



# CLIPSTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

TO CLIPSTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER.

THIS IS THE FIRST EDITION OF A FREE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER AND WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND IT INTERESTING.

THIS FIRST EDITION IS BEING FUNDED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AND TO KEEP COSTS LOW, IS BEING PHOTOCOPIED RATHER THAN PRINTED. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD LOOK IN FUTURE.

THE AIM OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF CLIPSTON TO SHARE THEIR NEWS AND VIEWS. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON YOUR PET SUBJECT OR PERHAPS YOU COULD WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT IT.

DO YOU RUN A CLUB OR ORGANISATION — PLEASE LET THE REST OF THE VILLAGE KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON.

REMEMBER — THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. WE HAVE A TEAM OF PEOPLE JUST WAITING TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWS AND VIEWS.

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# Parish Council News

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## Parish Council to buy mower to maintain the village grass.

Over the past few years the Parish Council has been employing contractors to mow the village greens and the entrance verges. The results have not been very satisfactory with the grass length varying between eighteen inches and scalped. As a result, a study has been undertaken to compare the costs of using contractors and the purchase of a capable mower to be operated by ourselves. Once it became clear that the economics of a village owned mower added up, the next problem was where to store the machine. Various different ideas came forward, but in the end the best and most cost effective was to convert the bus shelter into a store. This decision was not taken lightly, and the villagers that use the bus were consulted as to whether they would miss the shelter. We were informed that the shelter is no longer used by any of them. By the time you read this the new mower should have been delivered, installed, and hopefully you will all see a big improvement in the standard of mowing around the village.

## Post Box

For many years the letter box on the High Street has been inadequate, sometimes post has to be stacked on top as the box is full!

After much hassling and finding the right person to speak to etc. a new, traditional type pillar box has been promised. It should be installed in the next few months.

## Village Spring Clean

This will take place on Sunday 6th June.

Anyone is welcome

We are meeting at 10am on The Green.

Gloves and tabards will be provided!!!

## The Hollies Development

As many residents are aware, Mr. John Ward, owner of The Hollies, Naseby Road, has made many applications to develop the house, gardens and outbuildings of the property.

The original application was to convert the house, annexe, workshop and garage to form 5 dwellings and the erection of 9 new dwellings. Daventry District Council refused permission for this application on the grounds of "important open space which contributes to the form and character of the village" even though the Planning Officer (Mr. Keith Thursfield) had originally recommended to Mr. Ward that an application with fewer dwellings would not be acceptable! Mr. Ward took this decision to appeal but the PC have just been notified that **the appeal has now been withdrawn.**

The Parish Council and many concerned residents actively fought this application on the grounds of high density of the site and (the main concern of everyone) the formation of a new access on the blind bend near the corner of Gold Street.

An outline application for two detached dwellings was received in November 2003 with, again, the formation of an access on the blind bend. The PC contracted an independent surveyor to carry out a full highway survey on that stretch of road and the results strongly suggested a more complete survey should be carried out by Northants County Council as the safety aspect was causing great concern. Regrettably this was ignored by DDC Planning Committee and permission was granted.

Further applications have been received (and have now been approved despite the efforts of PC and residents) including the conversion of The Hollies to form two dwellings with two new detached garages and extension of consented private drive. The dwellings will be 4 and 5 bed. respectively. The PC strongly objected to further use of an access they consider to be a safety hazard.

Mr. Ward has had permission for a single storey building in the grounds for some time. An application was made to change this into a three storey (Two storey with roof lights!) dwelling. The PC and neighbours objected to this application as it would have a seriously detrimental effect on the houses opposite and on the visual aspect of the site as it will be visible over the hedge. The application was approved.

**Summary:-** (to the best of our knowledge!)

**Existing access** (by The Green) will serve -

Coachouse Cottage (2beds), Stable Cottage, Peartree Cottage, Holly Cottage, 2 storey dwelling (with 2nd storey roof-lights!) (4 beds.)

**New access** (blind bend by Gold St.) will serve-

2 new dwellings (outline only, size as yet unknown)

Hollies Conversion 1 (4 beds.), Hollies Conversion 2 (5 beds)

# Parish Plans Update

## The Environment

This part of the questionnaire was analysed in three parts: concerns about crime; housing needs; and the wider aspects of the pleasures of living in Clipston, ( things like the views, the walks, trees and hedges, etc ); and the pains, especially human litterbugs and fouling dogs, or rather, those who won't bag their own mess, or their dog's! !

Vandalism (246) topped the village worries about crime, with burglary (231) coming second.

Over 400 replies felt that crime would be reduced by a greater police presence, and/or a faster police response. It may be that, since we were not given statistics for actual crimes in Clipston, things

are not quite as bleak as our perceptions of them! In any case, 139 of us want a better supported neighbourhood watch, so keeping our eyes peeled would seem to be a good way to make a start with dealing with this.

Where housing is concerned, a large majority (207) of the responses suggest that if we must have more, lets make it low cost. The other large votes were given to three bedroom family homes (163) and places for the elderly or less able (102). 297 responses demonstrated overwhelming agreement that Clipston should *not* expand *beyond* restricted infill, as against 56 who thought it should. Many of us (282) value the views of the countryside which we are so

lucky to have, this of course explains why we'd like the village kept to its present boundaries. At least 152 of us like the playing field too, but we are bothered by the mess and possible dangers. We'd like more facilities for recreation, and a suggestion which won popular support at the village needs day was for a pocket park. We also put a high value on wildlife conservation, including care trees and hedgerows. (These scored between 237 and 196).

But the most enthusiastic response on needs day was for a village Spring clean, which at least thirty people signed up to (or were volunteered. Do members of the WI realise quite how popular the Spring clean will be after

we saw their Calendar Girls' photo shoot?). Given that its almost Summer, we may have to wait and have an Autumn clean this year, since it was felt best to go through the Parish Council, and sort out health and safety issues first. The good news is that we can get help in the form of bags, gloves and florescent tabards from Daventry and Northampton councils, so be ready for a call, either very soon or in late September early October.

Finally, since 266 of us want to stay here as long as possible, it has to be up to all of us to make Clipston an even better place to live!

## Clipston in Motion

Did you know that, according to the results of the questionnaires that you filled in, you think that three of the four worst things about our village relate to transport?! The worst thing is speeding. This is closely followed in second place by the condition of our roads and pavements. The fourth worst thing is parking. The third worst thing? Dog mess – and most of that is on the pavements!

What about speeding? The parts of the village that worry you most are along the Naseby Road and around the double bend by The Hollies, and along Station Road past the sports field and children's play area. There is no doubt, however, that you feel that drivers go too fast through all parts of our village. The most popular solution you gave to this problem is the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in the village.

Given the quality of the repairs carried out on behalf of the County Council it comes as no surprise that the condition of the roads and pavements was second on your list. And it was equally unsurprising that the biggest problem with parking is outside the school! The two photographs of the High Street at the Village Needs Day told the whole story – one was from 1927, the other from 2004. Perhaps we should bring back the horse and cart!

Getting around does not seem to be a problem to most of you. In fact, the questionnaire was filled in by 360 of you from 176 households and, believe it or not, you reported that you have 315 vehicles! In fact, if you exclude those of you who are not old enough to hold a license, you have an average of one vehicle each! There are, however, 10 households in the village without transport. Do they need your help?

Many of you indicated in the questionnaire that there is insufficient street lighting in certain parts of the village. It was very interesting, however, that some of you who attended the Village Needs Day do not want any more street lights. The reason? Light pollution.

Perhaps the moral of all of this is as follows:

Slow down, walk your children to school, don't fall down any potholes, carry a torch and (if those irresponsible dog owners amongst us don't clean up their act) watch where you are treading!

In January 1993 we

## CLIPSTON AGE CONCERN LUNCH CLUB

moved the Age Concern Day Centre Lunch Club from Marston Trussell, where we had been for several years. We settled happily into Clipston Village Hall where we had more room and better facilities. At the time we had 36 members on our books and each WEDNESDAY a team of volunteers cooked lunch for anything from 25 to 40 people. We have at least one Outing per year and also a Christmas Party. We have had the children from Clipston

School singing carols and reading stories for us and many other entertainers. Our members start the day here with coffee and biscuits. This runs into lunch, i.e. roast pork and stuffing, crackling, roast potatoes, carrots and peas, with an apple crumble and custard for desert. Then we play scrabble or other games or just chat, followed by the raffle draw and a cup of tea before going home. Over the years we have lost many of our members

to old age etc.

Also our teams of volunteers has been gradually reduced. Now we meet 3 times a month on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAYS of every month. It seems some of you out there do not know about our existence so we hope we have put that right. We need more members and volunteers. If you are interested please come along between 11-15am and 2-30pm on one of these WEDNESDAYS or ring Wendy Williams on 01858 463964.

## The Old Red Lion

offers a full and varied menu. Monday to Friday Lunchtimes there is a special priced senior citizens menu. Traditional real ales are served. Skittles matches are played on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer and Wednesday & Friday evenings in the winter months. New members are always welcome. Throughout the year music & themed evenings are arranged. The next event will be a Black Adder Medieval banquet to take place in the garden, possibly in July (weather permitting). Details to follow. Childrens parties can be held in the garden. Tel:- 525257

## At School

### The Wartime Years (1939 - 1946)

By Alex Pegram



Clipston School was a very busy establishment during the Second World War (1939-1946). I attended this school from 1937 to 1946. The pupils came from the following villages: Clipston, Sibbertoft, East Farndon, Oxendon, Arthingworth, Kelmarsh and Maidwell. As well as the local populace the school had to cater for

each of the villages allocation of evacuees and the Boys' Home at East Farndon. This put an immense strain on the facilities and resources. The headmaster, supported sometimes by only two other teachers and supporting staff comprising of a cook, caretaker and gardener, faced an immense task.

Children from the outlying villages came to school by bus if they lived on the route, but a great many others had to come by 'cycle.

The teachers had to be strict on discipline as they were mostly looking after two classes at a time. It was quite common to receive 100 lines for some misdemeanour, or referred to the headmaster for more drastic punishments which often meant a caning in class on top of the knuckles with a ruler. The headmaster had a punishment list on the wall of the main assembly hall listing your name, misdemeanour and punishment. If your parents saw the list with your name on it you usually got a second helping at home. The list also acted as a deterrent, making you think twice before getting into mischief.

To be continued.....

## News From Clipston Riding School

As ever the mixed assortment of animals we keep and the projects we have on seem to be keeping us busy. Debbie has been looking after the horses while I have been busy with the sheep. Now we are straight in to THE BIG YARD PROJECT. The idea is to make the yard cleaner, tidier and more user friendly. Unfortunately the wet weather arrived with the plant machinery, making it a messy job. I keep telling myself and anyone who will listen it will be worth it in the end. The ponies have been great with the machines working round them and Ben on the hymac is fantastic, waiting for the ponies, so all in all its not too bad Thank you to everyone who comes to the riding school for putting up with the inconvenience it has caused. The other project we are venturing in to at the moment is offering nationally recognised tests in riding and horse care, open to adults and children, starting at basic level up to advanced.

Just in case we get bored we have taken on a new pony 'Mouse' and Debbie's new horse 'Bramley' who both need a little further education. Luckily we have some very good young riders who have volunteered their services to help with this. So hopefully this will leave me with time to school my young horse Toby, and go out looking at horses, as we are looking to buy a well schooled horse for the school but, as I am finding out, a good one is hard to come by.

Jude

## The Friendship Club

The Naseby, Haselbech and Clipston Friendship Club was founded in 1971 for the benefit of senior citizens in these villages. Since then Great Oxendon has joined us.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in Clipston Village Hall at 2.30pm until 4.30pm. At most meetings there is a speaker followed by afternoon tea and during the year we have outings and a Christmas Lunch.

Our Programme for the next three months is as follows:-

**14<sup>th</sup> June** Michael and Rosemary Leonard will entertain us with the Songs and Life of Richard Rodgers

**12<sup>th</sup> July** Our garden meeting and bring & buy at the home of Michael & Hilary Bairstow.

**9<sup>th</sup> August** Mystery Tour followed by afternoon tea. The coach will pick up in each village commencing at 1.25pm

New members are always welcome

Mary Durran, Hon. Sec. 525200

### CLIPSTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES (Incorporating Matthew & Ann Brown's and Poors Twantry)

#### THE MATTHEW AND ANN BROWN CHARITY

An allotment field known as "Poors Twantry", which is situated on the borders of Marston Trussell and contains 25 acres, was left for the benefit of Clipston Church 9.5 acres and 15.5 acres for the benefit of the poor of Clipston Parish. In addition to the land, Matthew Brown left £673 in New Consols in 1831 and Ann Brown £97 in 1871.

These three different Charities by order of the Charity Commission in May 1902 were made into one Charity to be known as "Consolidated Charities" but it was still known as "Matthew and Ann Brown Charity" or "Twantry Money" in the Village.

The yearly income is applied by the Trustees under the following heads:-

- 1) For the benefit of either the poor generally of Clipston and necessitous persons resident therein as the Trustees select.
- 2) Subscriptions or donations to a Hospital or Convalescent Home.
- 3) Contributions towards:-
  - a) The provision of Nurses for the sick and infirm
  - b) Travelling expenses of patients to and from Hospital

- c) The cost of the outfit on entering upon a trade or occupation, or into service for persons under the age of 21 years.
- 4) The supply to an amount not exceeding the total sum of £20 in any one year of:-
  - a) Clothes, linen, fuel, tools, medical or other aid in sickness
  - b) Temporary relief in money, by way of loan or gift.

Provided that no funds of any Charities be applied in aid of rates, or that any individual may become entitled to a periodical or recurrent benefit.

The body of the Trustees consists of:-

One Ex-Officio Trustee, the Rector of Clipston, Six Trustees elected by Clipston Parish Council to serve for a period of four years.

#### ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION

Explanatory notices are posted during November requesting written applications for consideration by the Trustees. Distribution normally takes place during the first two weeks of December.

**John R. E. Whitcombe**

Clipston W I was formed in May 1918 when the subscription was just one shilling, (or 5p) in today's currency. Originally there were 77 members, with girls from as young as 14 years old joining as "Juniors", by 1921 there were 69 members, including some from Oxenden.

Meetings were held in Miss Bryons cottage, on Gold Street, until 1929 when they were moved to the Village Hall. From 1942 meetings were held in the Baptist Chapel Schoolroom because of blackout restrictions, before moving back to the Village Hall.

Nationally there are now around 240,000 members, 15 of these members live in Clipston and we celebrated our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 2003, so we are probably the longest running organisation in the village.

The W I has had a long tradition of close involvement and hopefully enhancement of village life; it established and maintains a rose bed on



the village green, planted the trees on the playing field and daffodil bulbs at the entrances to the village, as well as providing support and friendship to its members. We used to go carol singing around the village and members are usually to be found providing teas at various village events.

But times change and today there are so many demands on women's time, but with dwindling membership

numbers it is questionable for how much longer we can sustain these activities.

Yes, we do sing "Jerusalem", but now they sing it at the rugby too and yes we do have competitions, but you don't have to enter them. We have a lot of fun, and the refreshments are pretty tasty.

So please come and join us, you will be made most welcome. Our current programme includes a Tai Chi demonstration, and a talk about Tudor herbs, we also have trips out, having in the past visited Oxford, Cambridge and Windsor.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For further details please contact Rose Anderson, President, on Clipston 525481.

## Clipston Amateur Dramatic Society

Peter Wilford has been responsible for the impressive lighting and sound for all of CADS productions since the formation of the group some 20 years ago. Through his hard work and interest, the collection of theatre lights and general electrical kit owned by the Society has grown to a level envied by many village drama groups. Having already retired from his 'proper job', Peter has decided that the time has come to hang up his pliers and screwdriver, so CADS organised a surprise dinner in his honour at the Bulls

Head in April.

The dinner was attended by over 20 CADS members and after Peter had recovered from his initial shock, he and his wife Jean thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Fortunately for CADS, he will be more than happy to continue to advise on matters electrical whilst it will take 3 people (already volunteered) to take over his role! If you are interested in becoming involved in any way with the drama group, either on or off-stage, contact Tony Price (Tel.525654), Celine Hickey (525143) or Peter Warren (525463).

## **CADETS**

### **Junior section of Clipston Amateur Dramatic Society)**

CADETS invite you to join them at The Hairy Tail Pub, which will be in the Village Hall on Friday 2 July and Saturday 3 July at 7.30, for their production of "Hairy Tales". Have you ever wondered what happened to all those Fairy Tale characters you know so well and what they did with their lives? Well now is your chance to find out. You will meet Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and many others. Their lives have not turned out quite as they or you would expect and there are many twists in the tale of this origi-

nal story.

Members of Cadets have written the script and you will have the chance of seeing the debut of this exciting new production. Information on ticket sales will be available soon. Do not miss out on a fun packed evening at The Hairy Tail Pub.

Cadets meet every Monday evening in the village hall and anyone between the ages of 10 and 16 is welcome. If you are interested in joining for the next production call Stephanie on 01858 433195 for more information.

## CLIPSTON AND DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The Flower Club meets every third Wednesday in Clipston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

We have demonstrations by NAFAS demonstrators, workshop teaching sessions, visiting tutors, outings and opportunities to be involved in our South Midlands area of NAFAS.

Our club is growing with new members joining throughout the year.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly group and visitors are always more than welcome to join any meeting.

The aims of the club are to pro-

mote the art and pleasure of flower arranging and to create an atmosphere where members can learn new skills and extend existing ones in a friendly and happy environment.

If you would like to join us please come to a meeting, or ring one of the numbers below.

Chairman. Linda Warren  
01858525463

Secretary. Carolyn Rutland  
01858525305

Next meeting Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> when we shall be having our first club competition.

## The Bulls Head

Steve and Emma Gotch hope to welcome all villagers, old and new, to the pub.

- Function room available for parties and meetings
- Whisky and Beer festivals were recently held
- Open every lunchtime and evening for food and drink
- Open all day at weekends for drinks
- Skittles Table and Darts Board
- En Suite Accommodation
- Extensive Bar and Restaurant menus- Party Buffet menus on request
- Family Barbecue days- Dates to be confirmed
- Take-away food available lunch and evenings
- Sunday Roast (Booking recommended)

Telephone for Bookings 525268

## Clipston & District Creative Arts Society

The response to this group at the Village Needs Day was a few people wanted to go on outings to exhibitions and the theatre. I will try and list Arts and Crafts exhibitions I know of in the Newsletters. If anybody wants to add to the list in the future, please call me, Bim 525239.

Frank Haynes Gallery in Great Bowden has exhibitions all the time featuring local artists – brochures available around Market Harborough.

[www.frankhaynesgallery.co.uk](http://www.frankhaynesgallery.co.uk)

Patchings Art and Craft Festival 2004,

June 10 to 13, 10am to 5pm

Patchings Farm, Oxton Road, Calverton

Nottinghamshire NG14 6NU. A really good day out, something for everybody.

[www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk](http://www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk)

Naseby Art Exhibition

10 & 11 July, Naseby Village Hall.

If you have anything you want to exhibit, please contact Roz 01604 740473

Northamptonshire Open Studios

25 August to 12 September.

150 artists are involved this year. For 2 weeks they invite you into their studios or galleries.

You can attend workshops or events. Included at Frank Haynes Gallery are Clipston artists Janet Alderson-Smith and Bim Fowler. Watch out for brochures or for info call 01536 485885 or

[www.openstudies.org.uk](http://www.openstudies.org.uk)

Leicestershire Open Studios

17th September – 3rd October

[www.hiddentreasures.org.uk](http://www.hiddentreasures.org.uk)

# Fun Page

## wordsearch



CLIPSTON  
FOOTBALL CLUB  
VILLAGE HALL  
BULLS HEAD  
OLD RED LION  
NOTICEBOARD  
CHURCH  
CHAPEL  
BUS SHELTER  
RIDING SCHOOL  
WOMENS INSTITUTE  
FRIENDSHIP CLUB  
TENNIS COURTS  
ORBELL ROOM  
SCHOOL  
POST BOX  
TELEPHONE BOX  
PLAYING FIELD  
CADS  
NEWSLETTER  
BUS STOP  
PAVILION  
MEMORIAL

### Evening all

As I was proceeding in a southerly direction, I happened to see a skein of geese flying overhead, not to be confused with a gaggle of geese on a pond or other water feature. These collectives or group terms can be varied and expressive. Well-known group terms are for example a colony of gulls; a covey of partridges; a flight of swallows and a brood of chickens. As to animals common collectives would be a herd of deer; a string of race horses; a drove of oxen; and a school of fish. Some of the more remote group terms, yet equally expressive, would be for example a murder of crows; an unkindness of ravens; a clamour of rooks; an exaltation of larks; and a chattering of

starlings. As to animals, there is a gang of elks; a troop of kangaroos; a leap of leopards; a nest of mice; and an earth of foxes.

I could go on. Some people have done and have applied some collectives which should be taken with a pinch of salt (where do you keep your salt? - I keep mine in the cellar). Collectives that you should take not too seriously but which are equally expressive are an ostentation of peacocks; a crash of rhinoceros; and, departing from the animal world to the human arena how about a condescension of actors; a dampness of babies; a file of civil servants; a ledger of clerks; a corpulence of counsellors; a dependence of daugh-

ters; an overdraft of fathers; a dribble of footballers; a blitz of Germans; a wobble of bicycles; a duty of husbands; a clatter of milkmen; an interference of mother-in-laws; a delivery of postmen; an invasion of relatives; a gloom of Russians; a headache of scotches; a shiver of spectators; an expectation of taxi drivers; and a dawdling of waiters.

It is quite easy to apply the above to whatever you want and as politically incorrect as you want.

If you can think of any better ones to the above, answers on a postcard. Mind how you go.

P. C. Honeytrain

### Materials

Small, clean jar  
Very small plastic figure  
Glue (or nail polish!)  
Egg shells, washed  
Several sheets of newspaper  
Rolling pin



### Kid's Stuff

Squirt a blob of glue on the inside on the jar lid and set the figure in it. Leave it alone for five hours to dry. Spread the eggshells between the newspaper sheets. Crush them to tiny bits with the rolling pin. Slide or spoon the shells into the jar, then add water almost to the top. Squirt glue around the inside rim of the lid, and screw it on the jar. Dry it with the lid up. Turn it over and shake your snow!!

**Joke** What is worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?  
A hippopotamus with chapped lips!!

## come & Join us

### Clipston & District Gardening Club on June 30<sup>th</sup>

Dear Friends,

I'm sure by now you've heard of the "Clipston & District Gardening Club".

We regularly deliver to you news of what & when is happening at our friendly Club.

Our next big Event is the combined Village & Garden Produce Show to be held on the Playing field on Sunday Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. We have tried various venues for this event (Village Hall, School, Playing Field, etc) & this is our final effort to keep this event alive.

You will have received a Schedule of the Show, which covers a good cross-section of the classes you could enter.

So—come on, support your own Village Fete & Show &

make this historic & enjoyable event something to remember.

The next three meetings of the Gardening Club (given below) will give you some idea of the speakers & visits we have. Come & join us, enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee, buy garden plants, bulb, etc., at reduced prices, receive a FREE plant, all for £6 a year, incredible!!!!

Hope to see you soon,

Gerry Wood.

"Garden Design" by David Penny of Greetham Garden, Brilliant Speaker, not to be missed. Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Visit to Froggery Garden Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July

"Hardy Ferns" Matt Busby

Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> July.

### Village Hall Bingo

June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Bingo in aid of **Air Ambulance**.  
7.30pm start.

Any prizes I will be grateful for.

Bingo in aid of **Village Hall** –  
July 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.  
All at 7.30pm.

Grace 525327

### Clipston Parents and Tots

group meets every Tuesday during school term time, from 10 am - 12 noon at Clipston village hall. All pre-school children and their parents / carers are most welcome to attend. A charge of £1.50 per child, plus 50p for each additional child from the same family, with all profits going towards the purchase of equipment or to fund activities.

We aim to cater for all ages with a carpeted area and suitable toys for babies, through to larger toys, puzzles and books for older children. A drink and biscuit is provided for all including adults, and activities such as parties, outings, picnics and clothes sales are organised by a committee of volunteers.

Most children who come to the tots group go on to attend Stepping Stones pre-school with the advantage of already knowing their peers, equally the group is an excellent way for parents and carers to meet and socialise with others.

If you would like more details please phone Wendy Doughty on 525414



### Victorian Solutions. [May 31<sup>st</sup> 1879]

#### Uses of Soot in the Garden

Were the value of soot better known, every handful of it would be stored away for garden use instead of being carried off by the chimney sweep. If inferior to guano, it has the advantage that it can hardly be misapplied. Owing to the nature of its constituent parts it will be found a suitable manure for growing crops of all kinds. Immediately after thinning onions and carrots, which are sown in rows, place between each drill a thick layer of soot, and after it has absorbed from the soil moisture enough to thoroughly damp it, work the soil between each row with a narrow fork stirring the soil without disturbing the young plants allowing some of the soot to be worked deep, a good soaking finishes the process. This settles the earth around the newly thinned seedlings and promotes rapid growth. Grub

attack on these crops is greatly diminished. Soot may be applied in a similar way to other growing crops with advantage.

#### Aphides

We must prevent these getting a foothold on the trees and be up and at them at once. There are many who lose all for want of promptitude. They see a few aphides and look upon them as hardly worth attacking; they wait till they may fight them in battalions. Such waiting means ruin. By killing the first few we may destroy a thousand or million in the germ. When they reach millions the mischief is wrought. Syringe the trees with tobacco water diluted with two or four parts water to one of tobacco, according to its strength.

**Comment** Be careful with unweathered soot – in fact who has soot? and what is Tobacco water?  
{From Peter Morrison}

### The Call of the Bells Am I needed



#### Who rings bells?

Yes! New ringers are always needed and particularly in Clipston at present.

Men and women, boys and girls, old and young, musical and non-musical.

#### When are the bells rung? What's in it for me?

For church services, Weddings, Special occasions and for our own pleasure.

A hobby which involves being part of a team, providing a service for the church, a good social life and continually learning something new.

Once you have learned the basic technique you will always be made welcome when you visit other towers. There are more than 5,000 church towers with bells suitable for ringing.

#### How do I start?

If you are interested and would like to see what happens inside the church tower, contact Ken Rutland, 525305, who will be pleased to show you round.



# Letters Page

A big thank you to all the contributors who have taken the time and trouble to sit down and tell us about their clubs, organisations, events in their life, interests etc. The response has been immense. When the team first got together to produce this newsletter we were aiming at an eight page edition and had contingency plans on how to fill the gaps!!! As you can see this first, bumper edition has rocketed to 12 pages. Thanks to everyone.

Unfortunately this has meant holding over some article to the

next edition and we do sincerely apologise to the contributors of these articles. It in no way reflects their importance. See 'Next Issue' for details.

We hope to have your letters on this page in future issues. Please do let us know what you think of this issue and how we can improve it.

Do you have a contentious issue you would like to get off your chest and open for discussion? Let's hear it!!!

Until September  
The Production Team

## In the next Issue

- **The chance to race across the Atlantic Story**
- **Page 3 Special!!**
- **Parish Council News**
- **Updates on village clubs and organisations**
- **Sports pages**
- **Your letters and comments**

## Neighborhood watch in Clipston.

This scheme has been running now for several years, but through the newsletter we would like to encourage more involvement from the villagers - i.e. YOU !!

The co-ordinator to whom all events should be reported is Robert Burnham, 9 Naseby Road, 01858-525628.

What we would like to see is reports coming in of all illegal activity within the village. This not only means burglary and theft but also another problem that is causing increasing anxiety and that is vandalism. Anybody who witnesses any of the above misdemeanours should relay what they have seen to Robert so that the appropriate action can be taken. Vandalism is definitely on the

increase lately and certain individuals are continually being linked to this problem.

What is needed is sightings and evidence so that the Police can be contacted, and then action will be taken.

All reports received will be printed in the next village newsletter and anybody that has any information is invited to come forward.

Items reported recently are :

- Theft of a St. George's Flag from the High Street.
- Drunken behaviour and bashing on front doors in Gold Street at 2:30 a.m.
- Damage to the capping on the Church wall.
- Slashing of car tyres in Kelmarsh Road.

**Together we can beat this scourge on our village.**

## BIRDS

It's amazing what can turn up on your bird table.

A couple of years ago I woke early and took my customary early morning look out of the bedroom window to see a magnificent cock pheasant strutting down the garden, stopping occasionally to puff out his feathers and pick up the stray seeds from the bird feeders.

That was surprise enough but then he left the ground in an explosion of chestnut, red and green and to my horror alighted on the roof of the small bird table.

Now the bird table is constructed primarily for our feathered friends of less ample proportions and pretty soon he had produced quite a sway on the whole construction. But he stuck to it and managed to hoover up most of the seed on the table until he was disturbed by the milkman.

Since then we have had daily visits from the big fella and he has recently brought a friend with him, a juvenile cock.

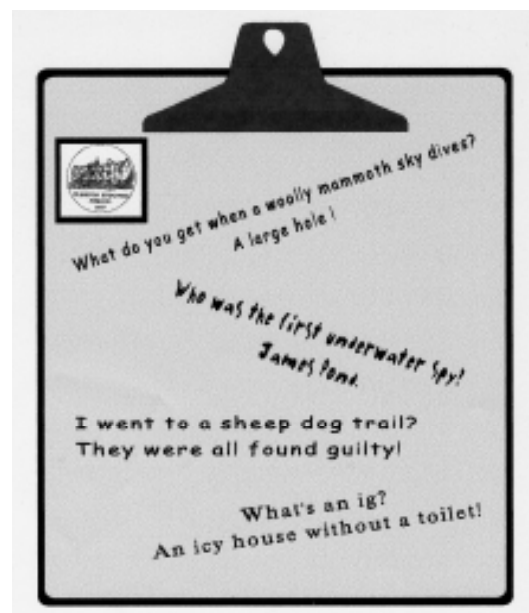
They seem impervious to intentions of cats, treating them with haughty disregard and now don't even bother too much about humans. The damage to the lawns is worth the splendour of the plumage. Apart from the usual garden

birds that you would expect in the country, such as sparrow (all 3 species) blackbird, starling, chaffinch, greenfinch, blue tit and great tit etc.. We have had some more unusual visitors to the feeding stations over the last year. Greater spotted woodpeckers have taken a shine to the peanuts and the red on their back defies description. Last Autumn there was a little tree creeper winding its way up the post of the bird table and we have frequent visits from sparrow hawks when, of course, all the other birds make themselves scarce. One of the saddest days a couple of years back was when I came home from work to find a dead sparrow hawk outside the conservatory, having flown into the window. I felt guilty for months.

This last week there has been a lone reed bunting feeding from the table and last Summer, on one of the hottest days, there was a buzzard circling over the village.

If you see any unusual or interesting birds in your garden I would like to hear about them. Perhaps we could start a log of the birds in the village.

Steve Carpenter 441



The Playing Field Trust is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 282917) under the original name of Clipston Recreation Ground and is constituted by Deed of Trust dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1981. Clipston Parish Council makes a contribution towards grass mowing costs and also pays the public liability insurance. The parish council also appoints a representative to the Trustees but all responsibilities are vested in the Playing Field Trust.

The Charity is administered by a management committee comprising 14 Representative Members or Trustees and an additional five elected at the Annual General Meeting.  
Officers:  
Chairman Mr L Anderson  
Hon. Secretary Vacant  
Hon Treasurer Mr P Wilford

**The object of the Charity:** To maintain the Playing Field in Station Road, together with its buildings, tennis courts and children's play area for the benefit of the inhabitants of Clipston and to determine the terms and

## CLIPSTON PLAYING FIELD TRUST

conditions upon which the field is used for recreational purposes. The management committee aims to provide good facilities at an affordable cost to the village. Cricket, Football and Tennis clubs which regularly use the field and for the children who use the play area. Non village organisations such as Rounders teams, Model Aero clubs etc. are permitted to use the field on payment of an appropriate fee. As a Registered Charity, the Trust is Non Profit Making. All other income is derived from fundraising. Apart from mowing, all work has been undertaken by Trustees and Sports Club Members on a voluntary basis.

Our facilities are used on a regular basis by various organisations. In addition to the regular users, cricket, football and tennis teams, the Field has been used by model aero clubs, rounders teams and the occasional childrens party. The Pavilion and the

field have also been used for the Annual Flower Show. Football and tennis and cricket coaching for schoolchildren takes place during the year. Coaching sessions have proved very popular and we now have three junior cricket teams playing league cricket.

The children's playground is in need of replacement and despite the rejection of our Grant application another application for support under the Landfill Tax Scheme is currently being considered. The recent Village Needs Survey highlighted questions from two residents as to the money raised through fundraising for the children's playground. This money has not been spent and is still in the bank awaiting volunteers willing to become involved in grant applications etc. The most recent estimate we have for replacement of the play area was £49000.

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held shortly and any offers of help will be gratefully received. Further information from Laurie Anderson, 01858 525481.

## **CLIPSTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB.**

The origins of Clipston Tennis Club appear to have been on the grass courts at The Hollies', courtesy of the Wartnaby family.

Today there is a thriving and friendly club based on the two hard courts on Clipston playing field. These courts were renovated when the village successfully negotiated a lottery bid for a number of projects on this site.

The courts are never locked and all residents of Clipston are welcome to use them without payment. However, the tennis club pay for the use of the courts and members pay a membership fee to the club. Members therefore have priority on the use of the courts and club practice evenings, league matches and tournaments also take precedence. The courts are still empty most of the time.

At present there is some Junior coaching on Monday evenings between 5pm and

6pm.

Tuesday night is the club night and both courts are in use from 6:30 p.m. onwards. Home league fixtures and tournaments are posted on the notice board on the courts. New members are very welcome at Clipston whatever the standard of play, enjoyment is what really matters. If you are interested in joining us, come along any Tuesday evening to our club night. We play short games with everyone mixing in and then retire for some 'refreshment' as the sun goes down.

If you wish to play competitively, we currently run four teams in the East Northants League, two mens teams and two mixed teams. This means seven or eight fixtures on a home and away basis in the East Northants area. Every year we run a couple of all day tournaments for members which are great fun and organised so that everyone

## CLIPSTON SHOOTING CLUB

Clipston Shooting Club has been in existence since 1986 with two main objectives:  
1: To enjoy the sport of Clay pigeon shooting and  
2: To contribute, if possible depending on the needs of the club, to local organisations.

The Club meets once a month, usually the last Sunday, at various local sites and each shoot normally lasts from 10 am to Noon. We have around 35 members but we have visitors who attend to try the sport before becoming involved. Safety is paramount and each shoot has two ap-

pointed experienced members who make sure that all safety requirements are adhered to. We have Home Office/Police permission to allow non Certificate Holders to shoot under supervision. We also have full Employers/Public liability insurance.

Since 1986 the Club has raised nearly £20000 for local organisations including All Saints Church, the Royal British Legion, the Friendship Club, Oxendon Youth Club etc., etc.

All are welcome and for further information ring Laurie Anderson on 01858525481.

has a chance to win.

Membership is £25 for adults, £5 for anyone in full-time education or £50 for a family membership.

Any enquiries or further questions to Dave Bates (secretary) on 01858-525491.

One final plea, if you are using the courts, please use sports footwear and use them for tennis only. Skateboards, roller-skates, bikes and football boots seriously damage the courts and are not allowed. The cost of resurfacing is quite prohibitive.

## The Bulls Head

**Skittle Team** play on Friday evenings during the winter in the Welford and District Skittle League.

This year we finished runners up in the league and also runners up in the Wilson knockout cup. **Peter**

**Stiles** qualified to the finals night in the singles knockout where he finished a gallant third, **Richard Moss** and **Robert**

**Burnham** qualified for the finals in the pairs knockout which they won.

During the summer months, we play on

Wednesday evenings in the Summer Skittle League. Forthcoming fixtures are:

June 2 *Away*

June 9 *Home*

June 16 *Away*

June 23 *Home*

June 30 *Away*

July 7 *Home*

July 14 *Away*

July 21 *Home*

July 28 *Away*

Aug 4 *Home*

Aug 11 *Away*

Aug 18 *Home*

Aug 25 *Away*

Sept 15 Presentation night and Captains Knockout at Long Buckby Rugby Club

## Clipston Cricket Club

**Chairman** G. Robinson 446814

**Secretary** P Whittall 469465

### MDH Sports & Leisure Evening League Wednesday evenings 6.20pm

May 12 Husbands Bosworth Home

May 19 Market Harborough Away

May 26 Knock Out Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round

June 02 Billesdon Home

June 09 Gumley Away

June 16 Knock Out Cup Quarter-Finals

June 23 Langtons Home

June 30 Nevill Holt Away

July 07 Kibworth Home

July 08 (Thurs) Knock Out Cup Semi-Finals

July 14 Medbourne Home

July 28? Knock Out Cup Final

### Northants Cricket League

**Division 10 Saturday League - Starts 2pm**

May	08	County Hall	Home
May	15	Grendon	Away
May	22	Wellingborough III	Away
May	29	Medbourne	Away
June	05	Kettering III	Home
June	12	Wellingborough III	Home
June	19	Middleton Cheney	Home
June	26	County Hall	Away
July	03	Badby II Cretton	Home
July	10	Gretton	Home
July	17	Gretton	Away
July	24	Medbourne	Home
July	31	Badby II	Away
August	07	Higham Ferrers II	Home
August	14	Grendon	Home (1.30pm)
August	21	Middleton Cheney	Away (1.30pm)
August	28	Kettering III	Away (1.30pm)
Sept	31	Higham Ferrers II	Away (1.30pm)

## Clipston FC – Season Review 2003/2004

This season saw quite a change within the structure of Clipston FC as we began the season with two teams – a first team and a reserve team and ended it with the reserves playing as the firsts!!

The transition happened in February following a string of mediocre results from the first team at the time and a general lack of commitment and interest by the players.

With this being the case, it was decided that the reserve team should make the move from Reserve Division 1 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and battle on to avoid relegation.

As with all good fights, it was left to the last game of the season to decide the fate of the team. If Clipston beat Spratton, at Spratton, they were safe. If they drew, the team currently languishing 2<sup>nd</sup> from bottom in the league had to win.

To loose was unacceptable!!

The game began in the worst possible way with Mark Burdett being sent off for Clipston in the 1<sup>st</sup> minute and Spratton being

awarded a penalty – they duly scored.

A bad start but Clipston rallied to get back into the game and with 10 minutes to go, were in a position to win 4 goals to 3 ahead! It was too much to watch and in the dying minutes, Spratton broke away to score twice – the last goal happening in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute.

This spelt the end of the road and with Finedon Volta winning 3 – 1 against the cup winners, the fate of Clipston was decided – a season in Division 2!!

It was a hard fought season and special thanks go to all of the team who had to make the transition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division and Jeremy Durran, with the assistance from Paul Fairbrother, for doing what they could.

A special mention should also go to Angela Fellowes for all of her work behind the scenes and Derek Wilford for helping the club for a number of years.

Unfortunately, due to my mal-administration, 3 points were deducted which would have kept us in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

### Statistics:

P 26 W 6 D 5 L 14 F 40 A 51 Points 20

JUNIORS: Contact - S. Beasley 525256

Coaching: Monday nights. Age: 8 years and over.

Inter club Matches: Various age levels:

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Subscription (one off) £15.00.

### Sunday XI Fixtures - 2.30pm Start

May	16	Tavermers	Home
May	23	Tilton	Away
May	30	Langtons	Away
June	06	Taverners	Home
June	13	Gumley	Away
June	20	Braybrooke	Away
July	11	Laughton & Mowsley	Home

July 18 prov The Wheel Home

# Village Organisations

Organisation	Meets:	Cost	Contact	
Age Concern	Village Hall every Wed. 11am-3pm	£3 per meet	Wendy Williams	463964
Almhouse Charity			Alex Driver	
Baptist Chapel			R. Thompsett	
Bell Ringers			Ken Rutland	525305
British Legion			Hon. Rupert Law	525380
Bulls Head			Steve & Emma Gotch	525268
Bulls Head Skittle Team			Robert Burnham	525628
Bingo	1st&3rd Tues 7.30-8.30pm Vill Hall	£1 per book	Grace Burnham	525327
C.A.D.S.	Day & Venue as agreed (weekly)		Peter Warren	525463
C.A.D.E.T.S.	Monday 6.30-8pm Village Hall	£1 per night	Stephanie Canning	433195
Clipston School Charity			Alex Driver	
Creative Arts Society			Bim Fowler	525239
Cricket Club	Thurs evenings	Approx £20	David Wilford	
Flower Club	3rd Wed of month Village Hall		Linda Warren	525463
Football Club	Tues training, Sat Sept-April		John Mayor	01536 710707
Friends of Clipston			Ken Rutland	525305
Friendship Club	2nd Mon in month 2-5pm Vill Hall		Mary Durran	525200
Gardening Club	2nd half of month, day agreed		Gerry Woods	01604 740444
M&A Brown Charity			J Whitcombe	525213
Mothers Union			Ann Faulks	525342
Mums & Tots	Tues. 10-12am Village Hall	1)£1.50 2) 50p	Wendy Doughty	525414
Neighbourhood Watch			Robert Burnham	525628
Parish Church			Rev. David Faulks	525342
Parish Council (Clerk)	1st Wed every month		Lynne Partridge	525450
Playing Field Trust			Laurie Anderson	525481
Red Lion			Cissy Marlow	525257
Riding School	Clipston Riding School, Naseby Rd.		Paul & Jude Wilford	525650
Red Lion Skittle Team			Kelvin Marlow	525257
School (Sec.)			Lynn Dye	525261
School Association			Sally Barber	525545
School Governors (clerk)			Russ Jones	525261
Stepping Stones (pre-school)			Alison Munro	
Shooting Club	Last Sunday in month		Laurie Anderson	525481
Tennis Club	Tuesday evenings Play Fields	£25 & £50	Dave Bates	525491
Tennis - Junior Coaching	Sat. mornings when available		Dawn Springhall	468794
Village Hall			Grace Burnham	525327
Womens Institute			Rose Anderson	525481
Whist Drive	Alternate Thurs 7.30-9.30pm Vill H.	£1.50 per meet	Grace Burnham	525327
Yoga (if available)	School, 7.30-9pm, Thurs term-time		NCC	

ARE THERE ANY GAPS IN OUR DIRECTORY?  
PLEASE LET US KNOW.