

CLAWTON CLARION November 2020



Welcome to the November 2020 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

Here we are at the eleventh month of the year and still under restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic. Many are suffering the effects on their physical and mental health as well as the uncertain economic consequences. As always, the community of Clawton will look out for one another and we hope to return to some normality in the near future. Please contact neighbours or members of the parish council if you have any concerns.

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 **Friday 20th November 2020** to 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. There will be a Service of Remembrance on

Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm.

All are welcome and will gather at the village war memorial to remember those from Clawton who served and especially those who gave their lives, and a wreath will be laid. The service will then continue at St Leonard's Church. 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.

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

Church repairs

A recent inspection showed a number of maintenance jobs need doing including clearing of gutters, fixing some broken slates, repairs to guttering cracks, repointing ridge tiles and other locations, repainting some rainwater downpipes, repair door surround and repaint ironmongery, repaint bell frame fixings and lubricate. The inspection estimated that this work would cost around £2000 and we have set this sum aside.

If anyone is interested in carrying out this work a copy of the detailed report is available. A site visit may also be appropriate. Please contact ~Paul Grafton (07794 913757 or paul@devonholidays.org)

Poppy Appeal - Maralyn Bailey

In line with the advice given by the British Legion there will be no door to door collections for their appeal this year, although you can donate on line at www.britishlegion.org I have collected for the cause for over 40 years so it will be strange not to see everyone.



Extract from Holsworthy Rural Letter by County Councillor – Barry Parsons

Members/Officers, (written on 11th October)

.....I am delighted to see the commencement of the new recording system, 'MY CARE', which is the sharing of critical information digitally and the first programme in England to go live with a new comprehensive electronic patient record (EPR) system (provided by software experts, Epic) in both an acute hospital as well as in community-based health services. As a member of the NHS Sustainability and Transformation Partnership Digital Board I am thrilled to see this development coming to fruition. It is set to replace traditional paper/patient notes and mean that for the first time, every aspect of a person's care will be recorded in real time and available to many partners. Things like upcoming appointments, change of appointments, patient results, and the requesting of direct communications with care team members should become so much more fluid and convenient. MY CARE is the first programme to go live with Epic and officers and partners of the RD&E Hospital are to be commended on their efforts over the past two and a half years to bring this project to fruition.

My thanks, too, to all staff at our local schools and to those supporting their local schools in ensuring as safe as possible a return to educational settings. The work done here has been phenomenal and my thanks, in particular, go to leaders associated with our schools who, despite the huge pressures of late have done brilliantly in looking after staff and getting our youngsters formally educated again.

The pandemic, I know, has caused much uncertainty but I would like to assure one and all that staff across so many agencies are working incredibly hard to look after our communities. A bit like the above with our schools, many alternative arrangements have been put in place for those youngsters needing to travel by bus to school, socially-distanced, of course. Because of the re-deployment of staff there will be some areas of work for the County Council which will not always be the priority and I would ask all residents to be mindful of the, seemingly, ever-changing scenarios currently confronting so many of our organisations.

Please stay safe and be mindful of '**washing hands, covering face, and keeping space**'.

With every best wish, as always.
Barry



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Report from Chair of Clawton Parish Council – Paul Grafton

Clawford Vineyard Development

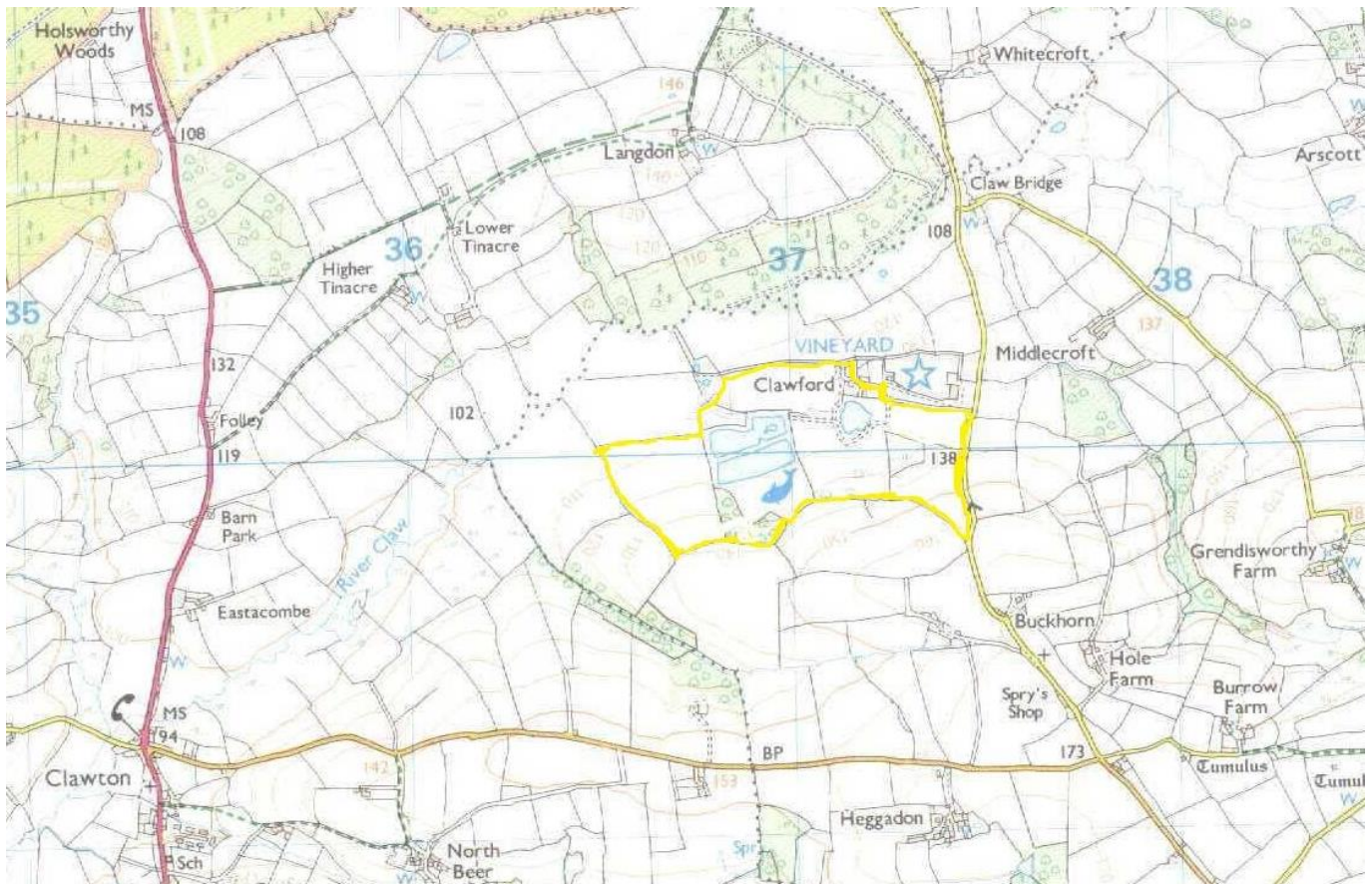
This proposed development consists of 140 lodges, 22 camping pods, 7 eco-glamping tents and 9 floating lodges, with utility building and swimming pool and spa. Basic details are downloadable from the village website www.clawton.org.uk and more detail is available on the Torridge website (go to Planning and search for Clawford). <https://publicaccess.torridge.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=QEC4G9QKJ6400&activeTab=summary>

The proposed development is wholly within Ashwater Parish and their Parish Council will be responding. Clawton Parish Council will also be making a formal response.

While clearly this is a major tourist development on our doorstep which will inevitably affect us it will also presumably create a significant number of jobs and bring much-needed money into the area.

Everyone with a view should go onto the Torridge Planning website and submit their views. Numbers often do count so this is probably more effective than the Parish Council summarising all residents' concerns. We suggest that proposing measures to mitigate nuisance will probably be more effective than straight objections. One mitigation might of course be a reduction in the number of units. Concerns which the developer needs to address probably include the greatly increased traffic at the village crossroads and light pollution - use of specialist downward lights would help keep our night skies dark.

The Parish Council will make a formal response and of course you are welcome to email the Clerk (clawtonpcclerk@outlook.com) with your views and we will ensure they are taken into account in our official response.



Parish Hall report by Maralyn Bailey

Please note that this contribution has been compiled on 18th October with regard to the current situation concerning Covid19 in our area.

With the winter months approaching, we intend the Parish Hall to provide a safe environment for a restricted return to community life.

I have checked as to how this can be achieved. Devon Communities Together are encouraging the rural groups to get together once more, and to this end they have answered many of the questions that have come to mind. With the cleaning actions put into place, the hall would like first to host a **"From Home to Hall"** coffee morning. We would need to limit the numbers and we can distance the tables to accommodate five tables of six. They advise that attendees, unless they live together, should not share transport. It would be an advantage to have a "booking" system to allow the correct numbers to be safely accommodated. The date I suggest is :

Friday 20th November from 10.30 to 12 noon (ish!!)

Please let me know if you wish to attend, by calling Maralyn on 01409 271315

Coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided. So, no pressure!!

Anyone who normally organises their clubs or groups can now enquire as to the availability of the hall, just bear in mind the smaller groups should be envisaged.

The skittle season has been abandoned until 2021/22.

I am sure that the community feel the need to meet again.

The car park makeover is virtually at an end, some minor jobs to be carried out to finalise the whole project. A suggested area for disabled parking, linked to the slope at the rear of the hall which runs to the side entrance will make it easier for any wheelchair users, the safety barriers had to be erected to protect hall users from accidents, when chairs etc are being put into the container.

As with all tasks, whether home or on a larger scale the initial projected costs always end up being more! The team of workers made decisions along the way, which has incurred extra cost, but as is the way one job would hinge on another. There is a short fall with the funds held by the Hall committee, and to address this issue I as chairman am willing to bridge that gap with my own means until we are able raise funds again through events etc.

The whole scheme had been over two years in the planning and execution, and the drainage issue has been addressed in the manner recommended by the experts, to prevent discharge of water onto the road. We know that the car park area will be a great asset to all users, many years into the future.

Torrige via the government issued the hall with a £10,000 grant, this cash injection was used to complete the whole task, but the sting in the tail is that not far off half of that figure was paid back to the government via VAT costs, which we cannot claim back, after a loophole was closed a few years ago.

Once again I must wholeheartedly thank my volunteers for their hours and hours of unpaid work for your community, without these willing folks we could not have achieved the end product. Special thanks to Anthony Barriball for his many hours of toil he donated to the project.



A big thanks Claire from Wits End, who is also a Clawton skittle player who has painted this welcome message which has now been placed in the hall.

Remember the excess apples are free for anyone to help themselves, and the book box is outside the hall for exchanges to take place.



New Police Commander For North - East - West Devon



**DEVON & CORNWALL
CONSTABULARY**

Chief Superintendent Dan Evans began his new post this week having been announced as the new Commander for North, East and West Devon.

Chief Superintendent Evans is returning to the policing area where he started his career nearly 23 years ago. He said: "My first few years of policing were in Exeter so I have an emotional connection to the BCU, I'm so pleased to come back to the place where it all began. I know that the officers, staff, volunteers and partners that we work with are dedicated to keeping our communities safe, I'm looking forward to being a part of that and leading the professional and dedicated teams that work in NEW Devon BCU.

"I'm very aware that it's been a busy Summer, both in terms of some of the operational challenges faced by the BCU and also with the added pressure the COVID pandemic has brought. The ongoing health and wellbeing of our teams is going to be a priority for me, ensuring they are physically and emotionally well and have the right tools available to them to do their jobs to the best of their abilities"

He will be based in Exeter.

You can follow Chief Superintendent Dan Evans on twitter @ChSuptDanEvans.



Inter Parish Walk – from Evelyn Sharman

Daphne Nicholls very kindly arranged our walk on Monday 12th October so that Tina & her very handsome German Shepherd dog, called Chase, led the way. Ten of us set off from The Square in Bradworthy heading north.

When we reached Crosspark we turned right along the footpath. Daphne had been a bit worried about the prospect of mud especially as we have had so much rain recently. However, everyone had got stout footwear so we were happy to squelch through the mud which was actually only for a very short distance. We went through a gate which led us directly onto Bradworthy Moor. It was actually quite dry underfoot on the higher ground. We chose to stay away from the lower ground which would have been decidedly boggy.



For those that don't know, it is a hidden gem. The land was requisitioned during the Second World War & planted with wheat & potatoes. The western moor was returned to the village in December 1946 but other parts were not released as common land until October 1950. It was designated as an area of special scientific interest in 1992. We have walked across this area previously but not everyone was familiar with it. For those of us that had been before, it was very nice to be reacquainted. Due to the open nature of the terrain, it was easy to abide by the social distancing advice & still catch up with each other's news.

It was a shame that the weather was not more kind but persistent drizzle was definitely better than torrential rain. Ordinarily, there are stunning views of Dartmoor to be enjoyed but sadly the low cloud meant that they were not apparent at all. We were most impressed with Chase. He's only one year old & behaved impeccably even when we got close to the Ruby Red cattle that were enjoying grazing rights. I am leaving myself wide open here as they could have been Red Devon but as a "townie" & not an authority, I can only say that they were of a beautiful ruby red colour.

Our next walk is scheduled for Monday 9th November. We will meet at Higher Larkworthy Farm in Ashwater, EX21 5DE. I would be grateful if you could contact me by midday on Friday 6th November 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 we adhere to the current Government advice & I can update people if necessary. Please let me know if you need directions or any other information.

Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

Welcome new neighbours

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new neighbours, Paul and Anna Farrow who have recently moved into Clawton.

A poem from Les Johnson - TOO EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS ??

Remember, remember, the fifth of November?
Not gunpowder, treason or plot.
It's recalled as the day that the shop down the
way
Had its full Christmas display – so what?.

Accepted by now that we scatter and plough
All the fields at the first sign of Spring
And the blossom appears (or it has in past
years)
In the Summer,
with birds on the
wing.

But as soon as the
fall – as we all used
to call –
Has browned the
first quivering leaf,
Springing up in
each city – the
lights! Yes they're
pretty;
But two months too
early. Good grief!

I've just had an idea (not for me that is clear)
But for all those with numerous aunts:
Christmas Greetings to each? Write your cards
on the beach
One more job ticked off in advance.!

And I know there are folk – I assure you, no
joke –
Buy their gifts in Jan. sales when they come.

.....And finally from Les - Health Centre woes cont.

The doctor's receptionist said:
"You've just got a cold in the head,
You can't see the quack,
"So please don't come back
"Unless you're unconscious or dead.

The boxes are packed, all labelled and
wrapped
And then put aside until next Christmas
comes.

For my generation the anticipation
Was what made all our Christmases fun
But to anticipate from November eighth?
Nearly two months? It just can't be done.

So let's deck the
halls with
glittery balls
Mid – December
– sound about
right?
We don't need
much fuss. On
the day it's just
us
And Jesus
whose birthday
that night.



We'll all have the stress and the last minute
mess
Let's be busy and run off our legs
And then, at the end, pretend, we intend
To go out and buy Easter Eggs.

Sadly its true and getting more so every year.
what ever happened to the Christmases of my
childhood?



Do you want to be a Governor ?

Holsworthy Academy Committee (AC)are looking for some new Governors and now is the exactly the right time to be involved as Education seems to be a headline topic every week !

At Holsworthy AC, we are responsible for Holsworthy Community College and the 3 Primary Schools at Bridgerule, Bradford and Black Torrington. We are part of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust which comprises 16 schools and over 5000 pupils !

The work of a Governor is very rewarding and enjoyable but difficult to explain in a few lines....so please contact the Co Chairs of Holsworthy AC as follows to get some more information :

Kate Scrivener Kscrivener@hcc.devon.sch.uk

Ken Watson Kwatson@hcc.devon.sch.uk

New Government Test and Trace Support Payment scheme launched in Torridge



Government grants to help support low income workers who need to self-isolate can be applied for through Torridge District Council from Monday 12th October. Payments can be backdated to 28th September if you were eligible for that period. The payments of £500 are being made available through the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme and will apply to people who are instructed by the NHS to self-isolate

and who also match the following requirements of the scheme:

You can apply for a self-isolation payment if you are aged 16 or over and you:

- live in the Torridge District
- you have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace - either because you have tested positive or you have been in close contact with someone who has
- have a job or are self-employed
- are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result

For the Standard Scheme you also need to be currently receiving one of the following benefits

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| • Universal Credit | • income-based Jobseeker's Allowance |
| • Working Tax Credit | • income support |
| • income-based Employment and Support Allowance | • housing benefit |
| | • pension credit |

There is also a discretionary scheme for people not receiving any of the above benefits but who satisfy all of the other criteria and have low pay, working 16 hours per week or are HE students.

Further information and an online application form can be accessed via this link www.torridge.gov.uk/testandtracesupportscheme from 8am on Monday 12th October

Please make sure you have all the necessary information to hand to complete your application before starting the process.

Posted on-line <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/article/18555/New-Government-Test-and-Trace-Support-Payment-scheme-launched-in-Torridge>

09 October 2020

Ashwater with Black Torrington Benefice Services - November 2020

1st November

11:00 am Black Torrington
Holy Communion
4:30pm Beaworthy
Service of Remembrance
5:30pm Tetcott

15th November

11:00pm Halwill
Communion by extension

22nd November

11:00am Highampton
Holy Communion
4:00pm Ashwater
Candlelit Meditation Service

29th November

9:30am Ashwater
Holy Communion
11:00am Clawton
Holy Communion
6:30pm Black Torrington
Service of Quietness & Reflection

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

8th November

Black Torrington

10:45am

War Memorial & Church

Ashwater

10:45am

War Memorial & Church

Beaworthy

10:45am

Service at Church

Halwill

11:00am

Halwill Junction War
Memorial

Clawton

2:30pm

War Memorial & Church

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

St. Peter Ad Vincula, Ashwater EX21 5EY

St. Alban, Beaworthy EX21 5AB

St. Mary, Black Torrington EX21 5PU

St Leonard, Clawton EX22 6PS

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

Holy Cross, Highampton EX21 5LE

Holy Cross, Tetcott EX22 6QZ