

CLAWTON CLARION

October 2021



Welcome to the October 2021 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

It has been lovely to see events starting up again in Clawton over the last couple of weeks and we have more in store for the coming months. We would really appreciate having a few more members of the Parish Hall Committee to help out with events and share new fundraising ideas, so please contact us if you would like to join.

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 **Wednesday 20th October 2021** to graham.jw@btinternet.com or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265

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Dates for your Diary

3rd October	Tetcott Harvest Supper and Service	7.00pm	Tetcott Village Hall – <i>see further details</i>
6th October	Women on Wednesday	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall – <i>see further details. Visitors Welcome</i>
8th October	Home from Home coffee morning	10.30am	Clawton Parish Hall – <i>hosted by Ken and Brenda Sayers</i>
10th October	Café Church	11.00am	St Leonard's Church – <i>see further details</i>
11th October	Evelyn's walk	10.00am	Hallwill – <i>see further details</i>
24th October	Holy Communion by extension	11.00am	St Leonard's Church
29th October	Wine and Wisdom	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
30th October	Holsworthy Ales Open Evening	5.00-9.30pm	Holsworthy Ales Brewery – <i>see further details</i>
30th October	Pasty and Cider "call in" evening	6.30-9.00pm	Tetcott Church – <i>see further details</i>
6th November	Pre-Christmas Fayre	10.00-2.00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
8th November	Clawton parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	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 8th November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. This will include a short presentation on Airband. 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 10th October at 11.00 – Café service with Christine Forster

Sunday 24th October at 11.00 – Holy Communion by extension with Jim Williams



New Church Service Format

We're experimenting with a new less formal service format called **Café Church**. It combines a social event with coffee and cake with a short informal service.

The first of these services will be held on **Sunday 10th October at 11a.m.**

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

We'll be holding an open night on **Saturday 30th October 5pm - 9.30pm** and are looking forward to welcoming back Alex with his fantastic wood fired pizzas. We'll have a range of beers on offer at the bar, plus bottled beer, cider, wine and soft drinks. To get into the festive spirit, we'll also be holding a carved pumpkin competition with prizes for the best three. Come and join us for a relaxed and fun evening - as usual, there's no need to book.

Women on Wednesday



The next meeting is in Clawton Parish Hall on **Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7.30 p.m.** when members will enjoy a talk about beavers in Devon from Mark Elliot of the Devon Wildlife Trust. Visitors welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



Clawton Parish Hall Report from Maralyn Bailey

I wish to thank the couple of households who have shown interest in the history of the inhabitants of their homes. One of the contributors has recently purchased property in Clawton, the details gleaned from their deeds, gives me a good start point of when the cottages were built. We are looking for some "looking back photos" to use in the hall - any photos will be returned after getting a black and white print. Particularly looking for the original opening evening with the radio "star" from the Archers who performed the ceremony. During the first months of 2022 we hope to have an evening of looking back, once again if you have any photos or memorabilia to create an interesting event for old residents and newly arrived residents.

The Treasure Hunt was a great success, with lots of positive comments, and requests to do another one next year, we made just over two hundred pounds which will pay for updating the hall lights to change them to LED tubes, these are more cost effective.

Our Village fundraiser was well supported despite the weather, thank you to all the helpers and the ones who gave donations, provided food, and their time. Our profits for the evening was just a little short of £500. We have allocated this money to purchasing new tables.

The bookings for the Wine and Wisdom on Friday 29th October, are now all filled. Thanks for the support. Our question master will be Ian Parker, so a fun filled evening is promised. The proceeds of this evening will enable us to purchase new tables. Later fund raising activities will go towards new chairs for the hall. We are researching the best style of chair for an evening's comfort.



The tables for the two fayres in November and December have also been fully booked. We will offer tasting sessions for reflexology; local meat supplier; the Lazy Garden supplying wreaths and plants etc; jams & pickles; honey; jewellery; locally produced glassware; crafts of all kinds; Christmas decorations. The reflexology sessions are 15 minutes for £5, to book your place, please phone Maralyn on 271315, so we can fit everyone in. I go to Julia every three weeks to maintain a long term back problem and can vouch for the effects from the treatment. The sessions will

either concentrate on the hands or feet. The reflexology sessions are available only for the November fayre. The November fayre is Saturday 6th November 10-2, soup and rolls, coffee and tea will be available. December date is 4th again 10-2, this will be followed in the evening by the bingo.

Poem from Les Johnson

Freedom Day's fallen down flat.
With scientists telling us that
More vaccine, per head,
Could cut down the spread,
What next?
Jab the dog and the cat?



Monthly Walks from Evelyn Sharman

You may know that I recently stood down as a Parish Councillor for Holsworthy Hamlets. I am delighted to learn that a new Councillor has recently been appointed. Her name is Janine King. She has very kindly volunteered to take up the role of P3 coordinator so I know that our local Public Rights of Way in Holsworthy Hamlets are in good hands. I understand that Councillor King will not be continuing with the Inter Parish Walks so I know that I won't be treading on anybody's toes if I continue to organise monthly walks. I must stress that these are not under the umbrella of either a Parish Council or Devon County Council so if anyone wishes to join me, there is no insurance in place & they do so entirely at their own risk.

It was on this basis that a few people joined me on Monday 13th September. We met at the Village Hall in Clawton & enjoyed a circular walk of six miles. I am no whizz with technology so I calculated the distance in advance by using a piece of string, an OS map & a tape measure. It would appear that the old fashioned method worked a treat as two of my fellow walkers checked the distance with more modern means & confirmed that we had indeed covered a distance of six miles. The route took us past Forda Mill & across Affaland Moor.



When we joined the North Tamerton - Pyworthy road, we turned right & then right again towards Leworthy. The lane took us past France (yes, really!!) & by following the footpath across the fields, we rejoined the road opposite the entrance to East Down. It was then just a short stroll down hill back to the Village Hall. It was a lovely walk & contrary to the weather forecast, it stayed dry for us. Personally, I knew that we had walked further than normal as my legs were a bit tired..... It was worth it! We were all most grateful for the consideration shown to us by the tractor drivers whose mission it was that day to go muck spreading on the very fields that we walked across. Our timing couldn't have been worse when they had a job to do but they were very considerate. Thank you!

On Monday 11th October, Mike Stone has kindly agreed to lead a walk in Halwill. If you would like to contact me, I'll let you know where we will be meeting at 10am & I can give you information about the route. Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

Reporting crime to Devon and Cornwall Police

Do you need help and advice? Not sure where to look or who to speak to? Why not AskNED– Devon and Cornwall Police's non-emergency directory. Ask-NED combines the most commonly asked questions with contact details of those who can help.

If you do need to contact Devon and Cornwall Police about a non-emergency, you can contact them via:

- Online webchat
- Online crime reporting form
- Emailing101
- Calling 101

In an emergency situation, always dial 999.

You can also report crime anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website:crimestoppers-uk.org

WHATS ON AT..

A detailed line drawing of two large flowers with multiple petals and several long, pointed leaves, positioned on either side of a central text box.

TETCOTT CHURCH

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER- Harvest Supper & Service @ Tetcott Village Hall 7.00pm. £10 per adult/£5 per child -(under 5 free).

SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER- Pasty & Cider "call in" evening at the Church 6.30pm-9.00pm (ish). We will be joined by a few local organists. Please bring a donation.



Environmental Ramblings – From Andy Rogers

Climate Change – you and your home

This month, continuing the theme of climate change, focussing on how we can find the energy efficiency of our homes, and what we can do about it.

A good starting point is to check out on line, the current energy efficiency of your home. This is its EPC rating and is freely available here: <https://find-energy-certificate.digital.communities.gov.uk/>. You can also compare your efficiency to others in the neighbourhood or look at the data for a potential purchase as the information is freely and publicly available. You are likely aware of the energy information available for when you purchase an electrical appliance, buildings have a similar rating from A+ down to G. Remember the rating you can see is based on the findings from when the assessment was undertaken and does not reflect any improvements since. If you want to sell or rent your house, you will need an up-to-date certificate.

Here is an example from a Coventry address, 346 Stoney Stanton Road. The post code or street will give you a list of properties and reports in the area, you just click on the one you are interested in to give more information and access the report. It will also give you a visual rating. As well as an energy rating, if you scroll down the page, you come across a list of the features the report has considered, and that features rating (very good to poor). This list gives you a good indication of areas for improvement. Scroll down further, and there is a table showing opportunities to improve, predicted cost and savings. This section can be a bit vague – for example this house report mentions that ‘roofing’ is classed as very poor (no insulation) – but does not recommend insulation, which would be the best and simplest investment to undertake. To determine the best opportunities for your home, I would recommend using the ‘simple energy advice’ site in the next section.

Certificate contents

- Rules on letting this property
- Energy performance rating for this property
- Breakdown of property's energy performance
- Environmental impact of this property
- How to improve this property's energy performance
- Estimated energy use and potential savings
- Contacting the assessor and accreditation scheme
- Other certificates for this property

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346 STONEY STANTON ROAD
COVENTRY
CV5 5DJ

Energy rating
D

Valid until
11 February 2031

Certificate number
9627-1007-5202-0179-0204

Property type
Mid-terrace house

Total floor area
73 square metres

Rules on letting this property

Properties can be rented if they have an energy rating from A to E.
If the property is rated F or G, it cannot be let, unless an exemption has been registered. You can read [guidance for landlords on the regulations and exemptions](#).

Feature	Description	Rating
Wall	Solid brick, with external insulation	Good
Roof	Pitched, no insulation (assumed)	Very poor
Window	Fully double glazed	Average
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	Good
Main heating control	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	Good
Hot water	From main system	Good
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all fixed outlets	Very good
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	N/A
Secondary heating	None	N/A

How to improve this property's energy performance

Making any of the recommended changes will improve this property's energy efficiency.
If you make all of the recommended changes, this will improve the property's energy rating and score from D (54) to C (78).
▶ [What is an energy rating?](#)

Recommendation 1: Floor insulation (solid floor)
Floor insulation (solid floor)
Typical installation cost
£4,000 - £6,000
Typical yearly saving
£31
Potential rating after carrying out recommendation 1
C (78)

Recommendation 2: Solar water heating
Solar water heating
Typical installation cost
£4,000 - £6,000
Typical yearly saving
£26

Key improvements to consider

The key thing to do is understand the current ‘efficiency status’ of your home and the basic high impact improvements you can make. So, for example, do you have wall cavities, are they filled and when? what level of insulation is in your loft? How is your home and water heated and lit. I would recommend working through the ‘your home’ sections in the following:

<https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/> This will guide you through key improvements for each area. For example, for an unheated loft, the insulation should be more than 200mm – just adding another layer will make a big difference. But the potential improvements discussed on this site are much wider, with good detail. Remember, improvements can increase comfort as well as saving you money.

Other energy (and money) saving tips

There are many low / no cost changes you can make, here is a reminder of just a few! Fit low energy / LED bulbs and lighting. Costs of these items have plummeted, and LEDs use a tiny fraction of the energy of traditional incandescent bulbs. Switching off devices rather than leaving in standby – TVs and desktop computers tend to get left on or in standby for ‘convenience’. Take a Shower instead of a bath. This will give you a double saving if you are on a meter. Use the wind to dry clothing – tumble dryers use a lot of energy. Pop on a jumper and turn down the thermostat. Also, when buying new appliances, make their energy efficiency a key factor in your purchase. Remember you will be stuck with its energy use for a long time.

Funding improvements to your home

Grants and loans is a very fast-moving area, especially with Climate Change starting to rise up the political agenda. You can do a simple post code check here:

<https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/grants> which should give you all current funding opportunities. It is also worth checking with your energy provider, they often have their own schemes you can benefit from.

Hopefully you have found this useful, any feedback / questions then please contact me at andyrogers.mes@hotmail.co.uk

Holsworthy Walk and Talk from Gill Aston

Last month we revisited Claw Moor Plantation which is situated between Hollacombe and Brandis Corner at the side of the A3079. For some reason we haven't walked there for several years but it is definitely worth a visit, although parking can be tricky. Claw Moor is 134.02 ha (331.16 acres) in size with a circular hard track about 1.5 miles around which serves the forestry vehicles and makes for easy walking. There is a large deer population but, sadly, we didn't see any, and a very interesting lake. Although not large the lake is man-made and has an unusual 'drain' within it to regulate the water levels, the overflow of which runs away underneath the track. Apparently the lake water is used by the emergency services should there be a fire within the plantation.

It was very peaceful standing at the lakeside admiring the abundant wildlife and trying to identify the birds who were happily swimming and feeding in the sunshine. Getting out and about with our Group gives us an opportunity to find and enjoy these peaceful gems which are so close to home and even on the side of a busy road. Our new programme is now available if you would like to join us, see information below.

We walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am and are FREE. Membership forms will be available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk.

Walk programmes and further information are available from:

holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com

Gillian Aston 01409 254642 or Mike Jackson 01409 261196 or Paul Davies 01409 253250

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