

# CLAWTON CLARION



## October 2023

Temperatures lowered, woollies on and kindling collected. The thoughts of hosepipe bans and t-shirt tans are already behind us. In fact, the word, (and it should be whispered at this stage) Christmas, is making its first appearance of the year in this edition, see news from the Parish Hall.

Please help support this newsletter by sending in any news, views and ideas to share with your community. The deadline for the November edition is midday on Friday 20th October. Please email direct to [clawtonclarion@gmail.com](mailto:clawtonclarion@gmail.com).

Look forward to hearing from you,

*Alison*

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 4th October	Clawton Parish Hall
Parish Hall Open Evening	7:00pm	Thursday 5th October	Clawton Parish Hall
United Morning Worship with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 8th October	St Leonard's Church
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 11th October	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30am	Friday 13th October	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 13th October	Clawton Parish Hall
Clawton Quiz	7:30pm	Friday 20th October	Clawton Parish Hall
United Holy Communion with Revd Paul	11:00am	Sunday 22nd October	St Leonard's Church
Christmas Craft Fair	10am – 2pm	Saturday 28th October	Clawton Parish Hall

# EVELYN'S WALK

On Monday 11th September, we met at Forest View in Pancrasweek with kind permission of Mick & Thelma Stanton. They have such a pretty garden & their flower border was full of autumn colour. Their property is literally just around the corner from Vealand Nature Reserve (Devon Wildlife Trust) which has its own little car park. We joined the footpath heading towards Lower Tamar Lake which follows the course of the feeder arm of the Bude Canal. It's a very level walk & it's very well maintained by volunteers associated with the Bude Canal Trust. There was evidence of their efforts as the grass had recently been cut & some of the Willow had been felled which seems to thrive in Devon. Periodically we crossed over little road bridges & courtesy bridges which enable land owners to access their fields on either side of the water course. Courtesy of Devon County Council, there are several galvanised gates which have replaced the original wooden ones. No stiles! It was so peaceful ..... apart from our chatter as we had plenty of news to catch up on. We walked for about an hour until we reached the well-appointed picnic bench. It was nice to take advantage of it & reminisce about previous walks & those who have joined us in recent years. We retraced our steps taking in the fact that there is access to the Nature Reserve at Dunsdon along the way. Apparently, it's frequented by Willow Tits & Grasshopper Warblers. I had to look them up upon my return home as I hadn't come across them previously. Apparently, the reference to grasshoppers isn't an indication of the bird's diet but the sound it makes. We all agreed how much we had enjoyed this "there & back" walk. It's unusual to be able to walk for two hours without having to deal with an incline.

The next walk is on Monday 9th October. Pennie Channing is going to lead the walk. She's the P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) volunteer in Halwill. We will set off at 10am from the car park at Halwill Junction for a circular walk of approx. 3.5 miles. Everyone is welcome to come. For more information, contact me.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Firstly, an enormous...

# Thank You!

*To everyone who came and helped the village tidy-up.*

*Great support – great job done.*

*From the Parish Council*

**Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September:** A very short Agenda with no planning issues. Potholes (especially on Chasty road and Tetcott road from A388) are an ongoing discussion with Devon CC.



## *Big Breakfast*



# Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

**9.00am, Clawton Village Hall**

£8 per Adult,  
£4 per Child, Family £20

*Proceeds to St Leonard's church.*



# POETRY BY LES AT TOWN FARM

## **Banking in Holsworthy? You must be "aving a larf"**

I needed to speak to my bank last week, so I thought I'd give them a ring.  
I did, - I rang them straight away, but here's the awful thing.  
It's never a person who answers, only a monotonous robotic voice  
That says that you'll be recorded before and during your choice.  
Press one for this and two for that, and three if you need more,  
But if you need some dialogue, then that is number four.  
To hear these options again, you need the star key, and then to press the hash,  
But don't dawdle whilst you make your choice - or the whole thing may well crash!  
If you pressed the button number four then this is what they'll do -  
Play some dire music and place you in a queue, number twenty two..  
"Your call is so important to us", of that you are assured,  
You'll wait so long - we all have bets on how long you have endured.  
So I went in person to my bank next day, but the lights were off  
And the door was locked - a large notice on display:-  
"This branch is closed from now on -- there's fewer people come;"  
"Our customers are now all on line -- that's the rule of thumb."  
"If you need to speak to personnel then please do so on your phone,  
Our number's on the website where we've made it widely known."  
**"Your call is so important to us -- you need to be aware"**  
But after 40 minutes' time on hold, you realize no one's there.

**Visitors welcome**

*'Women on Wednesday'*

*The next meeting is in Clawton Village Hall is on  
Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7.30 p.m.*

*When members will enjoy a talk about Cornish Droll Tellers From Terry Faull*

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

# HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

BY GILLIAN ASTON

Last month we completed the longest Level 3 walk on our programme, all 4.5 miles of it! Starting from The Arcscott Hall in the heart of Tetcott village we followed the road for approximately a mile and arrived at Luffincott Barton. The house is 19<sup>th</sup> century but the jewel in the farmyard is The Church of St James set in its own well kept churchyard. It is mostly medieval with a tower added in 1791 and is thought to be one of the most remote churches in Devon. The Church is now redundant and in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. Leaving the Church we followed the footpath through fields leading into quite a large wooded area. Eventually we arrived at Tetcott Manor, a picturesque house set in beautiful parkland which we walked through onto the road leading back to the village.

When we did our recce of the walk prior to taking the Group we encountered a difficulty with the gate leading into the woodland. We reported the problem to Devon County Council via their user-friendly website and found, when we did our walk, that not only had they remedied the problem they had also strimmed the entire length of this section of footpath making for a very pleasant and easy walk. Thanks must go to Devon County Council for their work in maintaining our footpaths for everyone to enjoy.

Not all of our walks are route marches! Level 1 walks are for those with limited mobility for whatever reason and offer a gentle stroll, coffee and a chance to socialise. Level 2 walks are approximately 2.5 miles with no stiles and taken at a steady pace. Level 3 walks are approximately 3 miles and all terrain.

If you would like to join us 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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# PICS FROM: HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

Inside St James' Church (left)  
And Tetcott Manor (below)



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# CLAWTON PARISH HALL

BY MARALYN BAILEY

Our great team of Graham and Jeff have now completed our newly refurbished kitchen. It is now fully operational, with three cookers (two of which are new), two dishwashers and endless working surfaces. Such a transformation. The committee would like to invite all users of the hall and other interested parties to an open evening on **Thursday October 5th from 7pm**. Tea and biscuits will be served, to give everyone a chance to see the improved area. A committee meeting will follow.

A change of some events planned for the hall. We have decided against a Christmas bingo as it seems to clash with other bingo evenings, and the usual late night shopping in Holsworthy too.

We plan to organise an **Easter bingo instead, on Saturday 23rd March**, with more chocolate of course!!

To brighten up February we will have a Valentine's meal on Saturday 10th. A popular evening with limited tickets which will be available after Christmas. It is not just for couples.

Our usual **Quiz is on Friday 20th October 7.30** start with Ian Parker as our question master. All entries to 07368 621009 by text if possible.

## **Christmas Craft weekends:**

Two dates **Saturday October 28th and Sunday November 26th between 10-2pm**.

Some limited tables available contact Maralyn on 07368 621009 for a table £7 each 6' table.

Refreshments will be available for those who wish to browse and enjoy a coffee and some cake or perhaps a bacon bap.

We thank all those who take part in the monthly whist nights which have raised £425 during the past year towards the running costs of the hall. Particular thanks to Anne and Roger for organising the evenings together with refreshments. No serious players - just a fun evening when everyone is welcome and it makes no matter how good you are.



# MUM'S THE WORD

BY ANN GOODSPEED

So we are at the end of summer and how beautiful it has been and how lucky we are.

Tourists all gone and children back at school.

I was remembering as a child how the build up to my going on holiday must have begun after

Easter. My mother would start buying clothes for me to be worn on holiday. This would continue through the summer, but I wasn't allowed to wear them until we went away, which was always the last week of August.

As soon as we came home, I was back to school.

She was always surprised the following summer when my summer clothes didn't fit me and had only had 10 days of wear.

She must have thought I was Peter Pan!



## *An Evening with Gregory Steward*

*Welsh tenor Gregory Steward sings songs from  
the shows*

*Refreshments will be provided.*

*Tickets £12 on the door, £10 in advance  
available from Irene Ellis (01409 254572)  
or any PCC member.*

*Thursday 26th at 7.30pm*

*St. Leonard's church.*

