

CLIPSTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Village Fete and Garden Show



Sunday 5th September 2004
2.30p.m. Village Playing Field.



REFRESHMENTS



Fleckney brass band

Bottle Tombola

CAKE STALL



SKITTLES

NON BOTTLE TOMBOLA



The marquee holding the best produce that the residents of Clipston and members of Clipston & District Gardening and Flower Clubs can display will be open at 3p.m. Trophies will be presented to the winners at about 4.30p.m.

We hope that all residents will take part and will attend the Fete.

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Parish Council News

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Screening of the A14 along the ridge south of the village.

In 1996, the Parish Council did a study of the government report on the inquiry into the construction of the A14 that was published in 1985.

A paragraph was found in the report that stated that the original plan was to sink the road four metres deep where it ran across the top of the ridge to the East of the Naseby road. The Highways Authority protested that this would be too expensive, and so the inspector decreed that the road could be built on top of the ridge provided that sufficient screening was put in place.

The Parish Council visited the area and found that the Highways Authority had not done any screening at all. As can be seen in the picture there was nothing between the road surface and the village.



Over the next few years the Parish Council repeatedly wrote and telephoned Highways who eventually sent someone out to inspect the area. They agreed that their side of the inspectors demands had not been kept and that something would be done. Nothing happened.

After several more years of persistence by the Council, a second site meeting was arranged. Highways again admitted that they were at fault. A letter was finally received in October 2002 stating that during that Winter, 121 feathered trees and 840 transplants would be planted in the areas necessary to screen the village from the road.

From the recent photograph it can be seen that this screen



is developing very nicely, and within a couple of years the traffic will no longer be visible from the village.

Apart from visual screening, this should already have reduced the road noise heard in the village.



IMPORTANT UNREGISTERED LAND

Unscrupulous persons have been placing 'cautions' on unregistered pieces of land in the Clipston area.

They appear to be selecting small pockets of rarely used land and waiting to see if anyone else claims that land. If no one else does then their next move would

be to try to claim ownership of the land themselves. The real owner would then have to prove that the land does belong to them. However, there is also a danger that, if the real owner is not aware of what is going on, these unscrupulous persons may acquire what is known as 'possessory' title to the land and, eventually, full ownership.

The Parish Council urges all land owners to register any unregistered land in the area, particularly small pockets of rarely used land, as soon as possible.

Land registration has been compulsory since 1996 and any land purchased since then should have been registered automatically. Land in possession before 1996 can be voluntarily registered by contacting the Land

Registry Office.

Further details can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or

Leicester District Land Registry 0116 265 4001.

Fatal Accident on four turns Crossroads

The Parish Council have written to Northants. County Council to request the following improvements to this dangerous crossroads.

- 40mph limit on the four roads leading to the crossroads
- 'Slow' markings on roads leading to the junction
- Move 'Crossroad' sign to a more visible position
- Increase the visibility by cutting back hedges

The Parish Council would welcome any further ideas.

Page Three Girls!!!!



It's not all cakes and competitions at Clipston W.I.!!!!

Village Spring Clean

Many thanks to everyone who came to help Spring Clean the village.



In total 12 bags of rubbish and about 30 dog poo bags were collected.

The junior cricket team are not impressed by the amount of dog poo found on the playing field.



Clipston & District Flower Club.

If you are interested in flowers and would like to watch an expert arrange them in a professional way, you are welcome to come [and to bring a friend] to



any of our meetings which are held in the Village Hall. We begin at 7.30p.m. and usually have a cup of tea or coffee and the finished flower arrangements are raffled at the end of the demonstration. The cost for non members is only £2 each - a very small sum for a very entertaining evening. On 15th September we will be watching videos of flower arrangements at the World Show which was held in Glasgow last year, and also a demonstration by a very experienced gentleman by the name of Reverend Mac.

October 20th is our annual general meeting which is usually very short. This will be followed by one of our practical evenings, this time entitled 'Unusual

Containers' and promises to be a fun evening as most of the workshops tend to be.

November 17th is a very special event and for this we would like to fill the Village Hall to watch Mrs Anna Steven carry out a demonstration called 'The Magic of Christmas'. This really is not to be missed but entrance will be by ticket only so please let us know well in advance if you would like to come.

Chairman Linda Warren 525463,
Secretary Carolyn Rutland 525305

Reflexology

Today, an increasing number of people are turning to simple forms of healing that treat the root cause of a disorder, rather than treating the symptoms, usually by means of drugs. Reflexology has been proved to be a very safe and effective means of treating many every day conditions that we simply learn to live with, often with considerable results.

The healing powers of reflexology have been known to man for thousands of years, many ancient civilizations having used this method of pressure point therapy on the feet to activate the natural healing powers of the body. Following illness, stress, injury or disease, the body becomes imbalanced and ceases to function effectively. Reflexology can restore and maintain the natural state of balance, enabling the body to heal itself.

Since reflexology treats the whole person, not the symptoms of disease, the majority of people benefit from treatment. An increasing number of people of all ages are using this safe, natural, holistic therapy as a means of relaxing and balancing their body, and thus improving their health and sense of well being.

Susie Marshall MAR

The Bulls Head

recently enjoyed its first Beer Festival, the weather held and I think everyone enjoyed themselves, so it will be back next year. Thank you to all from the village, who supported the event.

We will be hosting a **Race Night** on August 29th Bank Holiday Sunday evening. A donation will be made to charity. Please put your ideas forward and a charity will be drawn.

Bank Holiday Monday August 30th will be a **Bar-B-Que**. Lets hope for good weather and we will see you all there. Steve & Emma Gotch 525268



At School

The Wartime Years (1939 - 1946)

By Alex Pegram

Nearly all the pupils had a hot mid-day meal at school. This also helped your parents at home with the food rationing. As a result of rationing the school had to be as self-sufficient as possible. Therefore, the area at the rear of the school, which is now a play area, were gardens and the school also had up to five plots in the alleys allotments. These were all looked after by the older boys under the guidance of the school gardener. I remember when the gardener acquired a lot of glass cloches which were his pride and joy. Nobody else was allowed to touch them, but with boys helping him disaster was inevitable. The local farmers used to deliver cart loads of manure for the gardens and a group of us were given the job of spreading it on the garden. When left alone we started to see who could throw it the furthest resulting in the crash of broken glass and a row of cloches



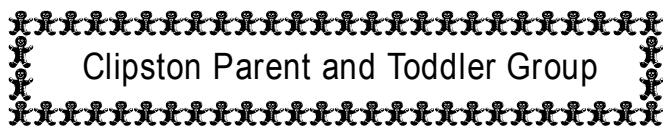
Harborough Road—Big Snow 1947

nearly demolished - you could say that the gardener was not pleased and hauled us up before the head. I am quite convinced that the head went home that night with an aching arm. Our aches were elsewhere. The girls used to help in the kitchens as the cook required help. They also used to knit endless numbers of balaclava

helmets, socks, gloves and scarves which were sent to merchant seamen, the armed forces and prisoners of war. One job that the boys did on a roster system was to keep the kitchens supplied with water from the school pump, which still stands out in the front garden. This always seemed an endless task as well as arm aching. During the mid-morning break all pupils were given free milk. We were told it would give us strong bones.

To be continued.....

FRIENDS of CLIPSTON



Clipston Parent and Toddler Group

The toddler group enjoyed a visit to Snibston Discovery Park at Coalville in June, where there was plenty to amuse all ages with buttons to press, lots to explore and excellent play facilities both in and out. We ate our picnic lunch in a stationary train carriage, provided for just that purpose which the

children thought fun. The group has now finished for the summer break, the first meeting of the Autumn term being on Tuesday 7th September, 10am - 12 noon in the village hall Everyone is welcome to come along. Any enquiries contact Caroline Pemberton, 525116

Did you enjoy the Treasurer Hunt this year, do you remember the Harvest Supper, Valentines Day Meal, Bangers and Mash Supper, Wassail etc?

"These were all organised by The Friends of Clipston. A small group of people who enjoy getting the community together, we are non-profit making, and have been organising events for nearly 4 years ! Our next event is back by popular demand, A Wassail, (Christmas musical

evening) so please make a note in your diaries and keep the 11th December free, more details will be dropping through your door soon.

We meet every 2/3 months for an informal get together and would welcome more volunteers to help keep us going otherwise this may be our last event!

Contact Cara Bolton on 525534 if you would like to help make a difference.

The Chance to race across the Atlantic.....

I can't explain the strange phenomenon that attracts so many people, especially from the Midlands, to sail and race across Oceans. But I can relate to it! The following is 'our' story - that's Helen & I, (Geoff Ford,) residents in Clipston, who chose to join in with being -that "little bit different" We were going to have a great time, racing a yacht across the Atlantic. But it would not be without some hardships and adventure - including storms, equipment failure, a near miss with a pod of whales, a plague of locust at sea etc. Truly a memorable trip!



In 1989 we raced in the famous "Fastnet Race", from Cowes - along the South coast of England - to Lands End, across the Irish Sea, around the Fastnet rock and then back to Plymouth (630 miles in all). We did this together with 4 others: me as mate and Helen as crew.

We encountered probably the worst conditions you might imagine...with force 10 Storms sweeping through on 2 occasions, (45 plus knots of wind), during the race: Not something you would want to experience, but above all a tremendous experience.

Our 'story' though starts many years ago, when Helen & I met in 1975: We soon realised that sailing was a common denominator - that's a love for water - something we shared as a passion. At this time, it was purely dinghy sailing and canoeing. We completed our first Royal Yachting association (RYA) dinghy course, at Rutland Water. Little did we know where this would take us...!! We soon owned and 'submerged', many times, a "Fireball" dinghy, named "L' Escargot", (which was far from a French 'snail')! At the time, it was probably a 'boat too far'???? No matter, we stuck to it and had a steep learning curve. We enjoyed it very much, racing in local events and then Nationals.

In 1986, after starting to raise a family and with me being away abroad for some months - with Operation Raleigh in Papua New Guinea, - there was much time to be caught up and shared as a couple. We wanted very much to get into "big boat sailing" - that's yachts. We even, at that time, dreamt of owning a yacht to sail off into the sunset. So we went for it: Helen & I signed on for 2 years worth of night school -RYA Yacht Master (Theory), at Wigston College, in Leicester.

[INTERESTING POINT:] Did you know that there are more people in the Midlands, than anywhere else in the UK, who complete RYA Yacht Master (theory) certificates? Scary but true. There must be a real 'hankering for the sea: Perhaps due to the facts we live so far from it?]

The result of taking on the above courses was that Helen & I ended up with RYA Offshore qualifications: Myself, as Yacht Master and 'H' as Coastal Skipper. We definitely 'threw ourselves at it'. Taking on crewing roles and then skipping in our own right. Unfortunately though we never did get to the position where we could justify owning a yacht, so instead we crewed and skippered for various owners.

No matter the adversities, we learnt from our off shore experiences: For myself, I joined the "crew register" of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) and raced in the Solent and English Channel/cross channel, whilst Helen organised and sorted the family. Yet, together, we continued to race dinghies - Enterprises, Lasers and Wayfarer's, which was important because this gave us the confidence and experience needed for racing yachts. We actually did quite well racing offshore winning some major yachting events in a variety of boats, including races from the Isle of Wight to Cherbourg, to Guernsey and St. Malo.

MY VIEW: As a dinghy sailor you have a better sense of balance, trim, sails etc (the 5 essentials really) - that's sail talk for learning the basics in a dinghy, which can easily be related to yachting.



Geoff—Fastnet Rock in background

Now, by 2004, I have completed 5 Fastnet races, sailed and raced over 20,000 miles offshore, including crossing the Atlantic, represented England in

the Commodore's Cup and Great Britain in the America's Cup Jubilee not too shabby really. Big things can after all come from sailing a dinghy in the Midlands!

Helen & I now felt confident that we could take on an Ocean passage - race we 'just' needed to find a yacht owner who wanted to do it as well!

To be continued.....

By Geoff Ford, Hornhill Cottage

Bingo June 2004

We have been enjoying Bingo evenings for the last 15 years. In that time we have raised £15,048.94p for Village Hall funds. For Cancer we have a Christmas special and since Douglas died in 1996 we have raised £1985.50p. I am most grateful to all the people who give prizes and support us in any way. The Bingo evenings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone, all ages are most welcome

This year in June we had 2 Bingos and 1 Whist Drive for the Air Ambulance. This raised £460.00. The Air Ambulance doesn't get any funding from the Government or the lottery. It is funded by voluntary fundraisers. They now have their own lottery. For details ring Mrs Susan McColgan on 07712354841. You never know when you might need it. A member of my family was grateful for it and I have seen it land in this village area 3 times!



The Whist Drives start again on the 16th September, then fortnightly until 9th December. We now hold them at 2p.m not 7.30p.m. These have been going now for over 30 years.



The Jumble sale will be held on Thursday 9th September at 7p.m. There will be Bric-a-brac, Books, Bring and Buy, Cakes, Raffle etc.. Any item not too large will be accepted by Grace. Tel: 525327. These jumble sales have been

held every year after it was agreed to purchase the present building and I was voted onto the steering committee to help raise money. At first we had the sales in the Baptist Chapel school room. When the village hall was opened in 1973, a request was made to have 2 jumble sales each year and so we continue with the sales. I sometimes wonder what I let myself in for many years ago, but without the willing helpers they would come to an end.

Grace



The newsletter has now exploded into 16 pages!!
Our very limited resources are now being fully stretched.
We do recognise our capabilities are not professional and would welcome any help and new ideas.
Our contact numbers are on the front page.

- *Are there any photographers hiding away?* We need pictures of various subjects.
- *Can you spend some time chasing contributors?* Sometimes they need a reminder!!
- *Can you help with proof reading?* Yes, we do attempt to eliminate mistakes!!!!
- *Would you like to make 'editorial' decisions.* Yes, OK delusions of grandeur!! In reality we sit round a kitchen table (usually Bim's, she makes the best coffee!) and chew the cud!!!!
- *Can you help in actually putting the Newsletter together?* Software used Publisher, Word etc.

Hope to hear from you.....

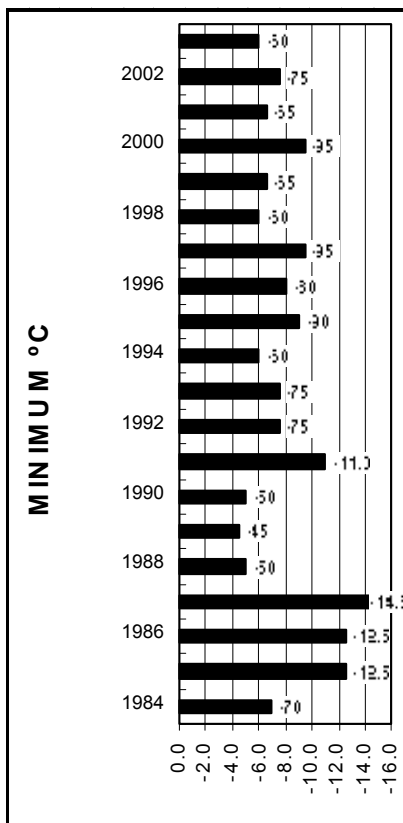
20 Years of Clipston Weather

I have been analysing my weather records of the last twenty years, looking for any possible trends. We often hear about the so-called "Greenhouse Effect" and its influence on rainfall and temperatures, but are we experiencing any changes in weather patterns here? My records seem to suggest that in most instances the answer is "very little".

Annual rainfall has fluctuated between lows of about 560 mm in 1990 and to highs of over 900 mm in 1992 and 2000. The trend suggests a few consecutive drier years followed by a number with above average rainfall. Last year was a low 614 mm which followed six years of above average rainfall. However, comparing the first ten years (1984 to 1993) with the last ten years to 2003, there has been a 6% increase - the greater amounts being from 1997 to 2002.

Temperatures in the summer months do not show any trend. I have looked at the number of days each year when temperatures reached 25°C and 30°C respectively. There are obviously warm years, such as 1995 with 46 days at 25°C or above, including 14 days at 30°C or above. In contrast, this year in June and July we have experienced only three days above 25°C including one at 30°C. Unfortunately I do not have ready-calculated mean maximum and minimum temperatures for each month before 1998 as these could indicate a trend which is not evident from the method I have used. When time permits, I could sit down with a calculator and produce more statistics for the previous 14 years!

Winter temperatures do, however, indicate a trend towards less severe conditions in recent years and most people will be aware of this without my facts and figures. Although the number of nights with frost has remained fairly constant between 50 and 90 each year, the minimum temperatures I have recorded were generally lower in the earlier years and this is illustrated in the chart. The lowest reading, in January 1987, was 14.5°C below freezing and the lowest in the last 10 years was minus 9.5°C in



1997 and 2000. The same trend applies to snowfall, which I'm sure children will confirm due to scarcity of snow depth on Brown's Hill for decent sledging conditions in the last few years.

Whereas I recorded depths of over 200 mm. in 1987 and 1991, with over 100 mm. in other years up to 1996, the heaviest fall since then was about 70 mm. in December 2000.

From my records, I have produced various lists and charts which cannot be reproduced here, but I am willing to supply copies to any interested Clipston resident - you can contact me on 525372.

Finally, perhaps apologies are due for reproducing all the figures in metric format? The effects of rainfall can be more easily understood when you know that 1 mm. of rain deposits 1 litre of water per square metre on the garden. For those who prefer the imperial system, try working out how much an inch deposits in gallons on a square yard. Britain adopted Celsius for temperatures in the 1960s and having zero for freezing point makes more sense than 32 in Fahrenheit. I'm sure my younger readers will agree, but for others, here is a brief and approximate translation.

100 mm. = 4 ins. 10° C = 50° F 25° C = 77° F 30° C = 86° F

Peter Wilford
August 2004

****STOP PRESS****

During the storm on 5th August, 41.8mm of rain fell, which is over two thirds of the average August rainfall. 32mm fell in the first threequarters of an hour. This compares with the storm on 22nd July, when 18.9mm of rain fell altogether, with 15mm falling in the first 15 to 20 minutes.

Fun Page

wordsearch



Solutions—see page 14

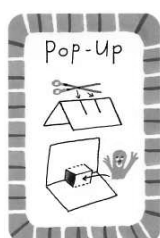
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 Guilsborough
 South Kilworth
 Brixworth
 Great Oxendon
 Sibbertoft
 Maidwell
 Lamport
 Hallaton

Who can you spot? — Red Lion circa 1960



Picture kindly loaned by Alex Pegram

Kids Stuff



Materials:
 2 pieces of thick paper
 Scissors
 Markers, crayons, paints
 Glue
 Small picture (from magazine or photo)

Fold one of the pieces of paper in half to make a card. On the folded edge, cut two parallel lines, like opposite sides of a square, an inch long. Poke the cut part inside the card, and flatten the card under something heavy, like a phonebook. After a while, take the card out and open it. Up pops the step. Glue the second piece of paper to the outside of the card and decorate it. Cut out and glue to the step

Clipston Community Playground

You may have noticed small changes to the Playground, which we are hoping will become something special. Clipston Community Playground is a separate group from the Playing Field Association, and our Aims are

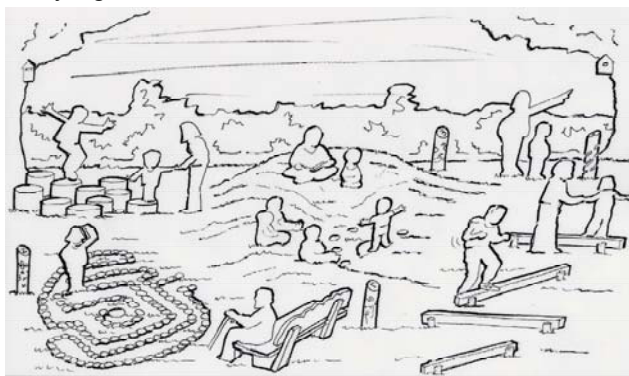
- Regeneration of the playground site.
- Increase accessibility and enjoyment to all.
- To hold an open Design Forum of ideas with community made decisions. Family Art/Craft workshops, to encourage original ideas / designs.
- Realise DesignForum / Family workshops outcomes, by pooling our community skills, expertise & knowledge.

Initial concepts suggested so far include

- Seating / tables
- Nature trail
- Maze
- Circuit training elements
- Children balance equipment
- Earthworks, Amphitheatre
- Imagine Play Structure; Pirate Ship / Princess Palace / Fort

Goals already achieved;

*Improved bridge entrance
Information board & SeeSaw repair
Summer Spruce-up & Theme painting.*



*We need more help to achieve our
aims for the playground*

We need your help &/or special knowledge & skills
Have Fun getting involved in your community.

All ages and abilities welcome.

phone/fax 525414 playground @simondoughty.com

Wings over Clipston

Following my article in the first edition of the newsletter I had a phone call from Bob Lodge who has lived in Church Lane for over 60 years.

Bob is a very keen bird-watcher and he gave me a list of some 58 different species of bird that he has seen in and around the centre of the village during his time.

I went round to talk to Bob and we discussed the way that some birds are a lot less common now than in the recent past. The yellow hammer was on Bob's list and I asked him

when he had last seen one in the village. He reckons it was about 10 years ago. That concurs with my experience. In the 1980s the 'little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheese' call of the yellow hammer was quite common in the countryside but it is quite rare nowadays to hear that sound or see the vivid yellow flash of the bird in summer sun.

Probably the star of Bob's list is a solitary wryneck that he saw in his garden some years ago. This really is rare. The wryneck is a small sparrow sized brown bird from the woodpecker family. It is only found in the South of England and is a migrant visitor to the country during the summer months. We must be about as



far north as the wryneck comes so that was a great sighting. I am deeply envious.

The past few months have seen the wonderfully hectic nesting period over with. This year seemed even more frantic than usual and the garden was littered with young blackbirds, starlings and sparrows cadging food from any passing adult during May and June.

The gang of jackdaws continues to haunt the redundant chimney pots, occasionally swooping down en-

masse to make a smash and grab raid on the bird table. This doesn't seem to inconvenience the regular customers including the blue tits, great tits and robins, who simply congregate below the table and wait for the big fellows to knock the food on to the ground in their clumsy antics on the table. Autumn does spell the end of Summer, of course, but one of the benefits it brings is that birds are easier to see in the bare branches of the trees. Let me know if you spot any unusual birds. Based on Bob's list it would be good to build up a register of what is seen in the village from year to year.

Steve Carpenter 441

All Saints Church

The Parish church of All Saints Clipston is part of a United Benefice of four parishes which include Naseby, Haselbech and Kelmars and will include Welford, Sibbertoft and Marston Trussell after I retire.

The church building is very interesting architecturally and well worth a look at both externally and internally. The church is always locked for security purposes but a key is available, from the Rectory or Church wardens, for anyone wishing to look around. The organ is particularly interesting being built and made by G. M. Holdich. 1816 a countrywide famous organ builder of the late nineteenth century. Thomas Holdich his father was Rector of Maidwell and Draughton for fifty years in 1794. Many people come into church to play the organ and we welcome anyone with an interest.

The congregation is small, around fifty in total, and we do struggle to keep up with the maintenance of an ancient building and church yard, there is always something that needs repairing or replacing. We are however very grateful to a small number of parishioners who help keep up the grass mowing and on-going fabric maintenance from time to time. New volunteers would be very welcome.

The services in church are almost every Sunday at 11.00 am and is normally a sung Eucharist, occasionally we have a united service in one of the other churches in the benefice, details are published in the church magazine CONTACT and on the church door and notice board. Occasionally there are early morning services at 7.30 am and some at 7.30 pm for special days and festivals. Obviously the church is available to all parishioners for Baptism and Weddings and pastoral services as well as the Orbell Room behind the church which is available for hire for small social functions.

The Rector Revd David Faulks 525342

Church Warden Jean Wilford 525438

Letters Page

I was interested to read in the first issue of 'Clipston Village Newsletter' about the origins of the Women's Institute.

I was born, and grew up in the cottage (now 4 Gold Street) which was adjacent to the room where the WI held its first meetings. My grandfather, George Wilford, moved into Calvin House (now 2 Gold Street) as a tenant of the Wartnaby family when he married in 1899. He bought his house and the adjoining two cottages (since converted into one - No. 4) in 1911 from the Wartnabys, together with the old Calvinist Chapel situated above outbuildings and an old stable. The WI held its meetings in this old chapel from 1918 until 1929, and the very small cottage next to Calvin

House, occupied by Miss Byran, and now part of number 4, was where the "Junior" members met.

My late father, Maurice, who was born in 1906, recalled seeing the ladies arrive for their meetings and enter the yard at the back of the cottages via the 'Jitty' door. The room probably ceased being used as a chapel in the mid to late 1800s and since then was used by the Clipston Troop of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry, the Boy Scouts, and by my uncle as his carpenter's workshop.

Congratulations for producing an interesting Newsletter - keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Wilford

Congratulations on publishing the Clipston Village Newsletter.

Long may it continue

Trevor & Linda Lake

I must say how much I enjoyed the first edition of the "Clipston Newsletter" and appreciate the amount of work that went into producing it.

I realise that you are hoping for a lively, possibly even controversial, letters page, creating a forum for a discussion amongst villagers but I am afraid I will disappoint you as what I am going to say is not even remotely controversial!

As a relative newcomer to Clipston (7 years!) I continue to be most impressed with the range of talents and the breadth of facilities available in the village.

Most recently this has been evidenced by the production of "Hairy Tales" by the "Cadets". A thoroughly enjoyable evening out and a cast that reflected great credit on themselves, their families and "youth" in general. Thanks must also go, though, to all the adults who facilitated this event by

giving up their time.

Then there are the attempts, led by Simon Doughty, to improve the children's play area and the playing fields. Some imaginative ideas, using local talent and encouraging local participation. Again I hope that he is successful in getting support for this project.

Finally the "clean up Clipston day" recently organised by the parish council was enjoyable as well as being effective. I'm sure this will become an annual event - although ideally it would not be needed! So basically I wanted to say "Thanks" to a variety of individuals and groups for working hard to improve the environment and quality of life in Clipston. And this also applies to you, the newsletter committee.

I look forward to the next issue.

Martin Clarke
Naseby Road

Please send us your news and views.

Victorian Solutions

September 13th 1879

Pansies Cuttings of these can be taken. Small slips with small roots attached to them can be obtained from the centre of old plants and if pricked out in fine soil out of doors, they will soon become established. They may be put into boxes or pots.



September 20th 1879

Storing carrots especially the Horn varieties will, in most places, be ready for pulling. A dry day should be chosen for the work, the tops being cut off as it proceeds, and the roots being allowed to remain on the ground for a few hours in the sun. They should then be put in an airing shed for a short time until they have discharged a portion of the moisture which they contain, but not so as to cause them to shrivel. After this they should be stored in thin layers in moderately dry coal ashes, which should be beneath and surround each separate layer and cover the whole.



October 11th 1879

Spinach Beet This is one of the most useful and hardy vegetables in the garden. Sow early in April and thin the plants to 18in. apart each way. The middle of the stalk is most excellent cooked like seakale and the leaves chopped fine are equal to the best spinach. It stands any amount of frost but bolts to seed in Spring so that fresh sowings are necessary every year. It only requires to be more widely known to make it form part of the regular stock of every vegetable garden.

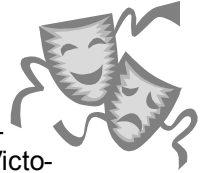


Parsley There is still time to transplant roots from the open ground in pots or boxes for use in January and February.



Peter Morrison.

C.A.D.S AND CADETS (Junior Section)



HAIRY TALES from THE HAIRY TALE PUB



What a delightful and entertaining evening the audience were to have at the Hairy Tail Pub set up in the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday 2nd and 3rd July when CADETS performed their play Hairy Tales.

Fairy tale characters, regulars of the Hairy Tail pub run by Flo (Suzanne Brooks), proceeded to tell what had happened to them since they first became famous. Some had been affected by a recipe given to them by the famous TV Chef Drusilla -the Wicked Witch from Sleeping Beauty (Eleanor Murphy). We find out why Gee - Grumpy (Faye Tilbrook) is now tall but still very grumpy. Why

Jack the Giant's son (Tim Monk) is looking for now penniless Jack (Matthew Vials). Why Red - Little Red Riding Hood (Sian Waldron) is hoping to get a recipe from Drusilla.



And how their past lives have influenced the current occupations of a very mad Hatty - The Mad Hatter (Rebecca Vials), bear hating Goldi - Goldilocks (Jessica Monk) and a very classy and up-market Ell - Rapunzell (Rian Matanky-Becker).

The Cadets (aged between 10 and 16) wrote their own lines and excelled themselves with a confident and comedic performance. Stephanie Canning directed assisted by Celine Hickey.



HISS THE VILLAIN

For the second half of the evening's entertainment CADS performed a 3 act Victorian Melodrama entitled 'Hiss the Villain'. The play relied on a lot of audience participation - hisses and boos, helped by Matthew Vials who held up large prompt boards. The youngsters in the audience particularly relished this part! It also gave the players the opportunity to overact unashamedly in order to get a response from the audience.

The first act concerns the evil Silas Snaker, a particularly nasty and rascally banker, (Peter Warren particularly relishing the part), who abetted by his snivelling clerk Bowler (Anthony Price) steals the savings of an old sea Captain Noble (Graham Pegram) who promptly dies of a heart attack during a scuffle.

The last two acts take place some years later. The Captain's wife very aptly named Mrs Noble (Valerie Carpenter), son Percy (Russell Woolford) and innocent and naïve Lucy daughter (Zoe Wright) are penniless and living out a meagre existence. Percy meets an old friend Harold (Graham Pegram) who is an old flame of Lucy. Bowler, who is also now penniless, meets the Noble family and helps them get the money back from Snaker.

Special thanks to Cissy Marlow for providing the bar props and also for the wonderful refreshments on Saturday.

If anyone is interested in joining CADS or Cadets (both front and backstage) contact either Peter Warren CADS on 01858 525463 or Stephanie Canning (Cadets) on 01858 433195

Liz Mirams
CADS



I went to a funny show Seth Clarke age 5

The Old Red Lion



A Barbecue with Live Music
will be held on Bank Holiday
Sunday 29th August, 2004.

On 2nd and 3rd October the
Annual Steam Rally
will be held

Proprietor Mrs Cissy Marlow
Tel:- 01858 525257

Please send us all your club and organisation news and event dates .
And don't forget all the Sports news!

Closing date for copy is
1st November.

See you next time....!

Clipston Riding School News

I am pleased to say the laying of the yard is now finished and we are very pleased with the results. The only trouble is I have not yet recovered from writing the cheque. Now it needs fencing and some finishing touches, but that will have to wait until the finances are more stable, and I can have Paul back after he has finished harvest.

I have recently decided I am suffering from an addiction to buying horses as I have just bought another one. I am sure it will be great fun for the teenagers to ride but still haven't found the big one I was looking for, so the search goes on. In early June some of you may have seen a whole herd of horses and



Holly Oriel on Jasper

ponies going up and down Naseby Road and Gold Street. This was the riding and road safety test that some of our riders took, and after lots of hard work studying the highway code and learning road safety techniques, they were rewarded with passes. We have now moved on to preparing for more tests over the summer holidays, and practicing for the shows. Thank you to Rebecca who we have recently had on work experience. Debbie and I enjoyed having her so much we think we could do with a full time student. Now we could just do with some nice weather so we can make our hay. Jude

VSO in Uganda by Chris Alderson Smith

Uganda is about the same size as the UK, a population of 25 million, fertile soil and a lovely climate. The people are delightful, happy and generous, most (90%) are peasant farmers, growing enough to feed their family and if they are more enterprising (not a common virtue) they may grow cash crops for an average income of less than £5 week. Life is hard work especially for women, but in many ways not bad until anything goes wrong, illness, death of the productive family members (all too likely from AIDs; although Uganda is beginning to reverse the trend). Then they lack any sort of basic social services, health, child care, human and land rights. It is for this reason many NGOs (non government organizations, basically charities based on overseas aid) exist all over Uganda and most under developed countries.

I went to work for one called Uganda Rural Development and Training (URDT). This was a long established and big (150 employees, and budget of £500k/annum from Rockefeller and Dutch charities) situated in Kagadi west Uganda near Lake Albert and the Congo border, 6 hours from the capital Kampala. URDT had initially brought basic services to the district... digging wells, installing solar power, and teaching better agriculture on the 80 acre demonstration farm. In more recent times a girls school for 200, a radio station (the only way to communicate in the very rural district, pop 400,000 but biggest town 4000!) computer, carpentry, motor and metal workshops have been developed. Many of my colleagues were dedicated and gifted teachers, speaking both English and local language (Runyero), but they had no management skills whatsoever.

As Director of Programmes my task was to help them manage their time, money and resources. A days work was very varied, I instigated management meetings and report writing to donors, but I may also have had to represent URDT at the Kabaka (local king) coronation, or drive back from Kampala with 800 day old chicks (some of which escaped from their boxes and ran around in the vehicle). I hope I had some modest success but it was an uphill task as efficient organization and business like attitudes are completely alien to the Ugandans. The only business like folk are the Asians, all expelled by Amin in the 70s but returning now there has been stable and good government for 15 years. *To be continued.....*

Christian Life Church

CLIPSTON CHAPEL

Christians first began meeting at the site of the present Chapel in 1752 but it was not until 26 years later in 1778 that a building was actually constructed. The building that we use today was erected in 1803. On the 25th. of February 1795 the congregation set aside a day of prayer for revival and as a result of this the congregation increased dramatically and soon became difficult to find room to accommodate all of the people coming from surrounding towns and villages that wanted to attend the church. So the church began to hold multiple meetings. At that time the congregation grew to around 800 people. In recent years by the general agreement of the church members the name of the church has been changed from it's former name 'Clipston Baptist Church' to a more contemporary one 'Christian Life Church'. Today the church has a small congregation of varying ages consisting of people from Clipston and surrounding towns and villages.

CHURCH LIFE AT CLIPSTON

'Christian Life' is a lively church. The main Sunday meeting usually consists of a time of worship, practical relevant teaching from the bible to help people to understand how they can have a daily walk with God. We have a children's Sunday School with a place set aside for them during the worship time 'THE KIDS ARK'. There is also a prayer ministry for people's needs. The meeting is followed with tea coffee and biscuits - a time for people to meet, talk and share fellowship together.

THE CHURCH MEETS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10.45 am.
HOLY COMMUNION IS SERVED ON THE 1st. SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

OTHER MEETINGS ARE ANNOUNCED.

CONTACT: Rob Thompsett Tel: 01858 466370



ADVICE TO CAT OWNERS!!

How to give a cat a pill

1. Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding the pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut and count to ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse from garden.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted from cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vase from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.
9. Check label to make sure pill is not harmful to humans, drink one beer to take taste away. Apply 'Bank-Aid' to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck to leave head showing. Forcing mouth open with desert spoon, flick pill down throat with elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus jab. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw T-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
12. Ring fire brigade to retrieve the ***** cat from tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.
13. Tie the little b*****'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining room table, find heavy duty pruning gloves from shed. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of fillet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash it down.
14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to hospital, sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.
15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect 'mutant cat from hell' and ring local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

CLIPSTON AGE CONCERN LUNCH CLUB

We meet on Wednesday's from 11a.m. to 2.30p.m. in Clipston Village Hall. We have coffee and biscuits and catch up on what has been happening in each others lives. We have a cooked lunch at 12 o'clock usually comprising of meat and vegetables and a pudding with water to drink or wine if someone has a birthday. We then have a raffle and a cup of tea before we all go home. We have games and occasionally speakers. It is all very informal and we welcome any new visitors. We do not really have an age limit as such but the club is really aimed towards the over 60's.

We charge the princely sum of £3.00 for everything.

Last week we had one of our Outings. We went to the Heart of the Shires Shopping Village. This is 2 miles north of Weedon

on the A5. It takes approximately 30 minutes to get there. We had booked into Emily's Tearooms for lunch, which was excellent with cold meats and salad, baked potatoes and coleslaw, followed by a variety of hot and cold sweets and cups of tea or coffee. After this we all wandered round the various shops and generally amused ourselves for another hour. Then we all drifted off home at our leisure.

On the fourth week in the month we have a team from Clipston that cooks lunch so do come and join in and see if you like us.

We still need more members to join our happy band and volunteers to ferry people to and from and also helpers to cook and run the club. Please ring Wendy Williams on 01858 463964.

CLIPSTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

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held on Sunday 5th September from 2pm onwards. This is a long afternoon of doubles matches; mixed, male v female, men's fours, ladies' fours, all on a random basis, leading to a Ladies' and Gentlemen's champion and much hilarity and bending of the rules along the way.

We always welcome new members, whatever your standard. A topspin backhand is always useful but nowhere near as vital as a sense of humour and the ability to enjoy!

Membership enquiries to Dave Bates 525491 Enjoy the rest of the summer, we will.

THE CLIPSTON BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The Clipston Branch of the Royal British Legion adopts a low profile for most of the year but springs to life every November during the Poppy Appeal that leads up to the Annual Service of Remembrance. Ours is a very small branch but part of a very large organisation.

The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading charity providing financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants. Currently, there are nearly 13 million people who are eligible for the Legion's support and about 300,000 calls for help are received every year.

How does Clipston fit into such a massive enterprise? Each year the nation expresses its support for the work of the Legion by generously supporting the Poppy Appeal. The Clipston Branch very much does its bit when collecting for the Poppy Appeal raising in excess of £1000 annually. Although there are poppies available in most shops, offices and pubs in the run up to Remembrance Sunday, there is nothing as effective as knocking on as many doors as we can in the Clipston area to raise funds.

The British Legion is the nation's de facto custodian of Remembrance, ensuring that people remember those that have

given their lives for the freedom we enjoy. Here again, our Branch plays its part with a small but moving ceremony on Clipston village green followed by a Service of Remembrance that includes the Two Minutes Silence. During the Service of Remembrance, the names of those who fell in the two World Wars from Clipston and its surrounding villages are read aloud to the congregation.

"Old soldiers never die they merely fade away". We do not want Clipston Branch to fade away and we are always looking out for new members. Our forces are currently on active service in many parts of the World but the total number of these forces has declined rapidly since the end of World War 2. As a result, there are fewer and fewer ex servicemen and ex service-women eligible to join the Legion.

Did you know that those who have not served in the Armed Forces are allowed to join the British Legion as an Associate Member? Those who do, take a full part in the Legion's work and activities across the UK.

The Clipston Branch of the Royal British Legion is part of our village life. We are also very grateful to the other clubs and organisations in the village that have supported us. If anyone would like to know more about your village's branch then please write to Rupert Law, Bridge House, Kelmarsh Road.

Red Lion Photograph

Front Row sitting from left

Alex Pegram, Dick Wilford, Don Burnham

Standing from left

Jack Brindlay (landlord), Verity Cartmel (Headmaster), Cecil Ingles, Paddy Cotter, Dennis Vials, Derek Wilford, Ben Gunn, Trevor Burnham, Tom Cragg, Sonny Dexter, Albert Thacker

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Obituary

Raymond G. Westaway

1917-2004

Born at Purlieu Farm, Naseby, the eldest of three children, Raymond went to school in Mkt. Harborough, before deciding to leave at the age of 15, to work on the farm. The family were strict Methodists, worshipping at the Methodist Chapel, Naseby. Raymond married Nora Drake, of Thornby and they moved to Cherrywell, Pegs Lane, when Raymond took on Grasslands and Hill Farm. During the war, due to petrol rationing and also whilst living in Clipston, they worshipped at the Baptist Chapel. Three children were born during their 10 years in the village.

In 1953, Coronation Year, they moved to Grasslands Farm. The farm was mixed; arable, cattle, sheep and later, pigs. A herd of Herefords was started in 1960, known as Clipston Herefords. Raymond enjoyed judging and was President of the Hereford Herd Society in 1993. He was also club leader and President of Kelmarsh Young Farmers for many years and a past Chairman of the Mkt. Harborough N.F.U.

Obituary

John Hugh Jones 24/01/1912—04/07/2004

Proud to be Welsh, John was born near Aberystwyth, second youngest of a large family. The family moved to Sutton Bassett in 1928, then briefly to North Kilworth and The Lilacs in Gold Street Clipston for 20 years. A tenancy on the Kelmarsh Estate was secured by John's father Hugh and John succeeded him in 1951 when a new farmstead [Hilltop Farm] was built. John married Nancy in 1952. Richard was born the following year and Trevor a year later. A few years after that, Jennifer was born.

John was a founder member of Husbands Bosworth Sheep Dog Trials with his brother Ewart. The love of his dogs and trialling memories were with him for the rest of his life. One of the flower tributes to John was shaped and coloured in the form of a sheep dog.

John was a keen family member of Clipston Baptist Chapel and showed his appreciation to the Chapel by restoring, with some of his close relatives, the neglected graveyard.

Devoted to his family and his farm, his lifetime of hard work began to take its toll in 1981 when he had his first hip replacement and subsequently much ill health troubled him. His interest in his farm, his family and his friends however was undiminished right to the end.

The Baptist Minister from Market Harborough, Nicholas Cooke led the funeral service which was attended by about 90 relatives and friends. Refreshments were served to the same in Clipston Village Hall afterwards.



Rachael Tilbrook married **Garreth Howard** on 12th June, 2004. They honeymooned in Antigua

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Let us
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Karen Bates
married **Jon Holt** on
24th June, 2004.
They honeymooned
in the Maldives and
will live in St. Ives.

Congratulations to Bryan Wilford

who recently received the Medal and Bar for 50 years service to the Royal Agricultural Service of England. The presentation was made by HRH the Duke of Gloucester who congratulated Bryan and about 30 other long service farmers.

CONGRATULATIONS from the whole of Clipston, Bryan!



DIRECTORY

Organisation

Details

Contact

Age Concern	Village Hall every Wed. 11am-3pm	£3 per meet	Wendy Williams	463964
Almhouse Charity			Alex Driver	
Baptist Chapel			R. Thompsett	466370
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	
Clipston Nursery	Plants etc		R. Hayward	525567
Creative Arts Society			Bim Fowler	525239
Cricket Club	Thurs evenings	Approx £20	P Whittall	469465
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
Joy of Music	Carradale, High Street		R.E. & C. Boa	525352
M&A Brown Charity			J Whitcombe	525213
Mothers Union			Ann Faulks	525342
Mums & Tots	Tues. 10-12am Village Hall	1)£1.50 2) 50p	Caroline Pemberton	525116
Music Lessons	The Maltings, 10 The Green		Mrs.Julie Connell	525336
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
Reflexology			Susie Marshall	525479
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	£52.37 / £37.85	NCC	01327 701713



The mobile library visits the village
every Monday
11.45 to 12 The Green
12.05 to 12.20 by the Church

Yoga

At

Clipston Primary School

A course of 15 classes

Full Price £52.37 Over 60's £37.85

Hotline (10am to 1pm) 01327 358864

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

VANDALISM

Many residents of Clipston are complaining about the action of a small group of youths who are repeatedly causing trouble.

Reported incidents include

Drowning of lambs	Doors kicked during the early hours
PC noticeboard almost destroyed	Bicycling in the churchyard
Bricks through telephone kiosk	Bicycle damage to the church wall
Garden plants pulled up	Abusive behaviour
Flags stolen	Motor vehicles tampered with
Criminal damage	Harassment

All incidents, however trivial they may seem should be reported to
POLICE 01604 700 700

And to our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Robert Burnham at
9 Naseby Road, Clipston Tel. 525 628

Once a file has been completed then action will follow – **IT IS UP TO YOU**

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