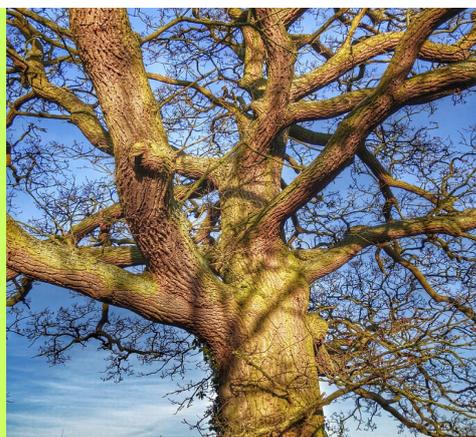


CLAWTON CLARION



January 2024

Welcome to the first 2024 edition. I hope everyone was able to enjoy some time with family and friends over the festive period and possibly promise to see or do more together this year. If so, please read Paul's article or get in touch with Maralyn as this village thrives on community gatherings.

I'd like to remind everyone that if you'd like an electronic version of this newsletter, please email me clawtonclarion@gmail.com. This email address is also for you to send any local news or interest items that may be shared with us all. If you would like to see your items published, please send them in by mid-day on 20th. Views expressed by our contributors are their own, and not those of the Parish Council.

Here's to a healthy and happy 2024.

Alison

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 3rd January	Clawton Parish Hall
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 10th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30—12:00	Friday 12th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 12th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Holy Communion with Rev'd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 14th January	St Leonard's Church
Defibrillator Training	7:00pm	Monday 15th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm	Tuesday 16th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Wine and Wisdom	7:30pm	Friday 19th January	Clawton Parish Hall
United Service with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 28th January	St Leonard's Church

MUM'S THE WORD

BY ANN GOODSPEED



What a lovely Christmas this has been.

Despite the dreadful weather there has been plenty of warmth in the village.

Once again I must thank all those who attended our gathering on the 23rd. It was a fitting start to our fourth Christmas in Clawton.

I must also apologise to those who were sitting near to us in church during the Carol service on Christmas Eve. I totally underestimated the pitch of Hark the Herald Angel's Sing and continued in loud gusto without a care in the world only to crash and burn at the very peak of the chorus! I blamed the mulled wine. Not the quality you understand but the quantity and speed at 11am.

That said I'll simply wish one and all a very happy and healthy 2024

Annie



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CLAWTON PARISH HALL BY MARALYN BAILEY

January 2024

Firstly, the hall committee wishes everyone a very happy & healthy New Year.

On Friday 19th January we will be holding our first Quiz/Wine and Wisdom; our usual style of quiz with Ian Parker as our question master. Please book your table on 07368 621009 by text or voice message. 7.30 start. Excellent choice of interval food provided by Sandra & Jackie.

Our Friday monthly coffee morning will resume at the hall on 12th January, 10.30 to noon. Do come along for a chat with neighbours and friends.

February will bring our Valentine Sunday Lunch on 11th February;; it's not just aimed at couples! Everyone is more than welcome. We will provide a choice of three courses, beef and chicken for main course with a veggie option. To book please contact Maralyn on the same number as the quiz bookings above.

Thank you to everyone who purchased poppies from the village collection box, it totalled £86.81. Sadly, I find it more difficult to do house to house collections since Covid. I have carried out collections in the Western side of Clawton for over 40 years. Our poppies will always be available during October/November in public places, ie the hall or church when there is a gathering.

The library of paperbacks and puzzles is still available in the hall, but due to insurance restrictions, we can only offer access on Monday afternoons 1.30 to 4.30pm or when there is an event. Please do make use of it. Take a puzzle or book and return when completed!!

Maralyn



POETRY BY LES AT TOWN FARM

IT'S ALL IN THE MIND

"Goodbye" says the television presenter, "see you next week". He waves.

"Goodbye" comes the voice from the armchair with a wave, "See you"

It's all in the mind you see.

Today I notice two vests and a shirt. Yesterday it was one vest and two shirts and slippers on the wrong feet. It's all in the mind you see.

"Has he gone?" "Who?" "The man who came to mend the car"?

We don't have a car anymore. It's all in the mind you see.

The carefully prepared sandwich has been dismantled.

The top slice of bread removed, tomato and lettuce set aside.

The meat still clinging valiantly to the bottom slice.

"I need a knife and fork please" It's all in the mind you see.

Tonight Michael Portillo's train journey has taken him to Betws-y- Coed

"We went there with Audrey and George. We had our picture taken standing on that bridge"

He's right, I had forgotten. I dig it out.

There we are, Him with a moustache and flares, me with my Mary Quant hairstyle and miniskirt.

his arm around my shoulders. It's all in the mind you see.

"Help me, I have to get to Manchester to referee a football match. it's very important."

"It's O/K, that's not 'til tomorrow". It's all in the mind you see.

I am ashamed that I lost my temper today.

"I do not want to be in your presence", he says regally. I don't know whether to laugh or cry.

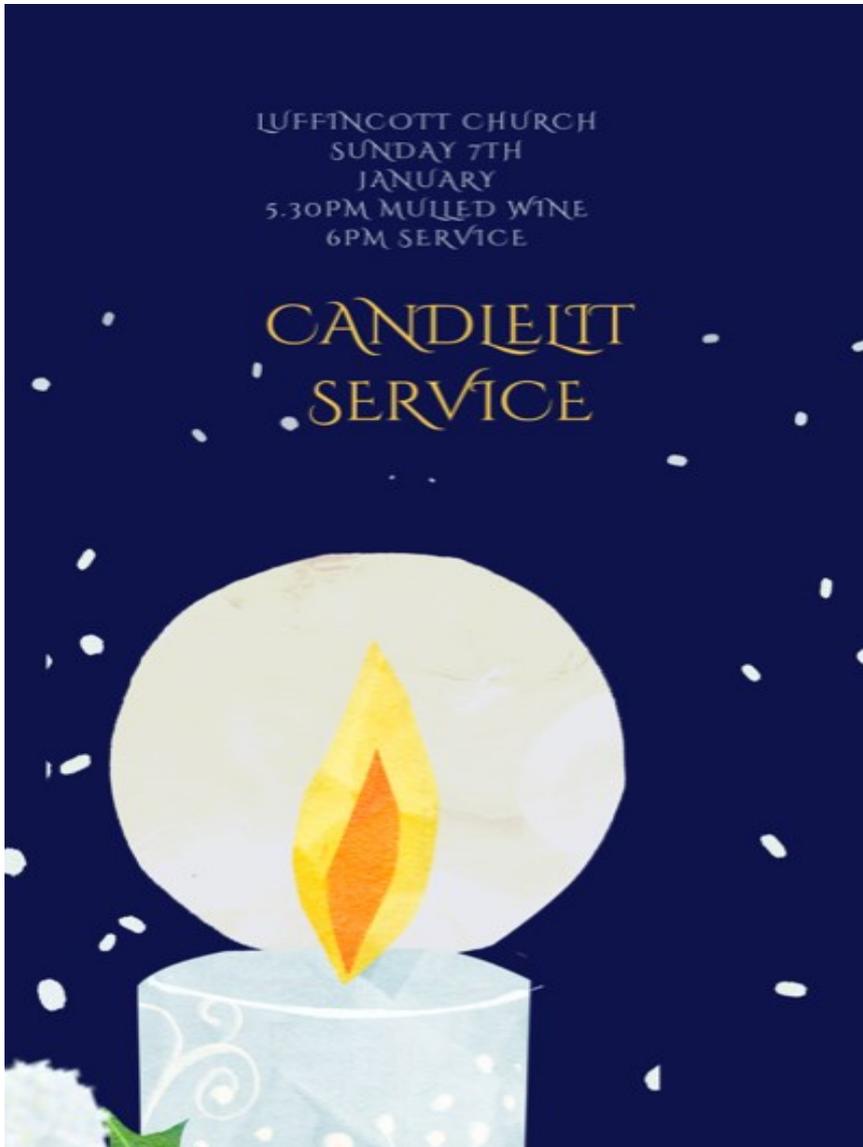
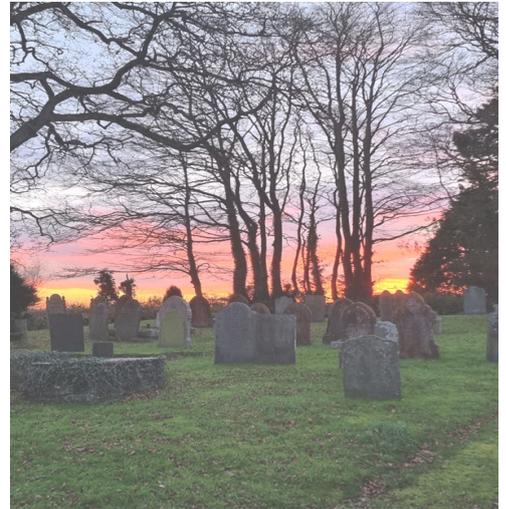
It's all in the mind you see. " What is it called that keeps muddling me up?"

"It's called Alzheimer's"

"That's it, write it down for me. He's a damned nuisance this Al Zheimer!"

We both laugh, but later I cry.

CHURCH NOTICES



Sunday Services

Sunday 14th 11.00 am Holy Communion with Reverend Dr Paul Fitzpatrick.

Sunday 28th 11 00 am United Service with Lorna Bowden.



Contact Details:

Rector: Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick 01409 254 667

Email: vicar-rubycountry@outlook.com

For Life events (Baptism, Wedding or Funerals):

rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com

Improve Devon's Roads

Geoffrey Cox has sent us petitions to get signatures in order to support his Parliamentary Petition in January. He needs as many original signatures with post-codes as possible to support his petition to get government money put towards getting minor Devon roads maintained to an acceptable standard. Signing forms can be found on the noticeboard and in the Parish Hall.



NEW DATE

Defibrillator Training

Mon 15th Jan
Clawton Parish Hall
7pm Start

Spaces limited to 35
To book please email
anitafisher217@gmail.com or
telephone/text on 07527370619



We kindly ask for donations for this event which will go towards Parish Hall funds

Training kindly provided by Jay's Aim

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS BY PAUL GRAFTON

The Parish Council would like to thank.....

Roger for cutting hedges and strimming verges, planting the flowerbed and organising the annual tidy-up. Martin for mowing the grass at no charge. Ray for helping Roger and Martin. Alison for compiling and editing the Clarion. Lorna, Avril, Maralyn, Alison and Irene for distributing the Clarion. Maralyn and the Hall Committee for all their work in delivering an excellent modern facility. Irene and the PCC for maintaining and running the church and graveyard. Parish Councillors who give their time to try to ensure we live in a safe, quiet, peaceful and clean village. Everyone who helps organise and run events and activities and keep the village tidy.

And – most importantly - everyone who comes along and supports those events and activities.

A New Year Resolution join in!

If you live in the village and don't come into any of the above categories, you can contribute by joining one of the activities or helping with one of the events run by the church or hall. Even better, you could consider running an activity. We used to have a thriving Youth Club but when Elaine (who had done a brilliant job) finally gave it up no-one could be found to take over. There is probably space for another Book Club (the WOW one is pretty much at capacity) – maybe one for men? Or (being revolutionary) a mixed one? If you have a hobby it's likely there will be others who would happily join you. Maybe something for blokes – Computer gaming? Men on Monday? A Hell's Angels Chapter? The Hall Committee and the Parish Council will be happy to help you set it up. If you're new to the village it would be an ideal way to get to know people.

Winter is here

I have put out bags of salt and grit on the hills and the grit bins are full. Please don't move the bags – they are public property. If you would like a few bags I do have some you could collect provided they are for use on public roads and paths,

The gritter trailer is ready for use – I will use it when we have ice or snow that seems to be going to last more than a few hours. If you have a suitable vehicle and would like to use it because you have a local problem please get in touch.

Paul 07794 913757 paul@devonholidays.org



Be Seen!

Many days are dark and often drizzly and I still meet pedestrians wearing dull or dark clothing (as they leap into the hedge). When walking the roads and lanes – even during the day – please consider wearing something reflective – a simple belt or vest costs a few pounds and makes a huge difference in the ability of a motorist to see you against the roadside hedges, by day as well as at night.



In Deepest Sympathy

Friends were recently saddened to learn of Penny Woodruffe's passing.

Penny ran our post office and store for many years, where a warm welcome and a chat was the order of the day. Penny had a long battle with cancer, which sadly defeated her. We all send our thoughts and condolences to Chris and family. Penny leaves us with many happy memories.



'Women on Wednesday'

The next meeting is on
Wednesday 3rd January 2024
at 7.30 p.m

in Clawton Village Hall.

The speaker is Judi Graham,
who will be talking about her
travels around the world.

Visitors are welcome.



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