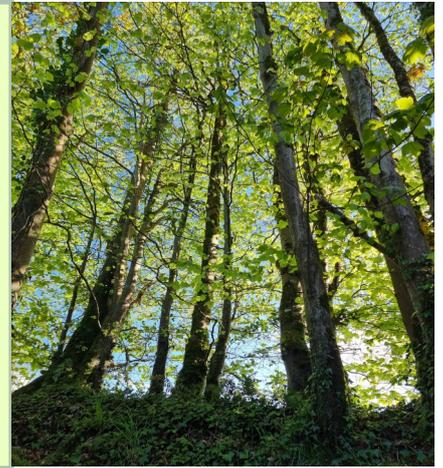


CLAWTON CLARION



May 2024

Welcome to this month's edition. As you can see below and within the pages of this newsletter, we continue to have plenty of events available to attend locally. It is my turn to host at the coffee morning this month. As my serving skills are on par with Mrs Overall of Acorn Antiques, you may wish to attend in waterproofs! Please do not let this put you off, I am looking forward to meeting you.

If you would like to see your items published in the next edition, please send them in by midday on 20th to clawtonclarion@gmail.com. Views expressed by our contributors are their own, and not those of the Parish Council.

We are urgently looking for Clarion distributor/s for West Clawton to take over from Irene, who now lives in Holsworthy, once a month, to deliver Clarions to roadside properties in the area from Churchtown to Horslett. It would probably work best if we can find two volunteers, one to cover from Churchtown to Affaland and one from Affaland to Horslett. Please get in touch if you can help.

Alison

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 1st May	Clawton Parish Hall
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 8th May	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30—12:00	Friday 10th May	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 10th May	Clawton Parish Hall
Holy Communion with Rev'd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 12th May	St Leonard's Church
Parish Council Meeting and AGM	7:00pm 7:45pm	Monday 20th May	Clawton Village Hall
Food and Craft Market	10:00 - 1:00	Sunday 26th May	Clawton Parish Hall
United Service with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 26th May	St Leonard's Church

HOLSWORTHY WALK

AND TALK

BY

GILLIAN ASTON



Thankfully spring has made a tentative appearance following so much rain and attendant mud. The spring flowers are managing to emerge now which always gives us much needed colour and optimism.

This month, on the 13th May, we are celebrating 10 years of our Walk in the Park. Our first walk was on Monday 14th May 2014 for which one walker turned up! We now have an average of 14 walkers each week. The Walk in the Park came about as a result of an idea put forward by Penny Weighell, one of our Walk Leaders at the time, as she felt there was a need for a short walk for people with limited mobility who would benefit from the exercise and social opportunity. Penny was quite right, with many physical improvements being reported by the walkers and lots of laughter and friendships forged. If you, or anyone you know, has been involved with the Walk in the Park during the last ten years please feel free to come along to the Sports Pavilion in Stanhope Park on the 13th May at 10.30 am for a cuppa and reminisce.

Recently we resurrected a route which we haven't used since before the Covid pandemic. It was essentially a road walk, because our rural footpaths are still very muddy, and took us from The Square in Bradworthy, out towards Quoitgate Cross and then picking up the unclassified lane to Dinworthy. At Great Dinworthy Farm we returned to another surfaced lane and headed south to Crosspark and then back to The Square. A 3 mile round trip. There was very little traffic on the lanes and the panoramic views south from Dinworthy were magnificent in the sunny weather.

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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Gillian Aston 07584677784



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

ROAD CLOSURE

From MONDAY 1 JULY until TUESDAY 2 JULY (both dates inclusive) between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads.

ROAD FROM HERDICOTT CROSS TO CHURCHTOWN, CLAWTON

AIRBAND SUPERFAST

A query from a resident regarding the lack of activity in delivering superfast installations prompted the Parish Clerk to ask them what is going on.

Airband replied: *“Thank you for your query, which has been forwarded to us by the Customer Service Team. Since the last communication, activities in the Cluster area NF040 have not progressed at all and unfortunately, due to unforeseen developments, this build and others have been put on hold and remain so at the present time. This is whilst an internal build strategy review takes place. We have no timescales on the review as it is sitting with the Executive Team.*



Due to this, we are sorry but we unable to provide any further information or a build update for the cluster. As soon as we are able, we will communicate via appropriate channels.”

The response is extremely disappointing – Airband made a presentation in November 2021 to the effect that installation would be complete by Spring 2022. Here we are in Spring 2024 with no prospect of any wired broadband. We are looking at ways we can put pressure on a company which seems to have signed a contract which it is unable or unwilling to fulfil.

POTHOLE SUCCESS

Having been told no repairs would take place to the Leworthy road for at least a couple of years since being only a few dwellings they were not a priority, Leworthy resident Ron Morley has been campaigning to draw attention to the almost undriveable state of the road from Leworthy Manor to the hamlet’s centre. He managed to get an item in the local press and our County Councillor, James Morrish, took the CEO and the Leader of Devon County Council to see for themselves what the road is like. Now Ron has received a letter saying the road would be closed for pothole repairs on 18, 19 and 22 April. Result! Congratulations to Ron.

The Parish Council are asking surrounding parishes if they would be interested in joining the Road Warden scheme which trains people to be able to fill potholes legally and safely, and provides the necessary equipment. If this goes ahead we will be asking for volunteers from areas with potholes to help us carry out the work, though some areas are so bad it might not be practical. Ideally, we would use this scheme to fill new developing potholes in roads which have been treated by the County Council rather than attempt to fill the huge existing holes.

Clearly pressure helps, as Ron has shown, so if your road is in a poor state why not get support from neighbours to write to local newspapers, Highways, the CEO and the Leader, copying in your Councillor James Morrish. I suggest writing because in my experience emails tend to be easy to ignore.

Clerk to the Parish Council

We’re delighted to announce that Alison Vassilaki has been appointed as the Clerk to succeed Sally Whitehead. Alison has kindly agreed to remain Editor of the Clarion. The Parish Council AGM is on 20th May (as advertised formally elsewhere) and the handover will take place immediately after that.

Paul Grafton

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

Church Contacts

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Secretary/Treasurer - Paul Grafton - 01409 271456 paul@devonholidays.org

Pam and I remember David Corthine, who has recently died, and was a loyal member of Clawton Church for many years.

We remember him as sidesman, greeting worshippers, changing the altar frontal, raising the flag and generally caring for the church.

He lived in Clawton for many years, and our thoughts are for his family as they say 'good bye' to him.

Avril Siddall

'Women on Wednesday'

The next meeting is on
Wednesday 1st May 2024,
at 7.30 p.m

In Clawton Village Hall.

This will be a presentation by
North Devon Hospice.

Visitors welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wanted

For the church to establish a more comfortable children's reading area, any surplus

comfortable armchairs and any **children's books and magazines** would be most welcome.

Also, if you are having a new kitchen, we would love to have a few **kitchen units** including a sink for installation in the church vestry, so we can make hot drinks etc and wash up afterwards.

Please contact Paul if you can help.

Thank you.



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CLAWTON PARISH HALL

What a difference a few sunny days makes to everything around us; days are becoming longer and warmer.

Our events calendar for May is a little quieter, so we are going to try a new idea of having a food/craft/bric-a-brac sale on a Sunday 26th May. It has been chosen as a try-out, it being Whitsun weekend. The doors will open at 10 and we aim to finish at 1pm. There will be a great selection of tables. The price for a 6' table will be £7. Smaller 4' tables will be £5. Set up can be from 8.30am or on Saturday morning. If there are any plant sellers please let me know as we will be missing the girls this year.

Please book your table via 07368 621009.

There will be refreshments, so please make it a location for a chat and catch up over a coffee and cake or bacon bap. Hope to see you there!!

Maralyn

Vacancy

We are looking for someone to help us with our holiday cottage Friday changeovers from July onwards. This could be a long term position and may include other days, if 3 night bookings are taken.

For more information, contact Sharon on 07854 222 529



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SUNDAY 12TH MAY
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Sunday 2 June
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WHEELCHAIR ACCESS PLANTS FOR SALE TEAS POWERS OF 10



More information at ngs.org.uk

MUM'S THE WORD

Buenos Dias! Good morning. I'm back.

I'd like to say I've missed you but I'm afraid I was very quickly lulled into the relaxed way of life brought on by temperatures of 23° plus and not a drop of rain to be seen for 7 weeks!

I have however experienced a lot of rain and cold since returning (on April fools day) and any tan that was acquired has disappeared under the numerous jumpers that I have had to utilise since being home.

So back to reality which initially is weed tackling and grass cutting the second being difficult since the mower took one look at the task and said "Are you having a laugh? " We're now awaiting a mechanic who is no doubt ploughing through a long list of clients whose mowers have had the same opinion.

At least there are now signs of spring and summer with lots of activities to look forward to as long as the weather stays favourable. If only I could have brought some of that Canarian sunshine back with me. Oh well maybe next time.

Ann



The brewery shop and bar will be open every Saturday afternoon 3.30pm to 6.30pm until the end of October except for the following:

Saturday 25th May 2024

Wood fired sourdough pizza from [Taste of the Wild Pizza](#)
Live music from Crazy Mama

Saturday 29th June 2024

Worldwide street food from [Danny and Eva's food van](#)

Saturday 27th July 2024

Wood fired sourdough pizza from [Taste of the Wild Pizza](#)

Saturday 31st August 2024

Village fundraiser BBQ

Saturday 28th September 2024

Fish and chip fayre from [The Whiddon Wagon](#)

Saturday 26th October 2024

Worldwide street food from [Danny and Eva's food van](#)

These are all 5.30pm - 9.30pm



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