

CLAWTON CLARION April 2022



Welcome to the April 2022 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

Happy Easter!

Spring has arrived. The hedgerows are filling with flowers, lambs are in the fields and the birds are in full song and plumage.

We are all thankful to live in such a beautiful and safe place with our friends and family around us. At this time our thoughts are with those suffering the horror of war and conflict in Ukraine, Syria, Yemen and many other parts of the world.

Contributions for the next edition must be received by midday on **Wednesday 20th April** to graham.jw@btinternet.com or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265

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Dates for your Diary

2nd April	Coffee morning and Lazy Garden Plant Sale	9.00am start	<i>See further details in Parish Hall report</i>
2nd and 9th April	Brewery at the Hall	3.30-6.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
5th April	Parish Open meeting for Jubilee weekend arrangements	7.45pm	Clawton Parish Hall – everyone welcome
6th April	Women on Wednesday	5.40pm	Meet at Clawton Parish Hall for Spring Outing. Members only
8th April	Home from Home Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	Clawton Parish Hall
11th April	Evelyn's walk	10.00	Pyworthy Village Hall
16th April	Easter Fun at Tetcott	10.00-12.00	Tetcott Church <i>See further details</i>
16th April and each Saturday	Holsworthy Ales Brewery	3.30-6.30pm	Holsworthy Ales Brewery
17th April	Easter Day service with Lorna Bowden	11.00am	St Leonard's Church
24th April	Holy Communion with Rev Douglas Adams	11.00am	St Leonard's Church

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St Leonard's Church



Services for April:

Sunday 17th April at 11.00am - Easter Day Service with Lorna Bowden

Sunday 24th April at 11.00am – Holy Communion with Rev Douglas Adams

For any church related concerns or queries please contact: Rev Stephen Skinner (Priest in charge) Tel: 07554 142264 email- sjmskinners@btinternet.com Irene Ellis (Church warden) Tel: 01409 271371

Thanks to all who supported and helped in anyway with the Benefice Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th March which proved to be very successful for Ukraine .

£1000 was sent to The Red Cross appeal {thanks to a very generous donation} and £1000 to UNHCR.



Lending with Heart and Mind

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*subject to eligibility

Pedestrian Crossing Petition – from Pete Angel

PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITION

We're trying to get Devon County Council to install a pedestrian crossing outside Clawton Primary School.

If we can present them with a petition showing enough public support, they will hopefully look into it.

If you have a minute we'd be very grateful if you could sign the petition, and if you can share it that would be even better!

If you don't have Internet access but would like to support the petition, please feel free to call me on 01409 254669.

Many thanks, Pete.

<https://chng.it/4PDJXWQvPM>

Clawton Parish Council

The Parish Council AGM is on Monday May 9th 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 Minutes and Agenda are available on our village web site: www.clawton.org.uk

Clawton Parish Hall Report – from Maralyn Bailey

Beautiful spring sunshine fills the room after a busy weekend, when we hosted a Ukraine Crisis fundraiser coffee morning, on behalf of the benefice which raised approx. £2,000, including the wonderful donation from Graham & Rosemary Colwill.

Clawton was well represented, some residents who were unable to attend sent along donations and raffle prizes.



This coming month (April) will see longer days and hopefully more bright weather, the “boys” have installed the new double doors which will allow access to a real suntrap.

The celebrations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee planned for Sunday 5th June need our attention. Our committee would like to meet with interested groups or individuals willing to help and shape the day’s activities. We have booked the hall for an open meeting on **Tuesday 5th April at 7.45pm**. Bring your ideas along,

everyone welcome!! The Parish Council will be providing mugs for children of the parish.

Our main event for April is the Lazy Garden plant sale and coffee morning. The girls have arranged 4 dates for 2022, so this is the first on **Saturday 2nd April**, starting at 9am. We will have local food supplier plus a wood craft stall. We will be serving teas and coffee together with cake, biscuits and BACON BAPS using a local supplier too. Come along and enjoy a chat with neighbours and friends.



Holsworthy Walk and Talk from Gill Aston

Storm Eunice put a stop to one of our walks last month but the effects of the damage are still being felt. It is sad to see many gaps in the hedgerows where beautiful old trees have stood for so long, with the effects of the damage being particularly apparent in the forestry plantations. The Forestry Commission is overwhelmed with the clear-up work which is leading to some of our forestry walks being changed due to trees blocking the usual routes. For any last minute changes to our programme please see our website.

Our first year's anniversary of being an independent Walking Group is being celebrated with our AGM! which is being held in the Holsworthy Area Sport Pavilion on 6th April 2022 at 2.00 pm. If you would like to attend please let us know.

Browsing through various unrelated publications recently it was surprising how many times the benefits of exercise were mentioned. These include reducing the impacts of stress on our joints by walking on grass as opposed to hard surfaces. Also observing nature and listening to birdsong has been reported as reducing our stress-inducing hormones and increasing our 'feel good' hormones. The motivation to get out and about is also an element of walking in a group, together with the encouragement and support of one another.

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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Clawton Litter Pick



Many thanks to all who turned out to help to clean up the streets of Clawton on Saturday 19th March. Thanks also to Lydia from the Westcountry Rivers Trust, who supplied all the equipment, and to Andy Rogers from the Environment Agency for keeping us all on track!



Together we collected 19kg litter of which 335 items were plastic and 95 items were other litter. These were all recorded as part of the Prevent Plastic Pollution initiative.

Easter at Tetcott



Join the fun at Tetcott Church on
Saturday 16th April from 10.00 – 12.00
Easter egg hunt and Easter crafts
Tea and biscuits
Donation if desired
Everyone Welcome!



Women on Wednesday

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 6th April 2022**. Meet at 5.40pm at Clawton Parish Hall for the Spring Outing visit to English Spirit Distillery.
Members only please.

Walking Football from Malcolm Howard

Over 55's Walking Football

We are currently looking for new players of all abilities to come and join in the fun on Sunday mornings, 11.00 am – 12.00pm in the gym at Holsworthy Leisure Centre.

If you are interested and want more details, please ring Dave Golding 01409 211401 or Malcolm Howard 01409 211066



Monthly Walks from Evelyn Sharman

Bearing in mind that we have endured so much bad weather recently, I couldn't believe that the weather on Monday 14th March was positively perfect for our walk. There wasn't a breath of wind, the sun shone & the sky was so blue. We met in the car park by Bridgerule Village Hall. It was buzzing with activity as the Post Office was open & a Zumba class was due to start.

Twelve of us set off towards the centre of the village which took us past the Bridge Inn. Apparently, there is a very popular Quiz Night on Sunday evenings. We crossed the bridge that goes over the River Tamar. Somebody mentioned that this marks the county boundary between Devon & Cornwall. Interesting then that Bridgerule is recognised as being in Devon whichever side of the bridge you live. Apparently, the decision was made to alter the county boundary to this effect way back in 1844. We took a little "there & back" stroll along the river bank which gave us a better view of the bridge & also the improvements that have been made in order to reduce flooding to the cottages.

From there, we went past the Chapel & up the hill towards St. Bridget's Church. We were very fortunate to have the company of Alan Beat who lives with his wife, Rosie, at The Bridge Mill. They have lived there for over thirty years & one of the features that is in the process of being restored is a Mowhay. It's a traditional pole barn that would have been used to store hay for the animals. As the fodder was gradually used



over the winter months, there was a clever mechanism enabling the roof to be lowered so that the fodder was less likely to be damaged by the elements. There are very few still in existence so it was a privilege to see the real thing. I would suggest keeping an eye open for when The Bridge Mill is open to the public as you get an opportunity to see it working & producing flour. We had a most enjoyable tour of the smallholding. Alan showed us evidence of otters that visit the ponds.

Apparently, they are nocturnal & favour inclement weather so they are not often seen. We took the opportunity to just stand & absorb the tranquil atmosphere. The views were beautiful while we were warmed by the sun & a Chiffchaff provided musical accompaniment.

From there, we continued up the hill towards the Church but turned right along what I know as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) but locally is known as "roly poly". In essence it's a steep track providing access to the adjacent fields. I'm pleased to report that everyone took it carefully avoiding any tumbles. It was a bit muddy at the lowest point but it was then much easier walking up the hill the other side as it wasn't as rocky & uneven. When we rejoined the lane, we admired the view across to St. Bridget's & considered that we had just trodden the same route that would have been taken by the Vicar from the old Rectory which is now known as Glebe House. It was a pleasant stroll down hill past the School & back to our cars. I think everyone felt that we had been most fortunate with the glorious weather & our walk had provided a most enjoyable way to start the week.

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Holsworthy Ales

The shop is open from 16 April (Easter Saturday) 3.30-6.30pm and will be open at the same time 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 28th with fish and chips offered by Whiddon Wagon

Message from Devon and Cornwall Police



Over recent weeks in Devon and Cornwall there has been a slight increase in reports of theft relating to domestic heating oil and diesel fuel.



Although we historically see a rise in these type of offences over the winter months, this in combination with a recent increase in fuel prices may contribute to this trend and may be an indication of a potential increase in offences over the next few weeks.

Most offences occur in rural areas, but several offences have been reported in an urban setting

and in commercial premises where significant quantities of bulk fuel have been stolen. Thefts are often committed overnight, against unprotected tanks and offences often remain unnoticed for some time.

Fuel theft can be reduced with simple crime prevention measures.

Devon and Cornwall police rural affairs team would encourage businesses and members of the public to be vigilant, reporting any suspicious activity to the police, noting descriptions and an accurate location.

- Landowners where possible, should secure gates and block unused entrances.
- Protect heating oil and fuel tanks with locks, lighting, CCTV and fencing.
- Store machinery, vehicles and fuel containers out of sight where possible.
- Consider the use of signage or other means to prevent cold callers to homes, farms and businesses.
- Keep a regular inventory of quantities, so thefts can be identified promptly.
- Notify the police using 999 if you suspect an offence is being committed.
- If you have any information regarding fuel theft please email 101@dc.police.uk, call the non-emergency number, 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Thank you

A Chat from a Customer – Les Johnson's correspondence with a Yorkshire Farm

Having read the box from end to end I thought that I would send you a short message as I need a cheer-up in this World of doom and gloom.

82+ yrs and born and bred in Scarborough, North Yorks, my formative years were spent on Rosevale Farm, Lightfoots Lane, Scarborough. A 24+ acre dairy farm with pedigree, attested, Ayrshire dairy cows with sticky-up horns.

My first pocket monies, 2-6d was earned graduated to the Fergy spinner and the and trailer at the end of the day.

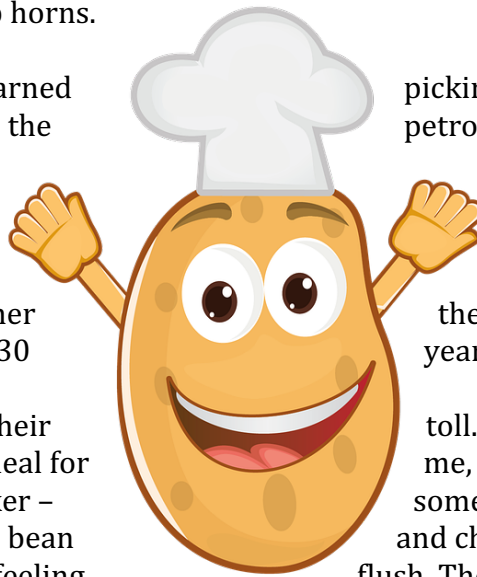
We grew lots of spuds for our is the long hour I spent on the ding' 25 years as a metalwork teacher farming here in Devon for the past 30

Age and ill health have now taken their Your spuds usually make an easy meal for of 58 years. Always done in the nuker – cheese, sometimes with Sainsburys bean with jumbo/king prawns if we are feeling Farm as it was raised to the ground by a delinquent vandal.

Thought for the day –

"Oh Lord if thou hast power, mak it rain at half past fower – and we can all gan home early." It might work for you one Friday afternoon.

Keep up the good works – and don't forget to send me a voucher.
Kindest regards from Farmer Les



picking spuds, and I then petrol T20, and then on to tractor

local merchant and many Fergy planter – 'ding, ding, then back to beef suckler years.

toll.
me, and Moyra, my farmers wife some times butter and cheddar and cheese, and occasionally filled flush. There is no trace of Rosevale

Message from Steve Brown – Devon Director of Public Health

1. "If you have symptoms of coronavirus, or any infectious illness, e.g. a cough or high temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea, or if you have tested positive for coronavirus, please stay at home if you can and avoid seeing others until you are feeling better. Employers, I am asking you to encourage your staff to stay home if they are feeling unwell or have tested positive for coronavirus – it must be better to have one person off for a few days, than risk a team of people being off for longer.
2. "Face coverings are still required in health settings, such as GP surgeries and in hospitals. Unless you are exempt, please continue to wear face coverings when in indoor public spaces with people you don't live with. That includes public transport, hospitality and retail settings.
3. "Testing, to identify if you are likely to have coronavirus, is important, so with free lateral flow tests ceasing from the end of March, I would encourage people to use their current stock to greatest effect, such as testing before visiting older or vulnerable friend and relatives, or before going to your GP practice or to visit someone in hospital. If you test positive, please stay at home for five days or until your symptoms have gone.
4. "Keep up with your vaccinations, because they're proven to help protect you and others from becoming ill.
5. "And simple hand hygiene is also still important, not just to protect from coronavirus, but also for fighting other infectious illnesses. It's a simple precaution, but still effective"