



Glanton Parish Newsletter

April - May 2011

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Editorial

Some important dates for your diaries inside this edition, including the Royal Wedding Celebration, the Parish Annual Meeting and the Village Clean Sweep. Thanks are due to the many volunteers organisers and helpers who make these events possible, including our dedicated newsletter team. Please keep ideas and items flowing for the next newsletter in June and enjoy the sunshine!

Lynne Livsey

What's on? Here are some highlights

April

29th Glanton Royal Wedding Event, Memorial Hall

May

3rd Glanton WI Annual Meeting, Memorial Hall

5th Polling Day – Referendum on the Alternative Vote

7th Book Sale—Whittingham Memorial Hall

8th Seed and Plant Swap, Glanton Memorial Hall 2pm—4pm

11th Glanton Coffee Break

14th Coffee Morning for Glanton Show, Memorial Hall

16th Glanton Parish Council AGM and Village Meeting

24th Glanton Clean Sweep

Deadlines for future editions

4th June

6th August

1st October

3rd December

Please make a note in your diary

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Update from the Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Monday 28th March and discussed the following matters:

The village Clean Sweep will be on Tuesday 24th May.

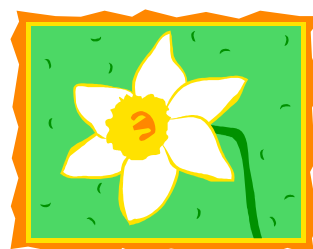
The County Council will send a road sweeper and as usual please assist in keeping the main road clear of parked cars for that morning so that the sweeper can be as effective as possible. Villagers are encouraged either on that day or over the preceding weekend to sweep/clear/weed as appropriate the area in front of their house and if possible to assist in litter picking along the approaches to the village. Black sacks may be left out on the day and will be collected with the help of John Guiry.

The Parish Council AGM will be on **Monday 16th May** at 6.30pm and at 7.30pm that evening the Village Annual Meeting will be held. This is your chance to come along and ask questions of the Parish Council and express any views you wish, all are very welcome, the more the merrier.

Phone Box Restoration

The Council received a report from the Red Telephone Box Group who have plans to remove the door to the phone box for repair and then to repaint the box. They very much hope that this will be carried out before the Royal Wedding Party on 29th April. The intention is to provide some racks inside and use it as a magazine exchange

Jon Radgick
Chair
Glanton Parish Council





Royal Wedding Celebration
29th April 2011
4.30 p.m. until Late
at
Glanton Memorial Hall

Pool Picnic from 4.30 p.m.

Bar & Penny Dot Ceilidh Band

6.00 to 9.00 p.m.

Watch out for tickets through your letter-box

Display of Wedding Memorabilia

**Items for the wedding display are needed
Photographs - Dress - etc. etc.**

Glanton Parish Council and Glanton Memorial Hall Committee

Information Angus Collingwood-Cameron 578262

Wedding Display Richard Verrill 578386

Transport Joe Easton 578654

Jack Daw's Nature Notes

The temperature is gradually getting warmer and it is starting to feel like spring. Lambs are gambolling in the fields and calves are starting to appear. In the hedgerows the hawthorn is starting to come into bud and the blackthorn is beginning to flower. Here is hoping that we do not get too much frost to enable a good crop of sloes in the autumn. The lime-green leaves of the 'wild' gooseberry can easily be picked out but will take some searching when the black fruit are ripe in July. At the base of the oldest hedgerows (e.g. along the Playwell Lane), dog's mercury, greater stitchwort and the odd primrose can be seen in flower. The very small triangular wood, halfway down the Playwell Lane has a ground flora that suggests that it is a remnant of older times. Flowers such as wood anemones, water avens, opposite-leaved saxifrage, red campion and bugle are all indicators of an ancient woodland site.

The last of the winter's birds are moving through on their way back to Scandinavia. Groups of fieldfares and redwings gather in permanent pastures adjacent to large hedges before moving off northeast in the evening. The majority of these birds will arrive in Scandinavia as sun rises on the Norwegian coast if they get a favourable wind. In and around the gardens of Glanton, blackbirds and song thrushes have already set up territories. The males reinforce their boundaries by singing in the early morning and again in the late evening. In the next week or two, the first of the summer's swallows will have arrived. Swallows have already been seen on the coast and their cousins, the house martins, will join them by the end of the month.

One mammal that can be seen in the parish if you are lucky is the badger. The name badger is believed to come from the French word 'becheur', meaning digger. It is generally thought that the density of badgers is linked to the abundance of food, with earthworms being particularly important. Earthworms are supplemented with a wide range of other food items including vegetation, bulbs, roots, through to invertebrates, bird's eggs, rodents and hedgehogs.

If the weather stays warm and mild there will be plenty of wildlife to see in our Parish

Jack Daw



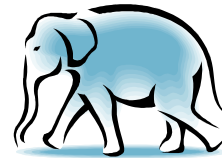
Glanton WI



**The Annual Meeting for Glanton WI
will be held on 3rd May
in the Memorial Hall**
Members are reminded to bring their
completed elephants !

If you are wondering what the WI are up to with their
Elephants, why not join them for one of their meetings?

They meet in the Memorial Hall on the
first Tuesday of each month



St Andrews URC

Thank You!

**To all who supported our spring coffee morning
on 5th March**

We raised £365 for Church Funds with your help



You are invited to the next Glanton Coffee Break

in Glanton Memorial Hall

On Wed 11th May

From 10.30am—12.00



If you are around, just pop in for tea, coffee, cake and a chat. Bring a friend and enjoy meeting old friends and new neighbours.

Find out what is going on locally and bring your unwanted books or magazines to swap.

**If you need transport to get to the hall, please contact
Mike Paice: 01665 578 229**

St Andrews United Reformed Church



Once again time seems to be flying by with Easter only just round the corner and the nights gradually drawing out. In fact at times life can seem so busy, moving at such a pace with so little time. Yet for me there is a challenge in this too. So let me ask you the question, when did you last stop to listen to the wind blowing through the trees?

Since last year I've been going out on my bike at least once a week, if not twice. It offers me a little alone time, time to reflect, think and pray, time when I don't have to move so fast. Which is a good job because I can only hit about 31 or 32 mph. When I was out today I noticed something that I don't think I've heard before, it was the wind causing the seed pods on a tree to rustle. Then the next tree was completely bare yet there was still a sound as the wind passed through the branches.

It can be so easy to go through life and miss these little things, or even miss bigger things, as Julia did when she walked past the bushes, or lack of, in the car park at Felton. What have you missed today? It might have been a smile, it might have been a tear, it could have been the song of a rare bird.

We live in a culture which is always 'on', so perhaps the challenge of today is to slow down, perhaps even to stop for a while and listen to the wind in the trees. It is a privilege that we should be able to afford, even if it's only once a day. Take time just to be and live in the moment.

God Bless Edward

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**personal training,
yoga, pilates, massage
from
aerobics to zumba!**



one to one, small groups, or for your community.
helping you achieve your goals –
weight loss or running a marathon!
happiness, health and fitness starts with a smile!

Tracey Mortimer 0784 1196938.

**Pilates in Glanton Wednesday evenings from 1800 - 1900
Fitness Class in Whittingham Tuesday lunch 1330 - 1430**

Cheviot Valleys Flower Club

Next Meeting

25th May 2011 at 7.30pm

Whittingham Memorial Hall

The Guest Speaker will be

Irene Parker on 'Serendipity'

Visitors Welcome

Tickets £3 on the door

Contact: Pat Hall (01665 574 017) for more details



A Date for Your Diary.

June 1st to 4th.

Charity Sale in Wooler

THROWING OUT?

**Anything legal and saleable that you no longer want
or need, including**

**small furniture items that can fit in a car, and
electrical items in working order,**

PLEASE THROW THEM OUR WAY!

WHY?

The Community Charity Shop in Wooler
will be open again to support the
Women's Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa.

Please ring John and Beryl Parr at 01665 574385.

We can collect. There may be a "Drop off" point
later. Please watch the Notice Boards

**Come and treat yourself, or someone else, to one of
our unusual and lovely NEW ITEMS.** These include
jewellery , small leather goods (wallets, purses),
cotton goods (assorted scarves, bags), and other
craft goods.

The new items are from Ethiopia and Tanzania,
purchased by John and Beryl mainly from Self-Help
groups, rehabilitation workshops,
individual makers and also small traders.

Glanton Memorial Hall

Improvements to the Hall continue and we are pleased to say that the new heating system is now fully operational and is making a marked improvement to the pleasure of using the Hall. In addition to the heating we have also replaced the lighting in the main hall and the new system is totally flexible. The new up lighters and drop pendants have been wired into dimmer switches which gives a complete range of lighting for any event. The new fluorescent tubes have improved the spread of lighting and are brighter than the previous fittings. With the new heating, lighting and decoration we hope that you will consider the Hall for festivities you wish to organize - either for a private party or any event that the whole village can join in with. The committee has invested a great deal of time and money in these improvements and it is for the community to ensure that the Hall has a viable future.

The recent NTC production of Star Quality was well attended and although a loss of £30.00 was made on the production the audience enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining evening. At the last committee meeting the cost of entrance was considered and it was agreed that for the present ticket prices would be held at the current charge of £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. It was also decided that in the future tea and coffee will not be served in the interval as the income derived hardly covers the outlay.

The next visit from the NTC will be on Saturday the 17th of September. The production will be "Tartuffe". We last enjoyed this production in 2002 and it is an extremely funny play that proved a great success last time. Do put this in your diaries and come along.

The latest exercise craze has arrived in Glanton. Anya is holding Zumba classes each Tuesday between 7.30p.m. and 8.30p.m. This is an exercise class to get the pulse racing and is proving very popular with a wide age range. Please note that these classes will not take place on the first Tuesday of each month. The pilates classes are still proving popular and new members are always welcome. With the Keep Fit classes on Mondays there is now a exercise class to suit all ages and abilities. Do try one of them.

The next Glanton Coffee Break will be on Wednesday the 11th of May between 10am and 12noon. The last two Coffee Breaks were a great success and we look forward to seeing you at this one. After this they will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

There will be a Seed and Plant Swap on Sunday the 8th of May between 2pm and 4pm. Entrance will be £1.00 per person, children free, so if you have any surplus seedlings or cuttings why not come along and exchange these for something different that will further enhance the summer colour in your garden. All proceeds from this event will go to the Hall.

As part of the fundraising efforts for this year the committee will be holding a **Table Top Sale on Sunday the 3rd of July between 2 and 4pm**. We have twenty tables available so if you have some unwanted items that you want to turn into cash, why not book a table? The cost is £5.00 per table and set up begins at 1.30. The admission charge is £1.00 per person, children free. Refreshments will be available.

New Secretary Needed — Following Angela Clay-Parker's move from the village the committee is in need of a secretary if you have some time to give to the Hall do get in touch with one of the committee.

Full details for booking the Hall and forthcoming events can be found on the Glanton web site at www.glantononline.net We look forward to seeing you at an event in the Hall in the near future.

Glanton Show Coffee Morning



Saturday 14th May

10.30 – 12.00

Glanton Memorial Hall

Cake & preserves stall

Raffle

Tombola

Plants

Refreshments & more

Sunday 8th May

2pm - 4pm

Calling all

Gardeners of Glanton

*Do you have a glut of courgette seedlings
and long for some lobelia?*

Do you possess a stack of half-used seed packets?

We could have a solution!

**Bring your unwanted seeds, cuttings and plants
and top gardening tips to**

the Memorial Hall and swap them with other gardeners

There will be refreshments available

Entrance : £1 for adults, free for children

**Help to raise funds to support
Glanton Memorial Hall**



**For more information please contact
Lynne Livsey: 01665 578 459
Email: livsey123@btinternet.com**



Whittingham Parish Churches

BOOK SALE

Saturday, the 7th in the Memorial Hall.

Starts at 10.30; Closes at Noon.

**Many new books for May. If you haven't yet paid a visit, why not
give it a try?. You might be Really Surprised!**

Entrance is FREE.

**There is no obligation to buy, and you can browse or chat over a cup of
Fair Trade Tea or Coffee for 50p with biscuits.**

A Tribute to Bob Graves 1927-2011

Born in Gateshead, Bob's early years were spent working in his family's haulage business. This sparked a life-long love of all things mechanical.

After completing his National Service in Egypt, Bob returned to his life as a free and single man, only to confound his family by meeting and marrying the love of his life, Pat, in 1963. His daughters Debbie and Penny were born a couple of years later. This event proved to be a turning point for Bob, who embraced and cherished his role as a father.

In 1998 the move to Glanton marked a new and exciting chapter in his life. He greatly enjoyed village life and the new friends he made were a constant source of joy to him.

The last year of his life proved to be a challenge for Bob as his health deteriorated. The support and kindness of the villagers during this time was of great comfort to Bob and his family.



Note:

Bob's funeral will take place at St. Bartholomew's Church, Whittingham at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 27th April, followed by a reception at Embleton Hall. All are welcome.

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

Sign Up For Northumberland News

Northumberland News, the council produced resident magazine for everyone living in the county, is changing.

The magazine has been sent to every home in the county since October 2009 but to help save money and the environment the authority will no longer be posting Northumberland News through every door.

Instead, from July you can get all the latest news about council services delivered direct to your email inbox.

Whether you're interested in schools, the environment, local events, culture, leisure, transport or the decisions that directly impact on your local area - you can access a host of information by signing up for the quarterly electronic version of Northumberland News.

Everyone who signs up will automatically be entered into a competition for some brilliant prizes including parking passes worth £100 and annual memberships for your local sports centre.

If you don't have access to email or the internet the authority is also producing a small number of traditional paper magazines which can be collected from your local library or council Information centre.

By making these changes Northumberland County Council hopes to embrace new technology, make efficiency savings and help the environment while still keeping residents informed.

The Queens Head Glanton

Now serving food
Wed-Sun 12 noon - 2.30pm
Also 6pm- 8.30pm
Apart from Sunday evenings

Coffee Shop Open
Wed - Sat 10.30am—12 Noon

Bed and Breakfast available
All with en-suite rooms
Beer Garden open from 1st May

Booking essential for evening meals and Sunday
lunch

We look forward to seeing you
David and Jackie

Telephone: 01665 578 324

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

Apply for referendum postal vote now

On May 5, 2011, the UK Government is to hold a referendum on changing the voting system for electing MPs to the UK Parliament.

If you are not able to get to a polling station or if you are away from the area on polling day, you can apply for a postal or proxy vote.

The postal vote is a way of voting in an election where ballot papers are distributed to residents' homes and can be returned by post. The proxy vote allows someone to go to a polling station to vote on your behalf.

The Electoral Commission will be posting out an explanatory leaflet to every household in the UK nearer to polling day which will explain in more depth the proposed changes to the UK voting system.

To arrange a postal or proxy vote please ring the Northumberland County Council elections office direct on 01670 533307 or email : elections@northumberland.gov.uk

Dog Owners Please Note !

The last parish newsletter highlighted the problem of dog-fouling on the pavements and public walkways in and around the village. Since then, the 'Northumberland Gazette' has taken up the cause and is asking local residents to report careless owners who fail to clear up after their dogs. Cllr Bridgett has been given special powers to issue on the spot £75 penalty fines to careless owners.

Despite this publicity , you may not be aware of the new Northumberland County Council **Dog Control Orders** that came into force on 18th April 2011.

These include orders making it an offence to:

- All your dog to foul on any land belonging to the County Council
- All your dog off the lead on designated carriageways, all adjoining footpaths and verges belonging to NCC and any local authority premises such as cemeteries.

In addition to the above, new dog-exclusion orders have been applied to all children's play areas and certain sections of the beaches at Newbiggin- by- the- Sea and Blyth .

For more information see: www.northumberland.gov.uk
Or contact the Public Protection Service at County Hall

Editor

Looking Through a Lens

Dave Dixon

I've been doing these little articles for the newsletter for quite a while now, so I'm hoping that I've got plenty of credit in the bank with the editor, because I want to abuse my position slightly this month and give a gratuitous plug for a venture that I'm currently involved with.

For the past few years, I've been a member of Alnwick & District Camera Club. The club meets in Alnwick every Wednesday evening between September and April, with meetings taking a number of forms. One week there may be a visiting speaker, on another week there could be a competition, and on another there could be a night where members get together to share their work or exchange ideas. There's plenty of variety throughout each season's programme. During the summer months, there is a series of "Wednesday Wanders", where members meet up at a given location to take photographs, and generally just have a natter.

But why am I taking time this month to write about the camera club? Well, in addition to all of its usual activities, the club is currently putting together an exhibition for display at Woodhorn Colliery museum in Ashington. The exhibition, entitled "Personal Views" is an opportunity for members to display their work to the public in a formal exhibition environment. As well as the exhibition of members' images, some photography workshops are planned for the summer mid-term holidays 28th May to 5th June.

I've been spending a bit of time over the last week or so, sorting through my portfolio, and trying to select five of my images to go on show at the exhibition. This has been a far from easy task. As the brief for the exhibition was so broad, and no specific subject specified, I effectively have my entire back catalogue of photographs to choose from. So many...such is the simultaneous blessing and curse of the convenience of digital photography.

After a lot of deliberation I have finally managed to pick out five images. I take photographs of all sorts of things, but landscape work is a subject which I find myself returning to time and again, so decided to use all landscapes for my contribution the exhibition. Northumberland provides such a rich and varied selection of scenes for this sort of photography, and I've chosen a selection of views from both inland and the coast, including a view from just up the road at Jenny's Lantern near East Bolton.

My photographs have now been printed out and mounted, ready to go to the exhibition organiser for framing and hanging. As I write this, the pictures are standing in a row, propped against the wall. I always find that putting a photograph in a mount enhances it in some way, and it's nice to see my five submissions lined up together. Do I want to change my mind about one or two? Am I entirely convinced I've picked the five pictures that I'm happiest with? Maybe...maybe not...I could keep on with this for ever, but now they're printed and mounted I'll have to settle on those.

The "Personal Views" exhibition will be on display at Woodhorn Colliery from the afternoon of Saturday 23rd April until Sunday 3rd July. I'd like to invite you to come along - I'm sure that there will be plenty there for you to enjoy.



Jenny's Lantern
© Dave Dixon LRPS

Top Tip

Joining a camera club is an excellent way to expand your photographic horizons, meet fellow enthusiasts, exchange ideas, and share your photographs. For more information about Alnwick & District Camera Club, see www.alnwickcameraclub.org.uk, or speak to Club Secretary Peter Downs on 01670 791127

1st Whittingham BP Scout Group

**"Prepared and alert a Scout follows the lead
Of our Patron Saint George and his spirited steed."
- Baden-Powell in "Scouting for Boys"**

Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Scouts, chose St George to be the Patron Saint of Scouts because he felt St George embodied the traits that Scouting values such as perseverance and courage in the face of adversity, and the desire to support and help others.

On St George's Day, Scouts renew their Promise, and honour the achievements of their young people and leaders

Congratulations to the Cubs and Scouts for successfully completing their First Aid badges with the British Red Cross!

Two of our Senior Scouts, Joe & Connor, undertook a gruelling challenge in the Cairngorms with other Northumbrian Seniors, trekking out into sub-zero conditions to dig and sleep in a snow hole overnight. With high winds and blizzard conditions, it was a tough experience, but everyone did exceptionally well. We were accompanied by a film crew from the BBC, who filmed the epic adventure for a show that will be screened in November.

The Cub Pack turned the Hall into a steaming rainforest for their production of Jungle Mania, with cheeky monkeys, stampeding elephants, howling wolves, a terrifying tiger, a furry bear and panther, not forgetting the busy ants, colourful toucan, snake and of course Mowgli, the man-cub! Thank you to our two Seniors Daniel & Jennifer for the sound and light, and all leaders behind the scenes!

**Group Scout Master: Ninette Gray
01665 574733**

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