

Glanton Parish Newsletter

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November/December 2013

Hello everyone and welcome to the final Glanton Parish Newsletter of 2013. As I write this, the clocks have just gone back and it feels as though winter is well and truly setting in. Fortunately, there are plenty of events in and around the village to keep us all occupied, not least the NTC's Christmas Pantomime, "Once Upon A Time In The North". The NTC performances always receive rave reviews from Glanton residents, so make sure you get your tickets from the Village Shop or Hall Committee members!

Other events include:-

- Whittingham Remembrance Day Service (10th Nov)
- Memorial Hall AGM (11th Nov)
- Rothbury Food and Craft Fair (24th Nov)
- Whittingham Christmas Fair (30th Nov)
- St Andrew's Coffee Morning (7th Dec)
- NTC Panto (7th Dec)
- Leek Club Bingo (13th Dec)
- Carols in the Queens (19th Dec)
- Village Carol Service (22nd Dec)
- Bottle Bingo (27th Dec)
- Whittingham Book Sale (11th Jan)

Nicola Frater



*Snow covered telephone box
during the winter of 2010*

Deadlines:

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

- 17th December (Jan/Feb edition)
- 19th February (Mar/Apr edition)

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Parish Council Update October 2013

The Parish Council is continuing its commitment to make Glanton a great place to live. We try hard to engage with the decision-makers both at ward and county level to ensure that your concerns and issues are voiced and acted upon.

As we focus on winter and how to prepare for it, the Parish Council is looking at some of the issues that make Glanton that bit more difficult when the weather gets worse. The pavements are not great, with numerous patches and broken kerbs. Torrential rain highlights some of the vulnerable points where, in time, there may be a flood risk. Salt bins need to be replenished and inspected to ensure that they are fit to cope with the winter ahead. We are looking into all of these issues however, everyone can do their bit by ensuring drains and soakaways are not blocked with mud or leaves and are in good repair. You might also consider where best to park your car if we get snow and ice. If we all work together, winter will become that much easier to cope with. Finally, don't forget to look in on your neighbours, particularly if they are vulnerable, they may appreciate the offer of some help.

The plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I Commemorations are progressing and we are submitting a funding bid to kick start some of our plans which are described elsewhere in this newsletter. 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 and don't forget, if you would like to get involved then please get in touch.

Those of you who drive should all be benefitting from the highway improvements at the Glanton/Shawdon junction of the A697 where visibility was previously very poor. A number of residents have commented on the improvement works which were funded by the Parish Council using your precept. It's a huge improvement and will really benefit drivers on those long dark days ahead. Many thanks to Richard Verrill who helped to scope the works and Eddie Furness who carried out the work, on behalf of the Council.

We are still reviewing the Parish Plan which has reached the end of its lifespan and I hope to be able to make some progress with it over the winter months. I

am convinced it is still important to acknowledge the priorities for local community development at a parish level and to ensure that these are fed in to the wider planning frameworks. Without a list of priorities we be less able to react to opportunities when they arise, I hope I have your support.

As you can see the theme is very much about being prepared and looking ahead. We all have a role to play particularly as our County Council services are subject to major funding cuts. It takes no time to report a pot-hole or a street light failure, to throw some salt on the road or nip in on a neighbour and, if you are feeling very committed, why not become a Parish Councillor we have one vacancy, see the notice board for details.

Take care this winter and wishing you a Happy Christmas on behalf of the Parish Council.

Chris Livsey

Chairman, Glanton Parish Council
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Glanton Memorial Hall - What's On?

Memorial Hall AGM

Monday 11th November at 7pm

2014 will be an important year in the history of Glanton Memorial Hall as we remember the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WWI. We want to pay tribute to those who participated, those who were injured and the fallen who gave their lives for King and Country – indeed, the reason that the Memorial Hall was built. You can find out more about the planned commemoration events in this newsletter or come along to our Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th November.

The AGM is an ideal opportunity to find out what the committee has been doing in the past year and our plans for the future. We also welcome your input and suggestions to make sure that the Memorial Hall remains an important community resource for our village for decades to come. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

NTC Christmas Panto 'Once Upon A Time in the North'

Saturday 7th December at 6.30pm

The Northumberland Touring Company will be arriving earlier than usual with a new Christmas production; *'Once Upon A Time in the North'*.

To help you get into the festive spirit we will be offering a free glass of mulled wine and mince pies for adults and soft-drinks and Christmas biscuits for children. There will be the usual magnificent raffle in aid of hall funds so, all in all, an evening not to be missed!

The show is suitable for all ages and this is sure to be a popular evening. You are advised book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets: £ 7 for adults £3 for children

Tickets will be available in the village shop from 1st November onwards, or from the Hall Secretary, Liz Girdwood (Telephone - 01665 578 503) or other hall committee members.

Festive Bottle Bingo

Friday 27th December at 7pm



The ever-popular Bottle Bingo will take place on Friday 27th December in the Memorial Hall in aid of Hall Funds. Doors open at 7pm with 'Eyes down' at 7.30pm. Mark it in your diaries and bring friends and family along to this fun and friendly village tradition.

Donations of bottles for prizes always welcome. There will be a box in the shop for donations and our committee members will be collecting them throughout November and December.

And finally.....

A big THANK YOU to our team of volunteers for all their hard work in clearing the hall garden ready for the winter and to John Guiry for helping us to dispose of the debris over several weekends. Thanks also to the fabulous cake-baking team for making the day's labour so enjoyable. A great team effort! Further details of our plans to launch a Memorial Garden Appeal in 2014 are described in this edition of the newsletter.

St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Glanton

I think that from time to time we all have trust issues. This happened to me as we travelled to our holiday destination this summer. I don't often use a Sat Nav, and to be honest I don't actually own one. We have a very kind friend who lends us his every so often, which is great.

The last time we borrowed it was exactly two years ago and I had no reason to doubt it as "Jane" led us very successfully from A to B, only getting a little confused as we drove on a new piece of the A1 which wasn't on her internal maps.

This time however I struggled to trust her because strangely enough I wasn't convinced that she knew where she was going! This all came about as we choose to divert off the prescribed route to travel out to the coast just north of our destination. When we came to make our way to the campsite, "Jane" then seemed convinced that we needed to head back inland, when we knew perfectly well that there was a road down the coast that would get us to the site



So for a short while we followed our paper map rather than the Sat Nav. After a short while, "Jane" then got the message and decided that we were on the right road after all.

When you can't see the route ahead it can be really hard to trust and if I'm honest the problem with "Jane" was that all we could see on the screen was the next turning, with God you don't always get that!

But what I do have are my past experiences of God, I have the memories of times when I've trusted him and things have been okay, and other times when things have turned out great. We can also draw on a wealth of other people's experiences of God too, especially in the Bible. And we have the promises that God has made to us, chief among them is the fact that He will never leave us or forsake us, that He'll always love us no matter what.

With "Jane" I should have perhaps relied on my past experience a little more

and trusted her, because last time she came through for us. In fact all the way home she was able to direct our path, though we had changed the voice of the Sat Nav by then to Han Solo whose catch phrase was “don’t get cocky!”.

God Bless,

Edward

**Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
All are welcome to come and join us.**

Please Note - with the onset of dark nights and wintery weather, St Andrews is trying a different pattern for its winter services. Until British Summer Time starts again in March, our Sunday services will be held fortnightly at **2:30pm** in the afternoon as of Sunday 27th October.

Monday 7th December – Coffee Morning in St Andrews Church Hall from 10:30am.

Saturday 19th December – Carols in the Queens from 7:00pm - an hour of your favourite carols in the Queens Head. All donations will go to the North Northumberland Hospice.

Tuesday 22nd December – Village Carol Service from 2:30pm (not 6:00pm as previous years).

St Mary’s Catholic Church, Whittingham

Details of Christmas services are as follows:-

Tuesday 24th December First Mass of Christmas, 8.00pm at St Ninian's, Wooler

Midnight Mass, 12.00 midnight at St Mary's, Whittingham

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day Mass, 10.00am at St Mary's, Whittingham.

Parish of Whittingham and Edlingham with Bolton Chapel

3 rd November	9.15am Glanton & 11.00am Edlingham
10 th November	10.45am Service of Remembrance at Whittingham
17 th November	9.15am Edlingham & 11.00am Glanton
24 th November	11.00am Bolton
1 st December	10.00am Edlingham
8 th December	10.00am Bolton
15 th December	10.00am Glanton
20 th December	7.00pm Carol Service at Edlingham
22 nd December	10.00am Bolton
24 th December	6:00pm Crib Service at Whittingham 11:30pm Midnight Mass at Whittingham
25 th December	10:00am Christmas Day Service at Whittingham
29 th December	10.00am Bolton

St Bartholomew's Building Work

Due to the installation of the new heating system in St. Bartholomew's, the service pattern for the parish will be disrupted during November. During Advent we will be experimenting with one service on a Sunday and changing the time to 10.00am. A list of services will be displayed on Church notice boards.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be held in Whittingham Memorial Hall on Saturday 30th November. We are looking for help with this event – on the stalls and with refreshments. Any ideas for new stalls would also be helpful. Please speak to Helen Michelson (574 645), Cath Coultas (578 351) or Marian Charlton (574 380) with any offers of help.

Glanton Heritage Group

In recent months you have not heard from the Glanton Heritage Group and you can be forgiven for thinking that we have been doing nothing, but nothing could be further from the truth. All of our projects have been put on hold except for working towards the publication of a book called 'Singin' Hinnies'.

'Singin' Hinnies' was written by Joyce Robertson who died in the 1980s. She was one of the first female graduates from Oxford University and was a descendant of the Robertson family that lived in Glanton House during the late 19th century and early 20th century.

The Robertsons were a family of inveterate hoarders. 'Singin' Hinnies' is an absorbing account of the trials and tribulations of one family from 1859 to the mid 1960s and their life in the north Northumberland village of Glanton. The first part, based largely on correspondence passing between members of the family over several decades and subsequently hoarded by them, gives a fascinating insight into the minutiae of life of a country doctor, his wife and their nine surviving children as they grew and made their way in the world. The second part is a combination of their recollections and first hand observations by the author and yet more hoarded letters.

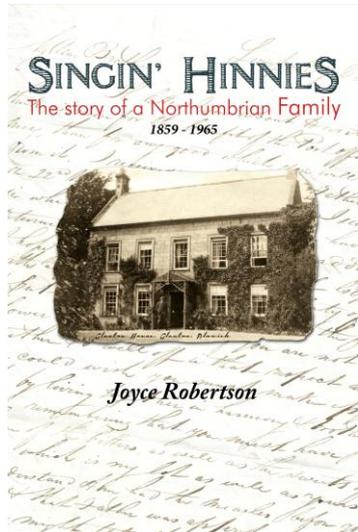
The story is one of social history, the development of modern medicine and wild, pioneering adventure.

All members of Glanton Heritage Group have spent the last eighteen months to two years putting this book together. It has been a fascinating exercise taking us into the world of proof reading, book design, publishing and printing. We even came across a hoard of hundreds of photographic glass plates, some showing Birmingham and its environs at the end of the 1800s, but more importantly, as far as we are concerned, Glanton and its environs. None of these plates have been seen by the public before and we have had them all digitalised.

We could not have achieved this without help. We would like to acknowledge the great assistance we have had from The Heritage Lottery, Mr Mervyn Cully, Mrs Marion Guiry and Anna Goddard of Carnegie Publishing Limited, Lancaster. A special mention should be made of The Bailiffgate Museum in Alnwick who found the money to finance the publication by getting an HLF grant and who

have supported this venture from the very start. Without their help it would never have got off the ground.

We hope to launch the book soon in Glanton so look out for posters and flyers through your letter box. At the launch you will see a digital display of some of the hundreds of glass plates we came across and learn a little about the story of the Robertsons and the difficulties of getting the book published.



The cost of the book will be £10 and can be pre-ordered by phoning 01665 578 221 or 01665 578 885. (If ordering from outside the parishes of Glanton, Whittingham and Hedgely, add £2.00 for postage and packaging).

I would like to acknowledge the hard work put in by members of the Glanton Heritage Group: Sue Rogers, Pru Redman, Richard Verrill, Dave Holdsworth, Susan Williams and John Lang

Mike Mason

Chairman

Glanton Heritage Group

Glanton WWI Commemorations, 2014



2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WWI and it is appropriate that we remember the men and women who fought and died in the trenches, and those who stayed behind and kept the home fires burning.

It is estimated that in total, 10 million military personnel lost their lives and a further 20 million men and women were injured in the Great War (1914-1918). Our Memorial Hall was built to honour those from our local area and beyond who took part in the war.

A small planning group of volunteers has been formed to plan our village commemoration and two planning meetings have been held to date.

So far, we have received the following suggestions for suitable projects:

- To commission a community textile project that will be made by residents with the help of a local artist and will be displayed in the hall on completion (we are applying for grant funding to support this).
- To plant a large poppy on the grass bank by the flag pole.
- To organise a village tea and exhibition of military and social history memorabilia that will be collected from residents. The exhibition will tell the human stories of those who lived through WWI to those generations who followed them and we need your help to compile this. The Glanton Heritage Group will coordinate the exhibition, with help from Woodhorn Colliery Museum.

The Glanton WI, Glanton Heritage Group, the Parish Council and Memorial Hall committee are all involved and we welcome additional volunteers to help with the organisation of these projects and further ideas and suggestions.

Finally, the Hall Committee would like to launch a Memorial Garden Appeal in 2014 to revitalise the hall garden and make it a beautiful space for generations to come, with a new seating area, raised beds with sensory plants and wheelchair accessible ramps and paving. The aim would be to complete the work by 2018 in time to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. Further details to follow in the New Year.

To get involved or find out more about the WWI commemorations please contact: Lynne Livsey (01665 578 459) email: lynne.livsey@btinternet.com.

Cheviot Valleys' Flower Club

Wednesday 27th November 2013
7:30pm in Whittingham Memorial Hall
Christmas Demonstration by Mr John Dalton

"The Holly and the Ivy"

Tickets cost £8 and are available from Iris Hunter (01665 578358).
Refreshments included.



Leek Club Bingo

The Leek Club bingo will be held on

Friday 13th December

In the Glanton Memorial Hall

Doors open at 7:00pm

Eyes down at 7:30pm



Jubilee Hall, Rothbury

Sunday 24th November 2013

10am - 4pm

An array of Food and Crafts to suit all preferences –come and buy some unique Christmas gifts for family and friends

New Arrival

Congratulations to Holly and Chris
Stewart

on the birth of their baby girl, Iona
Elizabeth Stewart, born 21st October
2013.

Both mother and baby are doing
well.

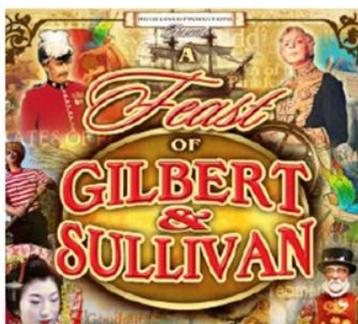


Carol & Richard Verrill would like to
thank all those who supported
the
“World’s Biggest Coffee Morning”

The morning raised £460.00
plus
£40.00 Raffle sales

THANK YOU

NORTHUMBERLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

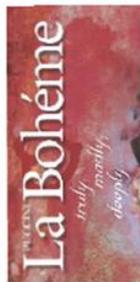


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OPERA ROMANCE
FELLING MALE VOICE CHOIR**

GARY WILMOT AND MIKE ALEXANDER



.....WITH COMPLIMENTS



NOV 8 FRI	6.15 pm WITH COMPLIMENTS @ Doxford Hall Hotel	£59
NOV 9 SAT	6.15 pm FELLING MALE VOICE CHOIR @ Guzyance Hall	£30
NOV 10 SUN	12.00pm SOME ENCHANTED EVENING @ Doxford Hall Hotel	£59
NOV 15 FRI	6.15 pm LA BOHEME @ Doxford Hall Hotel	£59
NOV 16 SAT	6.15 pm THE LEGENDARY LADIES OF JAZZ @ Guzyance Hall	£59
NOV 17 SUN	12.00pm OPERA ROMANCE @ Doxford Hall Hotel	£59
NOV 22 FRI	6.15pm THE NORTHUMBRIAN RANTERS @ Doxford Hall Hotel	£30
NOV 23 SAT	6.15 pm A FEAST OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN @ Eshott Hall Hotel	£59
NOV 24 SUN	12.00 pm A FEAST OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN @ Doxford Hall Hotel	£59

Booking & Paying Instructions

Write number required above. £55 for 2 or more concerts

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Name

Address

Make cheques payable to Doxford Hall Hotel
- See www.nmfestival.com for online details

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Whittingham Book Sale

Firstly, it seems incredibly early to be inviting you to the next 'Book Sale', but it is on Saturday, January 11th, which may be prior to the next edition of the 'Glanton News'.

So, if you want an antidote to the post-festivity-blues; or in need of a 'Good Read'; or would simply like to come to survey the scene, drink coffee or tea and meet folk; then **SATURDAY JANUARY 11th 2014** is the date. Whittingham Memorial Hall, 10.30am – noon, any enquiries to Beryl Parr at 01665 574385.

Secondly, on October 11th, we finally organised ourselves to the Queen's Head in Glanton clutching 'The Ticket' (from the Glanton Show) which invited us to wine and dine 'On The House'. We were warmly greeted by Lisa and deliciously fed by the chef.

That really was a lovely Raffle Prize. Thank you Lisa.

John and Beryl Parr



Glanton WI

The WI will be holding a Members' Night on Tuesday 5th November and their annual Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 3rd December.

Thank You for the Shoes

I'd like to pass on a really big thank you to everyone in and around the village who has very kindly donated shoes for Africa. Also a big thank you to Robert in the village shop for acting as the collection point.

We've had a fantastic response! The shoes are to be taken out to a remote valley in Lesotho in November and I know they will be greatly appreciated.

Lorraine Hindhaugh



Bailiffgate

MUSEUM

OPEN DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

“THE PEOPLE
WHO LIVE
AND WORK
IN THE
COMMERCIAL
HEART OF
ALNWICK
IN 2013”



SHOTS
from the
HEART

The closing date for entries is **Sunday 15th December** and all photographs must be submitted through our website by jpeg image.

A winner from each category will receive a framed mounted print of their photograph. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will also be awarded after a public vote entitled, “My Favourite Photograph” by visitors to the exhibition. Winners will be announced on 28th February.

Entry forms and conditions of entry available from the museum from the website www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk. Advice is available from Bailiffgate Museum by email: ask@bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk

30 photographs will be chosen by our judging panel to represent our “Shots From The Heart” exhibition that will launch the all new Bailiffgate Museum & Gallery in February 2014.

Photographs submitted must be taken during 2013. We are not necessarily looking for traditional postcard style images rather subjects that capture the essence of the town centre and the people who live and work there.

The subject is the area of the town encompassed by Narrowgate/Bondgate Without and Within/Green Batt /Market St/Dispensary St.

Subjects could include:

- Interior and exterior shots of shops and businesses, particular features, daytime or night time
- Portraits or group shots of people who work in them, shop in them, repair them, clean their windows empty their bins, etc
- Town events and social life, skateboarding, queuing, parking, markets
- Townscapes with street life, shopkeeper and shopper interactions, meetings on the street, café life, etc

Please submit images at the highest resolution you have available and accompany each photograph with a caption and short paragraph that could take the form of a comment, interesting fact, or memory from a member of the business, shopkeeper, shopper, pedestrian or yourself.



Bailiffgate
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www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk

News from the Theatre Royal, Newcastle

Panto time at the Theatre Royal Newcastle is almost upon us once again! This year's Giant Pantomime Spectacular, **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**, will take you high above the clouds on a magical journey!

Theatre Royal favourites **Clive Webb** (*Farmer Trot*), **Danny Adams** (*Jack*) and **Chris Hayward** (*Dame Rita Trot*) return in another un-missable show packed with an abundance of laughter, spectacular sets and stunning costumes! Oh - and some **very** magical beans!

Get ready for another supersized magic adventure, with **amazing 3D special effects** that promises pure panto gold! **26th November 2013 – 18th January 2014**. Book your seats NOW!

On January 14th 2014 at 11am there will be a very special performance of **Jack and the Beanstalk** – this will be a **relaxed performance**.

Relaxed Performances' are specifically designed to welcome people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, learning disability or sensory and communication disorders into theatres to give those who otherwise might feel excluded the chance to experience live theatre. They have a less formal, more supportive atmosphere in order to reduce anxiety levels. Lighting and special effects will be slightly altered - for example removing strobes and flashing lights and reducing very loud noises, however the content of the show will not be specifically changed. Tickets £8.50. For more information about the show, please go to: <http://www.theatreroyal.co.uk/whats-on/jack-the-bstalk-relaxed-prf>

Other highlights in our programme include **PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT** starring Jason Donovan 3-15 Feb (not 10/11 Feb) and **DIRTY DANCING - THE CLASSIC STORY ON STAGE**. This is an unprecedented live experience, exploding with heart-pounding music, passionate romance and sensationally sexy dancing, 6-31 May!

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.

Pauline Wallis - District Publicity Assistant

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Select your own seat and book online www.theatreroyal.co.uk

1st Whittingham BP Scout Group

Congratulations to Daniel, Lauren, Scott and Matthew who were awarded with their 1st Class Awards and Scout Cords at the National Scout Badge Bonanza by the HQ Commissioner for Scouts. This is the highest award in scouts, and the requirements include making a shelter out of natural materials and sleeping in it overnight, running a patrol camp, undertaking a 2 day expedition by foot over 25km, completing 3 months service, passing the first aid badge and several other public service and scouting badges, learning lots of knots, lashings, splicings and whippings and attending national or international camps.

They were joined at the Badge Bonanza by 5 other scouts, and another 200 scouts from all over the country, where they all earned badges such as Air Glider, Marksman, Signaller, Ambulance, Leatherman, Archery and Backwoodsman. An excellent camp!

This term, the young Beavers are working on their Service Award – planting bulbs, litter picking, visiting the Fire Station, learning about recycling and safety, and will also be visited by the Police.

The Cubs have been working towards their Map Reader badges, out with maps and compasses in the light and dark, making clay contour maps of our area and learning their map symbols. They've also been off trying to earn their Swimmer badges, and having lots of fun games in the pool.

The Scout focus has been learning new games such as carpet bowls, indoor hockey and badminton, but they have also been on an incident hike rescuing casualties and practising their first aid. They have also been working with the firemen at Alnwick on their Fire-fighter Badges.

Dates for the Diary:

Scout Restaurant – Enjoy a beautifully prepared 3 course meal for just £10! Thursday 5th December in Whittingham Memorial Institute. Please book by 21st November to allow the scouts to plan.

Scout Post – The scout post boxes will be in the shop and St Bartholomew's Church again this year. Christmas Cards will be delivered on foot within the villages of Whittingham and Glanton on Thursday 19th December. Please pop a donation in the box!

If all this sounds like fun, why don't you join us! All boys and girls 5 – 18 years old welcome. Contact Group Scout Master, Ninette Gray (01665 574733) and visit www.1stwhittingham.org.uk