

## CLAWTON CLARION October 2020



Welcome to the October 2020 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

As I write this, we have once again had further social restrictions due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and I hope all residents are keeping safe and well.

Don't forget that you can contact any of our Parish Councillors if you have any problems or require support regarding self isolation or any other local concerns. Sadly, there are no planned community events for October, but I am sure that Clawton residents will continue to look out for each other. Information in this edition is correct at the time of going to print, but we await announcements throughout October regarding further changes in restrictions.

Please send contributions for the next edition by midday on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020** to [graham.jw@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.jw@btinternet.com) or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265

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### St Leonard's Church



St Leonard's church continues to be open daily for private prayer and visitors.

It is intended to have a Harvest Service in St Leonard's Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11 a.m. This will be subject to the current coronavirus conditions including the wearing of a face covering when in the church.

Can visitors please respect social distancing and maintain appropriate hygiene during their visits.

Please see the poster later in this edition of the Clarion for details of other services in the Benefice.

For any church related concerns or queries please contact:

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Irene Ellis (Church warden) Tel:01409 271371





# Ashwater with Black Torrington Benefice Services – October 2020

## HARVEST SERVICES

**4<sup>th</sup> October**

5:30pm Tetcott

6:30pm Beaworthy

**11<sup>th</sup> October**

4:00pm Ashwater

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

11:00am Clawton

4:00pm Black Torrington

**25<sup>th</sup> October**

11:00am Halwill

5:00pm Highampton

## HOLY COMMUNION

**4<sup>th</sup> October**

11:00am Black Torrington

**11<sup>th</sup> October**

11:00am Halwill

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

11:00am Ashwater

**Please wear a face covering, use the hand sanitizer provided and observe social distancing at all times**

The APCM for Halwill will follow their service on 11<sup>th</sup> October  
The APCM for Black Torrington will follow their service on 18<sup>th</sup> October

St. Peter Ad Vincula, Ashwater EX21 5EY

St. Mary, Black Torrington EX21 5PU

St. Peter & St. James, Halwill EX21 5UH

St. Alban, Beaworthy EX21 5AB

St Leonard, Clawton EX22 6PS

Holy Cross, Highampton EX21 5LE

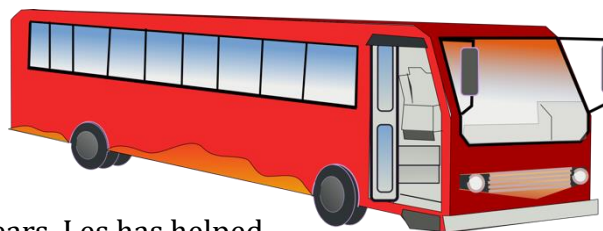
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## Message from Holsworthy Rural County Councillor – Barry Parsons

Members/Officers, (written on 10<sup>th</sup> September)

One of our most valued assets locally is that of our tremendous Holsworthy Community Transport (HCT- Tel: 01409 259001). It has respect county-wide and I know just how much so many of us in our town of Holsworthy and surrounding parishes appreciate its services. Of late there has been lots of changes to ensure the service is up-and-running again and the Ring & Ride service re-started on 3 September.

The nature of the business says so much about where we live. Sarah and Jane who own 'Food on the Go' in The Square now give up their time to support as volunteers and I want to say a big thank you on behalf of us all. A very special thanks, too, to recently retired, Les Slade, who has been with HCT for many years. Les has helped so many and we wish him a very happy retirement. On a sad note, HCT has lost, recently, two members of the team – Jeremy Dickson and Keith Hunkin – volunteers who will be missed greatly and most fondly remembered. Our great thanks go out to all alongside; colleagues who make such wonderful provision possible.



I will, purposely, make this 'Update' brief as there is a particular message that I wish to share with you at this time. It comes not directly from me but from the Chief Executive at Devon County Council, Dr Phil Norrey, and, it reads, "Coronavirus is still a very real threat to us all. You may have heard England's Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Jonathan Van Tam, describing the latest "big change" in coronavirus infections across the UK as a "great concern" and that he believes we are in for a "bumpy ride over the next few months" if people did not adhere more stringently to the social distancing rules.

Your health, safety and wellbeing, and that of your family and friends, remains our first priority and, with this rise in the incidents of COVID-19 across the country, it is absolutely vital that we do all we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones. We are also very alert to the fact that we have an ageing demographic in Devon and that older people can be particularly susceptible to the virus." I relate very strongly to these sentiments and ask that we all remain especially vigilant in these testing times.

With every best wish, as always.  
Barry

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## Parish Hall report by Maralyn Bailey

Our mammoth task of “keeping your feet free from mud” and increasing the parking capacity has at last reached this end product.

My thanks to Glynn and his team of men for such a tidy job, I witnessed the end of the tarmac laying and marvelled at the machinery being loaded. Great team of lads!

In the near future the side of the hall will have the padlocked gate positioned to prevent any unwelcome long term parking, especially as the hall may not have regular users over the next few months.



I will leave a waterproof plastic box outside the hall in front of the main doors to allow people to donate or collect books or puzzles as a kind of lending library.

Any other ideas would be welcomed, maybe a place to leave excess apples or garden produce for free distribution.

Once again I need to thank those you gave their time and energy to achieve the end result.

Hopefully, in the near future we will be able to arrange some events, when the situation improves, but whatever happens we, as a committee, will be ready to greet you again.

## Village Clean-Up

Many thanks to everyone who turned up the other Saturday and spent the morning strimming, trimming, brushing and shovelling. The focus as always was on the length of the pavement running through the village and by the time we were finished a huge improvement had been made. Special thanks to Roger Mitchell who organised it and who was out early well ahead of everyone else trimming the hedges. (Paul Grafton)

## Holsworthy Rural Policing Update (July and August 2020)



The following crimes have been reported:

### **ASHWATER:**

Burglary to outbuilding

### **BLACK TORRINGTON:**

Harrassment without violence

2 x Burglary to outbuilding

### **BRADFORD:**

Communications offence

### **BRADWORTHY:**

Harrassment without violence

Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm

### **BRIDGERULE:**

Threaten to damage or destroy property

Theft from motor vehicle

### **BROADWOODWIDGER:**

Burglary to dwelling and outbuildings

### **CLAWTON:**

Use

threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour (by two passing motorists)

### **EAST PUTFORD**

Dog dangerously out of control

### **HALWILL:**

Drive whilst unfit through drink

### **HOLLACOMBE:**

Burglary to outbuilding

### **HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS:**

Possession of class B drugs

### **WEST PUTFORD:**

Theft from motor vehicle

There were also 11 domestic related crimes reported during this period.

Many of you will already be aware of a series of outbuilding burglaries that have been occurring recently, a number of which have been committed in our area.

We would ask that everybody remains especially alert at the moment and reports any suspicious activity, particularly unusual vehicle movements, to us, using one of the methods below. If vehicle registrations can be safely noted, that could be very useful.

Crime prevention advice, with links to Farm Watch and property marking, can be found on our website:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-community/stop-rural-crime/>

**If you have an incident to report, don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101, or email 101@dc.police.uk for non-emergencies.**

**Always call 999 if you see a crime taking place.**

**PC Amanda Brown & PCSO Mark James**

**Holsworthy Police Station**

[torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

## A walk in Clawton – from Evelyn Sharman

I think most people will agree that it's a bit challenging at the moment trying to keep up with the current advice. I had thought I was going to be able to enjoy my first walk since lock down as a group of thirty on Monday 14th September. I couldn't believe it when it was announced just a few days before that the rules were going to change from that date & so we could only meet as a group of six again. Even DCC sent me an email confirming this advice. By that evening, it was clarified on the BBC that "organised sports" which include "organised walking groups" could still meet as a group of thirty!! Great news BUT by that time I had already notified all those concerned that the walk on the Monday would be limited to six!!! As it turned out, this proved to be quite provident as we needed to park in the lane by the Village Hall in Clawton as the new surface of the car park was in the process of being laid. Bearing in mind that car sharing is not encouraged at the moment, five cars were easily accommodated on the road without causing a hindrance to other road users. Sometimes these things work out for the best.

It was a glorious morning & just six of us headed off up the hill. We turned left at the T-junction heading towards North Tamerton. We then turned left down the drive towards Hole Park & joined the footpath which took us across a lush grassy field. I was delighted to see that DCC had repaired



the wooden footbridge at the bottom which had become quite tricky to negotiate. They had also done a considerable amount of cutting back. I had done some trimming recently with my secateurs but there were a couple of narrow gates which were in great need of a major trim. We were all pleased to be able to pass through unscathed bearing in mind that we were all dressed for a sunny morning. I hope someone's ears were burning at DCC because we were all singing their praises in keeping this lovely footpath clear.

Our next walk is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We are scheduled to set off from Bradworthy Square at 10am. Unless the current advice changes, we will be allowed to walk as a group of thirty but we must still adhere to the current guidance about social distancing & car sharing. I would be grateful if you could contact me by midday on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October if you would like to join me. It is important that I have contact details for anyone interested so that I have the ability to ensure that no more than thirty of us gather & I can update people if necessary.

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## A poem from Les Johnson - but not to upset my Dr Whittaker

### An Ode to Holsworthy Health Centre

A heartfelt plea to my G.P.  
It feels like you're avoiding me!  
I must confess I've even missed  
Being grilled by your receptionist.  
And no offence to that nice  
nurse –  
Phone conversations are a  
curse.  
They rely too much on my  
descriptions  
In order to procure  
prescriptions.  
As to taking pictures of my parts  
It does nothing to satisfy the  
arts!  
And I've been tempted – that is  
true  
To consult Dr. Google over you:  
He's convinced me that I'm nearly dead  
( It's probably indigestion instead)



The question's not just academic,  
What happens after this pandemic?  
More of these digital diagnoses  
Will create a horrible prognosis.  
I feel that it will seal my fate  
And put "Dr.. Robot" on my plate.  
I'll be sitting in my living room  
And taking my own pulse on Zoom  
What on Earth will this then mean  
"Please get undressed behind the screen"  
I've reached the end and cannot cope  
So please retrieve your stethoscope.  
And if it isn't too much trouble  
Release me from my techno bubble!  
And please forgive my cynicism  
It isn't meant as criticism.  
I'm paying you a compliment  
Not moaning to your detriment –  
I'll be working on my protest banner,  
For how I miss your bedside manner

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While we have all been pre-occupied with Covid -19 this year, do not forget to book your flu vaccination either at the medical centre (see details below) or (for over 65s only at present) at Boots Chemist via their website <https://www.boots.com/appointment-online-holding>

## FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME 2020 AT THE RUBY COUNTRY MEDICAL GROUP

The flu season will run very differently this year due to social distancing and current guidelines set out by Public Health England for all Medical Centres. You will be given a specific time for your appointment. It's important you adhere to the timings or you may be turned away, to ensure we respect the safety of other patients and staff due to COVID-19.

If you are shielding we recommend you book into one of our early slots before 10.30am which have been reserved specifically for shielding patients. If you need to book at other times, you will be seen alongside non-shielding patients. However, social distancing rules will be applied at all times both in the building and outside. We are not able to see non-shielding patients until after 10.30 this year due to the increased risk to those who need to shield. Because of the requirement for social distancing and infection control we will not be offering flu clinics on any other days.

- Please ensure you wear a face covering to your appointment.
- Please cancel your appointment if you develop any COVID symptoms within the 14 days prior to your appointment.

The following patients are eligible and able to book in (this will be extended when we are informed about our vaccine supply dates for other ages and groups):

- Over 65s
- Pregnant ladies
- Carers (providing they are registered with us as a carer)
- Patients with chronic diseases
- Asthma patients using an inhaler currently

**Dates are now available to book in:**

**Holsworthy & Stratton:**

**Over 65s – Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Over 65s and Under 65s in eligible groups – Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Under 65s in eligible groups – Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Children's flu vaccinations will be provided at school for children aged 4-11. We will be running clinics for 2-3 year olds and those children aged 12-17 who fall into one of the at risk groups. We will be in touch with parents once we have received the vaccines.**

In line with NHS guidance Patients aged 50-64 who do not fall into an at risk group will be invited in November once the over 65s and at risk patient vaccination programme has been completed, if you fall into this group you don't have to do anything yet.

