 16th August.

**Results and prizes will be given out at the coffee morning on Saturday
14th September at Whittingham Memorial Institute.**

**Entry forms can be picked up from
Whittingham Memorial Institute, Glanton Post Office,
Maureen Blakey, Gayle Hibbert-Johnson
or Marian Charleton.**

The Wooler Charity Shop 2013

The Wooler Charity Shop is being opened in support of The Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia and Prostate Cancer UK. Both are extremely worthwhile charities :-

The Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, provides support of women with Obstetric Fistulas – the most devastating of childbirth injuries. The condition causes incontinence, nerve damage and often severe psychological trauma as a result of the abandonment and isolation that is usually experienced. For more information see www.hamlinfistula.org/index.html.

Prostate Cancer is the most common cancer in men. In the UK, one man dies every hour as a result of Prostate Cancer and over 100 men are newly diagnosed with it every day. For more information about Prostate Cancer, its symptoms and the work of Prostate Cancer UK, look out for “The Sledgehammer Campaign” publicity and see <http://prostatecanceruk.org/>.

You can DROP IN any items you wish to donate to the shop, at the U.R.C Hall in Glanton on Wednesday 8th May, from 3pm to 7pm. To arrange alternative times or collection, please contact Beryl or John Parr (see below).

We will be delighted to accept anything you do not want, which is legal, and in saleable condition. This includes small furniture which fits into a car or trailer, household items, garden items, clothes, children’s toys, games equipment; and electrical goods in working order, but, SORRY, no TV sets.

We shall move into the Shop on Thursday 23rd May, set out the Shop on Friday 24th, and OPEN FOR BUSINESS on Saturday 25th May; then Monday 27th May until Saturday 1st June.

We hope to open some days the following week too, depending upon STOCK and STAFF. If you have a couple of hours to offer in the sorting/pricing hall at Glanton; or in the move or setting up; or in the open shop, PLEASE DON’T BE SHY, WE NEED YOU.

All enquiries to Beryl and John Parr at 01665 574385.

NB Posters around the village will give updates.

Coffee Morning

in aid of

Glanton Show



SATURDAY, MAY 11th

10.30am - noon

Glanton Village Hall

Cake stall

Chocolate Tombola

Plant stall

Raffle

100 Club Tickets

Donations box in the village shop

EVERYONE WELCOME - PLEASE SUPPORT US

Looking Through A Lens

For a number of years now, I've been an active member of Alnwick & District Camera Club.

The club meets regularly – every Wednesday evening – between September and April, with a varied programme of competitions and talks from both visiting guests and club members. Then, during what we loosely call the “summer” months, we have weekly trips affectionately known as Wednesday Wanders.

We're lucky to live in a part of the world that has a lot to offer photographers, especially those with a passion for landscape work. Each year the programme of Wednesday Wanders is published, and there are some locations which it's usually safe to bet will appear, as they do every year. However, there are usually a few surprises, where someone has discovered a good location that they want to share with the rest of the club.

These outings are part photographic, and part social – it's nice to just get together and have a chinwag, not necessarily about photography either. That said, these evenings are always well punctuated with the sound of cameras clicking.

Something which I find fascinating is that when you look at the collective results, there is just so much variety. It just goes to show that everyone sees things in their own unique way. Even when we visit the places which, over the years, have been done to death, it's interesting to see that often someone can come up with a new way of taking a shot of an otherwise over-familiar view.

There have been occasions when we have compared images after the event and I find myself looking at someone else's picture and thinking “I was standing right next to you when you took that photograph – how come I never saw the scene like that?”

It's easy to fall into the trap of lifting the camera to your eye and, as it were, just seeing what's there. One of the secrets of a good photograph is being able to look into what's in front of you, identifying the aspects of it that you can exploit to get a good photograph. That may mean a different angle or viewpoint – for example, getting down low can yield a vastly different landscape photograph compared to one taken standing up.

Something else to look out for is features within the overall view. Ask yourself, is there some little detail that you can focus in on? Or, conversely, would the picture be better if you zoomed out a bit, leaving some space around the edges of the main subject, giving it space to breathe?

But the question that I'll be asking myself most often during this programme is "will we get some decent weather this summer for getting out and taking photographs?"



Boulmer Haven
© Dave Dixon LRPS

Top Tip

When you're looking through the viewfinder, keep an open mind. Is there another way you could compose an image or get an alternative view? Think about how another photographer might see the same thing and how they might choose to interpret the scene – it could do a lot to increase your creative potential.

New Baby



Congratulations to Joanne and Ben
on the birth of their son,

Toby John Richard Verrill

at Wansbeck Hospital on 1st April 2013.



Cheviot Valleys Flower Club

22nd May 2013
Mrs Kathleen Gibson
*"Having Fun With
Flowers"*



Summer open meeting – 26th June 2013
Mrs Wendy Smith
"Metal Flora"
For this meeting, tickets must be
purchased in advance from Miss Iris
Hunter (578358) or Mrs Pat Hall (574017)

Meetings take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Whittingham Memorial Institute. For more information, contact Pat Hall.

All are welcome!

Glanton Women's Institute

The WI meetings in May and June 2013 are as follows:

- 7th May – Annual General Meeting
- 4th June – "Northumbrian Dialect" by Kim Bibby-Wilson. Competition: A Northumbrian saying.

Both meetings start at 7:00pm in the Glanton Memorial Hall. Visitors welcome!

Whittingham Book Sale

In support of Parish Churches

The May Book Sale will be held in the Whittingham Memorial Hall on Saturday 11th May - an unfortunate clash with the Glanton Show Coffee Event.

However, we will let you share the lovely sunny day we've ordered, and if anybody wants to buy Raffle Tickets by Proxy, that can be arranged by calling Beryl Parr on 574385.

Another valuable copy of the "Whittingham Vale" by David Dippie Dixon is up for grabs!

Enquiries as usual to Beryl Parr on 01665 574385.



HospiceCare North Northumberland Fundraising Events

Open Gardens

Mindrum

19th May 2pm – 5pm

Enjoy a fun day for all the family at this wonderful garden, then tuck into refreshments and peruse the plant stall. Most importantly, visitors can take part in the great Northumberland Hospice Duck Race! Come and watch those little ducks go! And please help HospiceCare by sponsoring a duck (to sponsor a duck prior to the event, phone 01665 606515).

Entry £3.50, under 12s go free



Druridge Bay 10K Fun Run

26th May 10:30am start

The Druridge Bay 10K fun run will be held on the 26th May for the seventh year. Entry Fee £15.00. Last year we raised £7591.19 for the Hospice let's see if we can raise even more this year! Download an entry form from <http://www.hospicecare-nn.org.uk/news.php?page=fundraising>.

Blackshaws Charity Event

30th May 7pm – 9pm

An exclusive evening with Professor Wilson; Britain's leading Criminologist, author & TV broadcaster. Our evening will include a book launch and talk by Professor Wilson about Mary Ann Cotton: serial killer & psychopath. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and meet Professor Wilson in person. Tickets Cost £5.00 please call Blackshaws on 01665 602123.



Afternoon Tea and Talk

Doxford Hall

5th June 2pm – 4:30pm



Come to Doxford Hall for Afternoon Tea on and listen to Head Gardener Trevor Jones from Alwick Gardens, as he shares the latest news and trends from the Chelsea Flower Show. Tickets priced at £15 include Afternoon Tea.

To reserve your ticket call us on 01665 606515

...Also a reminder that Adam Douglas & Son's "Make a Will Week" begins on Monday 3rd June!

Northumberland Theatre Company

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE AT 7:30PM

The NTC will be back at Glanton Memorial Hall on Saturday the 22nd June. This time, the play is Rallying Round – the story of an older man who has persuaded his younger carer to take him to Monte Carlo. This is a new play filled with a combination of comedy and pathos.

Put the date in your diary now and look out for further information during the coming weeks.

St Bartholomew's Church



Wedding and Baptism Gowns
required for an exhibition which
will run from 14th – 17th June
at St Bartholomew's Church, Whittingham



Call Marion on 574 380 for further details

Can You Help?

Calling all KEEN GARDENERS!

We need a team of green-fingered volunteers to maintain Glanton's planters and flowerbeds in order to really make them an asset to the village. One volunteer would be responsible for co-ordinating the effort and if enough people come forward, each volunteer will only have to tend to a very small area.

The Parish Council have recently discussed whether Glanton could enter the Northumbria in Bloom competition and it would be great to have enough support to be able to go for this.

If anybody is interested please contact me (Nicola) using the details on the front page and I will arrange for potential volunteers to be put in touch with each other. If you already look after a planter and would like to continue to do so, please let me know.

Lands End To John O'Groats



If you were out and about in Glanton around 9:30am on the 23rd April, you may have seen this man jogging through the village.

His name is Joseph Mbu and he is in the process of running from Lands End to John O'Groats. 23rd April was his toughest day, featuring a 36 mile run all the way from Rothbury to Berwick.

Joe was born in Nigeria but moved to England when he was 9 years old. He became a successful rugby player and played for Bath, Harlequins and London Wasps before injury forced him to retire. Joe now spends a lot of his time coaching rugby back in his native Nigeria.

On 29th March 2013, Joe embarked on this huge challenge to raise money for the Joedy Memorial hospital in Western Nigeria which his grandparents built back in 1998 in memory of his late father and uncle.

The hospital began as a maternity hospital but soon found itself treating anyone who walked through its doors. It is now in need of refurbishment and Joe hopes to raise around £600,000.

If you would like to find out more about Joe's challenge, including details of how to donate, please visit his blog at

<http://joembutherunningman.wordpress.com/>

Newsletter Distributors Needed

Could you spare some time once every two months to help with the distribution of the newsletter? Volunteers are needed to deliver the newsletter to the Whittingham Road area of the village.

If you can help, please contact me (Nicola) using the details on the front page and I will pass your details on to the distribution team.

1st Whittingham BP Scout Group

With a return to the snowy weather, Beavers have been experimenting with ice, water and wind and kept weather charts. Cubs have made films about litter, water and fuel, and as good turns, have litter-picked throughout Whittingham and made soup for elderly residents. Scouts have made films about how farmers cope with bad weather, and have learnt about clouds and weather systems.

The Scouts ran a really successful restaurant, with Falcon Patrol offering a French menu, and Seagulls an Italian one. The food was delicious, well presented, served on time and with a smile. The feedback forms indicated that another night should be planned, so watch this space and book your table early!

The Cubs had lots of fun with Noel Peberdy, learning the art of proggy matting, and starting a big banner for camp.

The Beavers had a chicken theme, with a visit from hens and chicks, and lots of fun with eggs! Beavers and Cubs will be off to Ingram to find out all about lambing, and have an Easter egg hunt!

The Scouts went on Starman camp, visiting Kielder Observatory, and learnt all about the Pan-Starrs comet, before team-building with crate-stacking and Jacob's Ladder – Ross, Callum, Conrad and Ruari now hold the record of being the only team to climb to the top!

We finished off the term with a scouts' Easter Challenge orienteering for Easter Eggs, and the Beavers and Cubs visiting the lambing sheds, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. We're now looking forward to an exciting summer term full of outdoor adventure and camping.

To join our adventures, contact:

Group Scout Master: Ninette Gray

01665 574733

www.1stwhittingham.org.uk

