

So here we are . . . Autumn quickly approaching winter, another year almost passed. The year reflects life and here in Glaston; in the Spring years of life we hear the lovely news of new babies and Christenings in our community, children going off to school & University, and our other young residents going off to explore the world, often having done their stint washing up or waitressing in the Old Pheasant! Life's summer months give us rainy days when times can be difficult, working days can be long and commitments tiring, and sunny days when all is good and we have reasons to celebrate. As Autumn approaches, our residents look to enjoy those golden years in our lives And finally in our Winter years, ... when it is our time to pass, we each become a beautiful sparkle in the frost covered earth.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GLASTON BELLS

Tuesday 14th November

If you are like me and hearing the church bells brings a warm feeling of nostalgia ~ you are in for a treat! (If not, you might like to take a day out!) On Tuesday 14th November a group of ringers from Steyning in Sussex plan to ring for half an hour in the morning, then a group from Hemel Hempstead are going to attempt to ring a peal from 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A peal involves approx. 5,000 changes and takes about 3 hours. It is several years since one was rung on our Glaston bells so this is quite an exciting event for some of us and we wish the bell ringers good luck.

GLASTON CAROL SINGING DECEMBER

We hope to repeat our Christmas tradition around the village, starting at the Village Hall and finishing at The Old Pheasant either Tue 19th or Thur 21st. Anyone willing to join us to sing all our favourites, please confirm to Steph which dates you are available so we can make sure we have enough voices to carry the carols.

THE GLASTON CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Friday 15th December

7-9pm

Our hosts this year are Katie Lowe and Ian Balmer at Thatch Farm, 4 Spring Lane.

The entrance ticket is priced at £10 pp to include the first glass of wine. £25 for a family of 4 (soft drinks will be available for the children.)

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Katie or Ian, or on the night at the door. Cash only please.

Please confirm numbers attending prior to the night even if you plan to pay at the door, so that we know how many people to expect. Contact Katie or Ian.

Donations of both sweet and savoury finger goodies are welcomed (and encouraged!) and please contact Katie who is co-ordinating the food to let her know what you'll be bringing along.

The Christmas raffle will be held on the night. Don't forget to inform Di Morgan if you have any donations for

the raffle prizes, as she is keen to get the raffle tickets printed as soon as possible so that they can be distributed for selling.

Please do support us. As always, all proceeds from the event will be shared equally between the church and the village hall.

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP – Tuesday 28th November 12–2pm AND DUE TO HIGH DEMAND A NEW EVENING DATE HAS BEEN ADDED – Tuesday 5th December

6:30 – 8:30pm - £20

Includes a completed wreath to take home, a mince pie and mulled wine. Please book via events@glaston.org.uk

THE GLASTON SWISH – Saturday 2nd December

6 – 8pm

The theme is 'Winter & Party Wear'. Do you have any winter outfits or party clothes that you no longer wear or love? Bring them along to the Glaston Swish and swap for something 'new to you'. See Glaston website for further details. Swishing you a Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

It is too early to give details of Christmas services but there will definitely be local Carol Services and in Glaston, a short service at 11am followed by the usual glasses of festive drinks to celebrate the day.

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Rosie Boyle has recently become the PCC Secretary (not quite as exciting as her and Patrick becoming parents at a similar time. Congratulations to them!)

Over the summer, villagers came together, some to help and some to support. In August we had the Pimms & Summer Raffle Draw, and in September we enjoyed seeing the church looking beautiful with the wedding floral displays. Taking advantage of that we added the Glaston Hall & Railway tunnel history displays. In appreciation, £240 was donated to Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. In October Russell Attwood presented his informative and funny 'passion for pumpkins' to an audience aged from 13 years to 88 years. Thank you to Jill Hole and Sue Lee and her family for providing refreshments. £140 was raised to share between the Church and the Village Hall.

Churchyard Prune & Tidy is ongoing. Some of you may have noticed the weeds and ivy have been cleared from the Wing Road wall (thank you Caroline). As ever, do get in touch with Anna if you

want to help keep our churchyard looking cared for. There are various manageable project areas we still want to work on.

St Andrew's Church

Contact:

glastonchurch@gmail.com

GLASTON PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday 23rd November at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

Topics under discussion will include the future of the playpark, use of community infrastructure funding, traffic calming on the A47, the Rutland Plan and reports about the Church and the Village Hall.

Please come along and spend a little time talking about the future of our village.

Papers for the meeting are being sent out by separate email.

Ian Balmer, Chair

Glaston Parish Meeting

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VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Glaston Village Website is regularly updated with forthcoming events, a new Village Hall booking form and links to various local information papers. Please visit www.glaston.org.uk.

If you have any ideas for content, or images, especially historical ones so we can create a gallery of the village, **please contact Richard on admin@glaston.org.uk**

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Glaston's Remembrance Service is on Sunday 12th at 10:50am. See the on-line Benefice Newsletter where Jane shares John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields.

Older residents will be sorry to hear the sad news that Alan Blake has died aged 95 years. He and Glad were our superb shopkeepers in Glaston for many years.

We also say goodbye to Judith George who was a resident here for only a few years but threw herself whole heartedly into village life. Many of us will miss her terribly.

THE OLD PHEASANT

As we approach the festive season, why not pop in for a drink at your local and see the changes taking place. Have you taken advantage of 'Villager's Tuesday' in the restaurant Beef & Reef? Menu changes weekly.

EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST GLASTON

Please can we encourage you to join the village email distribution list if you have not already. Addresses are not shared and information is kept confidential. Email your details to Vickylaskey@sky.com with your permission.

DEFIBRILATOR

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

VILLAGE HALL

Meeting 16 October 2023:

14 villagers attended, 7 others sent apologies.

Thank you to all.

The full minutes are available electronically, however in summary:

The meeting opened with a talk by Tracy Stewart, chair of South Luffenham Village Hall on how she and a small dedicated team, together with grants and fund raising events, turned their old village hall from an unloved & unused, dilapidated old building into a vibrant hall, now in regular use and generating money for local needs and other worthwhile charities. Despite the differences in our situations, the talk gave us heart to continue our own revival of our village hall to enable us to provide a valuable amenity to those who may need it now and in the future.

The Village Hall section on the Glaston Website now includes background history of the VH, a booking page with fees, availability, booking form and events. Thank you to Richard Garton for all his help.

Maintenance: Firstly thank you to Andrew Bussey for providing a fantastic report, this gives us a great starting point. Following the Gateley Smithers Purslow survey and the village questionnaire results, work has begun to tidy and clear the outside area for general aesthetics and in preparation of essential repairs to the guttering, start date mid November. Internally the kitchen has

been deep cleaned, the store room is next!

Treasurers Report: the Village Hall is not a profit making organisation so the aim is to keep the current account to a working minimum and to have a savings account for emergency funds. It was agreed that £2,000 of the emergency funds should be used for the essential maintenance repairs. There seems to be the perception that the village hall is a money pit however thanks to Di Morgan's long-term experience of keeping control of money matters, the village hall continues to finance itself whilst also contributing to the church funds and other charities.

Chairman's Report: Jo will approach various bodies to enquire about funding for improvements, etc. and also approach the PCC to see when the new Terms of Reference will be signed off.

Past events: The September Swish was a new 'thing' to many of us. Some of the few that came were ladies from out of the village who saw the advertisement on Facebook. We had quite a laugh so by popular demand it is back for December!

The September jumble and cake sale was well supported by donators and bakers, unfortunately not particularly well supported by purchasers. All those fresh delicious homemade cakes ...

However, we did raise just under £300 and the left over items of jumble were donated/collected by the Air Ambulance.

55 people mainly from out of Glaston attended a Spanish Evening at the village hall in September. The hall was decorated beautifully and hot & cold tapas served was delicious. Parking was mostly along Seaton Road so there was no disruption to residents on Church Lane. The committee are very conscious not to exacerbate the Church Lane parking issues.

Planned events: as well as those mentioned, see diary dates, we still hope to hold a summer fete for 2024. 'Glaston-Berries' perhaps? A co-ordinator and volunteers required for early planning.

The committee are very happy to report that Di has agreed to remain as treasurer. We are however looking for a new secretary, Vicki Laskey is resigning but has kindly agreed to continue until a replacement can be found. We are also looking for a new committee member. Paul Colliss has sadly retired due to his health. We sincerely thank Paul for his committee work over the years.

Date of next meeting:
Monday 22nd January 2024
7pm

Chairman: Jo Douglas

Secretary: Vicki Laskey

Treasurer: Di Morgan

Committee Members: Hugh Talbot, Lois Newport and Caroline Mattock.

BONUS BALL

The Bonus Ball scheme is the only source of income for the Community Fund, established in 2004 to raise monies for local projects suggested by villagers and not covered by the Council. 35 numbers out of 59 possible numbers are allocated raising £1,820 per year. If all 59 numbers were allocated, £3,068 would be raised, £20 would be won each week totalling £1,040, leaving £2,028 available in the Fund. Contributions have supported events such as the Coronation Street Party, it paid for the first year's provision of internet facilities in the village hall and the main routine expenditure is committed to the maintenance of the play park.

The Fund is managed by Stephanie Talbot, Suzie Colliss and Polly Grimmett. A huge thank you to Steph & Hugh Talbot who run the scheme. The Community Fund is moving towards becoming a charity giving it a firm legal footing. Requests and ideas for the use of the funding can be presented and discussed at the Parish Meeting. To join this well worthwhile local village scheme please contact us.

BONUS BALL WINNERS for

August-October are:

5 Aug – No Winner
 12 Aug – Chris Cockerill
 19 Aug – Hugh Talbot
 26 Aug – No Winner
 2 Sept – Katie Lowe
 9 Sept – No Winner
 16 Sept – No Winner
 23 Sept – No Winner
 30 Sept – Malcolm and Jane Baker
 7 Oct – Judith George
 14 Oct – Anthony George
 21 Oct - Alison Astall & Kevin Webster
 28 Oct – Alison Astall & Kevin Webster

DIARY DATES	Time	
Sunday 12 th November	10:50am	Remembrance Service St Andrew's Church
Tuesday 14 th November	Half an hour in the morning and a peal from 3pm	Glaston Bells – Morning Ringing and A Peal St Andrews Church
Thursday 23 rd November	7pm	Glaston Parish Meeting – Village Hall
Tuesday 28 November	12:00 – 2pm	Wreath Making Workshop – Village Hall
Saturday 2 nd December	6-8pm	Glaston Swish – Winter & Party Wear Village Hall
Tuesday 5 th December	6:30-8:30pm	Wreath Making Workshop – Village Hall`
Friday 15 December	7-9pm	Christmas Social at Thatch Farm
Tue 19 th or Thurs 21 st December TBC		Carol Singing around Glaston
Monday 25 th December	11am	St Andrews Morning Service
Monday 22 nd January	7pm	Village Hall Management Committee Meeting Village Hall
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 AND THEY WILL BE PASSEDD TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON FOR A RESPONSE.