



# Glanton Parish Newsletter

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## **Editorial**

My apologies for the late arrival of this newsletter. Serious illness in the family has taken up much of my time in recent weeks.

Nevertheless, this is still an information-packed autumn edition of the Parish newsletter. I do hope that it is better late than never.

I would like to draw your attention to the important **Article 4 meeting** to discuss possible development restrictions on **1st November** (see the Parish Council update on page 2 for details). In addition, a new **Pilates** taster class will take place in the Hall on **3rd November** and the **AGM for the Village Hall Committee** will be held on **10th November**. Please support these events if you can and note that the final deadline for the Christmas newsletter is 4th December.

Lynne Livsey

## **What's On ? Here are some highlights .....**

31st Oct	British Summer Time ends, clocks go back by 1 hour
1st Nov	Article 4 Public Meeting in Glanton Village Hall
3rd Nov	Free Pilates Taster Session in Glanton Village Hall
10th Nov	Glanton Memorial Hall AGM
24th Nov	Cheviot Valleys Flower Club Meeting, Whittingham
27th Nov	Glanton Parish Council Meeting
1st Dec	Leek Club Christmas Bingo, Glanton Village Hall

### **Deadline for the Christmas and New Year**

*Make a note in your diary. New ideas  
and articles always welcome*



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The Parish Council met on 27<sup>th</sup> September and amongst other things the following matters were discussed:

- A new notice board has been ordered and when delivered it will be fixed to the railings at the front of Town Farm thanks to the kind permission of Pat & Marion Guiry.
- A meeting to discuss a possible Article 4 Direction is to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November (see note below for full details).
- It was agreed to have the black and white street name signs repainted, a further estimate is awaited and then the work can proceed.
- The wooden seats at the top of Whittingham Road have been stained, the result looks good and it was agreed to have the other wooden seats treated similarly.
- Expenditure was authorised for winter bulbs for the planters.
- BT has agreed to the adoption of the phone box and this will take effect once they remove the phone equipment. In the meantime the RTB Group of volunteers now have an agreement with the PC over maintenance etc and propose to carry out a careful survey and propose a schedule of work.

### **Article 4 Direction**

An Article 4 Direction is an order which usually applies to the whole of a Conservation Area which removes specified development rights that would otherwise be permitted. If you are still awake after that sentence what that translates to is that things like replacement doors and windows or satellite dishes which would normally be allowed may not be permitted without specific planning permission.

At the last annual village meeting (which unfortunately I was unable to attend) the subject was raised and it was decided to ask a planner from the County planning department to come along and address a meeting open to the whole village to explain exactly what would be involved. Mr Peter Rutherford has kindly agreed to do so on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm.**

I do urge you all to attend. I must stress that this meeting will not make a decision about an *Article 4* but if enough people are there it will be a good measure of village opinion. The format proposed is that Mr Rutherford will explain what the process would be, then one of the people who favour having this regulation will make the case for it, and someone from the Parish Council will give an opposing view. After that the meeting can open out to a general Q&A session. At the end we may take a vote to see the views of those present but it will not be a binding decision.



On the village website there is a link to the Parish Plan document which contains a map of the Conservation Area. If you are not sure then do check it to see whether your house is inside it. If it is, then an Article 4 would have consequences for you and possibly for the value of your property. I do urge as many people who can do so to come to this meeting and express your views.

### **Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a new councillor. The PC meets every two months usually on a Monday evening for a couple of hours, and the duties will normally involve taking some active part in the work of the parish between meetings.

If you would like to consider becoming a councillor and you want to discuss what would be involved then by all means phone Jon Radgick on 578222 or speak to any other member of the PC – full contacts for all the Councillors are on the village website.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Parish Council will consider any applications at their next meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

*Jon Radgick*  
Chair  
Glanton Parish Council



Glanton Parish Council is working with Whittingham & Hedgeley Parish Councils and the Bell View Project in Belford to find out what services are needed to support older people to live independently and have a good quality of life in our local area. We also want to make sure that people who provide care for family and friends have access to timely information, help and support. As needs can often be similar we would also want to include disabled people in the project.

All three parishes have ageing populations, but in the current economic climate, local government is facing major spending cuts and this will affect local services. We are concerned that people who are growing older and carers in rural areas may be forgotten or find it hard to access information and services when they need them. However, we can't make a case for service improvements without your help.

We held a series of meetings in the three village halls; the results from those meetings were reported to the County Council Area Committee and also the Care in the Community Project Team.

One of the main areas of concern that was expressed is the lack of information. When you are in the situation, often for the first time, where you have to look to others for help in doing the things you have always been able to do, it is difficult to know where to turn. It is often getting in to the system that is difficult; once you are "in" we have been told the service is often excellent.

There are a number of groups and organisations supplying super support for the members of our communities. We do not wish to replicate their efforts but want to help direct you to the relevant organisation that may be able to assist you.



We are doing this in two ways. Firstly, we have produced a booklet listing those people we have identified who may be able to help. Secondly, we will be working on ways to have information made available as locally as possible so when you need help, you will have someone to ask. That may take a little more time as it most certainly requires some funding.

We hope our booklet will be sent out with this newsletter. We will also be including an information sheet on pharmacies in the area as it may be you are able to get your medication delivered to the village.

I was asked by Bell View to attend a meeting of the County Council Area Committee who funded our initial work in this area. We gave feedback on the information you kindly gave us at our meetings in the village halls. As a result they are interested in helping us further and they have set aside £10,000 that we can use towards a new post for an "Information Officer" who will work with Individuals and groups in our villages, and others in a similar position. That help will include supplying information and providing local feedback to decision-makers and those planning and delivering services in rural Northumberland.

We hope that a series of events will be arranged in the village where people can get together, enjoy a chat and a tea or coffee, and generally check up on what is available to help us continue to live independently, and also give feedback if things are not working correctly.

Bell View will look for other funding to try and make the Information Officer post viable so look out for further developments.

**Thanks so much for helping us get to this position – we hope we can repay everyone by making the project work.**

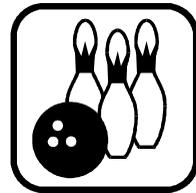
*Norman (Dunn)*

## St. Andrew's United Reformed Church Bowls Club

The Bowls Club is meeting again for the winter season. The club usually plays on a Thursday in the Church Hall at 7pm. Members also visit local clubs to play friendly matches.

New members are always welcome and no experience is required.

Contact: Jean Foggon  
01665 578 241



### Advance Notice

#### A Date For Your Diary

Queen's Head Leek Club

**CHRISTMAS BINGO**

**2 Turkey Specials to be won**

**Glanton Village Hall**

**Wednesday 1st December**

**Starts 7pm,**

**Eyes Down 7.30pm**



### Cheviot Valleys

#### **Flower Club Meeting 24th November 2010**

Whittingham Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Mrs Mildred Stafford will be the guest speaker and the title of her demonstration is  
*'A tingle of excitement'*

Visitors welcome

Tickets are £8

Contact: Pat Hall 01665 574 017





**The Queen's Head Leek Club  
50th Annual Leek Show 2010**

**The following prizes were awarded**

**The John Fenwick Challenge Cup**      **G. Dodds**

*For winning stand*

**The Wanless Challenge Cup**      **C. Hall**

*For best stand by lady*

**John Frater Rose Bowl**      **G.Dodds**

*For best leek in show*

**The Challenge Cup**      **C Taylor**

*For best leek commencing stand 11*

**The Ravensworth Challenge Cup**      **D Thompson**

*For single intermediate leek stand*

**J.R.Blythe Challenge Cup**      **G.Young**

*For most points in the side show*

**The Onion Tankard**      **G. Young**

*Stand of 2 onions*

**K Woodburn Cup**      **B.Tansey**

*Single leek stand*

**Thanks to all exhibitors and those who attended the  
show and supported the auction**

**St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Glanton**

Contact: Rev. Edward Butlin: Telephone: 01670 783 452

**St Bartholomew's Church of England, Whittingham**

Contact: [ian.leppingwell@progresspersonnel.com](mailto:ian.leppingwell@progresspersonnel.com) (PCC Secretary)

**St Mary's Roman Catholic Church**

Contact: Fr. David Tanner: Telephone: 01665 574 240

**Northumberland County Council  
Mobile Library Service  
Visits Glanton every 3rd Monday**



**Glanton Pyke 1.50pm—2pm  
The Queen's Head Pub 2.05-2.25pm  
Playwell Count 2.30pm—2.45pm**

For Details Contact: 01661 823 594  
Website - [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)

***Thank You from Norah Morden***

I would like to thank everyone who came to my 90th Birthday Party on 14th August. The following donations were made: £500 for the Northumberland Air Ambulance and £230 for Cancer Research.

I hope you all had as wonderful a time as I did. Special thanks to Wendy and Mick Gains for all their encouragement in making it such a success and also to everyone who helped to decorate the Memorial Hall.

*Norah Morden*



## **New Pilates Class**

**Free Taster Class  
Glanton Village Hall  
Wednesday 3rd November**

*Would you like to attend a pilates class in our village hall ? If so, come along and register your interest for a regular class. All equipment provided - just wear comfortable clothing.*

### **What is Pilates ?**

Pilates is a system of body conditioning movements performed with precision, control and coordination. Pilates aids in building body strength through a strong core foundation.

It is excellent for posture alignment and well-being and is suitable for all levels of fitness.

Why not come along on 20th October and give it a try?

If you cannot attend the taster session but would be interested in attending a regular class please contact:

**Tracey Mortimer: 01665 578 565**



The Glanton Time Capsule was dug up on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September exactly ten years to the day after it was buried, and the 21 letters have all been distributed to the people who put them in, even the ones living in Australia! What is more 25 new letters have been submitted and will be buried for a further ten years.

The Village photo was also taken and a total of 99 people were snapped by Tony Meikle. Richard Verrill is trying to put together the key so that everyone's name can be recorded for posterity. Contact Richard if you were there and want to be sure you are properly recorded and correctly identified.

The pig roast followed and 85 people stayed on for the meal including 15 youngsters, and a very good time was had by all. The walls of the Hall were covered with old photos, some very historic and some much more recent, and many memories were awoken and stories told. The bar sold masses of beer and wine which probably helped the story telling process.

All in all a great event and most people's comment was "don't let's wait ten years for the next party" - the Memorial Hall AGM is a great opportunity to get involved with ideas and to offer help to organise further village events and get-togethers (see page 11 for details)

*Jon Radjick*



Our thanks to everyone who donated prizes to the recent Coffee Morning and also to all of you who took the time to come along and support your hall. Although attendance was not as healthy as we would have liked we raised the sum of £214.02 to support the Hall.

As we have a very healthy balance in the bank the committee has agreed to spend some of the surplus on upgrading the heating and lighting in the main hall. We are currently seeking urgent quotes so that this work can be carried out before the winter arrives. Once this work is completed it is hoped that we can improve the decoration of the hall and sand and polish the floor. We have also completed the clearance of the upstairs meeting room and this is once again available for meetings or smaller events.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Hall Birthday Party as we were unable to find a suitable band to ensure that the event would be a great success at a cost we could afford. However it is hoped that a number of events will be arranged in the hall in the New Year.

Due to budget cuts to the Northumberland Theatre Group we have had great difficulty in obtaining bookings with the Company this year. We have managed to book them for their annual Christmas Panto. This year they are presenting Beauty and Beast and we have booked this production for **Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January**. The NTG productions are always a great evenings entertainment so please put this event in your diary.

Finally, another year has flown by and it is time for the AGM. This year the meeting is on **Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm**. We hope that you will come along, support this meeting and give us your ideas and if any of you would like to join the committee please let one of the officers know. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

**To get in touch please contact:  
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or Mike Paice 01665 578 229**

**Health Corner – October topical tip**

*Advice for avoiding Autumn Couch Potato Syndrome  
(with apologies to the Righteous Bros)*



*You never start the week like before, now that summer's past  
Autumn's here and you don't want to leap out of bed too fast  
You're trying hard not to show it, ladies  
But ladies, ladies, you know it...*

*You've got that pumpkin feeling  
Whoa, that pumpkin feeling,  
You've got that pumpkin feeling,  
But hold on, on, on...wooooh!!*

*Just come along to the Hall in loose clothes and your flat-heeled shoes  
And you'll find there's a cure waiting there for the pumpkin blues  
A little music and movement, ladies,  
And, ladies, just feel the improvement:*

*You've lost that pumpkin feeling  
Whoa, that pumpkin feeling,  
You've lost that pumpkin feeling,  
And it's fun, fun, fun... wooooh!!*

**Glanton Exercise Class**  
**10.00 to 11.30 Monday mornings in the Memorial Hall**  
**£2.50 per session including coffee and biscuits**



## Be Safe, Be Seen

When driving at this time of year I always feel slightly alarmed by the number of people who walk and cycle along unlit country roads wearing dark clothing. This is particularly hazardous in conditions of poor visibility. As the winter nights draw in, *please* make sure that you wear or carry something reflective. An ever-expanding range of hi-visibility accessories are available for people and pets. Following my fall last year, I can confirm that carrying a torch is also a useful visibility aid on our less- than-perfect roads and pavements!

On the topic of road safety, I have been asked to mention another concern about children running across the road to meet their friends or the school bus in the mornings. It appears that some are not looking out for traffic before they cross the road. Please help to reduce the risk of accidents by ensuring that children are fully aware of road safety if they are unaccompanied and by taking extra care to slow down and remain vigilant when driving through the village.

End of the safety sermon !

Editor

## Congratulations

To Thomas and Gayle Johnson  
On the safe arrival of their  
new baby daughter *Willow  
Grace*, born 18th September  
weighing 7lb 11oz.



Welcome to Glanton Willow !

## A Reminder

That the clocks go back  
by one hour on  
31st October  
as British Summer Time  
ends.

*At least we get an extra hour in bed*





## Activity Update

Ann Larvin, a medical herbalist from Alnwick was the speaker at our September meeting. Many of our drugs are derived from plants and there is renewed interest in traditional medicines and herbal remedies. Anne brought samples of her Rose-Hip Syrup which we tasted. Rose-Hip Syrup was given to children and invalids during the Second World War and is a very rich source of Vitamin C.

Tony Mickle will be the speaker at the October meeting, taking us on his travels with a camera, In November Helen Gee will be describing her work as a Probation Officer.

*Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings*

*To find out more about Glanton WI please contact :*

*Yvonne Bradshaw: 01665 578 806 or Marion Guiry: 01665 578 206*

## WI Recipe of the Month — Simple Beetroot Chutney

### Ingredients -

2lbs boiled beetroot.

1lb cooking apples

6oz sugar

1 large onion

3/4 pint of vinegar, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp ginger

### Method

Grate the beetroot, apples and onion.

Add the sugar, salt and ginger

Boil with the vinegar for 20 mins.

Allow to cool and then transfer into sterilised jam jars.



*Marion Guiry*



Migration is in full flow and can be seen in the parish. All but the last few swallows and house martins have left for sunnier climes. Pink-footed and greylag geese have passed over the parish in recent weeks as they moved south in their 'V' formations. At night, birds such as redshanks, dunlin and redwing have been heard passing overhead. During the day, peacock and red admiral butterflies can also be seen moving on stiff wings with northerly winds on their backs. These butterflies will also visit the last of the autumn flowers but more often fallen fruit, especially apples where the flesh has been exposed. On the coast there have been large influxes of small birds. One of these is the brambling. This finch is larger than a chaffinch and easily distinguished from its cousin due to its large white rump. One of its favourite foods is fallen beech mast and they have been seen, in the past, with chaffinches in and around Glanton Pyke.

Areas of long grass are the home of the short-tailed field vole. This small rodent is relatively easily to see as they create trails through the tussocky ground cover. Open up the vegetation and piles of clipped grass stems can be found in their 'runs'. These rodents are important in the food chain for a range of species especially barn owls and kestrels as well as foxes, stoats and weasels. They can also provide a tasty morsel for a grey heron or tawny owl.

In the garden, annual and perennial plants are on the wane. The flowering heads of herbaceous flowers often provide vantage points for hunting spiders and roost sites for ladybirds. Dew and frost on pristine webs are often one of the sights of the autumn as you open the curtains in the morning. They also provide feeding areas for wrens, dunnocks and blue tits

*Keep watching!*



Jack Daw

## Looking Through A Lens

### Dave Dixon

Over the last few weeks I've noticed that it's getting darker sooner each evening. In these columns I have previously talked about the importance of light for good landscape photography. However, when there are less hours of daylight available for photography, do the hours of darkness have anything to offer? The answer, as it were, is in the stars.

While it's easy to think of those stars as so many points of light, to the camera they can be something much more dramatic. As the Earth rotates slowly on its axis, the stars appear to move slowly through the night sky, "revolving" around the Pole Star to the north.

If you point your camera heavenwards on a clear night and take a photograph with an exposure of 30 seconds or so, you'll see that instead of dots, the stars actually show as tiny lines – their apparent motion through the sky traced onto the film or digital sensor of the camera. Take a much longer exposure, say 20 minutes or more, then the results are more dramatic. The star trails form a series of concentric arcs through the blackness of the sky.

I love this kind of photography, as it captures something which is true to nature yet is not immediately visible to the naked eye upon initial observation. No darkroom or computer-based trickery here – just a bit of patience.

There are a few things which are key for successful star trail photography. First of all, you need a good solid tripod to mount your camera on – these photographs call for exposures of tens of minutes, or sometimes even hours in extreme cases. Secondly, you need a still night with a nice clear sky with minimal light pollution. Whilst here in Glanton we don't have to go far to get away from the glare of street-lights, the moon can make a big difference to the final image, turning an otherwise black sky to an almost daytime-like blue. Finally you'll need to wrap up warmly, as you will have to wait quite some time while the image slowly exposes in your camera. The nights are not only getting longer, they're getting cooler – and standing around outside on an autumn night can get cold quite quickly.

When taking very long exposure shots, I prefer to set my camera to manual mode, and use the “Bulb” setting for exposure, which means I can lock the shutter open with a cable release and leave it to do its magic for however long I wish.

### Top Tip

Whilst a simple shot of star trails through the sky can look impressive, a bit of foreground interest can really help to bring an image to life. Even if you can hardly see that foreground in the dark, after half an hour or so of exposure, it should be amply clear on the final image. This shot was taken over a 25 minute exposure with about a quarter moon to gradually light up the scene.



Star Trails  
© Dave Dixon LRPS



## **St Andrews United Reformed Church, Glanton**



'Rocky's Plaice', wasn't a gym where a world famous cinematic figure might have trained, nor was it a place that the 'thing' from the 'Fantastic Four' might hang out, nor was it a café in the middle of a boulder field, no, it wasn't any of these. It was a fish and chip shop owned by a man called Rocky and it was also the setting for this year's holiday club. In fact, I suspect that the Early Years Unit at Felton First School still smells of the fish and chips that we enjoyed at the end of a fun packed week of activity.

This year saw a change as Felton played host to children and helpers not only from the village but from all over the local area and as far a field as Glanton and Edlingham, drawing together over 60 children who all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A big thank you to everyone who came and helped and those who transported children to and fro. We look forward to next years action-packed club, and regardless of the setting, I think we might need to share a fish and chip supper on the Friday again.

From my prospective it is great to see the children enjoying themselves and to also see the young people grow in confidence as they help the younger ones with the crafts and games and as they demonstrate their talents in such a safe environment. In our communities we are incredibly blessed to have young people who fly the flag and blow wide open all the stereotypes that we've been fed by the media of the young people who are growing up in this country at the moment. So, as we celebrate the success of this year's holiday club, may we also celebrate the young people who live among us too and offer them every opportunity to grow and fulfill their God-given potential, for they should be a source of encouragement, enthusiasm and energy to us all.



*God Bless  
Edward*

**Services are held on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.  
(unless otherwise advertised)  
All are welcome to come and join us.**



### *A time for celebration*

We all try to do our best, and our scouts have worked hard to achieve some top awards. Lauren Carter and Scott Edwards have been awarded their Leaping Wolf Awards as they move up from cubs to scouts. Their participation in the challenging and action-packed cub programme over the last couple of years, has enabled them to reach the standards required to become scouts.

Five of our scouts: Edward Charleton, Angus Nelson, Veronica Kelsey, Elsa Adams and Peter Taylor, have undertaken many challenges, to complete their First Class Awards. They have learnt first aid, pioneering and knotting skills, slept out in a bivouac, undertaken a patrol camp, learnt axe and tracking skills. Finally, they completed a 2 day expedition in the Cheviots, map-reading over a 25km route carrying full packs and camping and cooking for themselves overnight. A great achievement.

A team of scouts also won the Elder's Shield for their scouting skills against other scout teams in Northumbria to win the trophy for the third year running. This year's team were Daniel Lyst (winning the tie-break challenge with fantastic whipping), Angus Nelson, Edward Charleton, Peter Taylor and Elsa Adams.

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