

GLAPTHORN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

CHURCH www.glapthornchurch.org.uk

Service pattern. All services are at 9.15 a.m.

First Sunday in month is Morning Prayer with hymns

Second Sunday is Holy Communion

Third Sunday is informal Holy Communion.

Fourth Sunday us Holy Communion.

*Any one of these services may sometimes be replaced by a Family Service, depending on the occasion. For example, **March 11th is Mothering Sunday**, so this will be a Family Service.*

We are instituting a **new** Fifth Sunday service from April. This will consist of a much-shortened Morning Prayer, followed by a Pilgrim Group meeting.

The first one will be held on **April 29th**, when the service will be followed by Pilgrim Group (with coffee and biscuits!). This is an opportunity to meet for about 45 minutes or so and, in a relaxed, social atmosphere, hear about and discuss aspects of faith, exploring the Bible and other expressions of belief (or unbelief!). It is intended to be lively, informative and participatory. The group is open to everyone who wants to develop their knowledge and understanding of Christianity - including those who would not necessarily call themselves "Christians". This will now happen four times a year – every month where there is a Fifth Sunday. Everyone is welcome at the short service, whether staying for the Pilgrim Group or not.

There will be a Service of Reflection at 6 pm on **Good Friday**. The service on **Easter Day** is 9.15 am, as usual.

The Church will, as usual, be organizing the Short Wood Teas in the Village Hall on **Monday, May 7th**.

The Corby Male Voice Choir will be singing in the church on **Friday, June 1st**, a concert organised to raise money for the church fabric. Details will be on posters nearer the time.

We extend a warm welcome to Laura and Neil St John who have moved into Braesby

Lane, and Joanne (Jo) Bye, Adrian Hindley and Ryder at Church View Cottage.

We were sad to say farewell to Mrs Margaret Crosby, who died on October 31st, 2017, aged 97. She had lived for many years at Provost Lodge, and our sympathies are with Chris, Monica and family.

GLAPTHORN C.E. SCHOOL www.glapthornschooL.org

The Autumn term was packed full of exciting opportunities for our children, including visits to Ely Museum for Barn Owls Class and The Scott Polar Exhibition for Nightingales Class. Robins Class enjoyed their Forest School sessions in Short Wood and Red Kites took part in a fantastic drama workshop at Ketton CE Primary. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and growing a love for learning through our Creative Curriculum.

The term was topped off with a very successful visit from Ofsted. The Inspector highlighted that ‘Pupils are proud of their school and enjoy the wide range of interesting opportunities that the school offers them’; ‘Pupils’ behaviour and attitudes in lessons and across all times of the school day are a particular strength’; and ‘Pupils are valued as important individuals’. The Inspector also noted that ‘Parents particularly value the welcoming family ethos of the school. They have a very high level of confidence in how well the school cares for and teaches their children’. Please visit the school website <http://glapthornschooL.org/> to learn more and read the full report.

This term, the children have been very excited to use our brand new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for an array of curriculum and extra-curricular sports activities. As part of the development of our outside area, all the children in the school worked together to create a new Willow Dome. In other areas, Robins Class are looking forward to their Highway Rat trail at Fineshade Wood, Barn Owls Class visited Warwick Castle and Nightingales Class are just about managing to contain their excitement about their forthcoming residential trip to the Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk. Red Kites have really impressed us all with their knowledge and understanding in their Maths Challenge workshops and are looking forward to even more sports opportunities this term, including a cluster schools netball tournament.

Do visit the Nightingales' 'Futuristic Antarctic Transport' art exhibition at Oundle Library – we have all been amazed by their inventive designs!

SOUTHWICK AND GLAPTHORN FLOWER SHOW

There will be a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in Glapthorn Village Hall on **April 28th** from 10.30 to 12. This raises money to help stage the summer flower show, which will be held this year in Glapthorn on **Saturday, July 14th**.

GLAPTHORN VILLAGE HALL www.glapthorn.org.uk

The 10th annual Macmillan Cancer Care Quiz was held in the Village Hall on February 23rd. It was a really enjoyable evening and an amazing £891.00 was raised. Many thanks to everyone who took part, to all the volunteer helpers, the Royal Oak for manning the bar and their generous donation, and especially to our quiz masters, David and Ann Cashmore. Flicks in the Sticks The Village Hall committee is anxious to know villagers' opinions about the possibility of showing films to the community. Please could you fill in and give back to Liz Barnish, by **March 30th**, the attached letter/questionnaire? Many thanks.

ROYAL OAK CLUB www.glapthorn.org.uk

The Royal Oak is open to all residents of Glapthorn and operates on Friday evenings in the Village Hall. We have a well-stocked licensed Bar. Volunteers, from our Committee and members, prepare a meal. We ask everyone who wishes to eat with us to book, as indicated on our flyer, which is delivered quarterly to every house in the village. If you have never been along on a Friday, take a look at our flyer, so that you know how to book in for a meal, or just drop in for a drink from the Bar. Our AGM will be held on Friday **March 16th** at 7pm in the Village Hall. Please come along to find out more or call Monica Crosby on 01832 205327.

GLAPTHORN ALLOTMENT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION **www.glapthorn.org.uk**

We have had some changes in our allotment plot holders - we wish to thank our retiring members for their hard work, support and interest over the years. We warmly welcome our new tenants to GAGA and hope that they will have a productive and fruitful use of our allotments.

At the Annual General Meeting on February 5th, we again elected a full committee, with Jeff Knowles continuing as Chairman, Jane Ivens Treasurer and Heather Ball Secretary. Committee members are: Chris and Len Nowlan, Graham Ball, Karl Ivens, Ang/Frank Mackenzie, Michael Knight and Sandra Philpot. Our Insurance is up to date along with our membership of The National Allotment Society (which is based in Corby!).

We still have plenty of salt left, so if you would like some please contact Heather Ball. The sale of the salt helps our funds and costs £2.00 per bag.

Would you like to join GAGA and grow fruit or vegetables on the Glaphorn Allotments opposite Glaphorn School? We have 1 medium plot available from **March 1st**, which is 13m x 5m and is £40.00 p.a. with a one-off subscription fee of £25.00.

For more information please contact Heather Ball, Secretary. Email: ball771@btinternet.com. Telephone: 01832 273601 or 07962 085 720

GLAPTHORN WI www.glaphorn.org.uk

Our WI is thriving and we have a lively programme of speakers/events booked for this coming year.

In late February we had a very entertaining visit to The Gilbert and Sullivan performance in Oundle. Although the weather was atrocious, many of our members saw the show, which was great fun. On Wednesday **April 4th** we will be hearing about the Women's Land Army in the First World War.

On Sunday **May 6th** we will be offering teas in Glaphorn Village Hall for the annual Shortwood Open Day. This is our major WI Fundraising Event.

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

GLAPTHORN PARISH COUNCIL www.glaphorn.org.uk

There will be a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday **March 8th**, starting at 7.00pm, when:

1. NCC will make a presentation on the results of a recent flood survey and to introduce the Glaphorn Community Emergency Plan.

2. The Parish Council will make a presentation on the Glapthorn Recreational Land Project.

Glapthorn Recreational Land Project.

A presentation will be made, to bring residents up to date with the research completed so far on this project and to seek their support for the setting up of a Playing Field Association. If sufficient support is forthcoming then the newly formed association will proceed to make applications for funding from various sources such as the Lottery, Sport England, local authorities and charitable funders.

So far, the project has obtained support from the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan, Glapthorn School Governors and parents, East Northamptonshire Council's Planning Dept., Peterborough Diocesan Education Board, Northamptonshire County Council's Children and Education Dept., and local sports clubs.

It is very much hoped that there will be a good turnout so that a clear majority of the community can put down a strong marker of support for this initiative.

Budget for 2018-19

The Parish Council budget for the financial year 2018/19 has been set and it was agreed to set the precept at £9,700. Due to the increase in houses in the village, there will be no increase in the Glapthorn element of the Council Tax.

Diversion of Footpaths south of Glapthorn Manor and Manor Farm.

The formal diversion of the footpaths, to follow the line of the brook, is expected to be concluded during the next few weeks.

Tresham Garden Village

There are a series of 'drop-in' presentations running from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm on 6th, 8th and 9th March. All of the information about the consultations are on this website - <http://www.treshamvillage.uk/consultation/> There is also a feedback form.

Parish Clerk - Alan Tresadern, on 01832 275281 or email parish.clerk@glapthorn.org.uk

The Glapthorn quarterly newsletter is produced by Glapthorn Church Council for the benefit of the whole community. Items for next Newsletter to Ursula Wide by June 1st, please.