

## CHURCH

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There is a church service every Sunday at 9.15 a.m.

- First Sunday in month - Morning Prayer with hymns.
- Second Sunday - Holy Communion.
- Third Sunday - Informal Holy Communion.
- Fourth Sunday - Holy Communion.

A Family Service, depending on the occasion, sometimes replaces one of these services.

The Fifth Sunday is normally **Pilgrims' Group**, but it will be replaced on 31st March by a special **Mothering Sunday Service**.

## Shortwood Teas in the Village Hall



As usual, there will be teas in the Village Hall on Sunday and Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May, from 2.00 – 5.00 pm.

On Sunday money raised is for W.I. funds, and on Monday for the Church.

## Used Postage Stamps please!

Tricia Newton is collecting used stamps in aid of **Macmillan Nurses**. Please could you cut them off envelopes with a 1cm border, and put them through the letterbox at The Dairy, Lower Farm, Main Street.

## Open Gardens in Glaphorn in aid of Cransley Hospice, Kettering



Under the auspices of the Church and the Best Village Group, there will be an Open Gardens event in Glaphorn on Sunday 16th June, 2019, in aid of Cransley Hospice, Kettering. Gardens will be open from 11 till 5, with refreshments served in the Village Hall.

Cransley Hospice is a much-valued local facility, giving care to terminally ill adults, both in the hospice in Kettering and in their homes. It depends to a considerable extent on donations, and we should love as many gardens as possible to open that day to visitors. Don't be shy – they don't have to be perfect, just a nice place to visit on a summer day.

If you feel you can help out in any way please contact

**Ursula Wide** on 272594 or ([ursula.wide@btinternet.com](mailto:ursula.wide@btinternet.com)), or

**Tricia Newton** on 275243 ([tricia.newton@ymail.com](mailto:tricia.newton@ymail.com)), if you want to help with refreshments.

## A warm welcome to Glaphorn newcomers:

Ian and Clare Wilkinson, who have moved into The Fold Yard.

Ron and Margaret Graham and their dog Monty in the Ny-Rhue annex.

## Second Friday in the Month Coffee Mornings, 10.00—11.30 am

Drop in to the Village Hall to meet friends for a chat over home-made cakes and biscuits. All ages welcome. There is a play area for young children.

Forthcoming dates are:

8th March, 12th April, and 10th May

## GLAPTHORN C of E SCHOOL

[www.glaphornschoo.lk.uk](http://www.glaphornschoo.lk.uk)

The last few weeks leading up to Christmas were, as always in school, busy and happy. We enjoyed a wonderful Christingle service in early December and a vibrant Carol service on the last day of term, both in St. Leonard's Church, Glapthorn. These services, along with the family services that take place periodically throughout the year, give the children great opportunities to showcase their reading, singing and instrument playing skills, as well as getting the whole school community together: children, staff, parents and wider family. Also in the last week of term the children put on two terrific productions of "Tinsel and Tea Towels" which were hugely enjoyed by large audiences on both nights.



From 1st January 2019 Lou Coulthard, who has been Head at Glapthorn School for the past 18 months, is now Executive Head of both Glapthorn and Polebrook CE Schools. This will provide great opportunities for the two schools to work collaboratively, which has many educational, social and economic benefits.

We are only just over half way through the Easter Term but school life has already encompassed many sporting events, a Brass concert, a national Years 5/6 Maths Challenge (in which two of our children did particularly well and have qualified for the upper level), opportunities for pre-schoolers and school age children alike to learn to ride a bike, Candlemas service at St. Peter's Oundle, an internet safety session, the opportunity to be a Roman for the day at Peterborough Museum, and much more!

## GLAPTHORN ALLOTMENT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

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Our Annual General Meeting has been held and was well attended. The committee for GAGA is Jeff Knowles (Chair), Jane Ivens (Treasurer), Heather Ball (Secretary), Chris and Len Nowlan, Sandra Philpot, Stephen Dalzell, Michael Knight and Louise Coulthard (School).



Jeff reported that we have secured the lease with the Church Land Trust for a further five years at an annual cost of £750.00 per annum.

All our plots are taken and many of them have already been prepared for the new season.

Thank you to everyone who has cut the grass, worked on the hedges, turned off the water supply, dealt with the accounts and generally helped to maintain our allotments in such a good order.

We still have some road salt available for sale at £2.00 per bag – if you would like to purchase some please contact Heather Ball on 273601, 07962 085 720 or by email [ball771@btinternet.com](mailto:ball771@btinternet.com). The sale of the salt is providing a gentle, steady source of income for GAGA.

### Macmillan National Quiz

Jeff Knowles writes: The annual Macmillan Cancer Support quiz took place in the village hall on Friday 22nd February. As always, a great time was had by all and an amazing **£993** was raised for the charity.

My thanks go to everyone who took part in the quiz, cooked for the event, manned the bar, donated prizes or did the washing up! Special thanks, once again, to our quiz master and scorer, David and Anne Cashmore for their continued support.

See you all again next year!

### The Middle Nene Archaeological

**Group** warmly invites you to a talk by Prof. Stephen Upex on the 'Archaeology of the Oundle Area and lower Nene Valley'. The venue is the Queen Victoria Hall, Oundle, on Friday, 15th March at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 which includes a glass of wine or soft drink.

This promises to be a real treat with new information about the Roman town of Durobrivae which was situated off the A1 at Waternewton.

Tickets from Gill Johnston 01832 273798 or see our website [www.midnag.org.uk](http://www.midnag.org.uk).

## GLAPTHORN VILLAGE HALL [www.glapthorn.org.uk](http://www.glapthorn.org.uk)



Nick Knowles, Chairman, writes: the **Annual General meeting for the Village Hall will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th April.**

This meeting is open to everyone in Glapthorn Parish and it is an opportunity to review the past year and to discuss priorities for the year ahead.

The hall is now almost 20 years old and naturally, a number of maintenance and renewal projects need to be undertaken. Our two major expenses for the current year will be internal and external painting and the replacement of the heaters. The ceiling of the main hall requires repair and redecoration and the exterior soffit boards need repainting. These are straightforward jobs but expensive for a building such as the Village Hall. We also need to replace the heaters in the main hall and in the Meeting Room before they finally expire! We are confident that we can finance these essential maintenance issues in the current year from a combination of regular income and the fund-raising events that we have planned.

Come along to the AGM, question the Trustees (or even better, become a Trustee!) and help us decide on priorities. The financial report for 2018 is available on the website and can be discussed at the AGM.

You may have noticed that some of the banqueting chairs are looking rather "tired"! The Trustees will be having a Spring-cleaning morning on Saturday 23rd March when we plan to steam clean all 100 chairs. Volunteers to help us will be most welcome!

Each household in the village will have recently received a leaflet outlining the events to be held in the Village Hall in 2019. Further copies are available in the Hall, in the Church and on the website.

The Village Hall cannot operate on rental income alone. Our fund-raising events are essential to our income stream, so please support us whenever you can.

Please consider attending the free **Heartstart C.P.R. and Defibrillation Training Session** on the evening of Wednesday 24th April. We have a defibrillator in the former phone box outside the Village Hall – are you confident you could operate it in an emergency?



## GLAPTHORN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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Our January meeting was the New Year Party. Members enjoyed a Bring and Share supper after much chatting and catching up on news from Christmas. This was followed by a game of DingBats which was demanding, frustrating, exhilarating – and great fun!

Our February meeting included Dr Nick Askew talking about British Birdsong. This was an excellently presented talk including Garden, Farmland and Town Birds. Interesting to find out that Little Owls are not native to this country but were introduced at Lilford Hall over 100 years ago. Another lovely story was of the starling, which mimicked the Nokia ringtone! A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

In March Rosemary Britton will talk on Hearing Support dogs and we welcome guests to our meeting.

The April Meeting will include Yvonne Banks and her subject will be Bees. Also in April a team from Glapthorn WI will be taking part in the Northamptonshire WI Quiz, and other people are attending a new members' course.

Although much later in the year, we have, as our guest, the Coroner from the inquest on Emily Davidson, a Suffragette, who was killed at the 1913 Ascot Races. We, the jury, will have to weigh the evidence and give our verdict. This will be our September meeting.

Over the last few months we have welcomed three new members. If you would like to attend any of our meetings please ring Sian on 01780 433510 or join us on the evening at the Village Hall, usually the first Wednesday in the month. There is a small charge for guests of £4 and a copy of the Programme of future events is available in the notice board outside the Hall.

Come and see for yourself - the WI – still jamming but not as you know it!



## THE ACRE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BEST VILLAGE GROUP

The ACRE Northamptonshire Best Village Competition is now “The Northamptonshire Village Awards 2019” and its new sponsor is C.P.R.E. (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England), Northamptonshire.

The rules, criteria and entry format have remained unchanged, however, and we are pleased to announce that, after 12 months of compiling information, our entry is complete and has been passed to the Parish Council for submission. The document will be posted on the website after the closing date for entries early in April.

Glapthorn is eligible for entry in two categories - “Best Small Village” and “Best Newcomer to the Awards”, both of which carry prizes of £250. A win in either of these categories would mean automatic consideration for the most prestigious award of overall “Best Village” with its prize of £1000.

Each village, that enters the competition, will be visited by a panel of judges between mid April and early June. Their visit will last for up to 2 ½ hours during which they hope to meet a wide cross-section of the village community.

The judges will be looking for villages that can demonstrate enterprise, initiative and community spirit as well as how the village environment is cared for. They will want to know not only what has been done in the past few years to help the community but also our plans for the years ahead.

We are confident that our submission demonstrates that Glapthorn meets and, indeed, exceeds the competition criteria.

The winners will be announced at a presentation evening in Northampton on Tuesday 16th July.

We want to ensure that, when the judges arrive, Glapthorn will be looking at its very best. To tie in with the village’s annual litter pick (this year in the week beginning 1st April) we are inviting all residents to join in the “Big Village Tidy-up”. Please make time to check your frontages. Are your borders tidy and weed-free? Are your verges mown? Are your gutters clear of debris? Don’t forget: if you need a helping hand with any of these jobs, the Green Team and the Handy Andy Team are there to help. Just call Ursula on 01832 272594 or Liz on 03330062730.

We would like to compile a video of Glapthorn life that will run on a loop in the Village Hall during the judges’ visit. Can you help? If you are an enthusiastic film maker and would like to contribute to our project in this way, please contact Liz on 03330062730 or the Parish Clerk on 01832 275281.

**The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone** in the village, who has contributed so willingly and energetically to this project over the past 12 months – it has been hard work, but it has been fun! Irrespective of the result of the competition in July, the work undertaken has confirmed what we all know – Glapthorn is a great place to live. Furthermore, the project has inspired us all to explore and implement ways in which the quality of life in the village can be enhanced in the future.

Liz Barnish, Coordinator of the ACRE Northants Best Village Competition Group

## Community Litter Pick

The 2019 Community Litter pick will take place over the weekend 5th, 6th and 7th April. The aim is to clear all the road verges in the Parish of rubbish and discarded items.

Black bags, picker sticks, hi viz jackets and gloves will be provided. If you can give some time on any of the days, please get in touch with the Clerk – contact details below.

## New Parish Councillors

Following the resignations of Tim Hunt and Liz Wilkinson the council has welcomed David Chapple and Nerissa Buchanan as Parish Councillors.

## Dog Litter

Unfortunately, the Council has received reports of an increase in the amount of dog-litter fouling on footpaths and rights-of-way. Bins are provided for dog-litter but regrettably, they are not always used. As a consequence, East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) will shortly be carrying out unannounced patrols with a view to issuing on-the-spot fines to offenders.

## Bonfires & Smoke

Residents are asked to be respectful of neighbours when considering lighting a bonfire and under no circumstances burn any toxic materials. Please do not light a bonfire if it is wet or windy and never leave a bonfire unsupervised or leave it to smoulder. Please try to avoid burning at weekends and on Bank Holidays, warm sunny days or other times when your neighbours may want to enjoy their gardens. There is more detailed advice on the ENC website but essentially – be neighbourly. There are no bye-laws to prohibit bonfires in East Northamptonshire, although ENC can investigate any bonfires which are causing a nuisance by excess smoke, especially if they occur regularly.

## Glapthorn Email News Group

The Clerk has a group of email addresses belonging to residents, all of whom have given express permission to receive a 'Glapthorn News' item, as and when appropriate.

If you would like to be included in the group please contact the Clerk on :

[parish.clerk@glapthorn.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@glapthorn.org.uk)

## Glapthorn Playing Field Association (GPFA)

Significant progress is being made with the playing field project:

Glapthorn Parish Council has been given approval by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan of £60,000, to be repaid over 30 years, if this is required, for the purchase of the land behind the school to be developed into a community recreational area/sports field.

The Council's application for £50,000 of grant funding, from the East Northamptonshire Council's "Community Facilities Fund", was approved at a council committee meeting on the 27th February. We have until the 31st January 2020 to draw down this grant money.

A planning application for change of use, has been submitted to ENC, and this will be determined by the Council's Planning Committee in April.

A grant application by GPFA for up to £150,000 is currently being scrutinised by Sport England's "peer review panel" and we hope to have a decision by April.

The Association now has 15 volunteers who have committed to giving their time to the project but there is room for more if people wish to put themselves forward.

## Winter Road and Footpath Maintenance

The Parish Council have responsibility for four grit bins in the village. They are clearly signed. The council also has a small stock of road grit/salt but what it does not have is unlimited labour to refill the bins. It would be appreciated if those living close to one of the bins make use of the stock by distributing the grit onto any nearby public path and road surface, as and when required. If a bin near you is low on stock, please contact the Clerk 01832 275281 or Councillor Nick Knowles 07802 736192 and we will either steer you towards the stock or arrange for someone else to replenish the bin.

## Budget 2019-20

The budget for 2019-20, along with some notes and 5-year plan, are now available for all to see on the website. The Precept for 2019-20 has been set at £12,300 to cater for the repayments of the PWLB loan (if taken), as agreed by last summer's public consultation.

## **Land between No.1 Brookside and the Brook**

The Parish Council is considering developing the site into an area of managed native species planting, with gated access, a pathway, wooden benches, nesting boxes etc. When completed the site will hopefully provide an area of calm relaxation and reflection for all our residents.

The recent activity at the site related to the flood prevention project.

## **Community Speed Watch (CSW)**

At a public meeting on 18th October twelve residents volunteered to be part of the 2019 Community Speed Watch team. During April they will undertake training to enable them to use the speed device and associated equipment. The equipment will be used at various sites in the village during May and shared between Glapthorn and Cotterstock.

## **Oundle North Bridge**

Expect more traffic through Glapthorn from 25th March!

The installation of the bollards on Oundle North Bridge, to restrict vehicles over 3 tonnes from using the bridge, is scheduled to begin on that date. The bridge will be closed for a week.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

A date for your diary – Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall.

## **Appointing a new Parish Clerk**

Alan Tresadern will be greatly missed when he retires from his post as Clerk to Glapthorn Parish Council. Alan is leaving in July so the recruitment process will start soon. This role may be of interest to someone in Glapthorn who seeks part-time employment (20 hours a month). The Parish Clerk has to have good IT, organisational, administrative and financial skills; but also needs a strong interest in the community and a “can-do” approach to the work. Contact Alan Tresadern or Malcolm Moss (Chairman) if you would like to discuss this interesting and rewarding role. (All contact details are on [www.glapthorn.org.uk](http://www.glapthorn.org.uk)).

## **Communication and Contacts**

Information relating to the Parish Council and other Glapthorn organisations may be found on the village website at [www.glapthorn.org.uk](http://www.glapthorn.org.uk). You may also find us on Facebook  *Glapthorn Parish Council* or on Twitter *@GlapthornCou*

You may also contact the Parish Council through one of the Parish Councillors: details are on the village notice board or website.

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