

# CLAWTON CLARION



**July 2023**

## **Welcome to the July edition of the Clawton Clarion**

Apologies for the self-indulgent picture which accompanies the title. However, regular readers will know just how long I've been trying to capture this fellow on my wildlife cam. This came through this morning and I had to share my excitement with you. He or she (I am an amateur twitcher) moves like lightning up and down the Claw, and it is pure joy to catch a glimpse.

Next month, I will be away during the deadline and production period. Therefore, if you would like to write for the Clawton Clarion, please could you send contributions a little earlier for the August edition by email to [clawtonclarion@gmail.com](mailto:clawtonclarion@gmail.com) by midday 16<sup>th</sup> July. I remind readers that that views expressed by our columnists are their own and not those of the Parish Council.

*Alison*

## **Dates for your diary:**

Event	Date	Time	Place
Women on Wednesday	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	7:30 pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Holy Communion with Rev Paul Fitzpatrick	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	11:00 am	St Leonard's Church
Whist	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	7:30 pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee morning	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30 am	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway club	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	7:00 pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Cafe Church with Lorna Bowden	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	11:00 am	St Leonard's Church
Cider and Pasty Afternoon	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	12:00 Midday	Fernhill Farm

# CLAWTON PARISH HALL

BY MARALYN BAILEY

We thank Sharon & Phil Allin for the invitation to host the Cider & Pasty Afternoon, coupled with a look at the workings of one of our local farms.

Our aim for any funds raised, is to use it to update our kitchen with more ovens, a couple more dishwashers, which will enable all users to cope with between 40-70 people, for breakfast or main meals. New electric circuits have to be installed to deal with the extra load on the system. Work will begin late July early August.

## Cider and Pasty

Come and join us at

Fernhill Farm, Clawton, Ex22 6px

By kind permission of Sharon and phil allin

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>

starting at 12 noon with pasties, followed by a cream tea  
later in the afternoon finishing at 6pm

£10/person (primary school age children £6)

Watch the cows being milked and take a look around  
the farm.

Raising money for clawton village hall kitchen  
refurbishment.

# HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

BY GILLIAN ASTON

Last month our walks took us to Sheepwash, Efford Down, Bude and the Ruby Way out to Hollacombe, together with several other locations. The sunshine brought out an array of sun hats, sunscreen and plenty of water and helped to enhance the scenery with colourful and aromatic flowers and blossoms along the way. At Bude we slightly changed our usual route to avoid the recently started works to relocate the Watch Tower by accessing the Down via Vicarage Road and then through Efford Farm. This was a new route to most people and made for an easier climb up onto the clifftops, where we had lovely views across the sea and also Northwards to the GCHQ radio dishes at Morwenstow.

Our walk along the Ruby Way took us to Hollacombe Church. Margaret Stacey, who frequently joins our walks is the organist at the Church gave us the opportunity of a look inside. One of her colleagues had been researching the history of the Church and she was able to pass on some interesting information about the various stained-glass windows and what the scenes were depicting. Some 40 years ago the Church suffered from a severe case of dry rot which meant that most of the woodwork had to be replaced and the historic pews were lost. The short tower, which has a saddleback roof, one of only 6 in the South West, has 3 bells. They can't be used at the moment due to the bell frame needing strengthening works, but it is hoped that this can be remedied in the next few years. Margaret also provided some cold drinks, which were much appreciated before we continued with the rest of the walk.

It has been very pleasant to take advantage of the shade given by the Pavilion in Stanhope Park whilst refreshing ourselves with coffee and biscuits after our Walk in the Park. Over the three days of the end of May bank holiday Holsworthy Cricket Club celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a 'Festival of Cricket'. Stanhope Park, and the Pavilion, were host to live music, food, drinks, children's entertainments and, of course, lots of cricket.

If you would like to join us on any of our walks and find interesting snippets of local history or spectacular views amongst all the physical and psychological benefits of walking in a group then please 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 Leaders prior to the start of the walk.

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

For further information please contact:

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## 'Women on Wednesday'

The next meeting is in Clawton Village Hall  
on  
Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Come and listen to a speaker from the Devon Police Force  
who is going to talk about Cyber Security..

Visitors welcome.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

# POETRY BY LES AT TOWN FARM

## Moyras' 80th Birthday Tea. - 6th Aug.

Family and friends are coming to tea  
And the catering and cooking's all down to me.  
They are very picky, So feeding them's tricky,  
Now who will eat what? Just let me see,  
There's Brian who wants to lose weight  
So he'll not want carbs on his plate.  
For Janet no meat, but dairy she'll eat  
And I do have some cheese I can grate.  
Then, there's my niece Caroline  
I must keep her away from the wine.  
And as for Mary, She's O/K with dairy  
But it must be the lactose - free kind.  
Aunt Mabel's unstable and requires gluten - free  
Which is very awkward for afternoon tea.  
Normal cakes which look yummy, upset her tummy  
Albert gets in a panic  
If his food's not free -  
range or organic,  
And old Uncle Reg doesn't  
like fruit and veg  
Though his appetite's  
quite Titanic.  
All this worry has  
darkened my mood  
But I've had an idea that's  
really quite good.  
I'll email today, In fact,  
right away,  
And tell them to bring  
their own food!

## The Plough at Great Torrington

Supporting the Illyria theatre  
company in a performance of

Jane Austin's

Pride and Prejudice

to be held in

Badock Gardens, Holsworthy on  
Saturday 12th of August at 6:30 pm .

Book your tickets online or phone  
box office 01805 624624, or  
[mail@theploughartscentre.org.uk](mailto:mail@theploughartscentre.org.uk)

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# MUM'S THE WORD BY ANN GOODSPEED

Holiday season now upon us and a sign to avoid beaches unless it's raining and then we can guarantee to get a parking space.

With the extension of the 85 bus I foresee trips to Tavistock and Barnstaple being taken frequently. I do though, need to remember, that I'm on the bus.

Some years ago, before moving to Devon, I used the 'Park and Ride' facility in our nearest town. An utterly brilliant concept that removed the stress of queuing and then squeezing into the only space left, which was usually next to a massive pillar supporting the floor above. The council offices were outside of town and had huge amounts of space. A small feeder bus transported shoppers to the edge of the shopping area on a never-ending loop.

Oh, what freedom I felt the first time I took advantage of this newly formed facility. I went, of course, just because the opportunity arose and not with the intention of buying anything. Just browsing and gathering ideas. On entering Debenhams there was a tannoy announcement that their sale had begun. Red rag and bull is all I'm saying!

Having exhausted the clothes department, I ventured up the escalator and found myself being taken in by the huge sale signs in the electrical department and before I knew it, I was the proud owner of my very first microwave oven.

"We can take it to the goods entrance at the rear of the store for you to collect. You can bring your car right up to the door," said the very helpful sales assistant. That is when reality struck. I know he was stifling a laugh when I said quite confidently "No, that's OK, I'm on the bus"

How I got out of the store and though town to the bus stop without my knees buckling under me I'll never know. Nor do I want to revisit trying to get the most awkwardly sized box through the doorway of the bus and sit down with it on my lap.

Lesson learned.



Congratulations and best wishes  
to Charlotte (Lottie) Phillips and  
Elliot Gerrard of Commons Gate  
for their wedding day on  
Saturday 22nd July 2023 at  
Tetcott Holy Cross Church.

With all our love, Simon and  
Lorraine Phillips, and all the  
family

## EVELYN'S NEXT WALK

We will meet in  
The Square in Bradworthy  
on  
Monday 10th July.

We'll set off at 10am. Everyone is most  
welcome. If you would like more  
information, please contact me.

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