

CLAWTON CLARION September 2021



Welcome to the September 2021 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

It is lovely to be publishing some “upcoming events” for the village and church this month after such long time of restrictions and closures. We look forward to meeting new neighbours and renewing ties with old friends over the next couple of months. We are always happy to have volunteers to help at village events and take part on the committee.

Don't forget, the Clawton Clarion is your voice , so keep those contributions and any feedback coming!

Please send contributions for the next edition by midday on **Monday 20th September 2021** to graham.jw@btinternet.com or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265

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Dates for your Diary

1st September	Women on Wednesday	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall <i>Current members Only</i>
5th September	Devon Historic Churches Day – <i>Tetcott Church event</i>	3.00pm	Luffincott Church – Tetcott Church <i>See further details</i>
10th September	Home from Home coffee morning	10.30am	Clawton Parish Hall
11th September	Lazy Garden Plant Company Sale	9.30-12.00	Clawton Parish Hall <i>See further details</i>
12th September	Congregational Service	11.00am	St Leonard's Church
18th September	Village Fundraiser Event	5.00-9.30pm	Holsworthy Ales Brewery
20th September	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Hall
26th September	Harvest Festival	11.00am	St Leonard's Church <i>Lunch in Parish Hall to follow</i>
29th October	Wine and Wisdom	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
6th November	Pre-Christmas Fayre	10.00-2.00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
4th December	Christmas Fayre	10.00-2.00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
4th December	Bingo	6.00pm	Clawton Parish Hall

Clawton Parish Council News

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 20th September at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please send any matters for the attention to the Parish Council to the parish clerk, Sally Whitehead via clawtonpcclerk@outlook.com

Minutes and Agenda are available on our village web site: www.clawton.org.uk

St Leonard's Church

Services for September:

Sunday 12th September at 11.00 – Congregational Service

Sunday 26th September at 11.00 – Harvest Festival with Rev Stephen

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is on September 26th at 11am and will be followed by a cold lunch with dessert in the Hall (adults £10, primary age children £5 and under-5s free).

Fresh produce from the church will be auctioned after lunch and other food will be donated locally.



For any church related concerns or queries please contact:

Rev Stephen Skinner (Priest in charge) Tel: 07554 142264 - email- sjmskinners@btinternet.com

Irene Ellis (Church warden) Tel: 01409 271371

Holsworthy Ales

The brewery will be closed on August 28th and September 4th and will open again in the afternoon of September 11th. Look forward to seeing you at the brewery for the village fundraiser on September 18th from 5.00-9.30pm

Community Speedwatch

Are you concerned about vehicle speed in your community? We need volunteers in Clawton

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a scheme that empowers communities to help the Police in our quest to drive down the speeds of vehicles in your area, where the speed limit is 30 or 40 mph. CSW aims to engage and educate drivers using a staged warning system.

CSW sees teams of Police Volunteers positioned at the roadside, in designated risk assessed locations, monitoring traffic. Details of speeding vehicles are recorded and warning letters sent to the registered keeper, together with educational information. The data gathered by the teams also helps to inform enforcement activity.

We already have teams working in Halwill, Holsworthy, Holsworthy Hamlets and St. Giles and would welcome more volunteers to join them or to start new teams in your area.

For more information please visit our website: [Speed Watch | Devon and Cornwall Police \(devon-cornwall.police.uk\)](http://Speed Watch | Devon and Cornwall Police (devon-cornwall.police.uk))

or contact PCSO Mark James via the torridge email address

Car Treasure Hunt Report

The first post-pandemic village event saw a collaboration between the Parish Hall, The Rotary Club of Holsworthy and Holsworthy Ales Brewery.



More than 25 cars with folk from as far away as North Tamerton, Holsworthy and Bude were ably marshalled from the Parish Hall with a list of clues and items to find on a route around local parishes. A successful completion meant the “treasure” of hot food from the Whiddon Wagon and Dave’s beers from Holsworthy Ales could be enjoyed at the Brewery.



It was a wonderful evening (despite the rain arriving at Brewery time!) with people enjoying getting together after such a long time apart. Medals were awarded and raffle prizes won to great cheers!

Thanks particularly to Maralyn, Ian, Helen, James, Dave, Sarah and members of the Rotary for the devising and marking of the clues and great organisation of the event. Proceeds were shared between the Parish Hall and the Rotary Club.

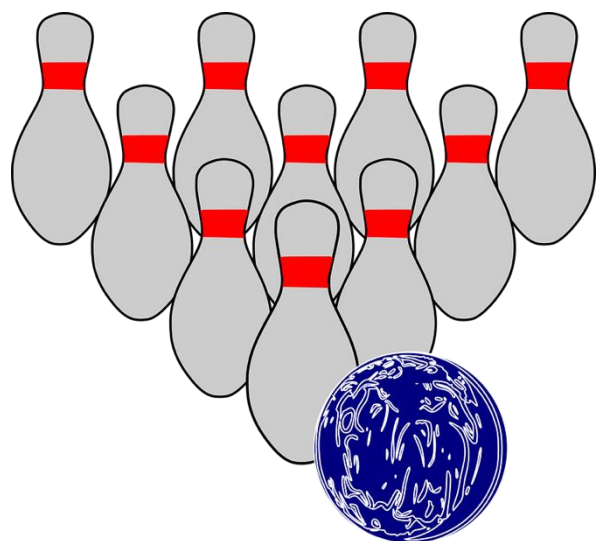
Clawton Ladies Skittles

Feeling Isolated?
Want to start socialising again?
Have you considered joining a skittles club?

Clawton Ladies are looking for players for the upcoming Winter season. We also have socials out of season.

If you're interested please call either
Tracey Edwards on 07989 378129 or 01409253847 or
Lisa Cornish on 07891 749819 or 01409 240348
where we will be happy to answer any of your questions

Many Thanks
Tracey Edwards



Clawton Parish Hall Report from Maralyn Bailey

It feels like a new beginning for the hall's monthly activities. Like Rip Van Winkle waking up. Our WOW group is our first booking for September, we look forward to seeing everyone again. The hall would like to host the first "Home from Home" coffee morning to gauge how everyone feels about the way forward. The date set is as before the second Friday, 10th September from 10.30 to whenever!! We will welcome everyone to view the newly updated hall interior.

The Pop up plant sale will follow on Saturday 11th September, if the girls have enough stock. Please see the village notice board for updates. (Please see the Lazy Garden Plant company article in this Clarion)

The village fundraiser at the brewery will be on Saturday 18th from 5.00-9.30p.m. We will be providing our usual fayre which is always popular, burgers, pasties and lots of salad and side dishes, followed by the yummy homemade puddings. We extend thanks to Dave & Sarah for allowing us to use the premises again.



I personally thank those who have given so much time to the re-painting, one job has led to another. Also thanks to the "boys" who trimmed the hedges and cleared away the cuttings, also the other team who completed the side area by the kitchen.

Our dedicated aim is to keep everyone safe as far as possible. The Covid prevention spray treatment will take place after each booking. Carrie is the booking secretary/caretaker Her number is 07359 133039 this is for purely booking the hall, all other enquiries can be made to any committee member or myself 271315.

October

Friday 29th October 7.30 with Ian Parker as our QM

Hall's wine and wisdom quiz will be limited to ten tables only, to make everyone feel comfortable and less crowded, so book early. Individual supper plates will be provided, the brewery will supply beer, also we will have lagers, soft drinks and ciders available to purchase.

November

Saturday 6th November Pre Christmas Fayre. Tea & coffee. Together with a choice of soups and rolls 10-2pm. Anyone who is interested in having a table or space, please let me know. Contacts have started to be made with local businesses.

December

Saturday 4th December 10-2p.m. Full Christmas Fayre. To get those last minute gifts, of plants & food items. Local Crafters are most welcome. We are taking bookings for more table sellers. In the evening we will be hosting the Christmas bingo. 6 pm onwards
Full details will follow.



Hello from The Lazy Garden Plant Company!

Just wanted to introduce ourselves to faces old and new. What started as a shared passion for sowing from seed for our own gardens 7 months ago has now morphed into our very own little plant business! For those who don't know us, we're Tomi and Immy, a sister duo on a mission to supply locally grown, environmentally conscious, wildlife friendly plants to suit every garden.

We've started the venture with a mix of both bedding and perennial plants as well as summer baskets, bespoke planters (both new and refills) and a crop of dried flowers too! As we progress through the year we're looking to do Christmas wreathes and winter baskets too.

A big thank you to all who attended the pop up plant sale earlier this month... apologies to those we didn't reach in time. We loved seeing so many friendly faces as well as getting to know new ones! We plan to hold a second pop up sale on Saturday 28th August in Halwill Village hall (9am-12pm) and dependant on stock levels may potentially hold a third on the 11th September back on home turf in Clawton – keep your eyes peeled for updates on the village notice board!!

We're delighted to say we'll also be part of the community Christmas fayres on both the 6th November and 4th December! Hope to see lots of you there!

Kind regards

The Lazy Garden Team!

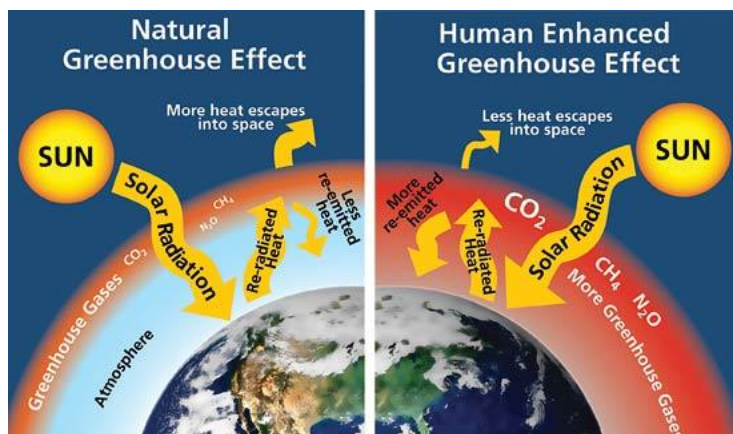




Environmental Ramblings – From Andy Rogers

Climate Change – what is it and what can we do about it?

The greenhouse effect which causes Climate Change is actually a natural process. Atmospheric gases trap heat which allows the Earth to retain enough solar heat to be inhabitable. Without the greenhouse effect, the Earth would not support most forms of life (including us!). Sunlight passes through the atmosphere. Clouds, ice caps and other light-coloured surfaces reflect some light back into space, but most of the incoming energy reaches the planet's surface. The Earth then radiates this energy back toward space as heat. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide and methane, absorb heat, bouncing some back to the Earth's surface and releasing some into the atmosphere.



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Modern climate change is caused **by a rapid increase** of greenhouse gases released over a very short time by us humans burning and releasing the stored carbon of coal, oil and gas that has been driving our lifestyle since the Industrial Revolution (See diagram above). This increase, in turn, over-insulates the planet. As a result, temperatures have risen. Imagine wearing a winter parka in the tropics. The effect is similar — too much insulation causes the planet to overheat. The extra heat doesn't just sit there keeping us toastie, it is what is driving the huge changes and extremes we are seeing in our climate patterns – i.e., driving Climate Change.

Last month, the latest Climate Change Assessment report from the IPPC was published, the first since 2013. The report was signed off by 195 countries – comprising all major governments so has universal political backing. So, everyone, bar those who believe in a flat earth, or the beatification of Donald Trump, should take heed.

The report does not make good reading! It confirms that humans are warming the planet, with the past five years having been the hottest on record. This excess heat is melting glaciers, sea ice, and causing sea level rise to escalate, and is of course, fundamental to the extreme events of storm and drought, which are both increasing in frequency and severity. Just in the past few months, there have been unprecedented heatwaves in Western North America, North Africa Turkey and Greece, and massive flooding in China and parts of Western Europe.

What can you do?

We don't think we can stop it, but we still have an opportunity to limit the impact. But to do this, we all need to take some real responsibility. We need to collectively reduce our carbon footprint, and then adapt to a new normal. So – what can we do?

- **Nationally-** We should push for genuine roadmaps to back up the many policies being published – always ask for the 'how will that happen' – targets don't make changes happen, action does
- **Locally** – many local parish and town communities are making decisions to drive local initiatives – act local, think global. Look at what is happening in Bude – Their Climate Resilient Catchment report can be found here: [Bude Climate Partnership website](#)
- **Personally** – Some big ones to consider are reduce car use – walk and bike where possible; ditch the plane – holiday local; Insulate your home – look at your loft; switch to green energy tariffs to drive

the change; eat seasonally, locally, and more plants; avoid 'fast fashion' – keep, and repair; refuse single use plastic. Also see the BBC – top 10 tips to reduce your carbon footprint

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-52719662>

The science is clear, and like many things in life it is now down to us as individuals and as communities to decide whether we invest in action now for the future of our children and society. So, are we willing to modify and adapt our own behaviours for them, or not?

If you have something else 'Environmental' you want to discuss or want advice or signposting, then feel free to drop me a line at: andy@wrt.org.uk

Funding opportunities for 'Nature Improvements'

We are seeing increasing funding opportunities for environmental improvements to land and waterways. Anyone genuinely interested in using part of their land for 'Nature Recovery' but need help in what to do, and help applying for money to make it happen, please get in touch with us at WRT and we will assist where we can. andy@wrt.org.uk

Village Clean Up – Paul Grafton



Many thanks to the select group that gave up their Saturday morning to keep our main road looking tidy



Devon Historic Churches – from Nicky Mitchell



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Full details of local events and how to take part from County Organiser Judith Kauntze: Tel 01404 813 852
E: judith.kauntze@btinternet.com
DHCT Secretary Claire Sherlock: Tel 01626 835 820
E: contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

LOCAL ORGANISER:

If the second Saturday of September does not suit you, please support us on a date of your choice

In aid of the **DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**
www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk
Charity Registration Number 265594

Tetcott church will be supporting this event with a service at Luffincott church at 3pm on Sunday the 5th September followed by a walk along the Mill wood footpath to Tetcott church where tea and cakes will be provided.

If you would like you can sponsor me to do the walk, join us for the walk or join just the service. Any donations on this day and sponsorship will be split between Tetcott church and Devon historic churches who provide funding for church buildings.

For further information please email Nicky at mitchell900@btinternet.com.

Poem from Les Johnson

Town Farm Legacy

We all leave a legacy somehow.
We all leave something behind.
Unique artefacts of a lifetime
With everything numbered and signed
All we've created and crafted
Whatever the length of our years,
Some items shiny and glossy,
Others quite rusted by tears.



Here are things golden and glossy
There they are lacking in sheen,
Born of the times we were gentle and kind
Or the times we were cruel and mean.
But, whether they're diamond- dusted
Or bling from a second-hand stall,
As long as there's love in the leavings
Nothing else matters at all.

Safe, resilient and connected communities – Alison Hernandez launches survey into Police and Crime Plan

Alison Hernandez has launched a survey into her second Police and Crime Plan after she was re-elected for a second term as Police and Crime Commissioner.

Have your say on the future of policing in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly
Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez unveils her plan for 2021-25:
The Commissioner's priorities:

Safe

- Break the cycle of crime through prevention and innovation
- Focus on our communities' priorities of drugs, ASB, road safety and violence
- Maximise visible policing across the geography
- Prevent business crime, particularly violence towards retail staff
- Reduce the opportunity for people to reoffend

Resilient

- Increase public participation with policing
- Strengthen the sustainability of police and criminal justice services
- Support young people to reduce the likelihood of them falling victim to crime
- Influence Government on issues affecting Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
- Invest in crime prevention to strengthen rural communities

Connected

- Improve police visibility and increase access points to contact police
- Develop easy to use digital services
- Learn from our communities, build trust and support people with diverse needs
- Collaborate and tackle crime in partnership
- Improve public confidence through world class local policing

The Commissioner's priorities:

Building confidence, innovation, intelligence, preventing crime, improving public confidence, tackling serious crime

The Commissioner's approach:

Responding to the needs of our communities, supporting victims and working with perpetrators

People
Safe, resilient and connected communities

Place
More police visibility and accessibility, safer spaces and neighbourhoods

Partners
Working together with national, regional and local partners to make our area a safer

Give your views
Scan the QR code to complete our survey, or contact our team at 01392 261111 for more information. You can also visit our website at www.pccdevon-cornwall.co.uk

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Commissioner Hernandez has chosen to retain the key thread of her first Plan, published in 2016, to help create safe, resilient and connected communities.

The Plan aims to:

- Keep communities safe by breaking the cycle of crime through prevention and innovation, focussing on community priorities such as of drugs, ASB, road safety and violence, maximise visible policing, prevent business crime - particularly violence towards retail staff - and reduce opportunities for people to reoffend;
- Make communities more resilient by increasing public participation in policing, making the police and criminal justice services more sustainable, helping young people to reduce the chances of falling victim to crime, influencing Government on local issues and investing in crime prevention to strengthen rural communities;
- Better connecting the police and public by increasing access points to contact police, developing easy-to-use digital services, building trust and supporting people with diverse needs, collaborating to tackle crime in partnership and improving public confidence through world class local policing.

"We are fortunate to live in one of the safest parts of the Britain," said Commissioner Hernandez.

"Strong communities, an unprecedented investment in policing and organisations that work better with one another for their communities have helped reduce crime year after year.

However, issues like antisocial behaviour, violence and dangerous driving still blight too many lives.

I want to build on the work done so far to make us the safest area in the country, and one with world-class policing.

My draft Police and Crime Plan prioritises the issues that matter most to our communities, using data from surveys and the Office of National Statistics.

But it is essential that the voice of our communities is reflected in the plan, which sets the strategic direction for the force, my partnerships and commissioning.

So, I am asking people to take a few minutes to complete our survey. The answers will be vital in informing the decisions that lie ahead."

The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D8GYKKE>

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