

GLAPTHORN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

CHURCH www.glapthornchurch.org.uk

Services are usually at 9.15 am, but in December we have the special **Christingle** service, organised by Glapthorn School, on December 10 at 5pm and the **Carol Service**, with choir, on December 17 at 5pm, with a glass of wine and a mince pie afterwards. There is no service on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day service will be a Holy Communion at 9.15 am.

The **Services** in January and February are 1st Sunday Morning Prayer, 2nd Sunday Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday Informal Holy Communion, 4th Sunday Holy Communion.

Ride and Stride Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Ride and Stride. Just over £100 was raised for the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, half of which is retained by Glapthorn Church.

Poppy Appeal A big thank you to Anne and Belinda Williams who knocked on every door in the village and collected £194.02 - a record amount!

Welcome to Alec McCreadie who has moved from Oundle to live with his daughter and son-in-law at AliEd in Main Street.

Date for your diary: There will be a concert given by the Corby Male Voice Choir concert in the church on Friday 1st June 2018. Their last concert in the church was a great success.

Churchyard Thank you to everyone who mowed the churchyard and helped keep it looking tidy and well cared for this year. If anyone would like to volunteer for next year's rota, please let Pauline Davidson know on 273526. You will be most welcome! The compost bin has been removed; instead, mowings should be put in the brown dustbin by the gate.

New Treasurer required: Ian Davidson has done a splendid job for the last three years, and we thank him most warmly. He intends to stand down next April so, if there is anybody in the village who is used to Excel spreadsheets, the Churchwardens (Brigitte Hilton or Charles Wide) would love to hear from you. Ian, who is helped with a number of duties by others, says that 'the work is simple and continuous rather than heavy and complicated.' You would be an ex officio member of the PCC and need not attend all meetings.

The Christmas card will again be in church on Sundays, and in the Village Hall on Friday evenings. Villagers can sign it, for a donation, which will go to charity.

GLAPTHORN C of E SCHOOL www.glapthornschoo.lk.uk

It's been another busy term at Glapthorn School.

The **Red Kites** (years 5 and 6) have been learning about Ancient Greece, while the **Nightingales** (years 3 and 4) have studied Polar Regions, which included a visit to the Scott Polar Museum, Cambridge. They also visited the Cambridge Botanic Gardens hot houses (for a bit of contrast!) to learn about plants from around the world.

The **Barn Owls** (years 1 and 2) have been learning the history of Toys – which included a visit to the Toy Museum, Ely, while the topic for the **Robins** (Reception) was All About Me! They have also started their Forest Schools afternoons; so far, they have been to Short

Wood but later will also visit Glapthorn Cow Pastures.

The whole school is currently practicing hard for the Christmas Show, *SuperStar*.

The **Nightingales** have undertaken a whole class learning strings project (violins and cellos) under the instruction of a Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust teacher and they performed to parents this week.

Several students have attended an Oundle Cluster of Schools Orchestra practice at Nassington School, with a performance scheduled for the summer term.

Our **MUGA** (multi-use games area) is three quarters finished, with just the green grass-like surface to be laid and the surrounding area tidied up for completion - we hope by Christmas.

GLAPTHORN ALLOTMENT GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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All our plots are taken. Liz and Alan Barnish have given up their plot, which will now be used by Sid and Helen Charlton. Liz and Alan have left their plot in a wonderful state and are also leaving their shed and the contents for Sid and Helen. Thank you for this. We are pleased to welcome Sid and Helen and their family to the allotment association and hope they will have many productive years working the plot. Helen used to live in the village at Hope Cottage and the family have strong links with Glapthorn. Welcome to you all.

Our accounts are about to be audited and once they have been completed we will arrange our Annual General Meeting (which may well be in January).

Graham Ball has already turned the water off – thank you Graham for this. The boundary hedge between the allotments and Highfield Lodge has been cut. Steve Brookes has asked Graham to put up a new close-boarded fence alongside the hedge, which he will do next week.

For more information about the allotments please contact:

Heather Ball, Secretary.

Email: ball771@btinternet.com. Telephone: 01832 273601 or 07962 085 720

GLAPTHORN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE www.glapthorn.org.uk

Our WI is thriving with 33 members. We have our new programme for next year, with some interesting speakers booked and some visits planned.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Meal on Wednesday 6th December at Ashton.

We will be having a New Year Party on Wednesday 10th January in Glapthorn Village Hall, when we will have a light supper interspersed with fun and games.

For more information about Glapthorn WI please contact Heather Ball (see above).

GLAPTHORN VILLAGE HALL www.glapthorn.org.uk

We have now installed **WiFi** in the Village Hall for all Village Hall users; the log-on code is available on the right hand side of the hall door as you enter the hall.

A big thank you to Roger for getting the electrics installed and for providing an electrical

point for the new overhead projector that the Parish Council will be using. With the new WiFi and overhead projector, we are hoping to run some movie nights in the coming months. Please look out for advertising for this new social event.

On the evening of February 23rd, we will be holding the **Macmillan Quiz** in the Village Hall. We are looking to sell 8 tables of 8 people. Supper will be provided and there will be a bar. If anyone would like a table please let Jeff Knowles know. Tickets will be available before Christmas from Jeff Knowles 01832 274963 (Office number) or 272215. Also jeffknowles@enigmasecurity.co.uk

A belated 'thank you' from the Village Hall Committee to the Royal Oak for tidying up the meeting room. It has had a new lick of paint, new window netting and cupboards installed. It looks very smart. Apologies that this message was not in the last newsletter as we just missed the deadline.

Happy Christmas and New Year to all villagers from the Village Hall Committee.

GLAPTHORN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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The recent formal consultation stage (Regulation 14) produced 37 responses: 9 from Glapthorn residents, who had submitted sites at earlier stages of the process, 15 from other residents, 11 from public agencies, 1 from an adjacent parish and 1 from a landowner/developer. The responses from public agencies were constructive contributions, which the GNP group has happily incorporated.

Glapthorn residents' comments were broadly balanced between those fully supporting the Plan and those who either raised objections or made concerned comments about particular sites or the total amount of new housing in the Plan. Three landowners objected to the exclusion of their site from the Plan.

Previous (informal) consultations had elicited contributions from a far higher number of Glapthorn residents of between 120 and 160 persons, which had given the Neighbourhood Planning Group a very clear steer on community preferences. The Reg 14 Consultations produced neither new arguments nor over-whelming expressions of preferences, which could justify changes to the core policies in the Plan. However, the NP Group does understand, and has sympathy with, the concerns about over-development which might change the character of our village. The policies in the Plan, 12 in total, when taken together are aimed very directly at preserving the much-appreciated attributes of Glapthorn. Furthermore, in light of the concerns expressed, the Plan will now also make very direct reference to the need to monitor the situation closely and that a mid-term review of the Plan will be triggered should the community feel that new housing is being developed at a pace which the village cannot absorb.

The Plan now moves on to the Parish Council for consideration and adoption. This will take place at the Parish Council meeting on December 13th. As always, the Parish Council meeting is open to the public with an opportunity for comments and questions. If adopted, the Plan will then be submitted to East Northamptonshire Council for independent inspection and ultimately a referendum.

GLAPTHORN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Jeff Knowles writes: 'If anyone would like to receive reported Police crime updates from the Oundle area, please let me have your email address and I will then send you the notifications when I receive them from the Police. As Neighbourhood Watch representative I have received a

long list of useful contacts, telephone numbers etc. If anyone wishes to receive this list, please let me have your email address.' Email jeffknowles@enigmasecurity.co.uk

GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL www.glapthorn.org.uk

New Parish Councillors

In July, the Council thanked retiring Councillors, Bob Stone and Nerissa Buchanan (formerly Nerissa Belcher), for their service to the community. Nerissa had served for over five years and Bob had been a councillor for nearly twelve years.

Mike Newton and Ian Hood were duly co-opted to serve as Parish Councillors.

Support for the Village Hall

The Parish Council does not manage the village hall but it has wide powers to help any other person or body in doing so, including the provision of funds.

Recently, the Parish Council has agreed to support the Glapthorn Village Hall Committee in a number of ways:

- To accept an offer from Gigaclear for the installation of broadband in the Village Hall, including 12 months rental – all for free. (The Parish Council will take responsibility for year two and beyond, provided the community consider the service is worthy of continuation).
- The Council also agreed to support the new kitchen project with the purchase of catering equipment, as well as provide an annual grant to the Village Hall towards their running costs.
- The Council will shortly be purchasing a projector and screen for use at public meetings and other events. The equipment will also be available for use at the village hall by other organisations.

Procurement of Recreational Land

Negotiations to acquire land behind Glapthorn School for both village and school recreational use are making progress. The first draft plan lays out all the likely requirements, plus some that will be 'nice to have'. Included are: playground, car park, sport pitches, access to the community field (through school land), open space for community events and future development, changing rooms etc.

As soon as the Parish Council Committee consider that funding is achievable, the council will seek a mandate from the village, before proceeding further. The consultation will be through the website plus either a letter to all households or a public meeting, or both. This is likely to be early in the new year. The Parish Council will be responsible for the management of the recreational ground.

Proposed closure of Oundle Library and removal of Connect Bus Service

It appears that the vast majority of NCC's spend is being absorbed by Social Care, and as NCC is required to deliver a balanced budget the county council has proposed changes to its other services, particularly libraries and rural transport, with the hope that both parish and district councils will be able to provide support.

All residents are encouraged to respond to the public consultations with NCC. See the Parish website for a link.

Street Lights

Although all 13 lamps have now been replaced, the work is incomplete. Still to come are some replacement brackets. The new LED lights will show a significant saving in energy and maintenance bills.

Planning Applications

Please see Parish Council minutes of meetings, at www.glaphorn.org.uk, for details.

Traffic Calming

The Parish Council is seeking a design for traffic calming measures for the village that will be acceptable to the Highways design authority, regardless of cost. The Council is encouraged by a Highways report, received as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation, which highlighted a number of traffic danger points with suggested solutions. It is envisaged that future property developers will be asked to fund traffic calming measures in the vicinity of their building site. It is also hoped this will include sites further afield, which will impact on Glaphorn roads, such as Tresham Village.

The following are under consideration; not in any order of priority or importance:

- Extend the 30 mph markers at each entrance to the village.
- Install 'advance' speed restriction signs especially on fast approaches to the village.
- Change the 'dummy' gates to the village to white fencing.
- Create a 20-mph zone by the school, during school drop-off and pick-up periods.
- Add rumble strips and other speed reduction measures as appropriate.
- Install electronic speed signs at key locations.
- Install a crossing point by the allotments (for use by the school).
- Create a single file traffic zone by the Village Hall with organised parking bays.
- Create a 20-mph zone for all of Main Street, end to end.

Budget 2018-19:

The draft budget for 2018-19 was placed before the full council in November. Final ratification and recommendations for the 2018-19 Precept will be determined at the Parish Council meeting in January.

Review Glaphorn Emergency Plan:

The Glaphorn Emergency Plan has recently been reviewed; more volunteers are required, such as first aiders and drivers of tractors with snow ploughs. If you can assist please contact the Parish Clerk. A copy of the plan may be found on the village website.

Trees on Upper Main Street by Brookside

Plans are in place to carry out some maintenance of the trees along Brookside, as soon as the Parish Council has established who owns the trees.

Diversion of Footpaths south of Glaphorn Manor

At long last the formal request to divert the footpath, from across the riding school paddock to along the side of the brook, is receiving attention. The next stage is the current consultation with statutory bodies, such as the Ramblers Association, after which there will be a further public notice period, prior to final approval.

Contact

You may contact the Parish Council through one of the Parish Councillors, details on the village notice board or website, or through the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Contact Alan Tresadern on 01832 275281 or email parish.clerk@glaphorn.org.uk

This Newsletter is produced by the Church Council for the benefit of the Glaphorn community. Please send news for the March Newsletter to Ursula Wide by March 1st. Thank you.