

Glanton Parish Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the first issue of 2014. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Looking back, many fantastic events took place in and around the village last year and I'm sure there will be even more to look forward to this year! Be sure to note down dates and times in your diary and keep your newsletter to hand so that you don't miss out. Further information can always be found on notice boards, in the shop and on the village website.

As it's the New Year, why not make a resolution to become a columnist for the newsletter? Our existing regular features make for excellent reading and there is always room for more! If you have any hobbies or interests that you would like to share, please get in touch.

Finally, the dark nights are still upon us, so **please make sure that you are clearly visible to cars while taking early morning or evening walks.**

Nicola Frater



Above: Glanton and the Cheviot Hills from Abberwick Farm

Deadlines:

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

- 19th February (Mar/Apr edition)
- 17th April (May/June edition)

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Parish Council Update – December 2013

At our November meeting, we agreed the Parish Council's priorities for 2014 and how they will be funded. You may know that within your Council Tax payment, there is money ring-fenced for parish work; this is called the parish precept. It is managed by the Parish Council for the benefit of the parish as a whole and, part of it is used to fund the running costs of the council. We hear almost weekly that services, once delivered by the County Council are under threat or are being removed. The role of the Parish Council in delivering some of these community services is starting to become a reality. For instance, grass cutting is now the responsibility of the Parish Council, as well as the maintenance of the bus shelter and the provision of waste bins and notice boards. They are not huge responsibilities, but along with many other aspects of village life they help to make Glanton a good place to live and work.

A large part of the Parish Council's work is reacting and responding to various consultations received via the County Council. This work is important to ensure that local community views are represented. In 2013 we have been responding to the lengthy process of consultation surrounding the County Council's Core Strategy. This is a framework that will govern and inform future housing development in years to come. At the November meeting we were informed that Glanton has been identified for small scale development, along with Whittingham and Rothbury. However, at this stage we don't know what kind of development is planned, where it will take place and how many units are included. The Parish Council will be contacted for our views on any planned development. However, any individual resident can respond to these proposals and I urge you to have your say if you feel strongly about them.

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in this position then please contact myself or one of the existing Councillors for further information.

The plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War One are ongoing. The Parish Council is in full support and will do what it can to ensure that the occasion is memorable, open to all and enduring. For those who have kindly offered support, thank you. If you would like to get involved then please get in touch.

The Parish Council is reviewing village street lighting at the moment. The issue of light pollution has hit the headlines recently with the National Park

gaining protected 'Dark Sky' status. We currently have 14 street lights in Glanton, none of which are particularly complementary to the wonderful night-time skies we experience here in the village. It has been suggested that perhaps we could turn the lights off for short periods or remove them altogether to enable us to appreciate this unique experience...But what do you think? If you want to have your say then please come along to a Parish Council meeting or contact one of the Parish Councillors (our contact details are on the parish notice-board).

As in previous years, huge thanks go to John Swanson for providing the village Christmas tree and also to all those who helped dress it with lights, thank you.

Finally, we are very alert to the fact that the winter weather is still upon us and we would ask you to keep an eye on less mobile neighbours and friends and help with errands or just popping in to say hello during the long dark days.

Take care and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Chris Livsey

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council

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Glanton Memorial Hall News

Festive Fun and Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who came to the NTC pantomime and the Bottle Bingo, despite the cold and wintry weather, and those who donated their time, refreshments, bottles, Christmas decorations and prizes. These events were a great success. We raised £107 for hall funds from the pantomime after paying for production costs, and £237 from the bingo.

Get fit and feel fabulous in 2014

Yoga classes restart on Wednesdays from 8th January at 7.15pm. Suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. Wear loose-fitting comfortable clothing and bring a rug or blanket. Contact Tracey Mortimer for more details: 07841196938.

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Keep Fit with Grace takes place on Mondays from 6th January 10am-11am. Suitable for all ages and abilities with tea and coffee afterwards.



Valentine's Night Special Event

Take the one you love to the races!

On 14th February 6.30 pm

Glanton Memorial Hall

We will be holding our annual horse racing night in aid of the Village Show and the Memorial Hall.



The Fish and Chip van will be outside the hall from 6.30pm (even if you are not coming to the race-night, if you buy your fish and chips on the night, we get a share of the proceeds). The hall will be open from 6pm onwards and the race-night will start at around 7.30-8pm when everyone has eaten their fish and chips. This is always a popular evening so come along early to ensure that you have the best seats!

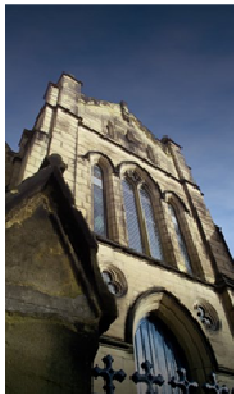
Hall Helpers needed

We are always looking for new recruits, either as committee members or volunteer 'Hall Helpers'. We need people to contribute ideas and practical assistance for our fund-raising events. You can also join our team of volunteer, bakers and gardeners or help with practical maintenance tasks around the hall and garden. There is literally something for everyone to do and it's a great way to get to make a lasting and valuable contribution to village life. You can contribute as much or as little time as you wish.

For all hall bookings, contact Hall Secretary, Liz Girdwood

To discuss volunteering, contact Lynne Livsey by calling 01665 578 503 or emailing lynne.livsey@btinternet.com.

Bailiffgate Museum & Gallery



The Bailiffgate Museum and Gallery is currently closed while an exciting refit takes place. The “All New” museum will open in February 2013. New displays and improved facilities will showcase the collection and tell the story of Alnwick and the surrounding District, celebrating our unique history and heritage in a range of engaging ways.

Poetry Premiere Event

A major poetry event has been announced for the evening of **Thursday February 13th**. Top poets from across the region will be invited and the audience will be able to look around the new museum before it officially opens to the public! This is bound to be a packed evening, so book now! The £3.00 admission includes a free glass of wine and doors open from 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start.

Shots from the Heart

The launch exhibition for the upgraded gallery space will be “Shots from the Heart” – our photography exhibition (now closed) which was open to both professional and amateur entries and was recently featured on the BBC website. Independent judges will hone the entries down to the top 30 photographs. These will be exhibited in the gallery so that visitors can decide on their favourite shot of Alnwick.



Bailiffgate
MUSEUM GALLERY



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Glanton WI

4th February 2014, come and share your favourite poem – 2:00pm in Glanton Memorial Hall.

4th March 2014, guest speaker – 7:00pm in Glanton Memorial Hall

St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Glanton

It is quite amazing; virtually anything in life can be made, prepared or generated to perfectly match my own personal taste. If I were to go in to a coffee shop and ask for a coffee then I can end up being bombarded by a whole series of questions about how I like my coffee. Do I want a latte or mocha, is it decaf, half-caf, with or without milk!

When it comes to my computer the same can also be said because there are so many options all of which seem designed to enable the machine to be configured to perfectly meet my requirements. And once you've made your selections you get this reassuring message which tells you that your *"personalised settings are being saved"*.



In my personal life too I feel a pressure to try to ensure that things are perfect and match up to the images of life and friendships that I see on TV, in the movies and magazines. I too want the perfection I'm being constantly told that I can have!

The trouble is that I also know that this perfection is unattainable, because the images I see on TV and in the movies are not real life. However what I live each day **is** real and it's not perfect, in fact at times it's downright messy. Yes there are moments; there are times when life is so good, when I experience the perfection that I dream of, but then, in the next moment, the messiness returns.

Christmas is a wonderful example of this paradox, the story as a whole is messy, I can't think of a woman who would dream of having their first baby in a dirty stable, yet Mary did. The circumstances of Jesus birth were also far from perfect and then the flight into Egypt so that Jesus might be protected from the wrath of king Herod is not what anyone would choose for a family. On our Christmas cards, the images of the nativity that we see, we are given a picture of a perfect family scene. Yet Christmas for me is about how God dared to step down from heaven into the messiness of life so that He might renew His relationship with His people.

So, for me, the wonderful thing is that God doesn't care that my life isn't perfect. All I believe God wants is the chance to get to know me, to get to

know us, warts and all. And he wants to give us the chance to get to know him too because if you get to know Jesus, the baby who grew into the man, then we get two for the price of one as we get to know God his Father too.

Every Blessing for the New Year,

Edward

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

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The Parish of Whittingam and Edlingham with Bolton **Chapel Church Services**

January 5th, 12th & 19th: 10am at St Bartholomew's, Whittingham
January 26th: 10am at St. John the Baptist, Edlingham

February 2nd, 9th, & 16th: 10am at St Bartholomew's, Whittingham
February 23rd: 10am at Bolton Chapel

Coffee Breaks and Lunch Club

Coffee Breaks:

Come and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes and scones from 10am until 12noon, in Glanton Memorial Hall on Wednesday **8th January** and Wednesday **12th February**. Donations welcome.

Lunch Breaks:

Come and socialise with friends and neighbours over a soup and sandwich lunch with tea and coffee from 12noon until 2pm, in Glanton Memorial Hall on Wednesday **22nd January** and Wednesday **26th February** – only £3.00.



Everyone welcome!

HospiceCare North Northumberland



Would it help to talk?
We're here to listen



Bereavement Support Service

Bereavement is something which most of us experience at some time in our lives; we all react to it in different ways. You may feel reassured, however, to have the following information about the common emotions which may accompany grieving.

You may find that your initial reaction has been one of shock and disbelief – a kind of numbness. Swiftly following on from this may come feelings of fear, loneliness, panic, anger and guilt as you try to make some kind of sense of what has happened to you. Although very painful and confusing, these feelings are a normal reaction to loss.

You may feel physically under stress and perhaps find sleeping and eating particularly difficult. It is an exhausting time and concentration may be difficult – at first there was so much to do and there were relations and friends around to help but this support may have dropped away.

Your family and friends may be struggling with their own sadness and may find it difficult to know what to say or how to help you, leaving you feeling even more isolated...

We would like you to know that we are here and can offer help.

Individual Bereavement Support – Visiting

Sometimes it helps to share your feelings with someone who is outside the circle of your immediate family and friends. Our trained bereavement visitors have knowledge and understanding of the pain caused by grief, and receive regular supervision. They can visit you in your own home, or alternatively, you may wish to meet at the Hospice, where you can talk in complete confidence.

The frequency of visits is agreed between you and the bereavement visitor and the support is offered to you for as long as is considered appropriate to you

"A year on from my loss, I'm still so grateful for the support I'm getting, it's very comforting to know that the support is there for as long as I need it and no-one at the Hospice has ever let me down. It's a place where we can share our thoughts, fears and worries in a safe, non-judgemental environment."

Brian Wardell, October 2013

Bereavement Support Group

You may prefer to meet other people who are bereaved, in a safe environment, to share thoughts and feelings and offer peer support to one and other. For further details, please contact our Clinical Team on 01665 606 515.

There is no charge for accessing this service which is available to anyone within North Northumberland who has suffered bereavement.

You do not need to have had any previous contact with the Hospice to make use of this service.

"When I was invited to join the Bereavement Group I was unsure about it, but found talking to someone in the same position does help. I met people who had the same feelings as me and are now my friends. I would urge anybody who has lost someone to visit the Hospice."

David Whatmough, October 2013

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Cheviot Valleys Flower Club

22nd January 2014

Speaker,

Mr Bill Bland

"Chelsea Flower Show"



26th February 2014

Demonstrators,

Mrs E Reid and Mrs M Hudson

"Some of our Favourite Things"

Tickets available from Pat Hall on 01665 574 017. All are welcome

News from the Theatre Royal, Newcastle

Panto time is almost over for another year (it doesn't finish 'til 18th Jan so you might still catch it!) and for all of you who love the Theatre Royal panto's – you can book the 2014/15 panto NOW! With over **87,000** people seeing our panto each year, it's a must to book your tickets early to get the best seats to see the much-loved and ever-popular trio of talent:

Clive Webb, Danny Adams and Chris Hayward in

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs – the fairest panto in all the land!

25th November 2014 – 17th January 2015.

Book before Sat 18 Jan 2014 and get £1 off per ticket on red performances!

In February we have another trio of talent coming to the Theatre Royal, starting with:

- ★ ***Jason Donovan*** in a show direct from the West End - Priscilla Queen of the Desert, 3-15 Feb - 'the best feel good show since Mamma Mia' – *Sunday Express*
- ★ ***David Essex*** returns to the stage 17-22 Feb, in ***The Dishwashers***, following his hugely successful portrayal of Eddie Moon in BBC TV's *EastEnders*.
- ★ ***Marti Pellow*** completes our fab Feb trio when he plays ***Che Guevara in Evita 24 Feb – 1 Mar***. As a solo singer, recording artist, and the beginning of his career with Wet Wet Wet, Marti Pellow has enjoyed virtually unrivalled success, with over 25 hits and three of the UK's biggest number one singles including the seminal *Love is All Around*.

Other highlights in our programme include the highly acclaimed Live Theatre production ***Tyne***, 4-8 March. Journeying in time and space along the banks of the river, *Tyne* maps the epic history, atmosphere and soul of this mighty river in story, music and images.

There are always great discounts available for groups of 10 or more so contact me for details of these shows and many more. I can send you a copy of our latest brochure and keep you up to date with special offers and discounts.

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The Adventures of 1st Whittingham

The kids at 1st Whittingham have not let the dark nights stop their scouting fun! The Beavers have been cooking, decorating T-shirts, doing good turns around the village, and joining the Cubs for a campfire.

The Cubs went climbing with the RAF at Boulmer, have been map-reading around the village by torchlight and compass bearings, and have been collecting foliage with their torches to make their own Christmas wreaths.

The Scouts minced pork with their new mincers, mixed the sausage meat with herbs and spices, and made their own sausages around the campfire, with a sausage maker and sausage skins. They were delicious. Then inside, they created their own three course menus and each patrol ran a restaurant for 11 guests. The food all came out on time and on budget, raising £150 for the Philippines Typhoon Appeal and covering all the costs of running the restaurant (food and hall hire). Highlights were the Falcons' home-made sausages and vanilla ice cream with chocolate and raspberry sauces and fresh berries, and the Seagulls' home-made tomato soup, cheesy garlic bread and chocolate brownies!

The Senior Scouts and older scouts have been planning their Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze expedition to the Isle of Bute for next summer – walking the West Island Way and wild camping!

Next term the group will be preparing for their 'Around the World' Gang Show on March 20th, with Chinese dragons, dancers from around the world, lots of singing, and the Adventures of Indiana Jones! The Rovers will be off snow-holing across the Cairngorm plateau!

If all this sounds like fun, why don't you join us! All boys and girls 5 – 18 years old welcome.

Adults aren't left out either – why not join our Rover crew or come and help out with the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or D of E programme?

Group Scout Master: *Ninette Gray*

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www.1stwhittingham.org.uk