

Glanton Parish Newsletter

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Hello Everyone and welcome to the September/October issue of the Glanton Parish Newsletter. Months of planning and hard work culminated in the great success that was the 90th Annual Glanton Show, held on Saturday 10th August. A big thank you is due to everyone who had a hand in organising the show and made it such an enjoyable day for all the competitors and visitors. If you missed the show, don't worry – you can read all about it in this issue!

This issue also sees the final instalment of Dave Dixon's popular "Looking through a Lens" column. I'm sure many Glanton residents have picked up a lot of useful photography tips over the past few years and I would like to thank Dave for taking the time to share his passion for photography with newsletter readers. If anyone has any ideas for a new column or regular feature, please get in touch!

Finally, sorry to mention Christmas so early, but please note that the next deadline (20th October) is for the November/December edition of the newsletter and is therefore the issue in which to publicise your festive events.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Nicola Frater



Above: Dave Dixon's beautiful shot of Dunstanburgh Castle published in the newsletter this time last year

Deadlines:

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

- 20th October (Nov/Dec edition)
- 17th December (Jan/Feb edition)

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Parish Council Update - August 2013

The Parish Council is going through a busy period with lots going on in addition to our regular items. In this edition of the newsletter I would like to bring your attention to some of the works that are being taken forward on your behalf.

Village website – we are fortunate to have an excellent and informative village website developed and maintained by Tony Miekle. You will know from recent newsletters that Tony has been looking for volunteers to take over editorial and maintenance duties. Despite several appeals no-one has come forward. Therefore, after discussion it has been agreed that the Parish Council will take over the running of the website and Jon Radgick has kindly volunteered to become the new Editor. We will advise you of the new website address in due course. In the meantime, if you have items for the website please contact Jon on 01665 578 222

World War One Commemorations – 2014 marks the centenary of the outbreak of World War I. The Government is keen to support local communities to use the occasion to remember the lasting significance and huge sacrifices made during this terrible conflict. The Parish Council is working closely with village community groups to develop ideas about how we will mark the occasion. Glanton Memorial Hall Committee and the Heritage Group are also involved in these discussions. We intend to put together a joint grant application to support our village commemoration plans and would welcome ideas and input from local residents. A meeting to discuss this will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 5th September at 7pm. Please come along and get involved.

A697 Highway Improvements – You will soon see some improvements at the Glanton/Shawdon junction of the A697 where visibility is currently very poor. We are going to remove a short stretch of hedgerow and replace it with a wire fence to improve visibility of southbound traffic. The issue of speeding traffic on the A697 is being highlighted at County Council level and the Parish Council will be contributing to this debate on behalf of all Glanton residents.

Parish Plan – Our Parish Plan published in 2008 has reached the end of its lifespan. It is time to review its function and purpose in the light of changes to the local planning framework. Parish Plans have been eclipsed by Neighbourhood Plans which cover a larger area. However, we feel that 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 where possible. It also provides a list of local action points and priorities to guide the work of the Parish Council. Therefore we are starting a review process and will let everybody know how they can get involved in developing the new Parish Plan in the next newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank Andy Hindhaugh and the Village Show Committee for all the planning and hard work they put into this year's successful 90th anniversary event. Also Susan Williams and all those who helped plant up the new raised bed at West Turnpike, its stunning and definitely worth a look.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting – 30th September at 7pm.

Chris Livsey,

*Chairman
Glanton Parish Council*

Glanton Memorial Hall Update

Following the open meeting on 1st July, four new trustees were recruited for the Memorial Hall committee. They are: Mark Harrison, Liz Girdwood, Lynne Livsey and Claire Swanson. Liz replaces Tina Mickle as the Hall Secretary. For all enquiries and hall bookings please contact:

Liz Girdwood

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We would like to thank Tina for all her hard work as Hall Secretary and to welcome the new trustees. We will be announcing our new programme of events for the Autumn/Winter period shortly. In the meantime, please get in touch with your ideas for new classes, courses and events. The hall is an important resource for the whole community and we want you to use it as much as possible.

Joe Easton,

*Chairman
Glanton Memorial Hall Trustees*

Glanton Village Website

The new Glanton Village website is now online at www.glanton.org.uk.

The site is basically the same as the old one, renamed and with a few tweaks. The reason for the change was that Tony Meikle, who single-handedly built and ran the previous site, quite rightly wanted a rest from it, so the Parish Council have moved it to a site hosted by them, and the new editor is Jon Radgick who would love to hear from you with any comments, anything you would like to add and any constructive criticisms.

Jon is contactable on 578222 or at editor@glanton.org.uk.

Queen's Head Leek Club Annual Leek Show



21st & 22nd September 2013
Queen's Head Pub, Glanton

Set up on Saturday 21st with judging in the afternoon.

The show is open to the public on both Saturday and Sunday.

Presentations will be held on Sunday 22nd followed by a grand auction.

Women's Institute

The following meetings will be held in the Glanton Memorial Hall at 7:00pm:

3rd September 2013

"30 years as a Scotland Yard Police Artist"
by Jan Szymczuk.

Competition: A self-portrait in any medium

1st October 2013

"WWI – A Personal View"
by Alan Fendley

Competition: Any military memento



Northumberland's Free Heritage Open Days 2013

From Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th September 2013, over 80 properties will open their doors for free to reveal their hidden historical gems.

Heritage Open Days is in its 9th year and is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event with visitor numbers last year reaching 1.7 million - an all-time high.

Several new events have been added to the calendar to ensure this year there is something for everyone. Attractions include bus trails, photography exhibitions, tours, walks and talks that bring to life local history and culture. The aim is for all residents and visitors to discover some of the county's hidden heritage treasures, for free. This is part of a national dedication to England's architecture and heritage.



Whilst for the majority of events people can just turn up on the day, some may have limited spaces or require pre-booking so make sure to check to avoid disappointment.

For more information please visit www.northumberland.gov.uk or look out for leaflets in your local library or tourist information centre.

Yoga & Pilates

Yoga and Pilates return to Glanton Memorial Hall on Wednesdays beginning 11th September 2013.

Yoga will start at 6:00pm followed by Pilates at 7:00pm.

For more information, call Tracey on 0784 1196938.

Cheviot Valleys Flower Club

Wednesday 25th September 2013

7:30pm in Whittingham Memorial Institute

Mrs Lizzie Harrat
"Ode to Autumn"

Tickets available from Pat Hall on 01665 574 017

Looking Through A Lens

After a long period where I thought it would never come, summer finally decided to make an appearance...and certainly made up for lost time.

Until recently, this had been a bit of a fallow year in terms of landscape photography for me. Although I do know of landscape photographers who can somehow seem to make a cracking photograph out of a scene in less than clement weather, I still find it a challenge to get consistently good pictures when the elements are against me.

So, I found myself breathing something of a sigh of relief when the weather forecasters started talking about sunny days, clear skies and higher temperatures.

Beware however. The sort of strong, intense sunlight that you find on a summer's day can be overpowering. A picture taken in the middle of the day can actually end up being a bit disappointing, as such strong light can actually rob the picture of the feeling and atmosphere that it needs to really work aesthetically. It's better to shoot near the start or end of the day, or when there's some interesting cloud in the sky.

Hopefully this year will end better than it began, and we'll continue to see good weather through into the autumn months, bringing a good crop of photographs. Certainly, I'm looking forward to getting out and taking some photographs, and I hope that you are too...and I hope that some of the tips I've passed on through this column over the past few years will help you in your picture-taking.

Sadly, this is the last one of these columns that I'll be contributing to the magazine. I'm finding that I have too many projects competing for my attention at the moment, and I need to find some ways to free up some time.

Looking back, I was surprised how long I've been writing these pieces for. During that time I've had some positive feedback, and it's gratifying to know that you have been finding these columns useful. I've really enjoyed sharing my thoughts and pictures with you, and I hope you've been inspired to go out and take photographs, and that your picture-taking is improving.

Dave Dixon



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Please make time to come to our
World's Biggest Coffee Morning

And help us raise money for
Macmillan Cancer Support

Date: 27th Sept. 2013

Time: 10.30 am - 12 noon.

Place: The Clerking House,
40-42 Front St.
Glanton.



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Culture & Fun in Alnwick!



Bailiffgate Museum & Gallery is a small independent museum that proudly celebrates the history of Alnwick and the stories of our local heritage. Over three floors are displays and interactive activities, films, music and song, a history discovery area, and evocative images of the past. The upstairs gallery has changing exhibitions which showcase local history, arts and crafts. Open 6 days a week, there is a small admission charge £2.50 for adults, concessions for seniors/students, free entry for children. Visit www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk for more information

Join us... Visit fascinating exhibitions. Enjoy poetry evenings.

Become a Friend of Bailiffgate... Support your local museum.

Exhibitions... in August and September we have the 'It Happens' exhibition.
<http://www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk/whats-on/exhibitions>

Poetry... enjoy our next poetry evening on 12 September at 8.00pm. Listen to local poets and enjoy a glass of wine. Admission £3.
<http://www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk/whats-on/poetrybailiffgate/>

Museums Tots... activities for pre-school children and their parents and grandparents on Mondays 9.30am -11.00am on 9 Sept; 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec. Please book your free place. 01665 605847
<http://www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk/education-research/early-years-activity/>

"If These Stones Could Talk"... one amazing day on Saturday 14 September when Alnwick brings the past into the present with a pop up museum, family town trail, a time travel passport for children, a travelling troupe, a behind the scenes drama tour at Alnwick Playhouse, and much, much more!
<http://www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk/whats-on/heritage-open-days-2013/>

Volunteer... you'll be part a team of friendly, interesting, interested individuals in an award winning museum recognised as one of the 25 best places in the country for early years children. You'll enjoy working in a beautiful, historic

Grade 2 listed building and see exhibitions and attend events.

- welcome our 10,000 visitors and look after a small shop selling books, cards, DVDs and gifts
- promote our rich and diverse range of community projects and events using your marketing and social media skills
- transfer our wonderful collection online using the latest museum software. If you enjoy work that needs attention to detail, help digitise our photographs and collections. Work with a friend looking at some interesting times past!
- and we need a trustee with a legal background.....

<http://www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk/support-us/become-a-volunteer>

You'll join a passionate, friendly, and committed team of volunteers who help Bailiffgate bring the past into the present. Contact Carol or Vivien 01665 605847 or email ask@bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk.



Thursday 12th September 8pm

Enjoy a glass of wine, or two, and read your own favourite poems or listen to local poets, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Musicians welcome.....

Admission **£3** to include first glass of wine

All welcome

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September 9th • October 14th
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Refreshments provided.



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S^t Andrews United Reformed Church, Glanton

This morning as I was talking with one of our neighbours the story of Joseph was brought to mind. How was this, you might ask? Well it was because they had plans to take their granddaughter to see Joseph and his techni-coloured dream coat.

I've always loved the story of Joseph, we performed it when I was at junior school some years ago and can still remember some of the words to the songs. More recently Dreamworks produced a cartoon version of the story called Joseph: King of dreams.

The story really talks about family life, about how Joseph is the favourite and how his brothers are jealous of him, not only because of his coat of many colours, but because somehow Joseph seems to believe that he is better than they are. So the story unfolds, Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers who just want rid of him, and they then go off and convince his father that he was killed by a wild animal.



It's quite a sad story really and would probably work well as an Eastenders story line or something! However there is a happy ending. The brothers meet again after a famine forces the family to travel to a neighbouring country, Egypt, to find food and they meet Joseph who is in charge of giving out the food. The twists and turns carry on for a few more scenes, but the upshot is that Joseph forgives his brothers and the family is once more united.

Forgiveness is hard, yet Joseph managed it, after a struggle. When we're hurt, angered or wronged are we able to forgive? Forgiveness brings freedom and release. When we struggle to forgive God can help, send up a prayer and ask for the strength. Forgiving won't always be easy, but it'll be worth it.

God Bless, Edward

Parish of Whittingham and Edlingham with Bolton Chapel

September Services 2012

01/09/13	9:15am	Holy Communion	Glanton
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Edlingham
08/09/13	11:00am	Holy Communion	Whittingham
	4:00pm	Songs of Praise	Bolton Chapel
15/09/13	9:15am	Holy Communion	Edlingham
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Glanton
22/09/13	9:15am	Holy Communion	Whittingham
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Bolton Chapel
29/09/13	11:00am	Holy Communion Joint Benefice service Later service to be announced	Edlingham

Special Flodden Weekend at Bolton - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September

The Church will open as usual but there will be welcomers in attendance from 10:30am onwards each day, and refreshments. The weekend will finish with a Songs of Praise at 4:00pm on the Sunday. **PLEASE NOTE that there will be no 9:15am service at Bolton on the Sunday Morning.**

Harvest Supper at Bolton - Friday 18th October

Church Contacts

St Andrew's United Reformed Church: Contact Reverend Edward Butlin on 01670 783 452

Church of England: Contact Canon Jim Robertson on 01665 574 704

St Mary's Catholic Church: Contact Father David Tanner on 01665 574 240

Glanton Show 2013

The 90th Glanton Show has been hailed as a great success – ‘best ever’ was heard, though the Committee are far too modest to believe that! However it was a very full day, with an extra bonus for the hill race as our very first overseas entrant (from Ethiopia) stormed around the course in a blisteringly fast time, we are renaming the event the Glanton International Hill Race next year!

After such a great start the only way was up, and the West Percy foxhounds did not disappoint – several claimed they could have covered the race course in even less time, but fortunately they were happier romping around the show ring and enjoying the company of the various children (of all ages) who were pleased to make a fuss of these beautiful dogs.

Meanwhile in the main marquee the judging had finished and what a high standard of entries there were this year – and lots of entries, thanks to all those who grow and make and create such a remarkable show of local talent. Many of us stand in awe at the quality of the produce and the skill of the photographers, bakers, jam makers, knitters and craftspeople – thank you for all being so generous with your talents!

Outside the marquee the Companion dog show was very enjoyable, with pedigrees and mutts all joining in, and Steel Quake added hugely to the atmosphere with their choice of cheerful music. The pony sports and the sheepdog trials each took place in their separate fields, if you didn't manage to pop over to look at either, do make a note to do so next year. The Classic car display was a very high standard this year with wonderful vehicles of various vintages, and a working steam engine completed the show with a couple of tremendous hoots! There was also a select band of stall holders with goods and crafts for sale and displays from the Guide Dogs and the Wildlife Trust among others.

In no time at all the next event in the main ring began, a display of flying birds of prey, which was full of drama and spectacle, and a surprising amount of audience participation – some birds seem to love the less-than-hirsute head! Scarcely had the dust settled from that and we were treated to an amazing display of chainsaw carving, a trunk of wood being transformed into an owl before our very eyes, and thanks to the generosity of Ross Macneil, the owl was sold in aid of Show funds and went off to a new home that very day.

After prizes and cups were awarded there was a special presentation to mark the 90th Show anniversary, with engraved glass vases being presented to three of the Show's most long term exhibitors, Denis Rough, Tommy Swan and Jimmy Givens, well done all! The 100 Club prize was won by Glanton resident Mrs Tait.

Do look at the photos on the village website – and do put next year's date in your diary now, second Saturday in August, which in 2014 is the 9th.

Cheap(er) Heating Oil!!

Many local residents are now benefitting from the OilCAN community oil buying scheme – if you've been hesitating, now would be a good time to jump in and join us, as September is likely to see the lowest price of oil this year (subject to international turmoil of course).

Although there's a small membership cost (£20 for individuals) it is highly likely that your savings on your first order will more than cover this – I saved £50 on my first order, and a Glanton resident was shocked to learn last winter that *in the same week* as one of the OilCAN deliveries, he had paid *the same oil supplier* £70 more for his delivery. Plus there are the environmental benefits of fewer tanker deliveries.

All you have to be is a little more organised, and the scheme makes that as easy as possible for you. For more information ring me on 01665 578222, or OilCAN on 01670 500812, or see <http://www.ca-north.org.uk/oil>.

Sandra Natrass

Clocks go Back

Just a reminder that the clocks go back by one hour on Sunday 27th October 2013 signalling the end of British Summer Time.

The nights are already starting to draw in so please remember to wear bright clothing and take a torch when out walking in the evening or early morning.

Book Sale – in Aid of Whittingham Parish Churches

It is always a bit strange to be writing the invitation to the September Book Sale at the peak of 'The Show' season. This year, with the glorious sunshine it is surreal to be urging you to come and 'stock-up' on your reading material for the dark nights and cold days.

However, it will be held at the Autumn Equinox – September 21st; in the Memorial Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon as usual. There will be plenty of 'new' books on display from which to build your Winter Library. Horrible though the next thought may be, it is usually a fact that the short dull days of Winter go on for a lot longer than the sun-filled days of Summer. So bring a Big Bag.

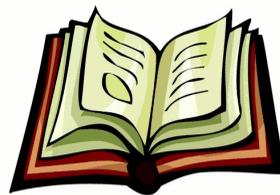
You don't want to buy books? Come anyway. Coffee and tea will cost you 50p and there is always a good selection of biscuits on the table, and someone to talk to.

Still not interested? Then what about an excellent facsimile edition of 'Upper Coquetdale' by David 'Dippie' Dixon? As a raffle prize? This is a rare opportunity.

Do come. If you are a 'regular' you know we offer lots of choice and quality. If you have never been, you could find it rewarding. See you on September 21st.

Book donations can be left in Whittingham Church.

Enquiries to Beryl on 01665 574385.



Glanton Bowls Club



The bowls season is starting again and Glanton Bowls Club night is taking place in the URC Church Hall at 7:00pm on Thursday 5th September. Now's your chance to go along and see what it's all about! You might even discover a hidden talent.

All are welcome.

1st Whittingham BP Scout Group

It is 500 years since the Scots were defeated in a wet and bloody battle at Flodden, with most of the aristocracy and religious leaders wiped out. The cubs and scouts enjoyed tremendous area camps in July to commemorate the battle, and to learn all about it in the process - how the clever English sneaked around for a flanking attack from the east leaving no escape route for the King of Scotland and his army, how the Scottish 18' pikes were useless when they got bogged down in the mud and had to fight hand to hand, and how their heavy cannons also got bogged down, and by the time they started firing them the English were too close and they all sailed harmlessly overhead.

The cubs and scouts had a fully packed weekend learning archaeology, archery and 16th century cooking, and having a go at orienteering and a rope walk and leap of faith in the trees, a water slide (to cool off!). They also enjoyed a campfire with mixed Scottish songs and traditional scouting songs, and hikes around the battlefield, learning all about the battle, and in the case of the scouts, becoming English and Scottish army patrols attacking each other with water guns! Also a great chance to make scouting friends from all over Northumbria.

At the end of July, the scouts took off across the border to Loch Ken, near Dumfries, where they did their canoeist badge including learning lots of new skills and going on a day's paddle down to a viaduct. They also learnt the basics of windsurfing and sailing. A beautiful spot, with amazing weather. The scouts probably spent about as much time in the water cooling off as out of it!

The group are desperate for a new scout leader, and if you like the sound of all our adventures and could spare some time on Thursday evenings, please, please get in touch! New Beavers, Cubs and Scouts also welcome (5-18 years, boys and girls)!

Group Scout Master: Ninette Gray
01665 574733

www.1stwhittingham.org.uk

