

GLEMSFORD GOSSIP

GLEMSFORD COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND NEW COUNCIL

Glensford recently held elections for two District Councillors. The result of the election was as follows:-

Rex Thake (Lib. Dem) 613 votes—ELECTED, Len Young (Ind—488 votes—ELECTED, Peter Patrick (Cons) 343 votes.

The two District Councillors would like to thank all of the residents who voted for them.

There was no election for Parish Council, but we do have two new councillors—Mrs. Lynne Bloomfield and Mr. Sid Watkinson.

Mr. Parmenter decided to step down from the position of Chairman and the Parish would like to thank him for his input over the last few years. Mrs. Lucy Knox has now taken over as Chair, and Mr. Neil Gurr is the new vice-Chairman.

As a footnote, we would like to express our disappointment at the lack of people who turned out to vote on 3rd May. Less than 30% of residents took the opportunity to vote, but we are getting used to the apathy in Glensford, in fact not one per-

GLEMSFORD MULTI-AGENCY FORUM

Communication, sharing ideas and information, coordinating events, are all vital for knowing what is going on, for us to feel involved.

The **Glensford Mutli Agency Forum** was started with this in mind. Members from voluntary groups and statutory agencies (e.g. School, Health) attend.

Over an informal lunch we meet for an hour to share news, ideas and plan projects. Our first project is to update the Glensford Directory. (Thanks to those who have given me information for it. The printing has been delayed until May so we can include the newly elected Parish Council)

It is an open forum. If you belong to a group that meets in Glensford, or give a service for the people of Glensford, come along. The next meeting is on **Monday 14th May 2007 12noon - 1pm** at the Tye Green Centre, (next to the Methodist Church)

GLEMSFORD LIBRARY

Summer opening hours:	Tuesday	11.00am to 12.30pm	2.00pm to 6.30pm
	Friday	9.30am to 11.30am	2.30pm to 5.00pm
	Saturday	9.30am to 2.00pm	
	Sunday	11.00am to 4.00pm	

LITTER PICK

Can you spare a half hour? or more?

Ros Joiner and Rachel Twitchett do a marvellous job of keeping our village clean.

In preparation for the week end of the Fun Day and Open Gardens (23- 24 June) Glemsford Mutli Agency Forum invites YOU to a Litter Pick.

Meet at the school on **Saturday 16th June, 10 - 12 noon**. We will clear those parts they do not have time to reach.

The school will meet at the same time and spring clean their grounds. Drinks, gloves, bags etc provided.

COUNCIL TAX INCREASE

ABBAY LANDSCAPING

Fencing, paths, patios, water features, drives, trellis work, gazebos, turfing, garden maintenances.

We have received a query about the increase of council tax bills for 2007-2008.

We regret the increase but last year we had to pay out over £11,000 of public money as a result of vandalism (this figure does include the demolition of the sports pavilion). The Council have fought not to increase our part of the Council Tax for the last two years and even managed a decrease one year, but we had no alternative this year but to ask for money from Babergh, due to the costs of repairing damage in the village.

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We would urge residents to report any vandalism to us and the police. If we can catch the perpetrators and recover the costs of the damage then you will not receive another increase on your bills next year!

SAMBA SOCCER

The Samba Soccer sessions run by Babergh continue to be very successful. The sessions run on a Thursday evening from 5-6pm in the Village Hall, followed by basketball sessions on the youth facilities park from 6-7pm. For further details, please turn up on the night, or contact Stephanie Lloyd at Babergh District Council.

We are looking into fencing around the basketball court, painting the equipment and marking of the courts. This will be funded by grant monies and we hope that this will ensure the continued success of the basketball lessons.

BENCH

The bench on Tye Green will be removed in the near future for refurbishment. If you have any queries, please telephone the Clerk.

VILLAGE HALL CLUBS

The Village Hall is now booked every weekday evening for activities. At present Clubs include Karate, Kick Boxing, History Society, Gardening Club, Dog Training Playgroup and Mother and Toddlers. Please contact the Clerk for more information.