

# CLAWTON CLARION

October 2022



## Welcome to the October edition of the Clawton Clarion

I am thrilled and excited to have been passed the baton as the editor of this long-running publication. I hope that with your continued support and excellent contributions, the transition will be a smooth one and Judy will be able to go on her travels secure in the knowledge that we will continue to bring news and views every month.

However, I take on this role at a time of great sadness and change throughout the country. With the passing of our monarch Queen Elizabeth II, it was comforting to see the lowering of the flag at St Leonard's to half-mast and a book of condolence opened. The floral tribute placed on the war memorial is symbolic of the pride and compassion felt as a community toward our royal family at what would be a difficult time for any family. Please note the article from Torridge District Council regarding the proclamation ceremony.

Contributions for the next edition must be in by midday on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Please send them by email to [clawtonclarion@gmail.com](mailto:clawtonclarion@gmail.com) or by phone to Alison 01409 259972

## Dates for your diary:

Event	Date	Time	Place
Women on Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Ladies Skittles Social Event	6 <sup>th</sup> October	8:00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
The Big Breakfast	8 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am	Clawton Parish Hall
Communion with Stuart Wilson	9 <sup>th</sup> October	11:00am	St Leonard's Church
Village Litter Pick	10 <sup>th</sup> October	3:00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Wine and Wisdom	21 <sup>st</sup> October	7:30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Methodist Service with Lorna Bowden	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	11:00am	St Leonard's Church
Christmas Craft Fayre	29 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am -1:00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Food Night (Pizza)	29 <sup>th</sup> October	5:30-9:30pm	Holsworthy Brewery

## Crowds gathered in Victoria Park Bideford for the District Proclamation of King Charles III



Crowds gathered at the flagpole in Victoria Park Bideford on Monday 12 September to listen to the district proclamation of the new King, King Charles III. The formal proclamation was announced by Councillor Doug Bushby, Chair of Torridge District Council, in a gathering that also included Vice Chair Councillor Peter Christie, the High Sherriff of Devon Richard Youngman, Deputy Lieutenant of Devon Mark Ansell, Torridge Councillors, Staff and Chief Executive Steve Hearse.

King Charles III was formerly known as The Prince of Wales, became heir apparent on the accession of Queen Elizabeth II in 1952. Following the sad passing of his mother the Queen on Thursday 8 September he was proclaimed King at a national event held at St James's Palace Westminster on Saturday 10 September. This was followed by proclamation ceremonies at County level on Sunday 11 September, leading to local proclamations on Monday 12 September.

The ceremony featured the raising of the flag to full mast for a brief period, the reading of the proclamation and the choir leading three cheers for the new King, rounded off by the singing of the national anthem accompanied by members of Bideford Town band. The ceremony was live streamed on social media and can be viewed at any time via this link [Torridge Local Proclamation 12.9.22](#)

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## Twilight Concert at Town Farm

by Les Johnson

The sun goes down, a gentle breeze disturbs the twilight's hush.

The curtain's up for evening song of blackbird, jenny wren, and thrush.

Their ceiling is the heaven above, Their stage the woodland trees.

Nobody is conducting them - or charging entrance fees.

The 'Storm Cock' sings his melody, while other birds must tweet.

They are a heavenly orchestra, and every sound is sweet.

Those liquid notes and golden chords make music that's sublime.

Can words describe the majesty of birds at evening time?

Perhaps will be my last request when I lay down to die.

I'll pray to God a songbird sings - My final lullaby.

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Women on Wednesday	Ladies Skittles
<p>'Women on Wednesday'</p> <p>The next meeting: Clawton Village Hall on:</p> <p><a href="#">Wednesday 5th October 2022</a></p> <p>at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>Members will enjoy a talk about the charity Living Options from Becki Haddock.</p> <p>Visitors welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.</p>	<p>Clawton Ladies Skittles Team are looking to enrol more players. So, if you enjoy 10 pin bowling, then why not give skittles a try?</p> <p>We are organising a family social evening on:</p> <p><a href="#">Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022</a></p> <p>Everyone welcome 8.p.m at Clawton Village Hall.</p> <p>Refreshments available.</p> <p>For further information please contact: Tracey Edwards 07989378129 or Lisa Cornish 07891749819</p>





## **Village Tidy-up by Paul Grafton**

Many thanks to those who joined us to cut back growth over the pavement and clear weeds etc. Another four busy volunteers are not shown.

## **The litter in our lanes**

After I wrote a piece about the daily deposit of energy drink cans from a car window, whoever was doing it, did stop. But now it's started again – only now it's coffee and occasionally a snack. If you have an idea who might be doing this, please could you point out that trashing where we live just isn't acceptable



## **Planning**

Nothing substantial to report – the proposed development opposite the school is still awaiting a decision by Planning at Torridge and the development by the village car park is waiting for the builder to start.

### **CLAWTON LITTER PICK**

Lydia from the Westcountry Rivers Trust has kindly arranged a litter pick around Clawton on:

**MONDAY 10th OCTOBER at 3.00pm**

Please come and join us meeting at the Parish Hall.

Gloves and litter pickers provided.

## Holsworthy Walk and Talk by Gill Aston

We chose to continue with our programmed walk at Halwill Junction following the sad announcement of the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

Both Level 2 and Level 3 groups met at Halwill Parish Hall car park and took the route onto The Boardwalk and into Cookworthy Forest. Although Cookworthy Forest is on a smaller scale than Balmoral Forest, it does have the advantage of being on our doorstep. It also has miles of paths and tracks and provides ample opportunity for quiet reflection.



Our October programme has something for everyone. Now that autumn is approaching and the rains have started, some of the fields may be a bit muddy, but we always advise suitable footwear. At least the rain should begin to fill the reservoirs. Upper Tamar Lake has reduced to 20% of its total capacity with Roadford Lake not faring too well either.

If you feel as though you would like to explore the local area, enjoy the autumnal countryside and improve your health and well-being then feel free to come along.

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

Our website has lots of up to date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below:

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# Clawton Parish Hall

by Maralyn Bailey

As autumn takes centre stage, the hall has many up and coming events. Skittles is returning, Whist evenings have started with a practice evening. The next Whist evening will be on Wednesday 12th October starting at 7.30, and all are welcome. I was a novice player, but everyone was very supportive, and along the way we had many laughs!

The hall is now open every Monday for you to exchange books and puzzles. It will remain open on the days that bowls is on until 4:30pm.

Other events this month: Wine & Wisdom to raise our funds on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Craft/Christmas fayres are proposed for Saturday 29th October and Saturday 26th November. Early December will bring the ever popular bingo evening.

One of our tasks at present is working out a fair & affordable electricity cost for our users.

Please book your table for the wine and wisdom, and also if you require a table for the first craft fayre; I already have six tables reserved for past sellers. Book via phone 271315, 07368 621009 or by email to [maralynjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:maralynjohn@hotmail.com)



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## **Platinum Jubilee Mugs**

We still have a number of Jubilee Mugs left. If there are any children of 12 or under who live in the Parish who have not yet received their mug please contact Paul Grafton ([paul@devonholidays.org](mailto:paul@devonholidays.org) or text to 07794 913757).

Remaining mugs will be for sale at the Big Breakfast on 8<sup>th</sup> October - £5 per mug, first come first served!



## St Leonard's Church

### Services this month:

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am Holy Communion with Stuart Wilson

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 11:00am Methodist Service with Lorna Bowden.

All Welcome.



## ***Big Breakfast***



# Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

## 9.00am, Clawton Village Hall

£8 per Adult,

£4 per Child, Family £20

*Proceeds to St Leonard's church.*



## Holsworthy Ales

The shop will continue to open on Saturday afternoons throughout October. The final Saturday of the month will be a food night with pizza.

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## **Evelyn's Walk**

On Monday 12th September, there was promise of a lovely day. Seven of us met at Lower Tamar Lakes car park with a view to walking along the Bude Aqueduct, the feeder arm of the Bude Canal. We commented on the big Sykes pumps situated in the car park. We surmised that water has had to be pumped from the lower lake to elsewhere due to the significant drop in water levels in recent months.



The sun was shining, the atmosphere was convivial & it was easy walking as the grass had been cut very recently & the route was very level. We enjoyed seeing the Peacocks at Virworthy Wharf. The males looked resplendent in their beautiful plumage. We all commented that it was unusual to see a white one. We noticed that several new gates had been installed since our last visit. I'm guessing that they would have been supplied by Devon County Council as this is one of their PROWs (Public Rights of Way). However, maintenance of the footpath is undertaken by the volunteers from the Bude Canal Trust. They do an amazing job given the length of the route. We walked as far as the picnic bench near Moreton Mill & enjoyed a quick snack that we had brought with us. Once fortified, we retraced our steps back to our cars. I believe we walked approximately six miles in total. It made such a lovely start to the week ahead.

The next walk will be on Monday 10th October. We will meet by the Parish Church in Halwill at 10am. Please note that this is in Halwill Town & NOT in Halwill Junction. If you would like any more information, you are welcome to contact me.

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## **Lost and Found**



A ewe and two lambs have been taking advantage of a nearby field after they were found strolling the lanes of Clawton. No tags visible but they are very shy and our dog isn't! If you are missing them, please contact me (Alison) on 259972 for location information.