

CLAWTON CLARION

September 2022



Welcome to the September 2022 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

As I compile my last edition of the Clawton Clarion, I am delighted to announce that the next editor will be Alison Vassilaki, a Clawton resident who has lived in the local area for over 20 years. I am sure she will have as much support and friendship from all the contributors as I have had over the last eight years, and I wish her all the best in keeping the voice of the residents loud and proud; as well as sharing news, views and events in this thriving village. Please note the new details for contributions and keep sending them in.

Contributions for the next edition must be received by midday on **Tuesday 20th September** to clawtonclarion@gmail.com or call **Alison Vassilaki on 01409 259972**

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

Dates for your Diary

4th September	Tetcott Church Barbecue	4.00pm	Tetcott Church
7th September	Women on Wednesday	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall <i>See further details</i>
9th September	Home from home coffee morning	10.30-12.00	Clawton Parish Hall
10th September	Village Tidy-Up	10.00am	Village Car Park
11th September	Holy Communion	11.00am	St Leonard's Church with Rev Stephen Skinner
12th September	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
12th September	Evelyn's Walk	10.00am	Meet at Lower Tamar Lakes Car Park
24th September	Brewery Open Evening	5.30-9.30pm	Holsworthy Ales Brewery Food by Whiddon Wagon
25th September	Harvest Festival and Lunch	11.00am 12.30pm	St Leonard's Church Clawton Parish Hall

Women on Wednesday

The next meeting is in Clawton Parish Hall on **Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7.30 p.m.** when members will enjoy a demonstration of Flower Arranging with Sandra Huxtable
Visitors welcome.



St Leonard's Church



Services for September:

Sunday 11th September at 11.00 Holy Communion with Rev Stephen Skinner

Sunday 25th September at 11.00am **Harvest Festival in St Leonard's Church followed by lunch in Clawton Parish Hall. Cost £7.50 per person. All Welcome.**

For any church related concerns or queries please contact:

Rev Stephen Skinner (Priest in charge) Tel: 07554 142264 email- sjmskinners@btinternet.com or Irene Ellis (Church warden) Tel: 01409 271371

Clawton Parish Council

The next Clawton Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Please send any matters for the attention to the Parish Council to the parish clerk, Sally Whitehead via clawtonpcclerk@outlook.com Minutes and Agenda are available on our village web site: www.clawton.org.uk

Holsworthy Ales

The shop is open from 3.30-6.30pm every Saturday until the end of October apart from open nights when it is 5.30-9.30pm.

The next open evening will be on **Saturday 24th September**

Food supplied by Whiddon Wagon (Fish and Chips)



Tetcott Church Event



Barbecue at Tetcott Church with Stalls on

Saturday 4th September from 4.00pm

Followed by an open air service

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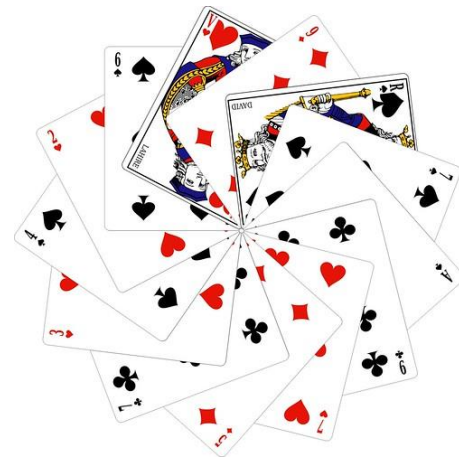
Clawton Parish Hall – Maralyn Bailey

As this report is being written we are preparing for the annual fund raiser at the brewery. Fingers crossed for the weather being kind!

The committee have been busy this month with the Continental evening and now the stated evening at the Brewery. Many thanks go to all who have assisted the committee in any way. We are a small band of willing folks, and so grateful for the outer circle of helpers.

Anne and Roger Mitchell are proposing to re-start the monthly Whist events. The ideas at present are still to use Wednesday as the chosen day, this can either be evenings as before or during the afternoon, this is your choice!!

The Whist has always supported the hall committee with any funds raised. Refreshments are supplied by the Whist organisers and players. They need to have your preferences and feedback. Can you see either Anne or Roger, or phone them on 01409 253679. Thank you



Dates for your diary being arranged for hall events are:

Wine and Wisdom - Friday 21st October

Christmas Craft Fayres - Saturdays 29th Oct and 26th November 10-1pm.

Bingo - Saturday 3rd December.

With more ideas for 2023.

Village Tidy-Up Saturday 10th September

We'd be grateful for anyone who can help us to tidy the verges and gutters in the village centre. We're meeting in the car park on SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER. Please bring any tools you may feel would be useful.

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Evelyn's Walks

On Monday 8th August, the forecast was for another hot day. I was quite surprised when I counted seventeen of us including a lady who had driven all the way from Launceston & two ladies who arrived on bicycles. We met at Clawton Village Hall & admired the beautiful flower display & new seating area which provided some much needed shade. We set off down the lane & it was noticeable how much the vegetation on the banks had shrivelled. Presumably, the mature trees were soaking up any moisture. We followed the footpath sign on the right. I hadn't walked what used to be a regular route since pre COVID.

Some years ago, DCC replaced several seriously challenging stiles with self-closing gates & I was keen to show them to everyone. I was somewhat surprised to see a polite notice on the second gate asking people not to follow the footpath. To be fair to the residents, this route goes straight through their gardens & very close to their houses so I could understand their concern during the lockdowns. However, since all restrictions have been removed apart from in medical settings, I decided to continue as planned bearing in mind that I made a point of being the only person to open & then close the gates as my fellow walkers passed through. I had done a Lateral Flow Test before leaving home & felt confident that we had managed any risk to health as much as possible.

It was interesting to note that further along the footpath, what had previously been a maize field has now been returned to pasture. When we reached Higher Sellick, I offered the option of turning right & following the lane back to the Village Hall. It seemed sensible to offer a shorter route given that it was getting quite hot by this stage. The longer route also included a very steep climb up hill on the return. This did not deter the majority & we turned left along the bridle path. Initially it was a track that would have taken us to Fernhill but the PROW goes through a double galvanised gate on the left. We entered a large grassy field which took us down to the River Claw. We took a moment to enjoy the peace & tranquility in the shade, contemplating how the flow of the river was reduced to a trickle & would have been easily navigable on foot. Ordinarily, anybody on foot would traverse the river using the magnificent bridge leaving horse riders to deal with the river crossing. We discussed the different possible routes back to our cars but opted for the shorter one on such a hot day. This meant retracing our steps back up the hill which was no mean feat. However, the extraordinarily clear day enabled us to enjoy far reaching views towards Bodmin whilst catching our breath.



The next walk will be on Monday 12th September. We will set off from Lower Tamar Lakes car park at 10am for a walk along the feeder arm of the Bude Canal. This will be a there & back walk as far as the picnic bench. If you would like to join me, you are welcome to bring a snack as we will stop for a brief

break. If you would like any further information, you are welcome to contact me.

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Holsworthy Walk and Talk – from Gill Aston

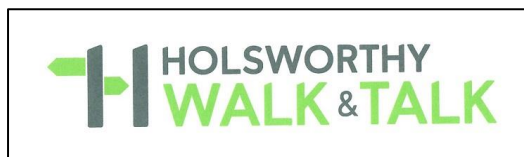
Being aware that you have all been waiting with bated breath for the results of our logo competition, we are happy to announce the winners. We had a really good turn out of voters whose choices ranged fairly evenly across the submissions and we actually had joint first winners with a clear third. We will be using all three winning logos for our future promotions. Thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm and artistic input.



Joint Winner



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Third Place

We have still been enjoying our sun hats and sunscreen during August and have welcomed the natural shade provided by the trees en route. It is very relaxing watching the sun dappling through the trees whilst taking a cooling breather to admire the view. Our September programme includes Level 2 and Level 3 walks at Meeth Quarry which is a haven for wildlife. The route we take is bisected by the Tarka Trail, which we walk on for a short way, and includes a rich diversity of woodland, moorland and lakes.

The sights, sounds and scents of the various natural environments we encounter on our walks certainly help us to take a break from the hustle and bustle of every day life. We are very fortunate to live in such a richly diverse part of the country and have access to such places. Holsworthy Walk and Talk offer the opportunity for people to visit such places with Walk Leaders who know the route and have made sure that it has been risk assessed before each walk with adequate, safe parking and a warm welcome.

We were sad to learn of the loss of one of our walkers, Les Lewis, who passed away at the end of July. Les encompassed the ethos of Walk and Talk as he was always such an interesting person to talk to on a wide range of subjects. His extensive knowledge and experiences of water divining were particularly fascinating. We send condolences to his family.

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:

<http://holsworthywalkandtalk.co.uk>

Gillian Aston 07854677784; Mike Jackson 01409 261196; Paul Davies 01409 253250



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The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via -
ROAD FROM CORFCOTT GREEN TO LONGLANDS CROSS - ROAD FROM LONGLANDS CROSS TO HERDICOTT CROSS

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For additional information contact:

AIRBAND Telephone: **01905 676121**



Devon's Best Young Landscape Artist Competition 2022



Are you aged 7-11 or 12-18?

To celebrate the natural beauty of Devon's coast and countryside, Devon CPRE's 'Best Young Landscape Artist' competition is inviting young artists to submit a painting, drawing or mixed media artwork capturing a landscape of their choice. Anything goes as long as it's in Devon - a favourite beach or beauty spot, a local park or green space, somewhere visited on a day out or even the artist's own garden.

PRIZES: £100 for the winning entry in each age category and £25 runner-up prizes.

Closing date: Friday 30 September 2022

PLUS some of the best entries will be on display in Okehampton at The Museum of Dartmoor Life. To enter, simply post us your artwork which must be A3 or A4 size, clearly marking your name and contact details on the back and age to: Devon CPRE, PO Box 26, Beaworthy, EX21 5XN. For full details visit cpredevon.org.uk

Poem by Les Johnson

Bird Life at Town Farm

A kestrel hovers in the breeze
And does it so with Majestic ease.
Way down below him on the ground
Many creatures move around.

A tiny fieldmouse (eating my garden veg)
Waits in dread 'neath the shadow overhead.
Then on the scene a crow arrives,
Upon the little hawk it dives.



It strikes the bird and feathers fly
Battle commences in the sky
The little fieldmouse runs away
And lives to eat my veg another day.