

Gosh where does time go? Here we are, half way through the summer already. Let's make the most of the outdoor social events before we have to cosy it up in the autumn. I do like our seasons although the autumn months and shorter days result in some folks being more isolated in their homes. Don't be on your own, come along and join in with village activities!

## **CORONATION OF KING**

### **CHARLES THE THIRD**

Our village coronation celebration was a really lovely occasion which brought 66 neighbours together on what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. Thank you to the new VHMC who organised and all those who attended. Photos can be viewed on our website.

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

### **SATURDAY 26 AUGUST**

**From 18:00 – 19:00**

#### **\* EARLY DOORS PIMMS & SUMMER RAFFLE DRAW \***

Come and join fellow villagers and friends for a glass or two of Pimms. £5 suggested donation per person to cover costs and any surplus will be shared between the Church and Village Hall.

Summer Raffle to be drawn around 6:30pm. Raffle tickets available in advance from Di Morgan. £1 per ticket ~ some great prizes!

### **SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

**From 14:00 – 16:30**

#### **\* FLOWERS FROM THE WEDDING & A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY \***

Come and enjoy the flowers from the village wedding held in church the day before along with two small history displays;

Glaston Hall?

Glaston Park?

Glaston Hotel?

Glaston House?

&

An Introduction to Building the Railway Under Glaston.

There will be refreshments available.

Free Entry, any donations to Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust gratefully received.

Help to serve refreshments would be very welcome, please contact Sue or Anna if you can offer your services.

### **SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER PUMPKIN MAN**

Join us for Harvest High Tea and Pumpkin talk & display. More details in due course.

**Churchyard Prune & Tidy** is ongoing. As ever, do get in touch with Anna if you want to help keep our churchyard looking cared for.

St Andrew's Church Contact:  
[glastonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:glastonchurch@gmail.com)

## **DEFIBRILATOR**

**In case of emergency dial 999.** The Ambulance service will contact the volunteers who will race to your assistance with the defibrillator.

## **JUMBLE SALE**

### **SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

The jumble sale is a social event as well as a fund raiser, bringing people together for a cuppa and cake. April's jumble sale raised over £500.

For the next sale in September we are looking for offers of cake donations, please advise (VHMC or Di Morgan) if you will be able to provide any baking at that time. In the meantime, why not have a sort through your home and garden to see if you have any items, books or bric-a-brac you no longer want. One man's rubbish is another man's treasure! Items can be dropped off at the Village Hall from 10am on Saturday 23 Sept, and the teas and sale will run from 2pm till approx. 4pm. Please do make a note in your diary and pop along for a browse, a cup of tea and some delicious homemade cake.

## **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

The Glaston Village Website is regularly updated. Please visit [www.glaston.org.uk](http://www.glaston.org.uk).

What would you like to see on the site? Do you have any images, especially historical ones, so we can create a gallery of the village?

**Please contact**  
[admin@glaston.org.uk](mailto:admin@glaston.org.uk)

## VILLAGE HALL

Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
16 villagers attended,  
7 others sent apologies.  
Thank you to all.

The new VH Management Committee have been busy behind the scenes, lead by Jo Douglas (Chairman), Judith George (Secretary) and Di Morgan (Treasurer). Judith has now stepped down as Secretary and Vicki Laskey has taken over the role for the next few months. Thank you to Judith for all her hard work during the past months, all wish her a speedy return to full health. The committee are still looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer, Di will be happy to give initial guidance and support.  
Chairman: Jo Douglas  
Secretary: Vicki Laskey  
Treasurer: Di Morgan  
Committee Members: Paul Colliss, Hugh Talbot, Lois Newport and Caroline Mattock.

The main focus of the meeting centred around the ongoing review of the Hall to identify issues and opportunities concerning improvements needed or desired in the short, medium, and long terms and planned future events.

Thanks was given to Gately Smithers Purslow who completed an informal survey of Glaston Village Hall's condition - providing invaluable information on the current structural and maintenance condition, and advice of repairs and costings. And to the 48

people who completed the Community Survey - showing a desire for a clean, functional Village Hall, with the main reason for non-usage being the lack of a programme of activities. Minutes and results of the Community Survey have been circulated electronically. Quotes are now being sought for essential maintenance required, with fund raising activities being planned. Details regarding various grants and community funding are being looked into as there are success stories of refurbishment projects from other village halls locally. As part of the enhancement programme we are hoping to get some willing hands to come along on Saturday 19th August to help clean and sort out the kitchen. Bacon butties, tea and coffee is on offer to all willing helpers.

Additional events include:

**Saturday 2 September - Swishing** Village fundraising event (clothes swapping event which gives new life to old items, while bringing your local community together, details to follow)

**Tuesday 28 November - Wreath making workshop**  
Come along and make your Christmas Wreath whilst supporting Hope Hospice and Glaston Village Hall. Tickets £20, with limited places. If you'd like to reserve a place, please email Jo Douglas

**Friday 15 December -**  
Katie Lowe and Ian Balmer have offered their home,

Thatch Farm for the Glaston **Christmas Social**.

A summer fete was suggested for 2024. 'Glaston-Berry' perhaps? A co-ordinator and volunteers would be required for early planning.

Date of next meeting: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** at slightly earlier time of 18:30 as we have a guest speaker joining us: Tracey Steward, Chair of South Luffenham Village Hall, sharing her story on how their Village Hall went from unloved to loved.

See 'Diary Dates' section for all planned events.

## GLASTON PARISH MEETING

The last Parish Meeting was held in May (when we were all looking forward to a glorious summer!)

The main items discussed were the future of the Playpark, an update from the Village Hall Management Committee and a report from the PCC.

The minutes and some of the papers from this meeting, for those who were not able to attend, are available electronically and on the website. It would be great to see you at the next meeting, date tbc or if you have any thoughts/ ideas on the subjects under discussion please have a chat.

## EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST GLASTON

Please can we encourage those of you who haven't joined the village email distribution list to email your details with your permission. It would be great to have as many of you on the list as possible. The email addresses are not shared and information is kept confidential.

## QUIZ NIGHT

There is no further update on village quizzes at the moment. Who can we encourage to take on the mantle of quiz master? The quiz offers the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours who you may not normally bump into, in a relaxed and fun environment.

Fingers crossed we can get the monthly quiz back in the diary at some point!

The Benefice Newsletter is now online at [www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/28-147DW](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/28-147DW). You can also access it via the Glaston Village Website. There you can find details of services and other events in the parishes of Bisbrooke, Caldecott, Glaston, Harringworth, Lyddington, Stoke Dry, Seaton and Thorpe by Water.

## PAPER COPIES

Where other local publications have gone online, there still appears to be a preference to print and distribute the Gazette. In an attempt to keep the amount of pages to a minimum, we do summarise on the Gazette and direct readers to websites for fuller details. If you do not have access to online documents, please contact one of us mentioned in the Gazette and we can arrange a paper copy.

## BONUS BALL

Current bonus ball period ends 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Watch out for details of how to join the scheme or renew your existing numbers in due course. A list of winners is available on request.

## PLAYPARK

We are still looking for volunteers to help during the mowing season at the playpark. If anybody could spare a few hours every 6 weeks between March and October (the mowing season) to join the mowing rota then please contact us.

## THE OLD PHEASANT

It's great to have the doors open again. I can't remember when the term 'Use it or lose it' felt so pertinent. Also exciting to have Robert Thompson running the restaurant, Beef & Reef. Rob was selected from over 7000 chefs to compete in BBCs 'Masterchef The Professionals'. Come and see why!

DIARY DATES	Time	
Saturday 19 August	10:00 – 14:00	Village Hall deep clean – Lois Newport
Saturday 26 August	18:00 – 19:00	Pimms & Raffle – St Andrew's Church
Saturday 2 September	tba	Swishing - Village Hall
Sunday 10 September	14:00	Church (Wedding) Flowers & A Little Glaston History, with refreshments
Saturday 23 September	14:00	Jumble Sale at Village Hall
Monday 16 October	18:30	VHMC meeting with presentation - Village Hall
Saturday 21 October	17:00 tbc	Pumpkin Man – VH high tea & Church display
Tuesday 28 November	10:00 – 12 noon	Wreath Making Workshop – Village Hall
Friday 15 December	tbc	Christmas Social at Thatch Farm
Summer 2024		Glaston Summer Fete

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ANY ITEMS IN OUR GAZETTE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR MESSAGE AND CONTACT DETAILS TO [glastongazette@gmail.com](mailto:glastongazette@gmail.com) AND THEY WILL BE PASSED TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON FOR A RESPONSE.**