

# CLAWTON CLARION

## February 2022



Welcome to the February 2022 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

Please send contributions for the next edition by midday on **Thursday 20th January 2022** to [graham.jw@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.jw@btinternet.com) or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265

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### Dates for your Diary

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Women on Wednesday	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall – see further details. Members only
<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Dunsland Park Snowdrop Walk	10.30am	Dunsland park – see further details.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> February &amp; each Saturday</b>	Brewery at the Hall	3.30-6.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Home from Home Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	Clawton Parish Hall
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Holy Communion	11.00am	St Leonard's Church with Rev Douglas Adam
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Walk with Evelyn Sharman	10am	Dunsdon Nature Reserve – see further details.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Wine & Wisdom	7.30pm	Parish Hall
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Methodist Service	11.00am	St Leonard's Church

### St Leonard's Church

#### Services for February:

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am – Holy Communion with  
Rev Douglas Adams

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am - Methodist service



### CHURCHYARD GRASS CUTTER WANTED

St. Leonard's Church is looking for someone who is prepared to cut the grass in the churchyard and trim the hedges once a year.

If you would be interested please contact Paul Grafton on 07794913757 or [paul@devonholidays.org](mailto:paul@devonholidays.org)

For any church related concerns or queries please contact Rev Stephen Skinner (Priest in charge)  
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## Women on Wednesday

The next meeting is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Clawton Village Hall. The speaker is Mary Street who will be giving a presentation on the South West Coastal Path.

## Clawton Parish Council News - from Paul Grafton

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** The Parish Council is co-ordinating a celebration open to all in the Parish Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm. The Hall Committee and the Church are supporting the event and we hope other village organisations will join us.

We traditionally give a souvenir (possibly a mug) to all children in the village. We don't actually know how many there are so to assist us in placing an order there is a box at the bottom of the village survey (which will be part of the March edition of the Clarion) which asks the number of children in your household.



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## Clawton Parish Hall Report – from Maralyn Bailey

I would first like to send our grateful thanks to Nigel & Edwina who, as usual, donated the wonderful Christmas tree, which has added sparkle to the hall.

After obtaining an annual licence to serve alcohol, we have now begun the new year with the Saturday brewery afternoons whilst the brewery is in closed season, we will hold the afternoons in the warmth of the hall. 3.30 until whenever (mainly by 7.30ish) Holsworthy Ales beer will be available to purchase along with cider, wine, lemonade, cokes etc. we will respond to the requirements of our “customers”. Our prices will be in line with the brewery. We are only licensed for consumption on the premises, sorry no off sales are available. All are welcome. At some point we may offer snack type meals - baked potatoes, chilli or cottage pie, time will tell!!

The committee have reviewed the day to day running of the hall, they are going to volunteer to clean the hall for the time being, as our bookings are slower in coming in, and we are endeavouring to keep the hire price at an affordable level to encourage full use of the hall. The cleaning costs projected would equate to our having 6-8 successful fund raising efforts, all manned by a small band of committee members. Therefore, unfortunately we have had to terminate Carrie’s employment, we thank her for the efforts in a few difficult months.

Our booking secretary will now be our secretary Jackie Mitchell her telephone number is 07891 244672. Please contact her for any information.

Plans are afoot for two more quizzes for the hall funds later in the year. We hope to have our very popular car treasure hunt in the summer months, with the support of the Rotary & the brewery. The Church have booked dates for Wine and Wisdoms and Big Breakfasts to help their finances.

Plans for The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations are under way. It is a four day bank holiday weekend, and it is proposed to have a village tea on the Sunday, this will be a combined effort with all community groups & villagers being involved.

As the pandemic is now more under control it has been decided that the hall’s library will only be open on a MONDAY 9am to 7pm. This is the busiest day with the bowling club followed by Zumba class.

In conjunction with Waitrose, the hall committee members & friends donated items to produce six seasonal hampers, the recipients were drawn out of a hat, especially targeted at those who have had a particularly tough 2021, whether due to health issues or more limited access to meeting people. We hope that they were enjoyed by all. I thank Marilyn Chidley, from Waitrose store for their great support once more.

Our next “home from home” coffee morning is on Friday 11th February at the hall, (for the time being the hall is not charging for the use of the premises or electricity used as a contribution to getting people back in touch with each other) many people cannot host the morning in normal circumstances at home due to lack of space etc. To ensure that no-one feels it is not fair to attend as they are not able to host this event when it is “Home from home” it has been suggested that a voluntary donation box will be available each month and for 2022 the money collected will go to cancer research, as so many of our friends have been affected by its claws.

## Monthly Walks from Evelyn Sharman

Looking out of the window on a beautiful sunny albeit chilly morning, I am wondering why it couldn't have been like this for our walk on Monday 10th January. It wasn't cold. The weather forecast described it as being mild. That word mild is usually associated with wet. Hey, it was just one of those mizzly mornings with very low cloud. In spite of that, thirteen of us met at Thornbury Holiday Park in Woodacott with very kind permission from Lisa, Paul & young Albert. If anyone is ever looking for holiday accommodation locally, they have several cabins in a beautiful tranquil setting.

Knowing how much rain we have had recently, I devised a circular route of approx. 3.7 miles primarily along the lanes. We turned left out of the main entrance which took us onto the lane towards Five Ways. By turning left, we continued along the lane passing the start/end of a couple of footpaths at Branches Cross. Hopefully, we'll be able to return & enjoy them when the ground dries up. When we reached Cranapool Cross, we turned right along Thorne Lane. Part way along the lane, we saw a few Snowdrops on the bank. What a joy. The lane brought us to what I call "Bagbeare Cross" as there is no official name on the signpost which is unusual. This is where I took the photograph after Meg had told us some fascinating snippets of information about the locality. Apparently, there used to be very much more woodland than there is now. This introduced us to the "Lumber Jills" who used to manage much of the woodland all over the country during WWII. If you want to learn more about them, Meg wrote a really interesting article in the December issue of the Thornbury Tatler. Details can be found online unless you know a resident of Thornbury Hamlets who has a hard copy of the Parish magazine.

We were very fortunate to have Meg's company as she suggested that we venture along the footpath that crosses her land. Previously, it has been quite impassable but in recent years it has been much improved with assistance from Martin Caddy, our local PROW



warden from DCC. We avoided the wettest part by taking a slight detour through Meg & Paul's woodland & across their field. This enabled us to be introduced to their two Dartmoor ponies who watched us with great interest. When we reached the lane, we turned right which brought us to St. Peter's Church. It was a great opportunity to revisit the tomb which dates back to 1702 & is Grade II listed. It was restored in recent years & we were fascinated to learn that several of the deceased's descendants still live locally. Some of the headstones are very difficult to decipher but there is an index & transcriptions are available in the Church for anyone who is interested. There are photographs of the graves & their inscriptions online on the above website.

From the Church, it was a short stroll along the lane back towards the Holiday Park. We were all surprised that the walk had taken two & a half hours. The time had flown by & we all agreed that we had much enjoyed having Meg's company. We might not have been able to enjoy far reaching views but she had provided us with lots of fascinating snippets of information about the Parish. I think we will all look forward to returning to Thornbury Hamlets.

The next walk will be on Monday 14th February. We will set off from Dunsdon Nature Reserve in Pancrasweek at 10am. If you would like any information about the route, you are very welcome to contact me in advance.

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## Holsworthy Walk and Talk from Gill Aston

February can sometimes feel that the only good thing about it is that it is very short. However, our programme of walks is looking forward to spring with the Snowdrop Walk at Dunsland Park scheduled for the 4th February, followed by a selection of other venues throughout the month.

With the festivities behind us and the days getting longer it is a good time to think about increasing activity and meeting new people to enhance our well-being. A piece of research on the benefits of physical exercise has recently been published by a team from Queensland, Australia who have been looking at Dementia. They have discovered that exercise activates the production of new cells in the part of the brain which is critical for learning and memory. The loss of these cells is a major contributor to the development of dementia.

Walking with others is a good way to stimulate the little grey cells. Apparently, the great writers J R R Tolkien and C S Lewis often walked together to discuss ideas. From one such conversation The Chronicles of Narnia were created. Although this time of the year can be a bit chilly, a woolly hat is a good way to keep the little grey cells warm and who knows what masterpieces may be created on our weekly walks?

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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## Another thoughtful and amusing poem from Les Johnson

### Worry Knot at Town Farm

I admit I'm a bit of a worrier,  
In fact I worry a lot.  
I worry about the things that I have  
And the things that I haven't got.

I worry when trying to get things right  
And my head goes into a spin.  
I have even started worrying  
If my rubbish is in the right bin!

I worry that someone far away,  
With the slip of a finger or thumb,  
Could press the dreaded 'disaster' button  
And we'd be blown to kingdom come!

So I bought myself some worry beads  
In order to ease my anxiety,  
Then I worried that if I lost them  
They would then return to haunt me

Worrying the way I do  
Gets me in a knot,  
I wish that I could be the one  
Who didn't give a jot!

I tried to think of every way  
To cast away all doubt,  
But then I worried what I'd do  
With nothing to worry about.

At last I had a brainwave –  
I poured tonic in a glass of gin,  
And would you Adam & Eve it?  
I didn't worry about a thing.

*Best 2022 Wishes to All from Town  
Farm Clawton*





# **Clawton Parent and Toddler Group.**



**Fridays 9.15am – 11am (term time)**

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# ***Wine and Wisdom***

**Friday  
18<sup>th</sup> February  
starting 7.30pm**

**Clawton Parish Hall**

**Quizmaster: Ian Parker**

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