

GREAT GLEMHAM PCC – ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL 2019

Gt Glemham is one parish in an eight parish benefice. Our Rector is Rachel Cornish who lives at Stratford St Andrew.

There are two regular services per month in the church: the first Wednesday there is Holy Communion at 11am. This is a said service with refreshments after. The second is a family service 9.30am on the second Sunday of the month with refreshments after. The average regular attendance is 7. Benefice services are held on the first and third Sunday of the month and travel around the seven churches. Please watch out for the notice board outside the church for information on services – as well as being in the flyer inside Ebb and Flow.

The church is open every day throughout the year during daylight hours and folk are welcome to come at any time. There is no charge for entering the building. Thanks go to David Creed for being key holder. The churchyard has seats and wonderful views and thanks go to Tony Heffer for maintaining this special space. The village war memorial is sited in the churchyard.

We are responsible for the upkeep of this splendid ancient building and the costs of maintenance and repairs as well as insurance is expensive and we cannot always carry out what is needed due to lack of funds. In 2018, the costs directly related to the building amounted to £1,907. The most recent 5 yearly (Quinquennial) building inspection report (August 2017) estimates that the items requiring immediate attention could cost up to £22,950 (ex VAT). The theft of roofing lead from the south aisle shocked many people and we were touched by the swift and generous response from the village.

In 2018 this parish had to pay £6,181 to the Diocese towards the cost of a Rector and to support both the Diocese and national church that pay for the upkeep of clergy housing, paying clergy pensions and the administrations to support parishes. In addition our running costs were £2,681. We achieve this figure by worshippers giving regularly and by fund raising and we would like to thank everyone for their support. However, we do plan to write soon to everyone in the village to ask if they would be willing to give a little each month towards the upkeep of this historic church.

The church does not only serve those in the village. The visitors' book last year had entries from people who live all over the world as well as all over Britain and Suffolk. Some come to visit graves; look up family history in the records; were children in the village and revisit; look at names on the war memorial etc etc. In 2018 we had three funerals and a remembrance service of which only one was a current resident. We had one baptism and one interment of ashes.

We were proud to make the following charitable donations last year: Rural Coffee Caravan £175; Suffolk Refugee Support £95; Families in Need £150; Embrace the Middle East £125; Ipswich Night Shelter £300; The Children's Society £74.

We feel it is important to be there for people, especially for when they feel they need the church for the big events in life and are proud that we manage to keep the church open for all who want to come.

Jill Pascoe - Churchwarden

Great Glemham School Trust

The trustees remained the same this year: Duncan McIver, Jill Pascoe and Nicola Redman

A total of thirteen grants were awarded.

Education Grants:

- two High School leavers and one University starter
- four High School starters
- one Primary School starter and one Nursery School starter

Three Individual grants were awarded and a community grant was awarded to Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School for topic books.

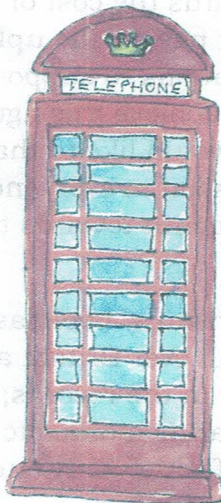
The annual report and application forms have been distributed with the May edition of Ebb and Flow to every house in the village.

K6 Phone box

Since reporting last year, the phone box has hosted a recipe swap and will have supported the Flower Festival in the church with a fringe event of "Sow a Seed".

On September 20th at 4.30 pm the phone box will stage its second K6 Micro Poetry Festival with guest poet Ian McMillan. All are welcome to write a poem, read a poem or just come and join in.

COME AND JOIN TWO NATIONAL TREASURES



K6 phonebox
Great Glemham



After a photo
by Ruth Bourne

Ian McMillan - Barnsley
poet and broadcaster

FOR THE BIGGEST MICRO-POETRY FESTIVAL IN EAST SUFFOLK

AT THE K6 PHONEBOX, GREAT GLEMHAM
4.30pm FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2019

BRING YOURSELF AND/OR A POEM, TO LISTEN OR
CONTRIBUTE - LAUGHTER, TEARS & TEARS OF LAUGHTER
(VIRTUALLY) GUARANTEED (even if it rains)

Report to GGPC Annual Meeting 20th May 2019 re. Parham Composter

One of the conditions attached to the consent for the establishment and operation of the composting plant on the old airfield site in Parham was a requirement to commission a liaison group comprising officers from county, and district councils and the Environment Agency (collectively being the regulating authorities) as well as individuals appointed on behalf of the local community living in the close environs of the site. The group meets twice each year, in June and December, to receive a report from the plant owner on its current operations, future plans, progress on any outstanding regulatory compliance issues and complaints received from parish councils or directly from local residents.

At the biannual meetings the regulating authorities generally express satisfaction with the operation of the plant but do report on the number and nature of complaints received from local residents about noise and odour emissions. Whilst I often hear comments from fellow residents of GG about odour emissions, usually presumed to have emanated from the composting plant, it is extremely rare that anyone makes a formal complaint about the nuisance. If any residents are troubled by the smell or noise it is important that they, personally, contact the plant operator (Biogen, 01728 724349) and/or the Environment Agency (03708 506506) as the more people there are registering complaints the more likely it is that something would be done about these nuisances. A groundswell of complainants is more like to be taken seriously than is a lone voice crying in the wilderness.

At the Parham site the process in operation is what is known as In Vessel Composting (IVC), which at present allows for the disposal of food waste along with garden waste in the green bins. However, likely future changes in the conditions attached to the plant's authorisation which would not allow food waste being included with the garden waste threaten the economic viability of the current IVC process. Should this come to pass and the current process become uneconomic the owners would probably look to their preferred business streams, viz., Open Windrow Composting (OWC) and Anaerobic Digestion (AD) processes, as possible replacements. Either of these processes could bring about worsening odour and noise emissions – careful attention is being paid to these possibilities.

Ending my report on the Parham Composter Plant on a more upbeat note I would like to remind all GG residents of the plant owner's continuing generosity in providing, gratis, copious quantities of high quality compost (PAS100) suitable for everyone's garden or allotment use. Stocks can be found deposited on the concrete hard standing next to the road crossing the airfield, just where there's the access to the museum – just help yourselves!

Patrick Wilson, Liaison Group Vice Chairman, 4th May 2019.

Tuesday Teas

As i understand it Teas on a Tuesday started from when Winnie Spall decided she would make a cup of tea and keep her daughter Margaret company while she ran the post Office that used to be based from the Village Hall on a Tuesday afternoon. Villagers would come along to the post office , stop and chat and be offered a cup of tea with whoever was there. Over time the post office closed from the village hall, but the weekly meeting over a cup of tea and then cake carried on, so it got known as Tuesday Teas.

It has always been an open door to everyone in the village or surrounding villages, also welcoming visitors who have come to visit our village and wandered past on the right day for tea and cake. It is always wrote up in the Ebb and Flows under regular weekly events and posted on the village halls door as to what's on at the village hall, so people know.

Us local ladies who attend the teas most weeks seem to work out a few weeks in front who can do teas for those weeks, apart from a couple of holidays and over Christmas we manage to keep the doors open every Tuesday afternoon between 3-5pm.

Tuesday teas is a very big positive in our community for keeping in touch with our neighbours and friends, for those that are by themselves or in need of chat. Between us that attend local information to what is going on in and around the villages is spoken about and passed on to others.

Crystal Runnacles , April 2019

Great Glemham Ladies Club May 2019

The club was formed in 1975/6 to provide a social gathering point for the ladies of the village. Over the years the club has broadened its scope and now has members from Rendham, Sweffling, Cransford, Stratford St. Andrew, Saxmundham and Framlingham. Our membership stands at about 30 and we meet on the ~~2nd Thursday~~ ^{last Tuesday} monthly with varied speakers;

This year includes talks on National Youth String Orchestra, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Jimi's Farm Sausage Making Demo, Coins, Crafts and Pine Needle Weaving. We also have a walk with the option of carpet bowls for those who prefer and fish and chips to follow.

Also the occasional visit to the theatre or other places of interest. The annual Christmas Dinner is much looked forward to as is the annual picnic.

The odd meeting of general interest has been opened to husbands but this remains, in the whole, a place for female friends to get together.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2019

As a Parish council over the course of the year we have played our part in considering and discussing a number of larger issues facing the district and county as a whole –Sizewell, Scottish Power proposals and the wider implications of the new local plan. A small village most of the direct actions have revolved around the day to day running of the parish council. Being a small village these roles are filled by numerous key figures who multi task from fetes to potholes to form filling. As a result I would like to thank the Parish Council, Clerk and electors for all their efforts over the year, especially all those who remained willing to serve in the sometimes under appreciated roles that keep our community and Parish Council going.

In particular I would like to thank both those who have re-stood for election and also with a warm welcome to those who have joined us namely our now not so new Clerk Caroline Emeny and our new councillor Mark Lissaman –there are still vacancies if anyone feels moved tonight, though undemocratic we are not adverse to co-option during the year, particularly as there is considerably less paperwork for the clerk!

In addition I would also like to give great thanks to those who have stood down after years of sterling work as part of the Parish Council Team –Dianne and Duncan and as we expressed last year ahead of his departure our sincere thanks to Nick Redman for his considerable care and immense effort as Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council for the last 10 years.

Last year I made a disastrous effort to thank all those who work behind the scenes on the various events, clubs, charities and organisations that are behind village life. This year instead we have tried to put together a cross section of some of the numerous activities and groups going on in the village hall and village -*the church and Tuesday Teas, - the wonderful fete - the Telephone box -the school trust - the non-ecclesiastical trust - the flower show - the art shows - those litter picks - the watchful eye and considerable effort in keeping the Butcher's field the great space it is and the tending of our churchyard where so many friends family and now we find so much nature rests, the village hall committee for their hire to us and continue care of the village hall.*

I think what came clear last year and as we have just heard from a by no means complete cross section of all the activities that take place here, is that for a small village there is a lot going on behind the scenes and that in this small but very vibrant community we have much and many to be thankful for.

As listed in my favourite Community action document summarising our village we punch well above our weight –we have our arguably international Museum and Café, our Pub, *this year becoming a hub of games on our leap year for the fete weekend* –the uncategorisable and certainly International Alde Valley Spring festival, growing in renown and reach, our church and village hall art festivals, a craft festival, a flower festival, and it sounds like what maybe the smallest poetry festival in the country coming to the phone box...and our church, a cause we were very happy to support when so grossly vandalised –described by Simon Knott in the Last of England, *...this precious jewel nestling here, a touchstone to the past...*and it sounds as though it will need our continued support.

The first recoding of Glemham like many villages is in the Domesday

It appears as *Glaim* or *Gliem* ham from the Old English Gleam meaning merriment and roughly translates as *The merry village or the village where sports or games were played.*

We may not be so sporting as our Saxon forebears Sparrow and Starling (read last years report for reference) but I think we are still merry.

Argus Gathorne-Hardy, May 2019