

Glatton Village Community Newsletter

Autumn 2020



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<http://gpc.glatton.org.uk/>

The "Community Newsletter" is intended to augment the Village Facebook Page and the Village Website and will be produced as "Autumn", "Winter", "Spring" & "Summer" Newsletters.



GLATTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We now have "The Rule of 6", so if you are having fewer visitors, friends who may have helped you out or run errands, remember the **Glatton Volunteer Group** continues for anyone who needs support and assistance, please don't hesitate to ask for a helping hand, especially now that the evenings are drawing in and our days are becoming shorter.

The www.gov.uk site offers Covid19 guidance and support, covering the many different services that are available. There is also a very good Huntingdonshire website with valuable information, <https://www.wearehuntingdonshire.org>

Our Parish Council Meetings continue with the technology that is Zoom and it's encouraging having so many villagers joining these, as they are combined Parish Council Meetings and Parish Meetings. Input is welcome, you are invited to forward your questions and comments to the PC via the website link, we are pleased that many of you have already taken this opportunity over recent months.

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Stay safe and remember... Hands – Face – Space

NEWS FROM GLATTON VILLAGE HALL



Our Village Hall is a modified Nissen Hut/Quonset Hut that was gifted to Glatton Village after WWII. Becoming increasingly hard to maintain, we carried out a Community Survey in May and then commissioned a Building Condition Survey in June and an Asbestos Survey in August. All these documents can be viewed on the Glatton Village Website under Village Hall > Reports. The Village Hall needs to be refurbished or replaced! In June 2020, the Village Hall Committee (VHC) launched a **Development Programme** to determine the

feasibility and cost of refurbishing the hall and also the practicalities & cost of building a new one. Their work since June has proven beyond doubt that refurbishment is NOT an option with all the 31 building/construction firms invited to tender declining to take the work on and/or advising against refurbishment. The work needed to bring the building up to required building standards makes it simply not cost effective. Consequently, the VHC have directed that the Development Programme concentrates its efforts on planning for a rebuild. We envision a 5 to 10-year programme and we acknowledge the importance of engaging Glatton's community during the process. In any event, rebuilding the Village Hall is going to be a challenging project in a village of our size and we are looking for a "Fundraising Manager" to join our Development Team. Is that you? If you feel you would like to take on this challenge and you have a positive, "can do" attitude then please contact one of the Village Hall Committee.

We are slowly beginning to re-open the hall to our user groups after the COVID crises which effectively dried up the regular income that keeps the hall afloat. We did receive a generous Government grant which went some way to help us manage our way through the crises. When Government restrictions allow, the Village Hall Committee plan to run an entertainment programme to support our Development activities. We really hope that most of the Village will support our efforts: the Village Hall is an important community asset that we know, from responses to our recent "Village Hall Community Survey", you value.



ADDISON ARMS

This input is NOT from the Addison Arms.

A massive thank you Ruth, Ray & the Addison team from Glatton Village.

2020 has been an extremely difficult year for the Addison Arms and Glatton Village cannot express our gratitude enough for the time & effort that Ruth, Ray & the Addison team have put in to the amazing service they have provided at a time when many have felt isolated and/or lonely during quarantine and during other lockdown restrictions. During full lockdown in the Spring, the Addison offered a takeaway meal service, free deliveries, supplies of potatoes and have made generous donations to the Sawtry Foodbank. Not to mention, free meals for some of our most vulnerable & most deserving residents. The Addison continue to

offer a takeaway service and also in-house dining in accordance with ever changing COVID guidelines. We (the Glatton Community) would all like to offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our amazing Addison Arms. <https://www.addison-arms.co.uk/>



From St Nicholas' Church

Rev Becky Dyball

What a difference a year makes! This time last year I was preparing to start my new role in Sawtry, Glatton and Holme with Conington, what a year it has been!!

Dealing with the consequences of Covid-19 has occupied much of our attention in recent months and I give heartfelt thanks to those who have supported,

championed and enabled the ministry of St. Giles, St. Nicholas and All Saints' to thrive in this challenging time, especially our Church Wardens; Mark, Cheryll, Heather, John, Lou, Judith plus Gwynneth, Alex, Pete and Bob who have made our online provision possible. We have recently seen our church buildings reopen and congregations growing accustomed to social distanced worship, wearing facemasks and not being able to sing. I am very proud that our church buildings are now 'Covid-Secure' with much investment of energy, time and money from our church family to achieve this important status. It has taken some adjustment and of course we miss the social interaction that enhances our worship together, but in many ways we have grown closer as a wider community, we have had to recalibrate how we work as a church family and with are doors again wide open we want to be a visible, generous community loving Jesus and loving others.

In the Bible we read that when things were going wrong and uncertain, a friend of Jesus' Paul, reminded the church that they needed to be intentional about three things: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances...."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). This was not set as an unachievable challenge but offered to give purpose and hope.

In the midst of challenge and uncertainty we've been delighted to welcome couples to get married, celebrate community as All Saints' churchyard has been transformed and renewed and said goodbye to loved ones in creative ways.

The Anglican churches extend a very warm welcome to Rev. Sue Baker-Maher, Sawtry Methodist church and look forward to a continued shared ministry and exciting opportunities ahead.

Everyone is always welcome to join any of our church services online on in-building and across the three villages we have a mix of service styles and traditions. If you've never thought of coming along, missed it for a while or part of the furniture, a warm, friendly, eclectic mix of people are ready to welcome you, not to mention some new pew heaters installed at St Nicholas as summer comes to a close!

Every blessing,

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Services for October and November

As part of our Covid-Secure compliance we are asking anyone wanting to attend an in-building church service to complete a track and trace form. Visit www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk for all the details and the 10:30am Zoom link.

| | St. Giles, Holme | St. Nicholas, Glatton | All Saints' Sawtry |
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| 4th Oct | 9:00 AM | | 10:30 AM +Zoom |
| Saturday 10th Oct | 4:30 PM | | |
| 11th Oct | | 10:30 AM | |
| | | Open Air Harvest Thanksgiving | Harvest Thanksgiving also streamed on Zoom |
| 18th Oct | 9:00 AM | | 10:30 AM +Zoom |
| 25th Oct | | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM +Zoom |
| 1st Nov | 9:00 AM | | 10:30 AM +Zoom |
| Saturday 7th Nov | TBC | | |
| 8th Nov | | 9:00 AM | 10:50 AM +Zoom |
| Remembrance Sunday | | Including Act of Remembrance | Including <i>invitation only</i> wreath laying and dual all-age service |
| 15th Nov | 9:00 AM | | 10:30 AM +Zoom |
| 22nd Nov | | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM +Zoom |
| 29th Nov | | | 10:30 AM +Zoom |



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