

# CLAWTON CLARION



**September 2024**

Thank you to those who contacted me with sightings of the owl around the village. He seems to provide a show for many and has a variety of pet names from Barney to Ollie. Although shy to be photographed in flight, an extra thank you goes to Brian at Churchtown Meadow for this month's cover photo.

Also, many thanks to those who helped with the Clawton litter pick - it was the best turn out ever!

From litter picking to pick and play. It was lovely to hear that the village school opened its doors over the summer for children and families to help harvest the school crops, a project they would like to continue with volunteers in the future.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email or have a contribution for the next edition, please get in touch by midday on the 20th of each month, to [clawtonclarion@gmail.com](mailto:clawtonclarion@gmail.com)

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**Alison**

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 4th September	Clawton Parish Hall
United Holy Communion Rev'd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 8th September	St Leonard's Church
Coffee Morning	10:30 —12:00	Friday 13th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 13th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 11th September	Clawton Parish Hall
United Service - with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 22nd September	St Leonard's Church
Skittles Social	8:00pm	Friday 27th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Craft/Plant/Food Fayre	10:00-1:00	Sunday 29th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Benefice Harvest Service with lunch afterwards	11:00am	Sunday 29th September	St Leonard's Church

# HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

## BY GILLIAN ASTON

The first topic of conversation on arriving at most of our walks last month was 'What shall I wear?' It always helps to take a selection of clothes and foot wear, especially on our Friday walks, but then it is easy to discover when, half way along the route, the truth of the saying that there is no such thing as bad weather just poor clothing choices!

Despite the weather we had some lovely walks. We reintroduced a route we haven't used for some time starting from Bradworthy Square and heading out to Cleverdon on the Sutcombe Road. Passing Cleverdon Farm several of our walkers recalled visiting a doctor who once lived and practised there. While we were gathered by the property a young man came to speak to us who was the grandson of the doctor and who now lives at the property.

We also visited Buckland Filleigh which is always a joy. On our recce of the route a few days prior to the Friday walk hay making was in progress in the parkland. The sun was shining and the beautiful meadow hay was being rowed up ahead of being baled. There will be some very lucky ponies this winter having such hay put in front of them! Tree felling was also taking place in the wood next to the parkland. We enjoyed watching the great care being taken by the forester to ensure that operations were carried out safely.

Thanks must go to Devon County Council for repairing the footbridge which crosses a river in a section of woodland along the route. The whole length of the bridge has been replaced and looks set to last for many years. Coming out of this particular woodland we walked through a field of oats which we don't see very often so that gave us something to talk about – flapjacks sprang to mind as it is quite an arduous walk and it was getting near to lunch time.

If you would like to join us, we walk on Mondays and Fridays starting at 10.30 am and all walks 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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# EVELYN'S WALK

On Monday 12th August, we met at Tetcott Village Hall. Anyone who has been there will know that there is a cattle grid at the entrance. The timing was such that the noise of our vehicles going over the cattle grid just as the Farmer was trying to encourage his cattle to come out of the gateway of the field opposite was enough to put them right off the idea. Bad timing! We literally tip-toed out of the car park, turned left and trotted down the hill leaving the Farmer to deal with his cattle in peace. When we reached the sign, we turned right towards Luffincott. This lane is the approach to Luffincott Barton and St. James' Church. It's a very long drive and it wasn't surprising that the Recycling lorry went all the way to the house to collect the recycling rather than from the end of the drive. We ventured into the Church which is a Grade I listed building and is maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust. We admired it for its simplicity; its beautiful barrel vaulted roof; its 14<sup>th</sup> century font and some beautiful stained glass windows. We then followed the footpath across Tetcott Estate. The last time we had walked this route was in November '21. It was interesting to note the differences at a different time of year and a couple of years later. The pasture was lusher and the mature trees had a much denser canopy hiding the River Tamar completely to our left. We followed the course of a little stream and it was surprisingly muddy in places. We didn't complain (much) as the mud enabled us to see evidence of the wildlife that uses the same route including deer and otter. We could easily have missed the derelict cottage that is gradually being taken over by nature. It used to be inhabited by a music teacher. We mused about her carrying her shopping home as it would have been quite a trek from the nearest road. The footpath brought us to Tetcott Manor and the Church which we all admired. We then walked across the parkland known as The Wilderness which was being grazed by sheep. We negotiated our way quietly through the pedestrian gates adjacent to the cattle grids so at least we didn't disturb their morning. We admired the beautiful gate piers at the narrow entrance to the Estate. We turned right and arrived back at the Village Hall without seeing any sign of those spooked cattle. We were hopeful that the Farmer had managed to move them as he had intended whilst we were on our walk. Everyone enjoyed the circular route which was approx. four miles and took us approx. two and a half hours.

The next walk will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. We will set off from East Vognacott Farm near Chilsworthy with kind permission of the owner.

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

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# CLAWTON PARISH HALL BY MARALYN BAILEY

## Autumn calls - did we all sleep through summer?

Maybe an Indian summer will grace us with her presence.

We have just had our meeting to firm up details for the bbq / brewery fundraising evening, (31st August) and we are hoping for good weather and a great turnout.

September brings the food/plant/craft fayre on Sunday 29th, followed on in October (27th) and the November/December event will be on the 1st December.

We have a great array of stalls, please do support us 10am - 1pm.

Come along and enjoy a bacon bap and a coffee/tea with friends and neighbours.

In October we will host our autumn quiz. Due to safety restrictions we will be limiting the table numbers to 16. So please book early.

We have many new jigsaw puzzles to test your patience along with an updated supply of books in our Swap library. Doors always open on a Monday afternoon while short mat bowls is on in the hall.

The collection for Macmillan has had a good response. We have collected coins, cameras, watches, stamps, odd pieces of jewellery - all manner of things that we find in that drawer we all have!

Please consider donating unwanted/broken items for Macmillan care.

If you have any items please contact me (Maralyn) or call in on our monthly coffee morning or any Monday afternoon at the hall.

## Women on Wednesday

The next meeting is in Clawton Village Hall  
on

Wednesday 4th September at 7.30 p.m.

When Mike Roe will be speaking on

The Tarka Trail

Visitors welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Clawton Skittles Social

Clawton skittles teams (men's and women's) are holding a social evening  
open to everyone.

It will be at Clawton village hall at 8 pm, free entry with light refreshments  
provided and a raffle.

Friday 27th September

So please just come along, meet the teams and try your hand at skittles



## MUM'S THE WORD BY ANN GOODSPEED

Due to the recent change in government, I feel that many of us over 65 have been cruelly mistreated since our winter fuel payments have been stopped.

Not reduced or deferred. Just stopped.

Naturally, like many others, I was incensed by this and wanted to take it further than social media. I saw myself heading

formal protests with banners and chants but ..... I couldn't face the media coverage with the headline "The Pensioners Are Revolting"



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## Services at St Leonards:

Sunday 8th September- Holy Communion 11 am with Rev'd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick.

Sunday 22nd September - United Service 11 am with Lorna Bowden.

Sunday 29th September - Benefice Harvest Service 11 am followed by lunch afterwards with Rev'd Paul Fitzpatrick

