

## Season's Greetings to All

Do you have any village news, notices or anything you would like to share with our small community of 93 neighbours? Please email [glastongazette@hotmail.com](mailto:glastongazette@hotmail.com) with your ideas or pop a legible note with your name and contact details through my door at 15A Church Lane ~ *Caroline Mattock*

**Please join in with a festive drink at the Christmas Social**

### **GLASTON**

#### **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

##### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

##### **Springhill, Spring Lane**

Please join us at this year's Christmas Social, being hosted by our new residents at Springhill (at the bottom of Spring Lane by the cart wash), Carrie & Bob Armitage. Limited parking is available if you would prefer to drive ~ call Carrie to arrange. An entrance fee of £10 per person applies which contributes towards your first drink (under 16s free) Proceeds are shared equally between the church and village hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the night at the door. Please let us know as soon as you can if you intend to come so we have an idea of how many to expect.

Donations of both sweet and savoury finger goodies are welcomed. Contact Carrie to let her know what you will be bringing along. The Christmas Raffle will be held on the night. Please contact Di Morgan if you have any donations for prizes. Tickets are being distributed for selling. We have many great prizes already ~ £1 per ticket! Do return any unsold tickets prior to the night to Di or the Village Hall post box.

**Hope to see you there!**

### **CAROL SINGING**

##### **TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

From 6pm the Glaston Carollers will be winding their way round Church Lane, Spring Lane, taking in Denfield Close and finishing up in the Old Pheasant. Steph would be very pleased to hear from any people who can join the carollers (we could also do with another collector). Please contact us if you can join us to sing or collect. We will meet at the Village Hall at 6pm. Carol sheets are provided but please bring torches. Bernard and his team will welcome us in the Old Pheasant at the end of the evening (7:30/8pm) We hope more villagers will join us there. Robbie Rudge has designed a brilliant flyer and you can see copies in the pub, the church, and village notice board. If you would like a flyer to display in a suitable place, please email Steph. Whatever we raise during the carol singing will be donated to Crisis at Christmas.

### **PURESTRETCH**

##### **Tuesday 2 – 3pm**

##### **Village Hall**

A reminder that PureStretch is an amazing way to sooth away your aches and pains and keep nimble. Classes are right here on your doorstep, in the village hall, which is a lot more comfortable with our improved heating and insulation.

Tuesday afternoons 2-3pm  
Wednesday evenings postponed for now.

Contact Jo Douglas for more information: 07949 392018

### **WEDNESDAY RAFT**

The Village Hall is open every Wednesday between 3 and 5pm. Everyone is welcome, all ages, babies (with parent!) to pensioners, come along and share our new warm space! Have a cuppa, sometimes we have home baked cakes. We have playing cards, dominos, a darts board, although we tend to just have a good old natter. There are usually between 6 to 10 of us and would love for more of you to join in. No entry fee, donations towards heating & lighting costs for the winter months are appreciated.

### **DEFIBRILATOR**

**In case of emergency dial 999 with your location. The**

volunteers will bring the defibrillator to you.

## **VILLAGE HALL/CHURCH ROOM**

With the hard work put in to the village hall over the last 12 months we have a much improved space with new tables & chairs, heating & insulation, lighting & outdoor maintenance etc and we hope villagers are seeing the venue in a better light these days. The 'Pop up Pub' events including the fish & chip supper and the summer social, were very successful and it was great to have the facility to bring villagers together in a neutral environment, particularly when the pub was closed. The Rutland Big Band night was also amazing and we really look forward to hosting another Big Band evening next year. The October Jumble & Cake sale was well supported giving villagers the opportunity to de-clutter and left over items were donated to Air Ambulance. The Wreath making at the end of November was very successful and with generous support from Jo Beaver and hard work by the VHMC over £900 was raised which is being shared between The Salvation Army Christmas appeal and to buy turf for the VH garden in the spring. We have regular weekly bookings with the Purestretch, Wednesday Raft and Irish dancing. All in all, money and time spent on improving the facilities has resulted in more people being able to enjoy the space with regular events and bookings.

We still have a job list and with the support received

from the village, we are happy and keen to continue. So, a huge thank you for your support.

Over the next couple of months we hope to level the remaining ground and erect fencing. Once the boundary is complete, we can look to weed kill the soil ready to lay turf in the spring. We are very excited to see how the outdoor area develops by next summer.

With our improved facilities we are on the look out for new ideas of events that could be hosted in the hall so if you think of anything, do let us know, or better still, come along to our next meeting or even better, come and be part of the VH management committee.

Our last meeting was on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 11 people attended, 2 apologies were received. We discussed our finance, maintenance, past and future events. Minutes from the meeting have been emailed out and will be posted on the village website. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

## **Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7pm**

Chairman: Jo Douglas  
(07949 392018 )

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Treasurer: Di Morgan  
(822940)

[dilenmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:dilenmorgan@gmail.com)

Secretary: outgoing: Vicki Laskey

[Vickylaskey@sky.com/](mailto:Vickylaskey@sky.com/)

incoming nominated: Carrie Armitage

Committee members:  
Caroline Mattock & Lois Newport

## **GLASTON PARISH MEETING**

The Parish meeting took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. A full set of minutes have been emailed and can also be found on the Village website. Subjects covered included the following;

**Playpark:** Funding is now available from FCC (the grant giving body) and it is planned to install the new equipment in the spring to allow for a formal opening over the Easter weekend.

**Village Notice Board:** The notice board located on Church Lane at the drive way to the village hall, will be repaired/replaced in the near future.

## **News from Rutland Council:**

The Chairman gave an update of the meeting he had attended which included information from both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the CEO of Rutland Council. Details can be found in the minutes.

## **Traffic Calming on the A47:**

The Chairman reported that a discussion with Cllr Wise at Rutland Council had resulted in a commitment by the Highways dept. to undertake a review of the feasibility of a 'step-down' 40 mph speed limit and 'gates' at the side of the road at both ends of the village.

**Updates** from the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee were given and can be read in the minutes.

**And finally a new Chair:** I will be standing down as Chair at the next meeting in May 2025. If the village wishes to maintain a Parish

Meeting and the potential benefits this brings, a new Chair is needed. If you want to find out more please give me a call.

Ian Balmer

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH** **Parochial Church Council**

**Storing the Past:** We are working hard to 'go through' older church and village paperwork with a view to gathering items together and making a deposit at the Record Office early next year. This is for their protection but we also want to create a 'Parish Chest', a collection of both historical and modern documents and photographs that will be kept securely but available on request.

Currently we also have a filing cabinet at the back of the church with miscellaneous research material including copies of documents and photos. This material is available to anyone who is interested but we would like to make it easier to use by organising and displaying it better. We are looking for a bookcase with shelves deep enough to hold ring files – if you happen to have one spare, contact Sue or Anna!

**Repairs, Finances & the Future:** Great progress has been made towards carrying out the repairs and maintenance identified in our 'quinquennial' survey but there is work outstanding and we continue to look to the future provision of up-to-date facilities. We are very grateful to all those who have, and continue to, help us on the way by donations,

expertise and securing grants.

The Churchyard Prune & Tidy group have been hard at work and we are particularly indebted to the magnificent work of Caroline Mattock. More volunteers to join the group would be very welcome.

Anna Bussey (Treasurer) is pleased to report that the church finances are stable for the immediate future but stresses that we can only maintain this if we continue to have volunteers, financial giving and grant funding.

The PCC would be delighted to engage with anyone interested in protecting the future of our church as an integral part of our village. We are in the process of drafting a strategic plan for the next 5 years. Can you offer any time, expertise, financial support or ideas? Please do get in touch.

[glastonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:glastonchurch@gmail.com)

*(More details available on the Treasurer's Report to the Parish Meeting circulated on the village contact group)*

## **Christmas**

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm Joint Bisbrooke & Glaston Carol Service** at Bisbrooke (no service at Glaston on 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Christmas Day 11am** - A short Christmas Day service including carols and readings will be led by Sue and Dave. If anyone would like to suggest a favourite carol, Christmas poem or reading, David would be pleased to hear from you. The usual festive refreshments will be served afterwards.

(A leaflet with details of all the services in our group of

villages will be available soon.)

## **After Christmas**

Sue and David are planning a 'Wine & Food Pairing' event in February, sharing proceeds with the VHMC. Date & details to be confirmed.

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

## **VILLAGE WEBSITE**

Visit [www.glaston.org.uk](http://www.glaston.org.uk)

If you have any ideas for content, or local images, especially historical ones, **please contact Richard on** [admin@glaston.org.uk](mailto:admin@glaston.org.uk)

## **THE OLD PHEASANT**

We are looking forward to our first Christmas here at The Old Pheasant.

Normal opening times apply on **Christmas Eve** and from **26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> December** and **3<sup>rd</sup> January** onwards:

**Breakfast:** Mon-Fri 7 - 10am  
/weekend 8 – 10am

## **Meals & Bar:**

Mon-Sat 12 noon – 22:30  
Sunday 12 noon – 18:00

## **Christmas Day:**

Drinks only 12:30–16:30

**New Year's Eve:** open til late to celebrate the New Year

**New Year's Day:** serving brunch 10am – 13:30

**2<sup>nd</sup> January** – bar open for snacks & drinks 12 – 18:00

Going into the New Year note Quiz night will be held on the last Sunday of each month

Many locals gather in the pub on Friday nights, come and join us!

[www.theoldpheasant.co.uk](http://www.theoldpheasant.co.uk)

## **BONUS BALL**

There are still plenty of numbers available as can be seen from the amount of "No winner" weeks in the BB draw. If you would like to take a number (at a cost of £1 a week) then e-mail and we can let you know which numbers are still available. The current period runs until the end of March. If your number is drawn at the Bonus Ball during the lottery draw on a Saturday night then you win £20. The money raised by the Bonus Ball is the main source of income for the Glaston Community Fund which helps us to support projects in the village (i.e. the recent purchase of new tables and chairs for use in village hall/church events).

## **BONUS BALL WINNERS**

July to October are:  
 6<sup>th</sup> July - NW  
 13<sup>th</sup> July – NW  
 20<sup>th</sup> July – Chris Cockerill  
 27<sup>th</sup> July – NW  
 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Paul Colliss  
 10<sup>th</sup> August – NW  
 17<sup>th</sup> August – Geoff W & Lynn B  
 24<sup>th</sup> August - NW  
 31<sup>st</sup> August – NW  
 7<sup>th</sup> September - NW  
 14<sup>th</sup> September – NW  
 21<sup>st</sup> September – NW  
 28<sup>th</sup> September – NW  
 5<sup>th</sup> October – NW  
 12<sup>th</sup> October – Raymond & Margaret Preston  
 19<sup>th</sup> October - NW  
 26<sup>th</sup> October – Celine Stanfield

## **EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST**

Please can we encourage you to join the Glaston email distribution list if you have not already. Addresses are not shared and information is kept confidential. Email your permission to us.

## **VILLAGE HALL GALLERY**

When we tidied the store we found some great pictures and old photos of the village, and more pictures and frames were donated for the jumble sale. We have kept a collection to create our gallery on the fireplace wall. If you have any photos, sketches or paintings of Glaston that we could display in the frames, please get in touch.

Email [glastongazette@hotmail.com](mailto:glastongazette@hotmail.com)

**If you would like further details regarding any item in the Gazette.**

DIARY DATES	Time	
Every Tuesday	2 – 3pm	PureStretch – Village Hall
Every Wednesday	Between 3 & 5pm	Wednesday Raft at the Village Hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm – approx. 8pm	Glaston carol singers Starting at village hall, ending in the Old Pheasant
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December		Glaston Christmas Social hosted by Carrie & Bob Armitage at Springhill Spring Lane
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	6pm	Bisbrooke & Glaston Carol Service <b>at Bisbrooke Church</b>
Christmas Day	11am	Christmas Day Service at St Andrew's Church Glaston
In 2025 - Last Sunday of each month	6pm	Quiz night at The Old Pheasant
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	7pm	Village Hall Management Committee meeting – Village Hall – All welcome to attend
February date tbc	Tbc	Wine & Food pairing event tbc