**Glemsford Parish Council – Annual meeting**

**Report from Glemsford Gardening Club.**

Good evening.
My name is Loretta Edwards and after several years as Secretary of the Glemsford Gardening Club I am now it’s chair having taken over from Stephen Perkins who retired at our last AGM.
I am delighted to say that despite the continuance of Covid and the disruption that it brought, Gardening Club was largely able to continue with its planned programme of events, only cancelling one of it’s monthly speaker events.

The Club runs from September to March – this season we were able to change our venue to this village hall which has worked out so well for us. A larger area giving us space to spread out and remain ‘socially distanced’ whilst listening to our speakers. Our members have been very positive about this change. We have enjoyed talks on a wide variety of subjects including Dahlias, plants for pollinators and how to get the best from our clay soils. We still have some excellent talks to come including one on gardening for Climate change.

Our membership has dropped a little in the last year, but we have been delighted at the number of new members that have joined us. A sign perhaps that having to spend more time at home has encouraged people to enjoy their garden more.

Our usual club visits to local gardens or to enjoy trips by coach further afield have had to take a back seat during the year for obvious reasons but we do hope that this summer we will be able to arrange at least one club outing. We will have to see what path the Covid pandemic takes.

I am sure that you will have noticed the abundance of daffodils on by the Church and on Fair and Tye Greens. The Gardening club purchased something in the region of 1000 bulbs to provide some spring colour in the village and supplement the plants that were already there. This was kindly matched by the Parish Council for which we thank them gratefully, so on a couple of chilly mornings last October stalwarts of the club spent several hours planting them all. They really do look lovely.

Although Club meetings will stop in May for a short while, the Committee will be actively working to put together a full programme of informative and interesting speakers for the new year. I hope to see you at one of our meetings.

Loretta Edwards

Chair
Glemsford Gardening Club