



Glanton Parish Newsletter

Summer 2011 (July/August)

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New Editor Needed - Can You Help?

My apologies for the delayed arrival of your newsletter. It has been a hectic few weeks in the Livsey household. I finally completed my thesis and passed my PhD viva at the beginning of June. After 5 years of intensive studying I have been forced away from my desk to find some gainful employment! However, my new research commitments mean a lot more travel and late night returns. It is increasingly difficult to find sufficient hours in the day to fit in all my various commitments. Therefore, I have decided that after nearly 5 years, it is probably a good time to hand the editorial reins for the parish newsletter to someone else. If you would be interested in becoming the new volunteer Editor please contact me (details below). Support will be offered during the handover period and it is possible that this could be an editorial team role if several people are interested. You will need access to a telephone, computer and the internet and have sufficient time to produce 6 newsletters each year.

Late production aside, this is a bumper summer edition of the parish newsletter with lots to look forward to, including Glanton Show on 13th August with a Barn Dance in the evening. We also welcome the return of the NTC in September with their popular comedy 'Tartuffe'. Further details inside.

Lynne Livsey

Revised deadlines for future editions

19th August

1st October

3rd December

Please make a note in your diary

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Update from the Parish Council

Report of the Parish Council Meeting in 16th May 2011

The meeting was also the AGM of the Parish Council and Jon Radgick was re-elected as Chairman. Apart from routine business the only matter of general interest was a proposal from the First Responders and North East Ambulance Service that an emergency Defibrillator unit should be available in the village, probably located outside the Queens Head. The Parish Council agreed with the principle of the proposal and delegated Jon Radgick and Norman Dunn to finalise the details.

Report to the Annual Village Meeting on Glanton Parish Council activities during 2010/11

Finance

We maintained the level of the precept at £1500pa for 2011/12 which is the same as last year and approx 20% lower than it used to be before that. We ended the year with about £1450 in our general fund and about £2880 in the Millennium Fund, which is probably more than we are supposed to have and which we will continue to try to spend wisely but cautiously.

Activities

We continue to do regular routine work such as:

- monitoring planning applications and making comments where appropriate
- organising the regular Clean Sweep in May
- with the help of numerous volunteers we have funded the floral planter displays around the village
- we continue to monitor the Millennium Oaks and they are pruned when necessary, the support posts and tree guards have been removed and we trim the hedges around the trees where the hedge cutter cannot get to them.

We adopted a new set of model standing orders as recommended by NALC and drawn up by Norman Dunn.

We adopted the red phone box and entered into an agreement with a group of residents who agreed collectively to maintain it at no cost to the parish. Our thanks go to Tony and Tina Meikle, Richard & Carol Verrill, John Lang & Susan Williams and Susan Rogers.

We have carried out various works in the village including: refurbishing the wooden seats, replacing two litter bins, buying and fitting a new Notice Board (Thanks to Pat & Marion Guiry for the use of their railings), replacing the "Children Playing" signs, repainting the street name signs and refixing one which had been down for some time.

We continue to implement some of the matters highlighted in the Village Plan, in particular:

- Ongoing work with Bell View and neighbouring parishes on a Community Support Project. One result is a useful booklet listing service providers in the area. Another is a regular monthly coffee morning funded by the project which is proving to be popular. There is a plan for a shopping trip and also for transport to classes at Bell View in the Autumn. Thanks to Lynne Livsey and Norman Dunn for their work on this project.
- Investigating funding options to replace the fingerpost signposts in the village with traditional cast iron -signs, we have not succeeded yet but we continue the funding search. Susan Rogers has lead on this front.
- With support from Tony Meikle the village website has gone from strength to strength and is a great example of what can be achieved. Thanks Tony for your hard work.
- We enlisted the help of NCC to complete a speed survey. We will discuss with NCC and the Speed Partnership measures to control speeding
- We had a public meeting attended by a senior planning officer and 27 residents to discuss the suggestion that there should be an Article 4 Declaration giving up certain permitted development rights, after which the Parish Council decided to take no further action on that matter.
- We considered and responded to various draft policies put forward by NCC including one which proposed charges and red tape which would have threatened the services brought to the village by mobile traders. This resulted in the policy being called in and substantially amended, we have now responded to the revised draft which is much better but still needs further amendment.
- We had a village photo and a party at the time of the Time Capsule opening in September which was very successful. It included a pig roast and the event was subsidised by the Millennium Fund . We also reburied the Time Capsule with new letters inside it. The new village photo is now display in the hall. Thanks to Tony Meikle for taking the photo and to Richard Verrill for identifying the people.
- We had a party to celebrate the Royal Wedding which was a great success and was subsidised from the Millennium Fund, we thank Angus Collingwood-Cameron and his team for the organisation of that event.
- We have faced the possibility of service transfers from NCC which in the event did not go ahead, but which is still a very live issue and which we will have to confront during the coming financial year. We have also monitored the progress of the Localism Bill which if it becomes law will make more duties and powers for Parish Councils.

All in all it has been a year of considerable activity and achievement for the Parish Council, I hope you will think that we have carried out our functions reasonably well and with the best interests of the community in mind. We face a future in which parish councils will probably have to take on more functions and I for one welcome that because it should give us greater control over the way services are provided, the challenge for the Parish Council will be to manage that process so that it does not end up costing the rate payers more.

Jon Radgick
16 May 2011

Jack Daw's Nature Notes

As I write this at the end of May, spring is in full swing. All of our migrants have arrived. Swallows and house martins have turned up in better numbers than usual. The house martins appear to be trying to nest in their usual haunts including using the eaves in the village hall. However, remember it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to disturb their nests even though their mess will be all over your window. Several pairs of swifts have also arrived. They will be looking to nest under the slates of our roofs and lay two eggs in a very simple nest.

Other notable migrants that have been seen in the village include at least two singing blackcaps and at least one pair of wheatears on Glanton Pyke. Both species are uncommon in the Parish. Blackcaps are warblers that prefer woodland or areas of scrub. In Glanton they have been seen singing in hedges in our gardens and in the area of scrub at the western end of the village. Wheatears are birds of open ground and nest in walls, amongst rocks and in abandoned rabbit burrows. Their presence is often given away by their 'tacking' call and white rump.

The roadside verges are in their full glory. Cow parsley (Queen Anne's lace) is prolific. There are others such as the red flowers of red campion, the delicate up-turned bell-shaped flowers of water avens, fine yellow flowers of crosswort, small elegant flower heads of common sorrel and ribwort plantain. These flowers provide the foreground that has a backdrop of flowering hawthorn and elder and the emerging heads of numerous grasses. The roadside verges along the Playwell Lane look better than a Gertrude Jekyll flower bed.

The rabbit breeding season is well underway. Young bunnies have emerged from their burrows and are quietly munching their way through grassland, crops and gardens. There are a host of predators that are on the look out for a meal. Foxes have growing cubs that are starting to emerge from their dens. Stoats are dancing their way along hedgerows and buzzards are patrolling the skies. These and other predators help to keep numbers down but they are never enough.

There is plenty to see in our Parish at this time of year. From the very small spiders making their webs to buzzards patrolling the skies around Glanton Pyke.

Happy watching!

Jack Daw

Glanton WI



Date of Next Meeting

6th September

in Glanton Village Hall

See www.glantononline.net

For details of events and programme for 2011

Volunteer Helpers Needed for Monthly Coffee Breaks in Glanton

Our monthly coffee breaks are open to everyone in Glanton, Whittingham and Powburn. They have been running successfully for 6 months now with funding support from Bell View in Belford. We are looking for a team of volunteers to help with refreshments so that we can keep these popular coffee mornings running on a long-term basis. We need two people at each event to serve refreshments and wash up. You do not need to commit to more than one per year. The coffee breaks are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12 Noon.

For more information

please contact Lynne Livsey: 01665 578 459



Why not pop along to the next event on 10th August

You are invited to the next Glanton Coffee Break

in Glanton Memorial Hall

On Wed 10th August

From 10.00am - 12.00

Pop in for tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

**Bring a friend and enjoy meeting old friends
and new neighbours.**

Bring your unwanted books or magazines to swap.

If you need transport to get to the hall, please contact

Mike Paice: 01665 578 229

PART-TIME DOMESTIC HELP NEEDED

By family living in Glanton

Hours and pay by negotiation

Please contact: 01665 578 863

For Further Details

Powburn Show and Sheepdog Trials

Saturday 6th August

With Car Boot Sale

Visitors welcome from 10am

For more details see local posters or the website

www.powburnshow.co.uk

Vet on the move



Many of you will know Pam Girdwood, local vet and former contributor of the walks column to this newsletter before her move to Wooler. Pam has recently taken a sabbatical from her work with Aln-Northumbria Vets. Here are some details of her latest adventures.....

As many of you will know, my 6 month sabbatical started on 1st July during which time I am planning to locum in the UK, but the main event is my 1250 mile walk from John O Groats to Lands End starting on 9th August. Fortunately, I have a friend (Craig) who is a web designer and has set up a website (www.pamsadventure.co.uk) so that everyone can log on, check out the calendar and hopefully meet up with me along the way.

Other than the calendar, there's not much on the website yet but once I start the walk I will upload a diary and photos whenever I reach civilisation and can access a computer. If you would like to sponsor me (in aid of Northumberland National Park Mountain Rescue), see the website for details.

New Pilates Course

**Starts in Glanton Village Hall
On Wednesday 7th September
6pm - 7pm**

Improve your core strength,
balance and muscle tone with this
gentle form of exercise.

Suitable for all ages
and fitness levels.

£40 per course or £4.50 per session

Wear loose comfortable clothing and
flat shoes



Contact: Tracey Mortimer 0784 1196938.

PLUS

Fitness Class in Whittingham Tuesday lunch 1330 - 1430

Congratulations!

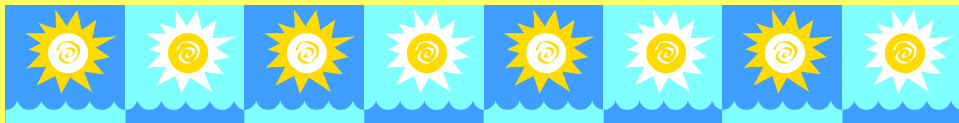


To Iain and Sally Hedley

On the birth of Patricia

On 17th June in Alnwick, weighing 6lb 4oz

A lovely new sister for Elizabeth



The 88th Glanton Show

Saturday 13th August 2011

Gates Open at 12.30

Features:

**Wonderful Exhibits, Children's Sports and Fancy Dress
Fun-fair, Face Painting, Vintage Cars, Craft Stalls
Horse-logging display, Glendale Steel Band,
Refreshments and a raffle**

**Show entries must be registered by 10th August
Programmes available from the village shop**

Volunteer Helpers still needed on the day

Please contact: Andy Hindhaugh

Telephone: 01665 5785025

Or Liz Knox (Hon. Show Secretary) - 01665 574 992



FUN FOR ALL AGES

BRING A FRIEND AND STAY FOR AFTERNOON TEA

We look forward to seeing you

Glanton Memorial Hall

Barn Dance - Saturday 13th August

After a gap of nearly eleven years the Hall committee have decided to reinstate the holding of a dance to follow the Glanton Show. Tickets are £5.00 per person and Jeff Allen will be there with his Fish and Chip van from 7 - 8 pm.

By popular request 'Pennydots' will return to provide the music and calling. Those who attended the Royal Wedding Celebrations will know what a fantastic band they are. Dancing will start at 8 o'clock until late. A fully licensed bar will be available to ensure that everything goes with a swing. It promises to be a great evening so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

NTC Production of Tartuffe - 17th September 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome NTC back to the village hall with their production of 'Tartuffe' - see opposite for details. Early booking is advised as tickets are usually very popular.

Support the hall - new ideas and volunteers wanted!

As we have said in past issues the future of the Hall depends upon you. If you have a skill or hobby that you would like to share with others why not discuss it with a member of the committee. It would also be great to see more of you supporting the events that are already available. I

We have a new notice board outside the hall so please keep an eye on this for full details of everything happening each month. As always the committee is still looking for new members so if you have a few hours a month to help out please get in touch.

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.

**Northumberland
Touring Company
Return to
Glanton Memorial
Hall
On
17th September
At 7.30pm
With their popular
production of
Moliere's Comedy
'Tartuffe'**



'Tartuffe is a hilarious and outrageous classic.

Tartuffe, a roguish imposter, worms his way into the orderly household of prosperous yet naive merchant Orgon. He sets out to marry the daughter, seduce the wife, imprison Orgon and get his hands on the family fortune.

Cue disguises, thwarted lovers, eavesdropping and the famous 'under the table scene', one of the funniest comic set pieces ever written for the stage. Tartuffe is performed in a style with one foot in Commedia dell'Arte and the other in 'Carry On' yet with a relevance that will delight modern-day audiences.

**Tickets £6 Adults and £3 Children
Available from Mike Paice (Tel: 01665 578 229)
or Glanton Village Shop**

Newsletter Special Feature

‘Northern Cross’

Did you see a small group of people carrying an 8 foot high wooden cross walking up Whittingham Road and down Playwell Lane in Glanton on Maundy Thursday?

If you did it was one leg of Northern Cross, an organisation set up in 1976 by students (mainly Catholic then but now ecumenical) walking from different parts of the North in Holy Week, each group or “leg” carrying a wooden cross and reflecting on Christ’s walk to Calvary. (Passion?)

The different legs join together on Good Friday at low tide on Beal Sands to become a complete Northern Cross. It is traditional to walk across to Holy Island bare foot! Once there, the pilgrims stay in a Catholic Children’s Camp and are cooked for by volunteers. They celebrate Easter on the Island in many activities (none are compulsory) and services.

Does that sound boring? Not to me! After being a pilgrim on the Carlisle Leg this year I can tell you it was a most amazing experience! I am not young but not decrepit either and you do need to be physically able to walk for seven consecutive days (although we did have a support car which met us for lunch and tea stops so people could go in the car if the feet gave out!). We walked on average 15-20 miles per day carrying the cross which is an amazing thing to do, it really focused my mind on Jesus and His journey to Calvary! Yes it was hard work and yes we were all tired by the time we’d reached our destination for the night. We stayed in Church and Village Halls, mainly catering for ourselves; so after reviving cups of tea and snacks everyone had to pull together to provide supper etc. I enjoyed being part of a team; we all supported each other.

When you are with a group of people 24 hours a day you really get to know each other. We had lots of good conversations along the way sharing about our Christian faith which I found great. The fellowship was really good and there was lots of laughter as well. Maggie our Leg secretary and joint leader had contacted local church people from the previous year who had given us tea and fellowship in their Churches or Homes along our route. The love fellowship and food they gave us was fantastic! Plus toilet facilities - very important, especially for the ladies!

When we came together on Holy Island we were 80 strong including children as well. There was a Family Leg which stayed in a Hostel in Seahouses and did small walks with the children each day approx 3 miles. There was even a Bed and Breakfast Leg this year for those who could no longer do the long distance walking!

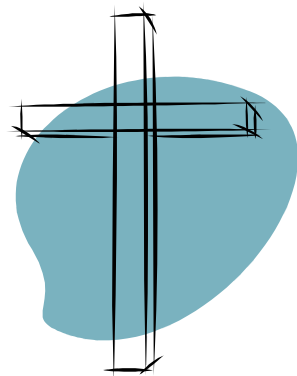
The Services over Good Friday to Easter Sunday were moving, thoughtful and wonderful! I am not very creative but being involved or should I say coaxed into helping to decorate the seven crosses with fresh flowers on Holy Saturday Evening was a moving experience - I didn't place many flowers - the crosses looked amazing.

The next morning, Easter Sunday, the crosses were lifted high and carried to St Mary's Church for the Easter Eucharist. What a sight! The Church was packed. I couldn't believe how many people came to Holy Island for the Easter weekend.

I found the whole pilgrimage fantastic! Would I do it again? Yes very definitely. I volunteered to help Maggie with the local bookings, halls etc on the Carlisle Leg next year 2012. So if you fancy joining me we can train together! I promise you will have a good time!

I want to thank Maureen from Whittingham who takes bookings for the Village Hall for looking after us and coming to Pete Coppolla's rescue when transport was needed on Maundy Thursday morning. Last but not least Ninette and Clive and everyone who contributed to food and organising a wonderful feast of fun and fellowship - and the rum punch - at their welcoming and hospitable home.

Best wishes, Ann Lake.





Summer BBQ

and

Northumbrian Music

Saturday 23rd July

BBQ from 6.30pm

Music from 8.00pm

£7.50 adults/£5 concessions

**Includes a burger or sausage, salad and
pudding. BYO drinks.**

Whittingham Memorial Institute

Contact : Ninette Gray Tel. 01665 574733

MEAT of EXCELLENCE

(Formerly of Powburn Farm Shop)

Now offer a mobile service on Sundays

From 10.30—2pm

By the Children's Playfield in Powburn

For more information please contact:

Sophia Brown on 07939 506 874

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 now open.

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

Roll up for summer reading challenge

The 2011 children's summer reading challenge is being launched by libraries across Northumberland and this year's exciting circus themed books are set to keep children reading throughout the summer holidays.

Over the course of the challenge children will be encouraged to read six or more books of their choice during the holidays, collecting incentives and rewards along the way.

Reading is a vital life skill, yet it is a skill that can often take second place to the excitement of computers, television and electronic games. It is one of the aims of the challenge to prove that books can be exciting too and encourage more children to read more. Last year in Northumberland, 3,615 children participated.

Children can sign up at their local library to take part and all materials are free. For more details

contact Northumberland County Council on 0845 600 6400

or visit www.mylibrary.co.uk

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

A blue and silver Mitsubishi Pajero long wheel-base off-road type vehicle (no registration) was seen acting suspiciously around caravan sites in the Longframlington area of Northumberland in early July 2011. Caravans at two sites were subsequently burgled and property was stolen.

If you see a similar type of vehicle in or around your property please contact police immediately to allow us to locate and speak to the occupiers. If you see this vehicle please record the registration number (if possible) and any direction of travel along with the details of any occupiers. They may have witnessed the offences.

Please be aware that thieves are operating in this area and appear to have reasonable knowledge of the premises they have targeted.

If you see any vehicles/people acting suspiciously then please contact Police **IMMEDIATELY** on 999.

If you have any information about these or any other crimes then please contact Police on 03456 043043 or you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Can I remind you that you should not leave your car, tractor, quad or other vehicle keys in the vehicle even if you are only leaving them unattended briefly, thieves will seize every opportunity to relieve you of your property.

Katrina Cassidy 8540
Northumberland Local Intelligence Officer
03456 043043 ext 63552

Looking Through a Lens

Dave Dixon

A lot of the photographs that we take capture our memories, whether they are of our loved ones, of places that we have visited, or simply something we have seen and which we wish to preserve. Lately, however, I've been wondering whether photographers have an implicit responsibility to capture the wider social memory.

I was talking recently to a friend who had come by an old film camera, and that has sparked his interest in going out and taking some photographs. He was telling me that he'd already spotted a few interesting spots the area near where he works, and that had inspired him to think about taking a series of pictures to document that area.

We started talking about photography in general, and I mentioned another type of documentary project; to pick a location and to photograph it at various points throughout the year. A scene with some trees is ideal for this, as you can chart its progress through the year, from spring blossom, through summer greenery and autumn gold through to the skeletal bare branches of winter. It can even be interesting to try this with a scene over a shorter timeframe – an hour-by-hour sequence of a view from dawn through to dusk and night time.

This sort of exercise can be quite satisfying from a personal point of view, but thinking about it got me pondering on photographers' role as social documenters. Whether intentionally or not, we have all taken photographs which provide a record of a location at a point in time. I'm sure there a number of households here in Glanton which have a photograph of Front Street when St Peter's Church was still standing. Regardless of their technical quality, each of these photographs provides a view of something which simply isn't there any more – but I'm willing to bet that nobody ever thought "I'd better snap that, in case the church ever burns down". Yet, without such photographs, how will future generations know what that part of the village looked like in 2005?

There's a particular location, not far from here, that I find myself returning to time and again. It's a fascinating location, and presents a wealth of photographic opportunities. No matter how many times I return there, I always seem to find something new to photograph whether it's general views or closer-up studies of specific details.

One of the things which fascinates me about that place, is that it's in a state of terminal decline. Like many photographers I find myself drawn to scenes of dereliction, as they provide such a rich source of fascinating subject matter. Yet the thing is, it never really occurred to me until recently that I really have no way of knowing if a visit to that spot may turn out to be my last. It's entirely possible that I the next time I go there, I will find that the structure has collapsed to the ground, or has been boarded-up or fenced off awaiting the arrival of a demolition team.

I was reading an article recently about the BBC Domesday project which set about capturing a view of life in the UK in 1986. The content from this has recently been made available on the World Wide Web, and it made for very interesting viewing – particularly the old photographs (all captured on film, of course – no digital cameras back in the 1980s).

Whether we take them to intentionally document something, or whether they are simply family snapshots, the photographs that we take today will form part of the collective memory in years to come.



What Once Was Home
© Dave Dixon LRPS

TOP TIP

When you see something worth photographing when you're out and about with your camera, think about how it might look at different times of the year, or even different times of the day. Rather than just capturing a one-off image, revisit the scene and capture a series of photographs documenting that scene over time.

1st Whittingham BP Scout Group



1st Whittingham go Camping!

That brings back memories of those Famous Five adventures we used to read! I loved reading them to my boys. The Rovers tried making ginger beer for our Beach BBQ this summer, but with all the exploding bottles and incredible potency I can't imagine taking it on camp with the kids like Julian and Dick!

Our camping season is in full swing, with the cubs having erected their very own Big Top in Beanley for their circus camp, and thanks to John Carr-Ellison's generosity the scouts made shelters out of sticks and bracken in the woods there too, gutting fish and making fires on survival camp.

After half-term, we look forward to camping with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from all over the Area at Ingram, Alnwick Castle and Harbottle respectively. The scouts will also be learning how to go on an expedition in canoes, in preparation for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition.

According to the cubs, the best camping experiences so far have been *making camp doughnuts, lighting fires, seeing lambs being born, and camping with their friends*. All part of the adventurous, outdoor programme that we offer to the children and adults in our area.

Many thanks to the volunteer leaders and those who support our fundraisers, which make this all possible, and this summer will ensure that the cubs and scouts can go canoeing, and the Beavers can go horse riding!

Group Scout Master: Ninette Gray

01665 574733

www.1stwhittingham.org.uk