

Glemsford Gossip

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Vandalism (yet again)

Yet again the village has been hit by vandalism. At the end of May the Village Hall was vandalised, guttering was ripped off and also a window smashed.

Graffiti has been daubed on the rear wall of the Village Hall and the whole area is very untidy, despite the Parish Council installing litter bins for rubbish.

On Saturday 14th September, five members of the Glemsford Gladiators committee and three children re-painted the pavilion after the last bout of vandalism. These were people giving up their own time to make the pavilion look

decent for visitors playing football at the Rec. The work was completed just after 1 pm and at 4 pm the Clerk received a phone call telling her that the pavilion had already been vandalised. Names had been daubed on the wall and tiles ripped from the roof. The police were called and enquiries are being made as we go



to press.

Two of the boys involved have painted over the graffiti that they wrote on the pavilion and we hope that this will deter them from doing anything as silly in the future.

The Parish Council would urge all residents to call the police immediately if they witness any vandalism in the village. It is an ongoing problem but with witness help, we can crack this. We will be taking private prosecutions out if no action is taken by the police as we are determined to stamp out this sort of mindless behaviour and to take pride in the village in which we all live.

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Rumours

There have been several rumours doing the rounds about the pavilion so we will put the record straight.

There are no plans to hand the pavilion over to the youth in the village. Inspector Hudson from Sudbury Police Station had spoken to some of the youth about this, but the Parish Council have made **NO** decision regarding this matter. As the pavilion stands, there are no proper facilities for running a drop in centre, and due to the vandalism at present, it may even be pulled down. We understand that at a police forum recently, this matter was again discussed, without consulting the Parish Council or Glemsford Gladiators Football Club. If any plans like these were passed, it would be well publicised in the newspapers within the Parish Council report, so we would urge you all not to listen to idle rumours. If you have any queries about matters in the village, please call the Clerk on 282740, who will do her best to advise you.

Cemetery

We have recently received queries about reserving plots at the cemetery. This can be done by telephoning the Clerk, and arranging to meet to chose a suitable plot. Plots can be reserved for £60.00.

The cremation section is becoming rather full. We have decided to site another cremation plot at the bottom of the cemetery.

Whilst writing, we wish to advise residents that there are to be no bushes, shrubs or plants placed in the cemetery on plots, only flowers. Also we do not allow kerb stones on graves now, as this causes damage to the grass cutting machinery.

There is a wheelie bin provided at the cemetery for all rubbish and litter.

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Youth Facilities Park

We are still encountering problems with the youth facilities park. Although we have sited litter bins on the park, the site is littered with rubbish and debris. The bins are emptied into the village hall wheelie bin when they are getting full. The wheelie bin at the Village Hall has had to be chained to the railings as it has been taken away and set fire to before. Since we have done this, Cleanaway in their infinite wisdom, do not empty the bin every week. Despite numerous telephone calls, this matter has not been rectified so the Parish Council have now written a letter of complaint to them. Babergh District Council are also aware of the situation. To complicate matters even more, our wonderful street cleaner, Rachel, has had to leave as she is pregnant. This leaves us with Bill, our wonderful litter picker, but he cannot cope with the whole of the village. We are currently interviewing to fill Rachel's position, which we hope will help to improve the problem. We are also liaising and hopefully will be getting some community service workers at the weekend within the next month or so.

We are also going to site some new gates at the entrance to the Village Hall, which will prevent cars being parked on the Village Hall car park, with radios blaring.

Babergh District Council are also investigating the noise problem at the Park and we are looking into noise prevention measures for the equipment. We have received a quotation for this but need to get further details. We will be liaising with Babergh and some acoustics specialists.

In the short term we have three options, we either pay a lot of money out to put sound proofing measures in place, which may not even solve the problem, we move the whole park, or we sell it. The park is not being looked after, and when we went to meet Environmental Health Officers today, the site was a disgrace. Fences have even been ripped apart to make makeshift ramps.

In the long term however there are plans afoot to combine the Social Club, Village Hall and Sports pavilion on one site. The Social Club has been experiencing problems and without some sort of long term plan, it would have to be closed down within the next two years. If these plans go ahead, this would mean that the youth facilities park would be re-sited, as the Village hall would be extended.

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Following the recent recruitment drive, more volunteers have come forward and training dates are already under way. The responders hope to be fully operational by the beginning of November. Thanks to Janette Osborne, nearly £1,200 was raised in door to door collections throughout the village, which will enable vital equipment to be bought. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call Jo Brown on 281862.

Street Lights

We are having the normal problems with street lighting, especially now that Winter is drawing in. Most of the street lights should have number on, so could you please quote this when reporting them to the Clerk. Once a complaint is received, I telephone Eastern Contracting, who normally repair the light within five working days. I would urge all residents who report a fault to call me again if the offending light has not been repaired in this time period and I will again report it.

Neighbourhood Watch

Plans are underway to recruit new neighbourhood watch volunteers. If you are interested, please call the Clerk on 282740 and I can forward your name to the Crime Reduction Office at Sudbury Police Station.

And finally.....

We would like to say a big thank you to the following people: Bill Dane who is our litter picker in the village, Roy Britton, who has carried out many minor repairs for us both throughout the village and at the Village Hall recently, and Colin and Wayne Hickford who do a great job clearing footpaths, etc for us if we receive complaints.

We would also like to thank our volunteers for delivering these newsletters:- Perle Tonkins, Anna Watkinson, Lisa Lord, Joan Love, Darlene Ablitt, Debbie Grafen, Jack Turner, Jonah Shipley, Steve Sunderland, Bob Richardson, Ellie Hall, Bob Bocking, Karen Wallace, Brian Richer and Len Young. You all do a great job and we really appreciate it.

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