

# CLAWTON CLARION

## May 2022



Welcome to the May 2022 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

After several years of editing the Clawton Clarion, and having now retired from paid work, it is time for some travelling! We are planning a long trip away next year visiting four continents over ten months and I will therefore be stepping down and handing the Clawton Clarion baton over to someone else. The last edition for me will be September 2022 and we are looking for another resident to take over. If you are interested please contact me or Paul Grafton.

Contributions for the next edition must be received by midday on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022** to [graham.jw@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.jw@btinternet.com) or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265  
If you would like to receive the Clarion electronically, send me your e mail address

### Dates for your Diary

<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Women on Wednesday	7.30pm	Talk from Devon Freewheelers Clawton Parish Hall Visitors Welcome
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Methodist service and Café Church	11.00am	St Leonard's Church
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Evelyn's walk	10.00am	Milton Damerel Village Hall
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Home from Home Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	Clawton Parish Hall
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Big Breakfast	9.00am start	Clawton Parish Hall Proceeds for St Leonard's Church
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Open Night at Holsworthy Ales Brewery	5.30-9.30pm	Food from Whiddon Wagon fish and chips
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Open Air Service with tea led by Rev Stephen Skinner	4.00pm	St Leonard's Church
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Platinum Jubilee Beacon and BBQ	9.45pm	Herdicott Field ( <i>see further details</i> )
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Platinum Jubilee Service and tea	3.00pm	St Leonard's Church and Clawton Parish Hall

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## St Leonard's Church



**Services for May:** Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 - Café Church  
Methodist service arranged by Lorna Bowden

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 16.00 Open Air Service and tea taken by Rev Stephen Skinner

For any church related concerns or queries please contact: Rev Stephen Skinner (Priest in charge) Tel: 07554 142264  
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## Clawton Parish Council

The Parish Council AGM is on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022** following the normal Parish Council Meeting. Local groups are invited to the AGM to tell the Parish council about their group and their year's activities.

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

## Women on Wednesday

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm** in Clawton Parish Hall.

This will be a talk by a representative of Devon Freewheelers. Visitors welcome!

## 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 first open evening of the year will be on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> with fish and chips offered by Whiddon Wagon



## Platinum Jubilee



A joint group from the Hall Committee, the church and the Parish Council are organising three events – lighting a beacon at 9.45pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June a short service in the church at 2pm and a Jubilee Tea in the village hall at 3.00pm.

**Beacon:** The current outline plan is for a bonfire beacon in Adrian and Jackie Mitchell's field on the east side of the road at Herdicott Cross. We're looking at providing a hot snack (probably barbecued sausage in a roll) and a bar. Contributions of bring and share desserts will be invited.

**Church Service:** A short service of thanks for the life of the Queen will be held in the church at 2pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June and will end in time for the start of the Jubilee Tea.

**Jubilee Tea:** A bring and share tea will start at 3.00pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Contributions of savoury snacks and cake are invited, ideally in finger form (because it will be served to tables rather than buffet-style). Sandwiches will be made at the hall by the catering volunteers and we're not planning to offer desserts. It is hoped some form of entertainment can be arranged.

Any ideas for entertainment or other additions to the above events would be very welcome.



## ***Big Breakfast*** **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**



**9.00am, Clawton Village hall**

*Cereal, fruit juice, full English, tea or coffee  
with a glass of Buck's Fizz*

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

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## Classic Vehicles – Paul Grafton

Do you own a classic car, van, tractor, lorry or motorcycle? Or two? Would you be interested in joining a classic vehicle run this summer? Maybe combined with a barbecue? If so please email [paul@devonholidays.org](mailto:paul@devonholidays.org) (or text 07794 913757) with name, contact number and vehicle(s) and any dates you're NOT able to participate.

Out of pure interest, does anyone know who owns/owned this disintegrating car in the corrugated shed on the left on the main road towards Holsworthy opposite Folley Farm? I think it is/was a Humber Snipe or similar.



## Planning Applications – Paul Grafton

There are three applications under consideration by Torridge which affect the centre of the village as well as several others relating to farms in the parish. The three village centre ones are:

- **Land Opposite Clawton Primary School Clawton Devon (Ref. No: 1/1346/2021/FUL):** This includes some low-cost units for rent and purchase. Some parking space is offered for community use and there is some debate as to whether they are needed given that the application to demolish the garages at the entrance to Claw Park and replace them with parking for the school has been approved. Also, the spaces if used by the school would mean crossing the main road. The Parish Council did not object to the development in principle but made some comments as can be seen in the minutes (a link on the Clawton website <https://www.clawton.org.uk> and on the noticeboard by the bus shelter) and on the Torridge planning website where all details of the proposal and all comments and objections can be found. If you have a comment or objection you can add it via that website.
- **Land To The Rear Of Riverside Cottage Clawton Devon (1/0632/2015/FUL):** The builder who purchased the land has now purchased the rest of the field and is looking to change the original planning approval (5 houses) to bungalows. The Parish Council is held a special meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April to discuss this and agreed to support the change to bungalows in principle. It was also agreed that the developer would be encouraged to include a variety of sizes to cater for those who wouldn't need a 4-bedroom bungalow.
- **Mazoe Clawton Holsworthy Devon EX22 6QJ (Ref. No: 1/0326/2022/FUL):** This is the cottage opposite the Claw Park garages, next to Moor Park Barn. The (part retrospective) planning application is for the front fence to be reduced to 1 metre. The fence between the 2 cottages to stay at 2 metres and the large storage pod(shed) next to the house. It appears to be of a half round construction with doors or windows in each end, made of timber and on the plans in front of the building line. The Parish Council had no objection.

## Clawton Parish Hall – Maralyn Bailey

Now the brewery is open again on Saturday afternoons our meetings in the hall have come to an end, but it is intended to restart the afternoons once Dave shuts for the winter. We have raised more funds for the hall by doing this. Thanks to Ken for organising the beer, and to anyone who helped to make these afternoons so successful, maintaining the companionship we all have enjoyed since lockdown restrictions.

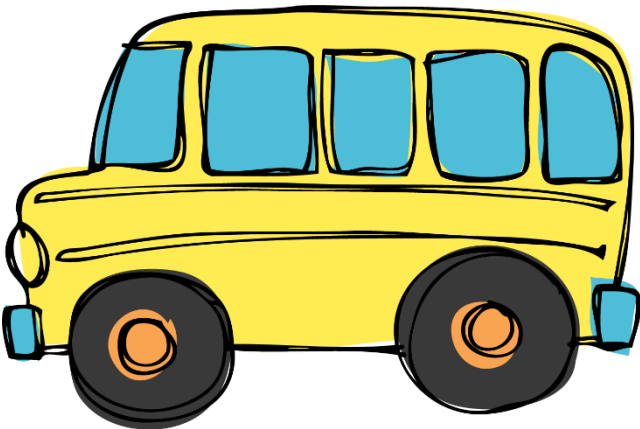
### Jubilee update:

As you will see the Parish Council has set out the bare bones of the celebrations. For beacon lighting on the Thursday evening, weather permitting, we aim to have a BBQ. We, as the hall committee, would be very grateful to receive contributions to the Sunday afternoon tea - i.e. savoury items, sausage rolls, buffet pasties, cakes, scones and other treats!! We would like an idea of what we can expect to be given, please could you inform one of the committee or email me on [maralynjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:maralynjohn@hotmail.com) We would also ask for the items to be dropped at the hall between 9 and 11 on the day. Paul mentioned that we will provide the sandwiches, this will assist us in making sure that we have enough for everyone. As this is an afternoon event we hope to overrun into the evening, by providing a bar and entertainment. Any help would be appreciated, as we are a small group of volunteers. This is a village event and all parishioners are welcome.

Please keep up to date on our Parish Hall Facebook page.

Latest improvements at the hall include a concrete slope where the new side doors open, by the time Jubilee comes we will have a comfortable seating area available to the side of the hall, a real suntrap in good weather. Planters will be in full colour again soon, the daffodils and tulips were a real picture. Lastly we hope (suppliers are in control) that new chairs will be in the hall for all to use, no more racing to get the most comfortable seats!!

On a different note: does everyone know about the Ring & Ride service which operates in all surrounding areas of Holsworthy, reaching out to Morwenstow, Torrington, St Giles, Broadwoodwider, and Shebbear and Sheepwash.



The days out are varied, shopping trips to local supermarkets and places of interest, for May some of the locations covered are Totnes, Tavistock, Padstow, Topsham, Ottery St. Mary, & Barnstaple.

Trips cost between £8 and £10 per person, you will be collected from your door. The contact is Esther on 01409259001.

Phone lines have caused them some hiccups so try contacting them on their website [holsworthy rural transport.co.uk](http://holsworthy rural transport.co.uk) or email [info@holsworthy rural transport.co.uk](mailto:info@holsworthy rural transport.co.uk). The office in the Memorial Hall is open on Monday-Friday 9am to 12 noon, for full details if you are unable to have use of a computer. The drivers are very friendly and cope with any mobility problems with a smile.

## Holsworthy Walk and Talk from Gill Aston

Last month we walked my favourite route at Buckland Filleigh. Of the 48 routes we have around the area this walk has it all. It is one of the more adventurous Level 3 walks with lots of undulations taking us through the parkland of Buckland House, forestry and farm tracks, over stiles and through fields which, this time, were full of playful baby lambs under the vigilant gaze of their mothers. The views across the valleys towards Dartmoor are spectacular.



Our AGM has taken place which resulted in the retirement of our Chairperson, Gordon Bennett. Gordon wasn't a founding member of the Group when David Arney started it back in 2000/01, but he joined soon after following a referral from the Cardiac Rehab Group having had surgery, as a way of improving his health and getting more exercise. He has stayed with the Group, eventually moving up to become a walk leader and then, when David formally constituted the group in 2015, Gordon took on the Chairperson's position, which he has held until now. We are pleased to welcome Jaquie Shapland as our new Chair who will be a very valuable member of the Committee.

We often refer to research showing the benefits of walking in the management of various chronic health conditions such as heart disease, but Gordon's story brings those benefits to a personal level. Gordon has been an active member of the Group for almost 20 years and continues to be a very valuable member of the Monday Walk in the Park team. He has made friends and helped many others along the way.

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, details below.

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## Bridge Mill Open Days

The Bridge Mill at Bridgerule will be hosting two open days in May.

The first is on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May** (see poster) and the second is one of the National Garden Scheme Charity open days on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May** (adults £4 admission)

Take the opportunity to see the mill working and enjoy the lake and riverside walks.

## A Yorkshire Sign – Les Johnson



**WORKING WATER MILL OPEN FOR**  
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## Free wellbeing support offered to help with Devon's COVID-19 recovery

Businesses and employees in Devon are now able to access free wellbeing support [through a new initiative we've launched](#) as part of our £6 million COVID-19 recovery programme.

[Wellbeing Works](#), which is being delivered for us by independent charity Devon Communities Together, is offering free one-to-one wellbeing checks and wellbeing workshops to people over 18 years old who are currently in employment, seeking employment, or are entering the jobs market.

A series of wide-ranging events will be delivered throughout the project, with support being provided through webinars, workshops and online resources that will cover topics such as taking care of yourself, returning to work, coping with unemployment and dealing with isolation.

<https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/wellbeing-works>

## Monthly Walks from Evelyn Sharman

On Monday 11th April, fourteen of us met in the car park behind Pyworthy Village Hall.

A serious consideration when organising these walks is whether there is suitable parking for everybody. We are so fortunate in Devon to have our lovely Village Halls with their facilities. I am pleased to read in our Parish magazines that the usual activities are getting going again. I was interested to see that several residents from Pyworthy, both current & previous, joined us. I was delighted to have their company. My goodness, they had such a wealth of local knowledge between them & we learned such a lot about Pyworthy as it is today & how it used to be. It would be very easy to stroll through the village not realising that Pyworthy used to have a School & Post Office as they have been converted into housing. It would be easy to stroll past the entrance to The John Sanders Park without realising that there is a gem behind the gates that is beautifully managed by volunteers. Gill led us through the village, pointing out these features & then along the lane past Hoppatown. Further down the lane, one of the group pointed out an entrance gate on the right hand side that I had never noticed previously. It used to provide access to the Rectory Barn which stands in the grounds of the Old Rectory. There hasn't always been a Village Hall in Pyworthy & so Rectory Barn used to be used for village functions. We listened to snippets about Reverend Edward Andrew Donaldson who used to reside there from 1904 until his death in 1935. Apparently, he had a private income & did a huge amount of good in the locality, not just in Pyworthy. He had cottages built on a piece of land that he owned in the village for his Chauffeur & Head Gardener. He also had fish ponds constructed within the grounds & there is still evidence of them. It must be a challenge keeping them maintained given their position within the woodland. He also planted an avenue of beech trees. They will look amazing in the coming days as their young leaves start to unfurl. If you are interested in following this up, there is a book called Pyworthy - A Devon Village. It includes a collection of notes & photographs from local people compiled by Joyce Crutcher. There is a copy available in Holsworthy Library.

My feeling was that we could have stood & soaked up the peace & tranquility for much longer but we knew that Gill had more to show us so we followed her along the track towards Crinacott Farm. We joined the footpath on the left that took us between the solar panels. It was a bit uneven underfoot so be careful if you venture down there especially when the ground dries up as it could cause an ankle to twist. I know the panels serve a purpose but I was pleased to get past them as their buzzing masked the bird song. We crossed the wooden footbridge & walked up hill across the most beautiful lush green fields which brought us out at Yeomadon. We turned left & followed the lane which joins the North Tamerton road. It was only a little way before we turned left again at Brook's Cross & followed this lane back towards the village. Gill pointed out the beautiful Church of St. Swithun. Reverend Donaldson was Rector here & I would have liked to have had a peek inside having heard so much about him. I will have to return another day. We had already walked for two & a half hours & covered approx. 3.9 miles. The time had flown!!



Our next walk will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We will set off from Milton Damerel Parish Hall at 10am. Everyone is most welcome. Contact me if you would like more information.