

CLAWTON CLARION



February 2024

I hope you had a less dramatic start to the year than we did here. Firstly, my husband George took the opportunity to do some repairs outdoors on the first dry day we have seen in weeks, only to fall from a ladder and be airlifted to hospital. Two days later, our dog collapsed and also needed to spend time in 'hospital'. Fortunately, both are now on the mend. One was a much better patient than the other...I won't say which!

Despite a cold, wet and very windy time of the year, Clawton still has a variety of events which you are welcome to attend. See below.

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

Alison

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 7th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30—12:00	Friday 9th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 9th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Holy Communion with Rev'd Dr Paul Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 11th February	St Leonard's Church
Valentine Lunch	1:00pm	Sunday 11th February	Clawton Village Hall
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 14th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Wine and Wisdom	7:30pm	Friday 23rd February	Clawton Parish Hall
United Service with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 25th February	St Leonard's Church

MUM'S THE WORD

BY ANN GOODSPEED

Sometime during the Christmas period, I heard someone mention their favourite decade. It got me thinking that until then, I had never considered that I had a favourite. When I analysed my past, I realised that I held much more nostalgia for the 50s which were the years when I was a child and although we didn't appreciate it then, we had freedom.



Playing out in the street.

There was always someone who would come out and join you. Sometimes the whole street full of kids would form 2 teams and play British bulldog down the middle of the road. For a long time I was the youngest in our street, so I was pampered and victimised in equal measures. Most of the nasties were from my own brother!

We used to be able to chalk on the pavement and nobody complained. You could dig up the tar under the road shingle with a stick when it melted in the hot sun and write with it. In the summer we made perfume with petals and water.

When privet hedges were cut we could make a den.....only best friends were allowed in. Jointly, the kids in the street would build a Guy Fawkes and go everywhere collecting wood for the bonfire which was built at the top of our road. Any good wood was stored in someone's garden to make a go-cart once a decent set of pram wheels had been acquired. I remember civil war almost breaking out when the huge rope that we used for communal skipping, had been cut by someone to make the steering device on the go cart. The rope then had a huge knot in the middle that occasionally would whack the back of your leg.

Seasons.

Summers were long and hot and winters were fun if it snowed. Hot water bottles that were too hot to put feet on and the smell of Vicks vapour rub. A kitchen bowl that seemed to be used for everything including washing up, soaking feet, being sick, mixing Christmas cake and housing the goldfish whilst their water was changed. Amazing that we survived!

At the end of that decade, I was 10 and the 60s were full of decisions, exams and having to become a grown up.

Fun whilst it lasted.

Annie

CLAWTON PARISH HALL

February 2024

I've just returned from clearing the hall after last night's very successful quiz. We hosted 16 tables, the hall was buzzing; what a great community we have! We welcomed tables from North Tamerton, Ashwater and Halwill.

Thank you to those who sent raffle prizes (you know who are!) even when not able to attend.

Grateful thanks to Ian, Helen and Avril as our qm and markers.

Our next event is our Valentine/friendship Sunday Lunch on them 11th February, see separate notice in this edition.

Maralyn

Could anyone spare one Friday morning a year to host the village coffee morning?

The coffee morning was originally held as an at home event with the aim to provide a way for villagers to meet up in a friendly atmosphere. As it gained popularity, it outgrew private homes so in 2021 it moved to the village hall.

Those who were unable to host would make a donation instead. The hosts decided they would provide the good etc free of charge and put out a tin with donations going towards a charity. In 2022, £425 was raised for Cancer Research. The 2023 donations are going towards the Air Ambulance. As many of the original hosts can no longer attend, we are very short of help. With 12 hosts, each would only host once a year.



Please come along and see us with no commitment—just a cuppa and friendly chat, open to all.

The coffee morning is held on the 2nd Friday of every month at 10:30 until noon in the Parish hall.

Give us a call on 01409 253679 or pop along.

'Women on Wednesday'

The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th February 2024

At 7.30 p.m. in Clawton Village Hall.

This will be a workshop to make:

A Fascinator with Kerry

Visitors are welcome.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Protect your Pa\$\$w0rds - start the new year securely!

Home security doesn't just mean locking your doors and windows - protecting your digital devices with strong passwords is also important to keeping yourself and your personal data safe. Perhaps you received a new phone or laptop this Christmas, or you want to help keep your family members digitally safe. Why not make one of your new year resolutions to build strong, secure passwords for your devices?

Creating a strong password doesn't need to be complicated. There's endless information available around how to best protect yourself online - these are the quickest and most important things that you can do to avoid hacking, online scams and information theft through weak passwords:

Create a separate password for your email account(s)

Your personal email account contains lots of important information about you and is the gateway to all your other online accounts, including banking, social media and online shopping. If your email account is hacked, all your other passwords can be reset, so it's important to use a strong password for your email, that is different to all your others.

PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$WORD IN 3 EASY STEPS



- 1 CREATE A SEPARATE PASSWORD FOR YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT**
- 2 USE 3 RANDOM WORDS**
- 3 TURN ON TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (2FA)**

SHARE THESE 3 STEPS WITH 3 FRIENDS

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Use 3 random words to build your password

Using three random words is the recommended way of generating passwords, as it's easier to remember and takes trillions of years for a computer algorithm to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommend using three random, non-associated words, such as planegiraffetable. Do not use words that are associated with you, for example names of pets or surnames, as these are easy to identify if you are someone who uses social media.

Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA)

Two-factor authentication is a free security feature that gives you an extra layer of protection online and stops cyber criminals getting into your accounts - even if they have your password.

2FA reduces the risk of being hacked by asking you to provide a second factor of information, such as getting a text or code when you log in, to check you are who you say you are.

HOLSWORTHY WALK

AND TALK

BY

GILLIAN ASTON



January brought out our woolly hats and puffy jackets but it was lovely to see the sun and very little rain.

During December we visited Chilsworthy and walked alongside the remains of the old Bude Canal. We have walked this route many times over the years, but this time we were joined by a local resident who mentioned that this section of the Canal, between Red Post and Blagdon Moor just beyond Holsworthy, was opened 200 years ago in 1823. At that time canal users incurred a toll payable at various stations along the way, one of which was sited at Canal Farm. The wealth of local social and industrial history hiding in plain sight in our villages never ceases to amaze me!

Our photo this month was taken on a brisk January day at Upper Tamar Lake and shows water levels looking very encouraging following last year's drought. We had a good turnout of walkers who were glad to be out and about again catching up after the festivities and taking in some very fresh air.

If you would like to join us on Fridays and find out more about the local area please see our website information below. For those who are looking for a shorter walk we walk on Mondays in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy. 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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POETRY BY LES AT TOWN FARM

RETIRE?

I'm Robert the sparky, a wizard with wires,
Armed with screwdrivers, cutters, and pliers.
I understand voltages, amperes and ohms,
I am the man who helps light up your homes.
But after 55 years, is it time I retired?
I'll need to get my old head rewired!
I'll go out on my motorbike, after getting up late,
Go for walks in the sunshine - isn't life great!
Go back to work? Pigs might fly.
This retirement lark -- I'm going to give it a try!



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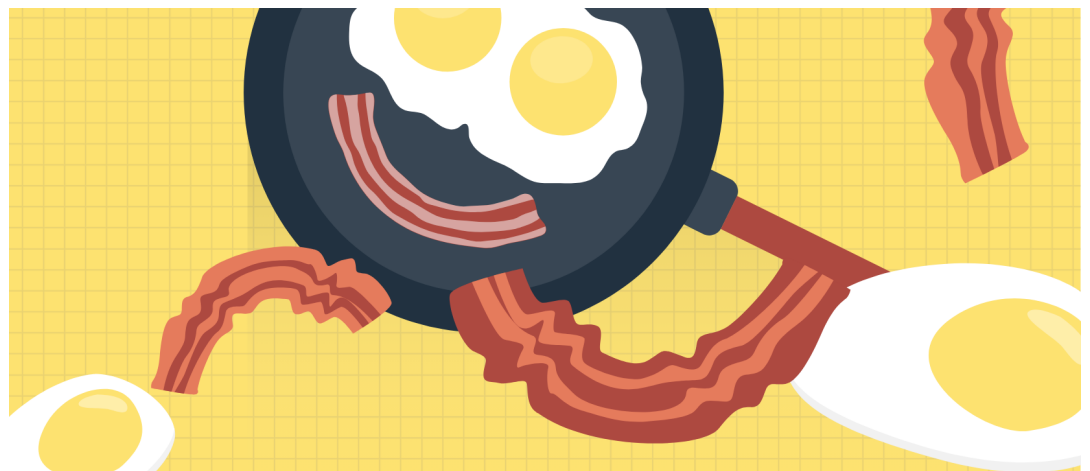
For Life events (Baptism, Wedding or Funerals):

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Sunday Services at St Leonard's

Sunday 11th at 11 am Holy Communion Revd Paul Fitzpatrick

Sunday 25th at 11 am United Service Lorna Bowden.



Big Breakfast

Saturday 10th February

from 9am till 11am

in the Arscott hall Tetcott

adults £10 children £5

In aid of Tetcott Church

EVELYN'S WALK



Confirming that there were not any walks in December or January. However, I will be at the Devon Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve on Monday 12th February if you would like to join me. I'll be setting off from the car park at Dunsdon Nature Reserve in Pancrasweek at 10am. You are very welcome to contact me if you need directions or would like any information about the route.

I will take this opportunity to wish everyone good health & happiness for the New Year. I'll look forward to walking with anyone who would like to join me on one of the walks that I have planned for 2024.

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Have you spotted the flower of the month dotted around this month's edition?

February is the iris and violet.

Thank you

To Edwina and Nigel Stacey for once again kindly donating (and setting up and taking down) the Christmas tree at the village crossroads.



SALT AND GRIT

Bags have been disappearing – I've now replaced them all but if you see anyone removing them please (if you are able) ask them what they are doing, and let me know. Many thanks, Paul.

Wine and Wisdom

Friday 23rd February
starting 7.30pm

Clawton Parish Hall

Book your team's table now –
call Paul on 01409 271456

£8 per person (proceeds to St Leonard's church)

Valentine/friendship Lunch

Sunday 11th February

12.30 for 1pm

Three course lunch

£16 per person

Vegetarian option available

Followed by tea & coffee

With raffle

Served by the Hall Committee & helpers.

Essential that you book on

07368 621009

Limited numbers

Last bookings by Friday 9th

Or via Maralyn - thanks