

## CLAWTON CLARION July 2021



Welcome to the July 2021 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

After the unseasonable weather we have had during spring and early summer, here's hoping for something warmer in the near future.

Don't forget – Paul Grafton is happy to answer any Parish Council queries you may have and we will publish letters or e mails in the Clarion for sharing with the village.  
Please keep your contributions and good news stories coming – any feedback is always welcome!

Information in this edition is correct at the time of going to print, but we await announcements throughout June regarding further changes in restrictions.

Please send contributions for the next edition by midday on **Wednesday 20th July 2021** to [graham.jw@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.jw@btinternet.com) or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265

If you would like to receive the Clarion electronically, send me your e mail address

### St Leonard's Church



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

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

### Services for July:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 – Morning prayer with Lorna Bowden

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 – Holy Communion with Rev Douglas Adams

### Coffee Morning

Come and join us for a coffee morning at the church (in accordance to social distance guidelines) on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00**. Entry is free, but donations to the church are appreciated  
Everyone Welcome!

For any church related concerns or queries please contact: Rev Stephen Skinner (Priest in charge)  
Tel: 07554 142264 - email- [sjmskinners@btinternet.com](mailto:sjmskinners@btinternet.com)  
Irene Ellis (Church warden) Tel:01409 271371

### Please note:

**Due to the extended coronavirus restrictions, the two church events previously advertised and planned for July will not now go ahead.**

We would like to extend a warm Clawton welcome to Lee and Julie Watts who have recently moved to Keephills Farm and look forward to meeting new friends at village events.

## Clawton Parish Hall Report from Maralyn Bailey

Another report another month!!

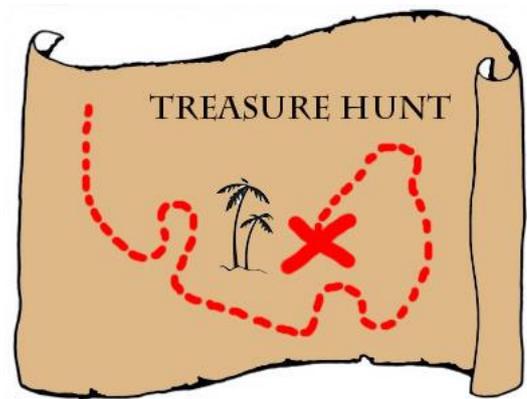
With the extension to the restrictions we are still on track to re-open the hall in August.

An event is being organised for **Friday 20th August**, in conjunction with the brewery, and Holsworthy Rotary Club (represented by Ian Parker). The event will be a car treasure hunt!!

The evening starts at 5.30pm from the Parish hall, (staggered times) for leaving. After completing the route you can head back to the brewery where the Whiddon Waggon will be present. As there still could be "restrictions" in place, the event will be limited to the participants of the car treasure hunt. The cost will be £10 per car plus a £5 deposit per person for food.

Booking is essential due to the limited capacity of the brewery and the Whiddon Waggon. Please either book with Ian 271123 or myself (Maralyn) 271315.

All proceeds will be for hall funds and the chosen Rotary Club Charity.



I would like to gauge reaction to the idea of a local growers and suppliers market, to be held in the hall, perhaps during the summer months, the Clawton area has a wealth of producers of food and craft based products. Please contact me if you are interested.

Prior to the pandemic restrictions there were plans for a "Look back at Clawton" evening with stories from residents who have lived here for many years together with photos etc. I have long had an interest in the history of Clawton and have been tracing the census information from 1841 also newspaper reports of the years available on line. Please if you have any interesting facts about your own property can you let me know via email. [maralynjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:maralynjohn@hotmail.com)

## Clawton Short Mat Bowls Club – from Ken Sayers



**IMPORTANT MESSAGE** for all Short Mat Bowls Members and anyone interested in joining:

Please could you all attend a meeting on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall**

This is to discuss the future of the club

Thanks, Ken

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# *Picnic in the* **2021** *park!*

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wilderness*

SUNDAY 4TH JULY  
2021 FROM 4PM  
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SERVICE AT 6PM.

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## Environmental Ramblings from Andy Rogers

We had an excellent 'Womble' in Clawton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June – picking up 3 very full and heavy bags of plastic and other rubbish scattered up the main road through the village. Lots of food packaging, bottles, cans, plastic sheet, old signs and other miscellaneous rubbish. Much would have been discarded by 'passers-by' and some probably blown out of recycling boxes and the collection vehicles. Many thanks to the Clawton crew, and the many others who spend time regularly cleaning up after the few who don't appreciate the impact their littering causes

The picture shows Clawton community pickers after the event at the village hall: L-R - Maralyn Bailey, daughter Kerry Smith and grandson Rhys, Garry and Judi Graham and Paul Grafton

The plan is for another event after the undergrowth has died down a bit – so keep an eye out!

**Wild Gardens** - Hopefully some of you had the opportunity to take part in 'No Mow May' – but if not, there is still time to make a difference. At the moment many plants are coming into flower, which coincides with a great increase in pollinators and other insects, and the birds and bats that are feeding on them. A good tip is to keep a few areas messy and uncut – nature loves and thrives in a mess! Ideally keep areas long enough so seeds can set and mature and provide forage in the winter-time, as well as allowing new plants in the spring.



### Report an environmental incident

It is very important that pollution to water and land are promptly reported by anyone who spots it. Look out for things like: unpleasant odours, unusual colours, oily sheens, any road run – off, soil run-off, fish in distress / dead. The earlier things are reported, the quicker they can be sorted. It is good to have the **EA Incident hotline in your mobile: 0800 80 70 60**

For the next Ramblings the plan is to look at the state of the upper Tamar catchment – our local rivers and streams. You can have a little explore here: <http://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/OperationalCatchment/3436>

If you are interested and want to get involved in things 'Environmental', climate change issues, or just want some advice, feel free to drop me a line at: [andy@wrt.org.uk](mailto:andy@wrt.org.uk)

## Inter Parish Walk Report from Evelyn Sharman

Our walk in June started in The Square in Bradworthy. It was lovely to see familiar faces; some that I hadn't seen since before the start of the pandemic & some that I had never met before.

Daphne had very kindly arranged for two members of the Parish Council to join us. The new Chair, Sue Lander, joined one group & the new P3 volunteer, Val Stevens, the other. Each group walked the same route but in opposite directions but I have a distinct feeling that my group had the steepest hill! We walked past the School & along a beautiful leafy lane towards Berridon. The flowers in the gardens along the way were beautiful; the River Waldon looked so clear & tranquil; & the views of Dartmoor were stunning. We joined a footpath on the right hand side which took us across a few grassy fields & across the River Waldon again but this time via a



wooden footbridge. I believe one of the Parish Councillors is involved with the Riverfly Project which studies the wildlife in the tributaries of the River Torridge. It would be interesting to hear the results of the study as this has been ongoing for a few years now.



We rejoined the lane & turned right towards the village. Before we returned to our cars, we took the opportunity to remind ourselves of the great selection of play equipment in the childrens' play area. The Millennium Garden was also admired as it has recently been replanted with summer bedding plants & will look beautiful in the coming weeks. If you haven't seen this before, it's well worth a visit. It has a decorative metal structure with plaques dedicated to Amanda Yeo who was a leading light in creating the Millennium Garden & Steve Ham who was the builder responsible for its original construction. Around the outside is a paved area with some pretty mozaic tiles which were made by the

school children in year 2000. Can it really be that long ago?! I believe everybody thoroughly enjoyed the walk. It made a great start to the day & the week ahead. We are all most grateful to the ladies of Bradworthy for looking after us.

Our next walk will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We will set off from East Vognacott near Chilsworthy at 10am. We have kindly been given permission to park in the farmyard. I would be grateful if you could contact me in advance if you would like to join me.

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