



Glanton Parish Newsletter

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Apologies for the rather late arrival of your spring newsletter. Unfortunately, Nicola and I have both been ill with one of the many recurring cold viruses circulating in north Northumberland and struggling to catch up with work as a result. Thankfully we're both on the mend and looking forward to welcoming spring lambs, spring flowers and, hopefully, some much needed spring sunshine!

Two important reminders for the 30th March this year....first, it's Mother's Day. Second, if you are planning to treat your Mum to breakfast in bed, you will need to get up an hour earlier as the clocks for forward by one hour.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition and we look forward to receiving ideas and suggestions for future newsletters.

Lynne Livsey

Guest Editor



Deadlines:

The next deadlines are as follows:
- 17th April (May/June edition)

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Parish Council Update – February meeting

Winter weather

The weather has been generally kind to us over winter but we have had a lot of rain. Thankfully, with the advantage of living on a hill, we have escaped the major flooding and property damage experienced elsewhere. However, heavy rainfall still poses a flooding risk to some properties due to the run-off of water from the Powburn Road. We have arranged a meeting with the Highways Officer to discuss the problem with the hope of having some remedial work to kerbs and drains carried out this summer. I will provide an update in the next newsletter.

Village water main

The other 'watery' issue is the rather ancient water main running along the village. I have lost count of the number of times that Northumbrian Water have patched and bandaged our mains water pipe in the last 12 months. The problem, like so many things, is age! The pipe is coming to the end of its life and is starting to fail. Parish Councillors met with Northumbrian Water officials in January and we were advised that a new pipe will be laid along the village in 2015. No doubt there will be an element of disruption, however, we have been assured that it will be kept to a minimum and we will keep you updated.

WWI commemorations

Plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I are progressing. The current plan is to hold a village tea and exhibition, featuring those from Glanton who were involved in the conflict on the 3rd of August. We will also be starting work on a Community Art Project and launching an appeal to upgrade the Memorial Hall for future generations. We are looking at a four year time-line for the hall appeal that coincides with the end of WW1 commemorations in 2018 and I hope as many of you as possible will get involved.

Street lighting

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we have been discussing street lighting and possible improvements to the village. We have been advised that there is going to be a programme of street light replacement across Northumberland. Old-fashioned streetlights will be gradually replaced by newer LED versions. these new style lights (before the money runs out!).

The Parish Council has volunteered Glanton to be one of the first parishes to benefit from the new lights (before the money runs out!). There should also be an opportunity to relocate some of the existing lights to areas where current coverage is not that good. The new LED lights can be seen in Elsdon if you are interested to see what they look like.

Dog Owners

We have received a number of complaints about increased dog fouling on pavements and footpaths around the village. As well as being an unpleasant health hazard, Northumberland County Council operates a 'zero-tolerance' policy with regard to dog fouling in public places. The Council will issue £75 fixed penalty fines and dog owners may also face prosecution. Please ensure you clean up after your dogs. Second, please ensure that you keep your dog under close control and on a lead if you are walking anywhere near livestock and avoid fields containing nursing ewes and their lambs during lambing time.

Village website

I would just like to remind you all of the village website www.glanton.org.uk it is a great resource for everyone. Although managed and paid for by the Parish Council, anyone can advertise or have information uploaded onto it. One of the key challenges for the village is better communication, we can't just rely on notice boards anymore so please have a look.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall on Monday 31st March at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. We also have one vacancy for an additional Parish Councillor. Please contact me if you would like further information.

With best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Chris Livsey

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council
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St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Glanton

I loved having my two boys around over half term, it was nice to have a good stretch of time off with them. However it is also quite blissful now they are back at school and there is a little more peace and quiet in the house.



Children today seem to be so much louder than I remember being when I was their age. I seem to be forever telling them to use their *"indoor voices"*, or asking them to *"turn their volume down"*. But now I think about it the whole world is actually noisier today than it was when I was born in 1975.

I recently heard about a guy called Bernie Crouse who records natural sounds for film and TV. He was saying that in 1968 to get one hour of undisturbed natural sound, without the sounds of the modern day world, would take him 15 hours of recording time. He then went on to say that to get that same one hour of undisturbed sound.

Noise isn't a bad thing. I enjoy watching TV and listening to the radio. I will quite often have the radio or a CD or my i-pod on in the car too. But sometimes it's also nice to be quiet for a while, to be alone with my own thoughts and to listen to the sounds around me.

In Psalm 46 it says "Be still, and know that I am God." As we continue into the coming year and face the many new challenges it will bring my hope is that we might all find time to be still, to be quiet, to enjoy a cup of tea or a pint, in peace. And my prayer for us all is that in that stillness and quiet we might meet with God and come to know His peace and His love.

God Bless

Edward

Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

After the 30th March we meet at 6 p.m.

All are welcome to come and join us.

If you'd like us to pray for you then please email me or give me a ring

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Community Oil Buying Scheme

The oil buying scheme covering North Northumberland has now been running for over two years, and has around 450 members, including over 40 in the Glanton & Whittingham area. If you're *not* in the scheme, you might find the table below interesting – and if you have any of your bills from last year handy, try checking them against the nearest date and see how well your supplier compares (prices below are before VAT). Do check especially if you have an automatic refill facility – some suppliers actually charge a *higher price per litre* to customers on these arrangements.

Northumberland oil prices – 2013					
Order date	Highest price ppl	Average Price ppl	Member price	Saving from highest price ppl	Saving from average price ppl
02-Jan-13	69.95	65.18	56.5p	13.45p	8.68p
28-Jan-13	76p	64.5p	60.55p	15.45p	3.95p
25-Feb	73.35p	66.995p	60.9p	12.45p	6.095p
01-Apr	68.93p	64.15p	58.65p	10.28p	5.5p
13-May	66p	59p	55p	11p	4p
10-Jun	68.5p	59.66p	54.2p	14.3p	5.46p
8 July	70p	61.66p	58.95p	11.05p	2.71p
12 August	67p	61.75p	56.5p	10.5p	5.25p
9 Sept	69.95p	61.56p	55.8p	14.15p	5.76p
14 October	64p	59p	54.7p	9.3p	4.3p
11 November	65.9p	60.9p	54.89p	11p	6p

To join the scheme or find out more, go to <http://www.ca-north.org.uk/oil> , or ring OilCAN on 01670 500 812, or contact me on 01665 578 222. Annual subscription for a domestic customer is just £20, and community buildings (churches, village halls) schools and businesses can also join for just a little more. As well as domestic kerosene (with additives if you need) the scheme also supplies red diesel.

Glanton WI

Next meeting will take place on 1st April, 7pm in Glanton Memorial Hall with Guest Speaker, John Lang showing photographs of Peru at 7.30pm. All are welcome

Easter Church Services

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| 7 th April | 10am Whittingham |
| 13 th April | <i>Palm Sunday</i> , 10am Whittingham, 4pm Edlingham |
| 17 th April | <i>Maundy Thursday</i> , 7.30pm Whittingham |
| 18 th April | <i>Good Friday</i> , 2pm Whittingham |
| 20 th April | <i>Easter Sunday</i> , 10am Whittingham |
| 27 th April | 10am Bolton |



Engagement Congratulations!

David and Liz Girdwood are delighted to announce the engagement of their son Richard, to Peta xxxxxxvery

Next Whittingham Parish Churches Book Sale

April 26th from 10.30am to 12 Noon in the Whittingham Memorial Hall.

Light refreshments available and you have the chance to win a copy of 'Gardens of Northumberland and the Borders' in the raffle.

Glanton Memorial Hall Update

It's been a busy time in the village hall as we prepare for the WWI Millennium commemorations later in the year. The garden is emerging from its winter haircut, the gutters need cleaning and we can finally throw open the windows for a jolly good spring clean. We have arranged a spring cleaning day at the hall on 27th April from 10am to 12.00 with brunch provided to everyone who volunteers. We have a list of small jobs that need doing, so if you can help, please ring Lynne Livsey (01665 578 459) for details. We would also welcome help with cleaning, tidying the garden and freshening up the paintwork if you are available for a couple of hours at a weekend.

As part of our ongoing programme of refurbishment, we have recently secured grant funding of £1230 from the Three Valleys Fund to purchase a new cooker and fridge for the hall kitchen. We have also received a contribution towards our new community art project.

We were pleased to welcome Alnwick and Coquetdale Young Farmers to the hall for their recent show rehearsals, and also Aln-Northumbria vets who held their local farmer's meeting Glanton. The 'Singing Hinnies' book launch was well attended and we are forward planning and taking bookings for meetings and private parties throughout the year as well as the regular activities and fundraising events listed below:

Mondays 10am with Grace

Wednesdays 7pm Yoga with Tracey Mortimer

Bell View Coffee Morning 9th April 10am

Bell View Lunch Club 23rd April 12 – 2pm

Finally thank you to everyone who supported the February Race Night. Over £1000 was raised for the Hall and Glanton show. A fantastic result.

For Hall Bookings please contact Liz Girdwood: 01665 578 503.