

# CLAWTON CLARION

June 2023



## Welcome to the June edition of the Clawton Clarion

As I put this month's edition together the village looks lovely. The bunting may be down but the sun is out.

Thanks go to the contributors for providing engaging content each month. If you would like to write for the Clawton Clarion, please send contributions for the next edition by email to [clawtonclarion@gmail.com](mailto:clawtonclarion@gmail.com) or by phone 01409 259972 by midday on 20<sup>th</sup> June. 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 Summer Outing	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9:00am	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	Clawton Parish Hall
Car Treasure Hunt	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	5:30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	7:00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Holy Communion	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	11:00am	St Leonard's Church
Whist	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	7:30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
Methodist Service – Lorna Bowden	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	11:00am	St Leonard's Church

# CLAWTON PARISH HALL

BY MARALYN BAILEY



The hall committee and community would like to thank everyone who contributed to the King's Coronation afternoon tea and those who sent in photos. Once again, we had a wonderful turn out; with over 70 people in attendance. We thank John Moore for cutting the celebration cake. John was born 97 years ago in Clawton and spent many years running the business before moving to Poughill after his retirement.



We are now entering a slightly quieter time at the hall. On Friday June 9th we will be hosting the annual car treasure hunt, in conjunction with the Rotary club. Cars to assemble at the hall at 5.30, where we will then send cars off at intervals. The treasure hunt is a walking one in Holsworthy town. The charge will be £10 per vehicle (maximum of 4 per car) Once complete, the instruction will be to return to Brewery where the treasure hunters will be able to enjoy fish & chips from the Whiddon Waggon. Cash for the fish and chips orders will be collected before the cars leave the hall to ensure all are catered for.

A raffle will be available.

During the summer months we will be undertaking the kitchen re-vamp and other improvements on our list!



# CLAWTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

BY PAUL GRAFTON

**Parish Council:** There was in the event no need for an election for the Parish Council because we had one person retiring and one new candidate – so all who put themselves up for election/re-election were automatically elected. Irene Ellis has been on the Parish Council for longer than she can remember including as Chair, but now having moved into Holsworthy she did not stand for re-election. At the first meeting of the new Council the Chair thanked her on behalf of the Parish Council for all she has done for the village in this role (she is still supporting village life including as acting Churchwarden). The new Councillor is Graham Hames and the Chair welcomed him onto the Council.

**District Council:** Our new Councillors representing us on Torrridge District Council are Philip Hackett and Stephen Gibson.

## Planning:

1/0028/2023/FUL (silage pit cover Gunnacot Farm) Passed by TDC

1/0344/2023/AGMB (Little Blagdon Stables, Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling house). Parish Council had no objection.

Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station at Kennacot farm. Parish Council had no objection.

Unauthorised development in woods near Folly Farm – enforcement action is being taken regarding removal of structures.



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## Coronation Celebrations



Revd. Stephen Skinner held his last service in Clawton as Interim Rector before handing over to our new permanent Rector Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzgerald.



A magnificent Bring and Share Tea in the Hall was very well attended. The centrepiece was this very cleverly decorated Cornonation Cake.

Many thanks to Maralyn and the Hall Committee and to everyone who helped set up, decorate, serve and clear up.





# HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

BY GILLIAN ASTON

Glorious sunshine greeted us for our Clawton Level 3 and Bude Level 2 walks last month. The ground at Clawton was still quite soft in places but the spring flowers and apple blossoms along the way were lovely. Our photo shows a few of our keen gardening members checking out some new arrivals at The Lazy Garden Plant Co stand near Clawton Village Hall.

Congratulations to Eric Boundy who has now completed the necessary stages to become a Volunteer Walk Leader. Although Eric has lived and worked in Holsworthy for several years he has been pleasantly surprised to find so many places of interest on our walks which he had been unaware of until now.



As part of the Coronation Celebrations, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May was set aside as Volunteering Day to recognise the important contribution volunteering makes to a community. Without volunteers many organisations would not be able to provide the valuable services on which many of us rely. However, the benefits of volunteering work both ways, not only opening opportunities to make a positive difference to a community but introducing volunteers to a whole new set of interesting people and places, creating new interests and realising that skills acquired during our lives are still valuable and appreciated.

If you would like to join our walks 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, details below.

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# NEWS FROM ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

## WELCOME TO:

Revd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick, the new Anglican Ruby Benefice Rector.

Hello everyone, this is just a quick introduction before we hopefully meet on my rounds.

Married to Sarah, an accountant (and incredible cook), we live to the north of the Benefice, our children have grown and are happily working around the world, and we have a very friendly, and incredibly lazy, Labrador. I

am an avid ornithologist, Penguin book club member and as a member of the Church Conservation Trust, I am also a Trustee for the British Trust for Ornithology.

I applied to be the new Rector because I love the churches and the history you hold, the richness and openness of the community and people of the benefice. I see so much warmth, potential, and vision in what you want to become and what the church might be here; I wanted very much like to be a part of that. I look forward to meeting you.

*Paul & Sarah*



IN AID OF NORTH TAMERTON BELL FUND

## AN EVENING FOR THE BELLS

**NORTH TAMERTON HOUSE GARDENS**  
**FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2023**  
7PM / SUPPER AT 7.30PM

**A FAMILY SUPPER OF SALADS & MEATS  
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The poster features several illustrations: a wine glass with red wine, an acoustic guitar, and a plate of food with a salad and meat. The background is white with faint musical notes and a banner.

# POETRY BY LES

## Two Shades of Green

The Big House up the hill.

When the weather turns quite cold and wet  
We usually fly down to the Med in our jet.  
We offset the carbon by planting a tree -  
There's plenty of room by the orangery.  
A heat - exchange boiler, 20K at the most,  
Will soon be installed keeping us warm as toast.  
An electric car, cheap to run so they say  
A first - rate investment at just 30K.  
Running a hedge fund has proven its worth  
We have the money to rescue the earth.

Town Farm House.

The summer is turning quite cold and quite wet,  
Oh! to fly somewhere that's warm and forget,  
But airports these days defeat the faint hearted,  
Cancellations and queueing - don't get me started.  
A weekend in Bognor? We could take the old van  
While we can still use it and diesel's not banned.  
Change the boiler? Oh dear, such prohibitive cost.  
We'll need lots of woollies to cope with Jack Frost.  
The folk in the big house, they're such a green lot  
I'm going green, too - with ENVY, that's what!

## WANTED

Moyra and I are too frail to take our black bags down to the road entrance. Torridge refuse to collect from our garden gate at the house stating that it is too far for the crew to walk and carry bags by hand. The drive way has provided clear and safe access for the past 40 years.  
Using my mobile oxygen bottles at 6ltr/min it took me 2.25 hours to take the bags down in a wheel barrow last week over several trips and recovery stops to get my breath back.  
Can any Clarion reader offer advice or help to solve the problem?

Regards to all from Les at Town Farm.

## Women on Wednesday

The next meeting is on  
Wednesday 7th June 2023  
and is the members' annual summer outing.

This year the outing is to  
Dartmoor Prison Museum and Princetown  
and is for members only

Meet at  
Clawton Village Hall Car Park  
at 9.00 a.m.



# EVELYN'S WALK

Due to the Bank Holiday Monday coinciding with the normal date of our walk, it was rescheduled for Monday 15th May. Lisa & Paul very kindly gave us permission to park at Thornbury Holiday Park. It was a great opportunity to see little Albert who is growing up very quickly. We went out of the gate & turned left heading towards the junction that I know as Five Ways. We followed the lane heading in the direction of Shebbear which enabled us to admire fantastic views of Dartmoor in the distance. It was a bit breezy at Windy Cross but we were soon in the shelter of beautiful mature trees as we continued on our way towards St. Peter's Church. We had the lane all to ourselves as the road was closed to traffic that morning. It seems that wherever I go, there are trenches being dug at the moment. We had a look at the old School building which subsequently became a Village Hall. It's lovely that some local people still have happy memories of attending events there in years gone by. Once we reached the Church, we turned left at "Silage Bale Corner" & walked down the hill where we met Meg. She & her husband very kindly offered us the opportunity to walk across their property which includes a section of footpath. The timing was such that we enjoyed a beautiful carpet of Bluebells under the canopy of trees. At this time of year, the leaves are so young & fresh looking. We identified lots of wild Garlic & an occasional Orchid. All we could hear was bird song. It was very special. Meg led the way back to the lane & we turned right down the hill. I didn't like to mention it but everyone soon worked out that we then had to walk up what can only be



described as a serious hill. We couldn't kid ourselves that we were stopping to admire the view. We seriously needed to get our breath back. Everyone agreed that it was worth it. We soon reached the junction that I call "Bagbeare Cross" as it's not actually named. We turned left along Thorne Lane. There were beautiful views again once we emerged from the trees. We could identify Brown Willy, the highest point in Cornwall & Rough Tor in the distance. Just before we reached the junction at Cranapool Cross, we opted to follow the footpath on our left rather than stay on the road. The field was newly planted with a crop but we could easily walk along the edge of the field without causing any damage. The next field was full of lush grass with beautiful wild flowers. We went through the galvanised gate, across the lane & over a stile at Branches Cross. This brought us to the rear of the Holiday Park. The setting was idyllic. The lakes looked so tranquil in the sunshine. It must be a very relaxing place for a holiday. You can find details including photos on their web site. This circular route is approx. 3.7 miles & took us a couple of hours.

I'm unable to arrange a walk next month but I'll give details of the walk scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July in the next newsletter.

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# MUM'S THE WORD

BY ANN GOODSPEED

I've just completed a one day jewelry making course and impressed myself.

I came away proudly sporting a spinner ring that actually fits the finger that it was intended for.

I noticed whilst I was there that the same studio is used for pottery and I'm now on the verge of enrolling on a course for beginners.

I just hope it is more successful than last time I went to 'night school' for a 6 week 'Introduction to Clay' workshop many years ago before moving to Devon.

A friend and I arrived at the secondary school where it was being held and were ushered into the main hall by the prefects. We were amazed at how many people were there and to kill time, whilst others were arriving, we started slotting people into what we thought they would be studying. It was a good game which lasted until a party of official looking people stepped onto the stage.

As a hush fell across the audience a man stepped forward and began to thank all of us 'parents' for coming out in such dreadful weather to see and discuss our children's work.

What?

Right time, wrong entrance!

## Women on Wednesday

At our last meeting, we hosted the Launceston Male Voice Choir and by the end of a very enjoyable evening we were able to make a donation of **£300**, from the proceeds of the event to the Chestnut Appeal, Derriford Hospital in aid of prostate cancer.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us.

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

ANITA FISHER

It has been several years since the defibrillator was installed at Clawton Parish Hall and a training evening held.....COVID played a part in stopping us coming together.

I feel the time has come to hold another defibrillator training session; as the school is currently raising money for a defibrillator for the school and hope to arrange their own training session. It would be great to get as many people trained as possible to use a defibrillator.

Although we hope never to need to use one, not long after our last training session, my husband had to put his training to use. So, I'd love to see as many people as possible trained.

I am currently in talks with Jays Aims on holding a training evening at Clawton Parish Hall for the Autumn and when I have dates, I'll let everyone know.

This will be a non-chargeable event, but I would kindly ask for donations to go towards the upkeep of the defibrillator at Clawton Parish Hall. We are looking for a minimum of 35 people to attend, but the event will be open to everyone.

# OUR LOCAL BUS

Barnstaple Bus Station | Bideford | Holsworthy | Launceston | Tavistock

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## MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays

Barnstaple Bus Station		0840	1130	1420	1655	
Railway Station		0845	1135	1425	1700	
Roundswell Gratton Way		0849	1139	1429	1704	
Bideford Quay		0905	1155	1445	1720	
Landcross Chapel		0910	1200	1450	1725	
Monkleigh Monkleigh		0915	1205	1455	1730	
Frithelstock Stone Stone Farm		0919	1209	1459	1734	
Stibb Cross Stibb Cross		0925	1215	1505	1740	
Milton Damerel Venn Green		0933	1223	1513	1748	
Holsworthy Beacon Freshlay		0937	1227	1517	1752	
Holsworthy Community Hospital		0943	1233	1523	1758	
Holsworthy Church	Arr	0946	1236	1526	1801	
Holsworthy Church	Dep	0705	0950	1240	1530	1805
Pyworthy Village Hall						1811
Bridgerule Council Houses						1819
Clawton Post Office		0712	0957	1247	1537	1857
Arscott Arms		0722	1007	1257	1547	1907
Post Office		0727	1012	1302	1552	1912
Launceston Westgate Street		0738	1023	1313	1603	1923
Launceston Tesco		0746	1031	1321	1611	1931
Milton Abbot Church		0801	1046	1336	1626	1946
Lamerton, Blacksmiths Arms		0809	1054	1344	1634	1954
Tavistock Bus Station		0820	1105	1355	1645	2005

## SATURDAYS

Barnstaple Bus Station		0840	1130	1420	1655	
Railway Station		0845	1135	1425	1700	
Roundswell Gratton Way		0849	1139	1429	1704	
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Lamerton, Blacksmiths Arms		0841	1131	1421	1741
Milton Abbot Church		0850	1140	1430	1750
Launceston Tesco		0903	1153	1443	1803
Launceston Westgate Street		0910	1200	1450	1810
Gridley Corner		0920	1210	1500	1820
Arscott Arms		0925	1215	1505	1825
Clawton The War Memorial		0934	1224	1514	1834
Bridgerule Council Houses		0705			
Pyworthy Village Hall		0714			
Holsworthy Library	Arr	0723	0945	1235	1525 1845
Holsworthy Library	Dep	0730	0950	1240	1530 1850
Holsworthy Community Hospital		0733	0953	1243	1533 1853
Holsworthy Beacon Freshlay		0741	1001	1251	1541 1901
Milton Damerel Venn Green		0745	1005	1255	1545 1905
Stibb Cross Stibb Cross		0753	1013	1303	1553 1913
Frithelstock Stone Stone Farm		0759	1019	1309	1559 1919
Monkleigh Monkleigh		0803	1023	1313	1603 1923
Landcross Chapel		0808	1028	1318	1608 1928
Bideford Quay		0815	1035	1325	1615 1935
Roundswell Gratton Way		0840	1050	1340	1630 1950
Barnstaple Station Entrance		0845	1055	1345	1635 1955
Barnstaple Bus Station		0850	1100	1350	1640 2000

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