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## Merry Christmas!

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# Letters

## Involve the parents to keep life trouble-free

WHATEVER happened to community watch?

It was troubling to read of the vandalism that has been reported in the village but we would like to raise our concerns about our community reaction to this problem.

It seems we are always keen to blame others without really knowing what went on

or who exactly is to blame. It is very sad that we are ready to point the finger at our young people and get the police involved before we have worked together and involved parents to attempt to keep our village trouble-free.

Kate Hayward  
Andy Blake

## Don't let land get into the wrong hands

WITH regard to the land for sale outside Clipston recently, it is probably timely to anyone thinking of selling land in or near-by Clipston to either sell privately, or on a sealed-bid only basis and not by auction.

It seems irresponsible for any land agents in this day and age to ever advocate an auction of land – especially near a village. It is a terrifying prospect that land

surrounding this lovely village could easily fall into the wrong hands. The implications for Clipston and the people who live here are great and do not require too much imagination. Falling house prices would be among those fears and would affect everyone; complacency should not be an option.

Rose Westaway

## Birdman in France

ON holiday in the south of France in July I was lucky enough to experience a couple of close encounters of the feathered kind.

The Languedoc area is for me epitomised by the sounds of swifts screeching overhead. One morning I was alerted to a swift that had somehow managed to fall into the courtyard of the house where we were staying.

This was a real problem for the swift because they are incapable of taking off from the ground. This is because they spend virtually all their life in flight - even sleeping and mating on the wing.

As a result their legs atrophy and they can't take off. The poor creature was trying to climb a wall to gain enough height to drop into flight but was too weak.

I knew that in theory if I could get hold of him and release him from the roof terrace, he should be OK and that is what I did. As I threw the bird into the air I half expected him to plummet to the ground but to our intense

pleasure he soared away and joined his companions.

At dinner that night the air was full with swifts circling over us and screaming - almost as if to thank us.

The next week I was on the roof terrace when a baby kestrel - obviously straight from the nest flew down next to my hand demanding food. It had no fear and made a dreadful din until I nipped down to the kitchen and brought him some ham! I spent the next 10 minutes hand feeding him by which time he quietened down so we left him alone. Within a few minutes he had flown off - probably the only time he will ever eat ham!

We managed to get some great photos of me feeding the little fellow and I even managed to stroke his head whilst he was eating.

Rarely does one get the chance to get so close to such wild and exciting creatures.

Steve Carpenter

## How about learning to play an instrument?

HAVE you ever thought how much enjoyment you would get out of playing a musical instrument?

I recommend the piano to start, it needs more work to co-ordinate two hands. Once the piano is under way another instrument can be started.

I started to learn the flute when I was 13 years old and I like to start small children on the recorder which can be learnt by children of all ages.

With basic musical training you can play the piano on your own, with a group or accompany friends.

As all the exams have singing tests in the aural tests I also teach singing (I am a

qualified singing, piano and flute teacher) You can then sing in a choir on your own or with friends.

I spent a year studying music in Florence and then 3 years at the Guildhall School of Music in London. I gained the Licentiate of the Guildhall School of Music followed by the Associate of the Guildhall School of Music. I have now been teaching for about 40 years and am still learning.

I have never regretted learning music it has brought great pleasure to my life. How about learning? You are never too old and seldom too young.

Julie Connell The Maltings. 525336

## A letter from Australia

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2004, the fifth generation of our family to live in Clipston set out on an adventure – to start a new life in Australia.

We have been here 4 months now and have all slipped in to the Australian (relaxed) way of life with ease.

We have pondered as to how we explain our new homeland to you when we read this article in our daily paper – to us it sums it all up.

Mum and dad have now joined us so, Shaun and I (with our respective families) are looking forward to our first family Christmas together in 15 years, by the beach!

We all still have a soft spot for Clipston, and the wonderful village community spirit which resides there.

We miss you all and hope to visit in the future. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, love

Mandy, Ian, Oliver and Ronan Butler  
(aka The Butlers in Oz)

## Why the big signs?

DO you know anything about the road signs that appeared overnight at either end of Kelmarsh Road?

They are huge yellow signs whereby Northants County Council are congratulating themselves because they resurfaced Kelmarsh Road!

Why are they allowed to desecrate our beautiful village in this way?

Ann Punter, Kelmarsh Road

*Editor's reply: Northamptonshire County Council tell us that the signs will be in position for three months and have been erected in response to complaints in public opinion surveys that the public do not know what the county council spends its money on.*

## What do you think?

WE would like to know what you think of the Clipston Village Newsletter.

If you have any comments on the content, what you like, don't like, would like to see more – or less – of, then please let us know.

The production team's contact details are on the front page.

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## Neighbourhood Watch

● ARE you pestered by multi-sales calls where the telephone person only speaks to the first to answer and leaves the others with a dead line?

You can stop these unwanted calls simply by phoning 0845 7034 599.

● Are you pestered by junk mail? If you call 0845 393 893 there will be a simple form to fill in which will stop all personally addressed items, but not those sent to the occupier.

● There have been reports of criminals targeting cash machines. The gangs fit portable card readers to machines which clone the card details. If you think a device like the one shown has been fitted to any cash machine you should contact the police.



The machine will operate perfectly – you will get your cash and your card back. What the criminal gets is your card details and Pin number.

● Clipston's Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is Lynne Partridge. You can call her on 525450.

## Youth forum

IN October a meeting was held in the primary school, to discover what was going to happen to keep Clipston young people occupied.

After the article in the last newsletter about anti-social behaviour, 16 young people came to put their views forward.

And on the Guilsborough school bus about 3 weeks ago, two girls, one from the Prince's Trust and one from a group called Connections, handed out questionnaires.

At the meeting there was a sheet which was handed out with the overall opinions from the questionnaires. After all the kids had discussed the questionnaire and what the meeting was all about, they were separated into three groups to discuss a specific topic; who was going to be on the committee: ie help organise/run whatever was going to happen, what the ground rules were, and what activities could be held.

Everyone had a chance to discuss each topic and the meeting went well.

Everyone agreed they would like something along the lines of a youth club, where there could be a shop, activities to do, the occasional trip, and really just a place to hang out. Eleven of the kids put their name down for the committee and in the next month an official article will be circulated to show what is going to happen and how it will come about.

Hannah Hayward

## From the editorial team

# Welcome to CVN

WELCOME to the professionals!!!

The village newsletter team is very pleased to welcome two new members – Ann Punter and David Granger – who both have publishing experience.

This edition has been kindly sponsored by Alpha Design Services (2000) Ltd. We are looking for sponsors for future editions.

If you feel you would like to sponsor or part sponsor an edition please call one of the team.

The cost will be no more than £100 – but may be less if there are fewer pages.

Thank you, once again to all our con-

tributors. Your efforts are much appreciated – without you we would not have a newsletter!

In future editions we will be printing a village diary. Please let us have all your dates of functions etc.

Closing date for next issue's copy will be 1st February. We will be pleased to hear from you.

If you have any news items or articles or suggestions for future newsletters, again please get in touch.

Clipston Village Newsletter team

## A little glamour for page 3...



CAN you recognise any of these beauties?

It seems the best way in the 1950s to amuse the village ladies was for, er the men of Clipston to dress in female garb.

The picture was taken in 1950 and the occasion was the village's WI pantomime.

The rather fetching sextet are, back row

from left, Les Lewis, Jimmy Hooper, Horace Charlton and Bob Hurley.

The two demure creatures at the front are Peter Viles (left – with apologies for the picture quality which has unfortunately not done justice to his beautiful eyes) and Trevor Burnham.

## Clipston Garden Show and Fete 2005

WE had a brilliant day for the event and quite a few people came to this, our first combined garden show and fete.

We have held the Garden Show in a number of venues: the village hall, the cricket field, with a large marquee, and the school playing field, all to encourage more people to support us.

Unfortunately the number of entries and participants in the show has declined. This year just 38 people including children entered the various classes. A handful of stalwarts entered multiple classes – up to 27 entries in one case and it is due to these few people that the show has continued to the present day. Now, however, with the cost of the marquee (£647 this year) and the declining interest of the people of Clipston we think it is time, for 2005 at least, to call it a day.

Despite the best efforts of the Gardening Club the amount of work: selling raffle tickets, delivering numerous circulars asking you to enter, organising the show itself, it did not stop the decline in numbers. Regrettably, therefore, there will not be a show next year. We would like to thank the few participants for their past support and all of the helpers and judges who gave of their best.

G Wood, Gardening Club chairman

## The place to stock up for Christmas

EVERY December, Rod and Rose Westaway have, in addition to the usual produce for sale at the farm; Christmas trees, decorative holly wreaths, mistletoe and bunches of holly. Anyone so-inclined and with a good constitution, is able to choose and 'fell' their own outside tree, though Wellingtons are a must!

There have been Herefords at Clipston for more than 40 years and now beef from the Clipston Hereford herd is available 12 months of the year. Hereford beef may be ordered from the farm in 20 kilo boxes, containing a full range of cuts, from joints and steaks, to stewing steak, braising steak and minced beef.

At the farm, on a self-serve basis are free-range eggs, local honey, home-made jam, lemon curd, marmalade, chutney and fudge. In the winter, wild bird seed and nuts are also available. The farm is situated a mile out of the village on the Kelmarsh Road.

For any enquiries do telephone 01858 525385 or e-mail rose.westaway@btinternet.co.uk

## Clipston School

# Future plans...

By Susan Amson, headteacher

AS the Head teacher of Clipston Primary School I am delighted to write and tell you about our school news. The school has a rich heritage as a fine building and as an educator of children. We proudly claim '300 years of caring for children'. We strive for excellence in all we do, working as a team, developing every child's potential and putting children at the heart of the school.

Our challenge is to maintain a wonderful building which offers a unique heritage and make provision for a 21<sup>st</sup> century education. To do this we need to be efficient and effective in management, teaching and learning. Gone are the blackboards and in their place we have interactive whiteboards. Behind the beautiful stone walls we are busy incorporating modern technology and the latest information on how the brain 'learns'. We embrace new learning whilst upholding traditional values

We are very proud to have been awarded a 'School of Achievement' certificate for the last three years. For this to happen on consecutive years is a real achievement. This was reinforced when we were placed in the top 500 primary schools in the country by the Sunday Times newspaper. Not only are we developing the academic side of education but we now offer a range of after school clubs. These include sport, music, and French.

In 2005 we hope to make French part of our curriculum for all children. In the last two years we have won trophies in netball, football and athletics. Our newly formed, girl's football team won a trophy at their first competition. Another special thrill was winning the Syd East football trophy and bringing it to Clipston after 27 years.

We have seven classes covering the ages four to 11. Our maximum number is 25 children per class. The number of children in school is fixed at that level and cannot be increased as the rooms in the heritage part of the school building are too small. Finance is always a worry for us as our expenses are high and our income is fixed. We are grateful to our wider community for supporting us. Our parents' association should be commended for the time and effort they give to the school and the money they raise to support the education of the children. In addition we have a very good governing body with individual governors bringing different strengths to the school.

The school is a member of the Diocese

of Peterborough and as such has a Christian ethos. Each year the school supports different charities enabling the children to appreciate the wider world and to put our belief in caring into action.

The school is supported by nine teachers. Four are part time teachers including myself. We have a further 17 support staff who come into the school at various times of the day. These are administration staff, lunchtime supervisors, classroom assistants and learning support assistants. They are all an asset to our community. As a result of the number of people coming and going throughout the school day parking is an issue and we are very sensitive towards the feelings of our neighbours. We work closely with the police in addressing this situation.

Many of you will be aware of the building programme which has just started. This will continue until the end of February and I hope it doesn't cause a problem for the village. It will for the first time give the school a secure entrance. For many years security has been a real concern for the staff and governors. We are now having the link between the old and newer part of the school rebuilt and extended into a secure reception, office and headteacher's office. At the present time my office is a converted cupboard with no room to meet with parents. A toilet block and cloakroom are to be provided for our youngest children. At the moment our four-year-olds leave their classroom, walk through the school and use toilets designed for older children. In addition there will be a toilet which allows for wheelchair access. A wall is to be constructed in a classroom to make a corridor, thereby cutting down on the number of times the class is disturbed each day as classes move around the school. Finally two additional car parking spaces are to be created inside the school grounds. As a result of the building work we will be able to redesign our storage facilities. We all look forward to a working environment which allows for greater security, more efficient teaching and effective management.

The school values being part of the community. Our new building has been designed and will be project managed by our local architects, J.W.A. We are very appreciative of the help given to the school by our sewing ladies, and residents who hear children read. If you would like to be involved, being a relief lunchtime supervisor, sharing a talent or hearing readers please contact the office.

We look forward to the future.

### LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

WE are currently looking for permanent and relief lunchtime supervisors for this friendly village school. Starting as soon as possible, working term time only (38 weeks). Rate of pay is £5.61 per hour. Duties will include supervision within the dining hall (packed lunches only) and then in the playground until the start of afternoon school. For further information and/or an application form please contact the school office: 525261.



## History lesson

# ...and how the school looked in 1951



THOSE days we did not have primary and secondary school. We started school at Clipston at the age of five and stayed there until we left school at the age of 14 to start work.

The exception was after 11+ exams those who passed could go to Market Harborough Grammar School. The number was set by that school in accordance with its capacity.

During the war years, pupils over the age of 11 could work on farms for up to about ten weeks a year to help with the harvests.

You were given a green card which was signed each week by the appropriate farmer until the card was full.

These activities usually started with pea picking, then flax pulling, stooking the sheaves of corn, potato picking and mangel pulling.

We did, however, get paid for these activities. Despite doing these jobs, our health was monitored by the school doctor, nurse and dentist.

The latter we tried to dodge as his noisy drill was operated by a treadle-wheel.

During the war, the northern entrance which was for the boys was closed off and the alley and area in front of the stokehole was used to store coke for the boilers. Therefore

By Alexander R Pegram

the boys had to use the girls' entrance at the southerly end of the school.

But the boys and girls playgrounds were still segregated by an iron fence down the middle.

The school operated a house system. When you started school you were allocated a house and you stayed in that house until you left school. There were four houses named as follows: Colet (red), Newton (blue), Wren (green) and Raleigh (yellow). They competed against each other to see which house obtained the most achievements.

If during these war years we lost out slightly on academic achievements we certainly benefited from the knowledge and experience we acquired from the other

activities we undertook.

Because when we left school at the age of 14, academic achievement was nothing like as relevant as it is today.

The majority of us leaving school at that time found employment mostly in the crafts, trades, agriculture and other manual employment. It was also a time of full employment, which is far more competitive today.

We still have fond memories of our days at school, which, despite its drawbacks, we were fortunate to have experienced.

I hope you enjoy sharing my memories.





## Further from home

# Race across the Atlantic

RACING across the Atlantic requires a lot of money and a yacht. You also need to consider when is the best time to do it and with whom you sail. After all how many people can live



Checking and double checking equipment

inside something the size of a caravan for weeks on end, without tempers being frayed? Fortunately Helen and I knew enough good sailors and an owner who were up for it.

To assist mariners crossing the Atlantic, The Atlantic Rally Crossing (ARC) was founded 15 years ago. Yachts enter from many different nations

and join up in Las Palmas, The Canaries, in November each year. Part of the fleet cruise across while others race. So it was a good 'vehicle' to join and share the experience with.

The November departure coincides with the end of the Atlantic hurricane season and

By Geoff Ford

the onset of the trade winds, blowing constantly from the shores of Africa to the Caribbean. Well that's the theory! (When we started the trade winds had not 'kicked in' so we didn't know where to go to pick up the best winds and we had a hurricane warning within days of setting off. Which is a scary).

However Las Palmas was a great venue to meet up and share some sailing yarns with the other 250 owners, while we prepared for the start. But just getting to the Canaries was an adventure. We sailed 'our' boat Ballytrim (owned by a man in London) over 1,700 miles just to get there: en route we had encountered gales in the Bay of Biscay, engine failure in Portugal and then adverse winds/currents between Portugal and The Canaries. However, we arrived safely and spent 10 days checking



Helen organising provision for 17 days

and double-checking all of the equipment.

On November 23, 2003, we set off for the start line of the ARC, just outside Gran Canary, ready for our 2,700 mile race to St. Lucia. It was a first for all six crew aboard, including myself as skipper. We were all a little anxious to say the least. But we had been sailing 'our' "Swan", a 44 foot, Rolls Royce of boats – well built, reliable, and very comfortable, (not a

racing boat, although a very good cruiser) for a season and competed in the Fastnet race, so we were quietly confident all would go well. We had also very carefully prepared and provisioned for this epic crossing.

There were 250 yachts in the event, divided up into different classes, depending on length, weight, age etc. All vied for the best position to start and get away into clean airs. It was a great spectacle not just for the competitors, but also for the many hundred of spectators and relatives watching the fleet make ready.

A sequence of sound signals, from a Spanish navy vessel (our starting vessel) and finally a loud gun – exploding signalled the start. We were off. It was now down to us to safely make our crossing... *Little did we know of the 'fun and adventures' to come and befall the fleet! ....Dismasting, hitting whales in mid-ocean, breakages and illnesses that caused vessels to turn back or carry on with much a to do.....*

We started our race off Las Palmas in light to moderate winds. (10-15 mph) on Sunday, November 23 2003. There were 250 yachts in total vying for best position and speed to be the first across the Atlantic, affectionately known as "The pond". There was such a variety of craft it was scary: from out and out racing machines, to family cruisers with dogs on board – others had young children with them.

Some of the yachts were worth millions of pounds and others a few pounds! All the vessels, were divided up into classes depending on length, weight, speed etc. (it made no difference how many crew you had on board or their experience). We all had just one common goal: To sail across the Atlantic safely.

To achieve our goal we needed to be focused, fresh and ready for any eventuality that might befall us. Having fun was also high on the priority list. But we didn't quite understand just what 'fun' we would have???

To be continued...



The start, off Gran Canary

## Voluntary Service Overseas: the world from a different angle (part 2)

AFTER a difficult start, a car accident and having to share accommodation with no running water or mains electricity, life improved when I moved to a nice house they built for me. It was round brick built with grass thatch, very cool even in hot weather.

I also had electricity from the radio generator for most of the day, running water and therefore a WC, the first in Kagadi, but no hot water. The locals ate huge quantities of starchy things like maize, sweet potatoes, millet, and matooke (green bananas) with a meat sauce usually goat and of poor quality. I cooked for myself on gas, mostly vegetables and pasta or rice and had excellent fruit

By Chris Alderson-Smith

especially pineapples, bananas and avocados. I had worried about health issues but in the event I never had a day's illness even an upset tummy.

Of course I missed Janet, family and friends, but mobile phones worked very well in Kagadi, and Janet, my sister and some friends visited while I was out there. The World Service and Guardian Weekly kept me in touch and I caught up on reading over 50 books.

I visited a fellow VSO a Kenyan near Nairobi and then travelled to Arusha in Tanzania at Easter, saw a good deal of

Uganda which is a very pleasant country (except for the North where a nasty rebel guerrilla war has rumbled on for years). Because the infrastructure is so poor, roads, hotels and restaurants etc, it's not a country for touring but do visit if you are adventurous and especially if you are a bird watcher.

My 18 months was most interesting and I would recommend Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) to anyone with the time and inclination. To see the world from a different perspective was very illuminating, not least to realise how much we have to be thankful for living in prosperous England with so many services and amenities available.

# Clubs and societies

## Women's Institute

CLIPSTON WI continues to meet in the village hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and our programme for 2005 has just been finalised. We have a wide range of speakers lined up – topics include The Villages and Churches of Northamptonshire in March, History of Early Photography in April and a Musical Evening on the Life of a Classical Composer in June.

There are also two open evenings: in July we will hear about the important work of the Air Ambulance, with bring and buy to raise funds for this worthwhile service, and in November when Peter Wilford will give a slide show on Clipston Village scenes.

Ladies are always welcome to come along as a visitor and we hope you will support our open meetings.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

In the past we raised money for charity by Christmas carol singing around the village. This no longer happens because of dwindling numbers but I have some carol sheets if anyone would like to continue this tradition.

● For further information on the WI – or the carol sheets – please contact me. Rose Anderson president. 525481.



## Playing Field Trust

AT our annual general meeting the Treasurer's report showed that at March 31 2004 the Trust held a bank balance of £9302.90 including £5662.88 raised for the playground fund. Income during the year came to £3138.95 while expenditure was £3612.50, a loss of £473.55.

Major items of expenditure, apart from insurance and a contribution towards grass cutting which are paid by the Parish Council, included electricity, water, new motor for roller shutter (£400) and roof repairs caused by vandalism (over £400).

Recent vandalism to the pavilion guttering will mean further expense. Other costs were for cleaning materials, alarm servicing and general maintenance. Full details can be obtained from the chairman.

Items from the Village Needs Day survey which concerned the Trust were discussed. The main point was the condition of the playground and our new Trustees, Simon Doughty and Adam Bugla agreed to form a sub-group to consider this and report back to the next committee meeting. The bridge entrance has been causing problems so it has now been concreted to provide easier access particularly when the gates are locked.

It was agreed to make contributions to essential maintenance work on the tennis courts and the artificial cricket wicket.

Election of Officers: Laurie Anderson elected to continue as chairman, Steve Carpenter elected secretary and Colin Smith internal auditor. After many years as a trustee and treasurer, Peter Wilford resigned as a trustee but agreed to remain as treasurer until a replacement could be found. Peter's contribution over the years has been invaluable and he deserves all our thanks for this.

## CADS and CADETS

CADETS, the junior section of Clipston Amateur Dramatic Society, is currently rehearsing its next production, a one-act play titled Megan and the Golden Key to be performed in the village hall Friday-Saturday March 18-19 2005.

CADS will support CADETS by performing a one-act play. There will be further details in the next newsletter and posters will be displayed around the village in February and March.

Anyone wishing to help with this production (backstage, front of house, behind the bar, make-up etc.) should contact Stephanie Canning 433195 or Liz Mirams 525480.

● Are you interested in treading the boards? CADS is looking for new actors, particularly men, to so it can continue to perform plays annually. Our next full production will be in October/November 2005. Anyone interested should call chairman Peter Warren on 525429.

## Shooting Club

AT our recent annual general meeting members felt we had had a good year in terms of enjoyment and financial results.

We currently have around 40 members and, during the year, we have guests who sometimes become members. We shot at 12 different local venues, courtesy of local land-owners to whom we are grateful. This variety of sites is one thing which makes us different from most other clubs.

Financially, we had a good year which we need to keep going as costs continue to rise. Insurance costs over £600 per year and we need to maintain and update our equipment – we have just ordered a new electric trap which will cost about £500. These costs are in addition to purchase of clays and cartridges. We have a horsebox where equipment is stored and this will need to be replaced soon.

However, we were able to make donations of £100 each to All Saints Church and the Clipston branch of the Royal British Legion.

High Gun Trophies were presented to David Judkins and Elaine Panter. David is our current chairman and also awarded the Michael Hignett Trophy as the best shot of the year.

There is one more shoot arranged before Christmas: December 19 at Harborough Road, Clipston - this Christmas shoot includes our (in)famous Turkey Shoot. Don't worry, it's made of metal!

● For more details (including future shoots) call Laurie Anderson on 525481.

## Age Concern Lunch Club

OVER the last few months I have written articles about our organisation.

But this is obviously not the sort of friendship group needed, as our plea for more members and helpers has fallen on deaf ears. People are now more self-reliant and do not need the warm friendliness of a caring group like ours.

There are people in the village and surrounding villages who would benefit from being a members or helper. But we cannot force people to come along.

Because of this lack of interest and our helpers reaching crisis point we will soon have to stop our Lunch Club meeting on a Wednesday.

● If you would like to know more please contact Wendy Williams on 463964.

## Friendship Club

**OUR sincere and grateful thanks to Cissy, licensee of the Red Lion, for once again organising a fund raising event on our behalf.**

The money will be used to benefit all members, enabling us to subsidise outings, eating out and to help with the ever increasing cost of speakers.

In September Mary Hensman, with the help of committee members organised a successful lunch in the Village Hall. This was free to all members and was funded from money raised by Cissy.

New members are always welcome and w still only pay £2 per year to join – very good value for money! A raffle ticket and tea consisting of sandwiches, home made cakes and a cup of tea cost £1 each month. Members are asked to donate a small item for the raffle – not compulsory.

● For details about the Friendship Club please contact Mary Durran. 525200

## Clipston and District Flower Club

SINCE the last newsletter the members have enjoyed a demonstration given by Mrs Vicky Harrison who lives with her family on their farm near Bakewell in Derbyshire. Her topic was, oddly enough, Farming Life.

Apart from her artistic talent, we heard about how, on hot nights, the family retire to their 'outside bedroom' in a part of their garden where they have beds made from pallets on which they put their sleeping bags. Because of the absolute darkness, they have the joy of a night under the intensely beautiful starry sky, and if the sheep don't wake, wonderful silence. How lovely!

September saw the Village Show. Several of our members entered and not just into the Flora Art Sections. Congratulations to: Jan Kennerdel – cup for Best in Show for her design in shallow bowl; Carolyn Rutland – cup for the most point in class; Jen Soulsby – Award for Home Craft

The same weekend, a magnificent Flower Festival was held at Litchfield Cathedral. Some of our members were able to visit the festival and had a delightful time there and at a demonstration given by Rev. Mac from Ireland.

The South Midlands Area competition was held at the same time and two of our members competed. Congratulations to them both:

Carolyn Rutland was awarded third prize for her contemporary interpretation of Outreach. was a beautiful exhibit and much admired.

Linda Warren received a commendation for her entry in the category Threaded with Beauty.

It is the first time either of them had competed at this level so the club is pleased to have achieved success. Let's watch this space for future results

At the annual general meeting in October the committee changed, with one new member joining, Joan Mayes, as Pauline Price retired from the committee and from the position of treasurer, the job being taken over by Heather Weston.

Linda Warren remains as chairman and Carolyn Rutland as secretary. Jen Soulsby takes on newly created job as welfare officer. The meeting continued with a workshop making unusual containers.

● Anyone wishing to join us is most welcome. We meet at the village hall on the third Wednesday of each month. We have a varied programme of demonstrations, workshops and trips.

Just come along or ring either Linda 52546 or Carolyn 525305 for information.



## Kelmarsh Road pre-1940 after floods receded



DURING winter periods of heavy rain or melting snow there was always the possibility of flooding, but the worst flooding mostly occurred during the summer when the ground was dry and hard with a rapid run-off of water from the surrounding land made worse by the downpours of summer storms. During the worst flooding the brook followed a more winding course in closer proximity to the properties, far different to the course it follows today.

## No3 Kelmarsh Road during the floods of the 1950s



The main causes of the flooding were attributed to the alignment and capacity of the old white Arches bridge. The obstruction of floodwaters by the old culvert sited at the rear of 25/27 Kelmarsh Road and the narrow winding course of the stream itself.

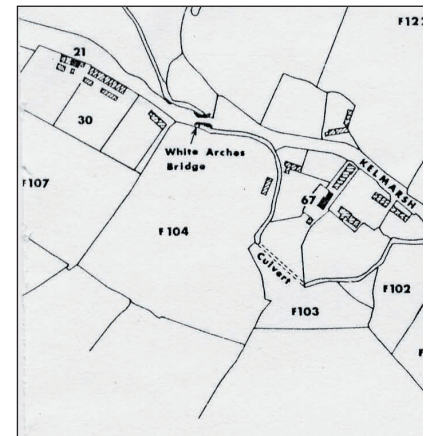
## Little Hill Field in flood before the dam was built



# Floods: village

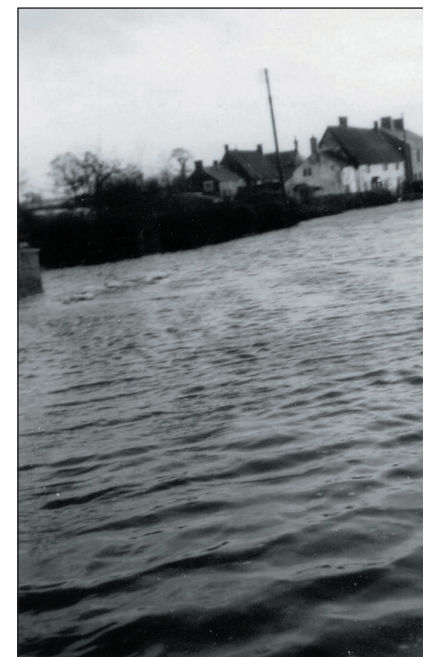
CLIPSTON has a long history of flooding affecting the lower part of the village, mainly the Kelmarsh Road area. Here **Alexander R P** endeavours to condense some of the stories.

## The original course of



This shows the original course of the stream. Note the location of the old culvert. During my childhood we lived at number 17 Kelmarsh Road and we were brought up to keep a close eye on the water levels in the brook during inc

## Kelmarsh Road 1947



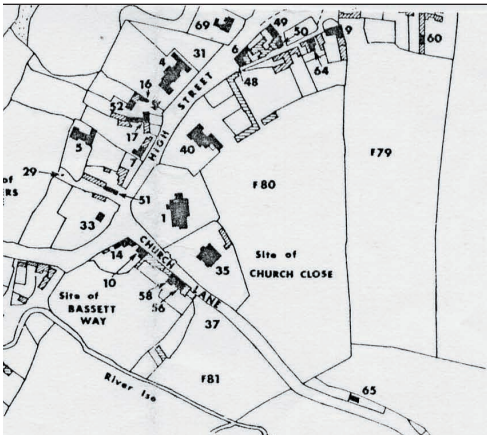
IF we thought there was going to be a flood, everything in the house was stacked on tables. We did not always predict the floods though and we were often caught out coming downstairs in a night into floodwater and silt – sometimes up to 10 feet deep.



# uisance

the village's rainy history from before 1940. And, should history every repeat itself, the Environment Agency Floodline 24 hour service number to call is 0845 988 1188.

## brook



weather and the possibility of flooding occurring. One well remembered flooding was following the thaw after heavy snowfalls in 1947. The floods occurred in February 1947 and severely affected a lot of properties.

## Old white arches bridge



IN 1953 the local authorities, the river Boar at the request of the parish council and District Councillor Rufus Pegram met to discuss measures to alleviate flooding. After several years, flood relief scheme was agreed: the brook was realigned on to its present course, demolished the old white arches bridge demolished, a new bridge built, the old brick culvert removed, the level of Kelmarsh Road raised by 450mm. The works were completed by the end of 1961.

## Realignment of the brook behind Bassett Way



But even after the works (above) were finished flooding still occurred, mainly due to the brook breaking its banks in the field opposite Bridge House and bypassing the bridge on to the road. And the brook at full capacity was higher than the road fronting No25 Kelmarsh Road. The water backed up the road drains and flooded the road until it reached the same level as the brook. So further talks with the River Board were held and it was agreed a small dam would be built in little hill field which would hold water back until the brook could cope. This was finished in 1971.

## Floods and old white arches bridge as seen from the front of Bridge House



THE brook was notorious for rising from a gentle stream to a torrent within a short space of time, leaving residents cut off from their homes or trapped on one side. Floods normally receded after a few hours depending on the rainfall. The worst area affected was between Bridge House and No3 Kelmarsh Road.



## Parish Council News

# Clipston wins the cup!

THE Parish Council was invited by Northamptonshire ACRE to attend the annual awards ceremony for the 'Village of the Year' competition at Hunsbury Hill in September.

We were delighted when our chairman, Robert Burnham, went up on behalf of the Clipston Baptist Chapel to receive a 'Highly commended' award for the care of the chapel yard.

This was followed by Clipston receiving first prize in its class for the Village of the Year with an engraved cup and a cheque for £150.

This is the first time that we have won.

The village was apparently judged just after the Sunday litter clean up which certainly helped our marks so thanks to all who took part.

The parish council would like to thank all the villagers who take care of their area of the village by keeping it tidy and cutting the grass. This so much helps the overall look of the village and surely helped us to win.



At the ceremony are, from left, judges Anne Mackley and Valerie Coleman, parish council chairman Robert Burnham and Doug Stanbridge of sponsors Calor Gas.

## How policing of our village is organised

POLICE representatives were requested to attend a Parish Council meeting after their lack of response to criminal activity in the village.

PC Gary Wright and Sgt David Mann attended a recent meeting and made the following points.

Clipston is governed by Northants Police (Western Area) and the telephone number is **01604 700700** which is the contact centre at Wootton Park, Northampton.

The calls are graded according to the crime/incident reported:

1. Emergency (blues and twos) attendance eg life or death situation or crime in progress
2. Prompt attendance eg sudden death or house burglary
3. Attendance when available eg lesser crimes

4. No attendance eg situation where details can be recorded over the telephone.

The structure of Northants Police has recently changed and the following points were made:

- The police force has been considerably reduced
- Police cannot be used as a 'quick fix' as resources will not allow it
- Resources go to the bigger crimes
- Other villages have more calls, therefore get a bigger attendance from the police
- The main police force deals with burglary, automobile crimes, robberies and drug offences
- Community Police take the remainder of the crimes

## There's nothing to do! Is there?!

**JUST what is there for the young people of Clipston? The above comment is often heard in the village. But how about the following?**

- Playing field
- Cricket club
- Football club
- CADS youth theatre
- Youth club in Great Oxendon
- Basketball facilities

All our sports facilities welcome young members or the playing field is

always available.

A youth club was formed a few years ago, but had to close because of lack of support.

The parish council would welcome discussions with parents and young people of the village to determine what other facilities would be used.

There is also a comprehensive list of clubs, societies and organisations based in Clipston on page 15 of this newsletter.

● For news on the recent youth forum see page 3.

## Clipston Parish Council

### Chairman

**Cllr Robert Burnham**  
9 Naseby Road. 525628

### Cllr Mike Fowler

Prince Rupert's Cottage, High Street. 525239

### Cllr Colin Smith

24 Harborough Road. 525361

### Cllr Mrs Angela Fellowes

39 Kelmars Road. 525612

### Cllr Paul Hooper

Barton House, The Green. 525612

### Cllr Mike Parrott

Top Lodge, Harborough Road. 525603

### Cllr Ray Bolton

Popes Cottage, Kelmars Road. 525534

### Cllr Mrs Caroline Kemsley-Pein

Newbold House, Chapel Lane

### Clerk to the council

**Mrs Lynne Partridge**  
Old Malt House, The Green. 525450

Parish council meetings are held in the village hall on the first Wednesday of every month. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can comment on any village issue during 'comments from the public' at the beginning of each meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for the next meeting are placed on the noticeboard at the end of each month. Many other issues are publicised on the board.

## THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE



## Parish Council News

### Village design statement

THE final document is in its final stages and should be ready early next year.

Each household will receive a copy.

The last part of the process is to prepare a **design statement**.

It is a vital document which can be used by the authorities when assessing planning applications.

The process involves a few residents walking around the village to identify important features or areas which should be preserved and to give ideas on how the village should look in the future.

If any villager would like to participate in this, please contact Robert Burnham on 525 628 or Lynne Partridge on 525450.

### It's now pellets, not pullets...

#### 1 November 1879: Propagating Gooseberry and Currant Bushes

Cuttings may be put in as soon as the leaves have fallen, selecting the hardest and strongest shoots about 12 inches in length, the bottoms of the cuttings to be close beneath a bud. Chop down a drill with a spade, fix in the cuttings 3 inches apart, upright, fill in the soil, tread firmly, and leave alone until rooted.

#### 15 November 1879: Chickens v Slugs

I have in former years had a great dislike to poultry of any kind in gardens, but the past season has been so exceptionally favourable for the ravages of slugs that we have been glad to avail ourselves of any means of reducing their numbers, and having a brood of chickens I have allowed them to have free range in our kitchen garden and at the first break of day they may be seen searching the rows of cabbages and broccoli, picking up slugs, worms and grubs without doing any damage.

I find very young chickens the most industrious in searching after insects and other garden pests and feel confident that poultry in limited numbers might with advantage be admitted to the kitchen garden for the greater part of the year, as during the hottest months when bush fruits are ripening the poultry could then be excluded.

In almost any position broods of young chickens might be utilised by keeping the hen in a coop near the spot where the chickens are required to search.

They will soon find out where there is food for them and any ant nests if first loosened with a fork will soon be cleared of both ants and their eggs as chickens are especially fond of them.

#### Comment:

This wet year 2004 has produced the slugs but nowadays it is pellets not pullets!

**Peter Morrison**

## Christmas tree on The Green

THE parish council has investigated the possibility of having a Christmas tree on The Green this year, but the cost is prohibitive £700 for a connection, £300 for lights plus the cost of the tree.

Would anyone like to help with



fundraising? Perhaps 'Sponsor a Bulb'?

If you would like to help please contact a member of the parish council.

Their names and numbers are on the opposite page.

### Update on 4 turns crossroad

FURTHER to the requests made by the parish council, Northants County Council has replied as follows: requests for new speed limits are considered annually in January. A request for a 40mph speed limit will be considered at the next meeting.

Consultants are looking at the requests for relocating the crossroads warning signs and placing SLOW on the roads.

Landowners will be contacted by Northants County Council to trim adjacent hedges.

### Parking on pavements

THE parish council has received several complaints regarding cars parked on footpaths.

People pushing prams, wheelchairs etc have been forced to walk on the road as the footpath is blocked, which is extremely hazardous.

The parish council requests that all car owners to please park in a responsible manner without causing danger to either pedestrians or road users.

## Clipston 50 years ago

by Peter Wilford

WE have recently seen on television and in the press, reports about the 150th anniversary events commemorating the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava in the Crimea War.

In November 1954, the Harborough Mail reported the following:

'The celebrations at Deene Hall (near Corby) which marked the centenary of the glorious charge of the Six Hundred during the Crimea War bring to mind the name of Colonel Mayo of The Hollies, Clipston.

'For Colonel Mayo rode shoulder to shoulder with the famous Lord Cardigan in the course of shaping the historic event.

'A native of Clipston remembers his step-father telling him of the dramatic return of

Colonel Mayo from the conflict.

'Residents of the village insisted on him making a speech on the village green, which he did, afterwards entertaining the residents to beer, bread and cheese and tobacco.'

Colonel Mayo must have been promoted after the event as the inscription on the body stone of his grave, situated to the High Street wall of the churchyard reads:

'Major General George Wynnell Mayow of Bray, Cornwall and Clipston, CB Knight of the Legion of Honour, late DQM General in Ireland and to the Cavalry Division in Crimea 1854-55, Alma, Light Cavalry Charge Balaclava and Inkerman. Born 31st August 1808 died 1st January 1873.'

### How many do you recognise?

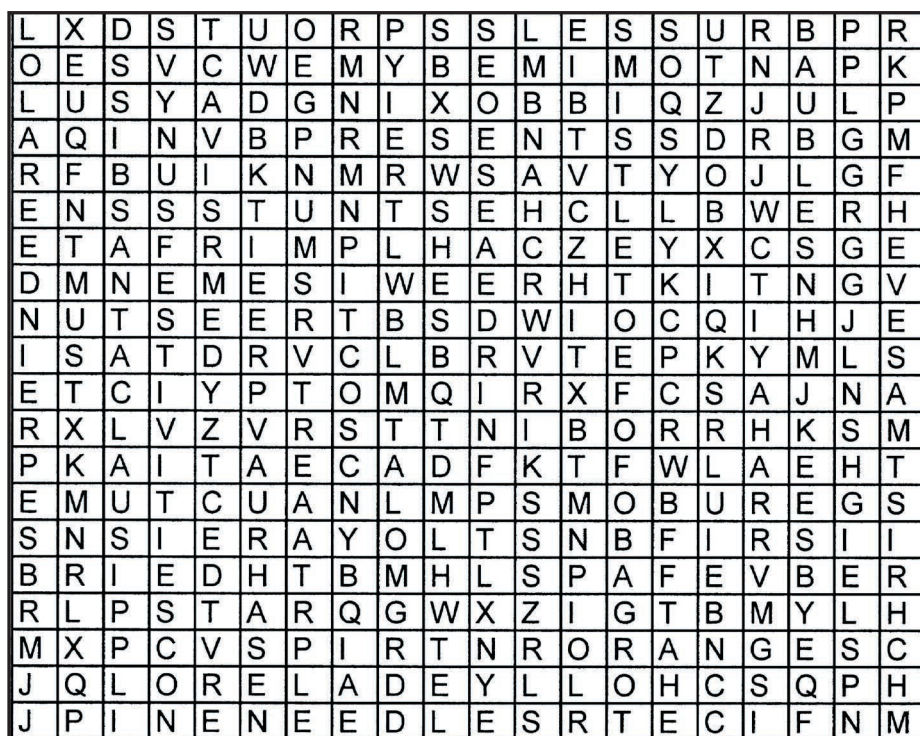
THIS picture was taken around the time of the second world war in the Bulls Head.

The people identified are, from left, Saul Thacker, Rufus Pegram, Bert Wilford, Cath Thacker, ??, Mrs O'Connor, landlady



## Fun and games

## Christmas wordsearch



## CHRISTMAS TREE

NUTS  
 HOLLY  
 FESTIVITIES  
 NATIVITY  
 SANTA CLAUS  
 PRESENTS  
 TINSEL  
 IVY  
 CHRISTMAS EVE  
 SLEIGH  
 THREE WISE MEN  
 LOG FIRES  
 SNOW  
 MISTLETOE  
 ORANGES  
 REINDEER  
 PANTOMIME  
 BAUBLES  
 ICE  
 STAR  
 PINE NEEDLES  
 FAIRY  
 LIGHTS  
 CARDS  
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS  
 STOCKING  
 CAROLS  
 BOXING DAY  
 ROBIN  
 CHESTNUTS



## Christmas recipes

## CHRISTMAS PUNCH

## Ingredients:

6 large oranges 6 lemons  
 1 lime 1 large apple  
 2 sticks cinnamon  
 1 jar whole cloves  
 1 jar mixed spice  
 1 lb granulated sugar  
 3 bottles red wine  
 1 bottle sweet sherry  
 1 large bottle soda water  
 2 large bottles lemonade

Grate the rind of five oranges, five lemons and the lime. Mix the grated rind with the sugar.

Boil half a pint of water with the cinnamon, 12 whole cloves, half the jar of mixed spice and simmer for 30 minutes.

Take the sixth orange and stick the pointed ends of the remaining cloves into the outside of the orange. Use as many cloves as you like.

Place the orange in a heated oven (about 180 degrees) for about 30 minutes to soften it.

When the spiced water has simmered stir in the rind and sugar. Add the sherry and wine and bring back to the boil. Add half the soda water and half the lemonade.

Take the cloved orange and add to the liquid and simmer for another 30 minutes. For a kick add shots of spirits - whisky, brandy and rum are all suitable.

Before serving (preferably hot) add sliced fruit including the apple - ladle into wine glasses.

A non-alcoholic version can be made by substituting red grape juice for the wine and sherry

Steve Carpenter



100 ml raisins

50g blanched, chopped almonds

1 bottle of red wine

100 ml port wine

Boil the water, sugar and spices. Sieve and discard the spices. Pour in red wine, raisins and almonds. Carefully heat - must not boil. Add port wine and serve straight away.

## RIS A L'AMANDE

In Denmark the dessert at Christmas is Ris A L'Amande - a form of rice-pudding. The tradition is to include one whole almond and whoever gets that will receive a present.

## Ingredients:

110g rice (round)

1 litre milk

1 vanilla pod

1-2 tablespoons sugar

100g blanched almonds

600 ml whipping cream

## Sauce:

1 glass/tin (300g) preserved cherries - stoned

1.5 tsp potato flour

100 ml water for thickening

A little Cherry Liqueur

Bring the milk to a boil in a thick-bottomed pan (not aluminium as it can discolour the milk!) Rinse the rice in cold water. Add to the hot milk stirring all the while. Cut the vanilla pod and scrape the seeds out - reserve them for later, and put the pod in with the rice. Cook on a low heat for 45 minutes, stir now and then. Take the pan off the heat and let it cool completely (takes 2 hours), again stir it now and then to prevent skin forming. Take one whole almond and put it in with the rice. Chop the rest of the almonds coarsely and add. Whip the cream, fold into the rice. Put into a serving dish, cover and stand in a cold place for at least 2 hours. The cherry sauce can be served either cold or warm.

## RAW CRANBERRY RELISH

## Ingredients:

1 small lemon

1 lime

1 large orange

1 large Golden or Red Delicious apple, cored

8 oz cranberries

3 oz caster sugar

Finely grate the rind from the lemon, lime and orange and place in a bowl. Cut off and discard the white bitter pith from the citrus fruit. Cut the apple and citrus fruits into chunks, discarding the seeds. Grind or finely chop the cranberries. Add to the grated rind and stir in the sugar. Chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours or up to 2 days before serving.

Bim Fowler

## Kids' Stuff

## Materials:

Shoebox,  
 pencil, scissors,  
 paint or paper  
 and glue, pennies

Penny  
chuck

Draw shapes on the shoebox bottom for big eyes and a mouth, and ask an adult to help cut them out. Paint the box, or if it is shiny, make a collage on it, to make a colourful face. Stand the box against the wall and take turns tossing pennies through the holes. How far away can you stand?



## CHRISTMAS GLOO WINE

## Ingredients

150 ml water

3 tablespoons sugar

3 pieces of lemon rind

2 whole cardamom pods

1 cinnamon stick

5 whole cloves

1 small piece of ginger



## Sport and Recreation

# News – and awards – from Clipston Riding School

THE summer hols and the test training seems a long time ago now, the weather is wet (no change there then) the nights are drawing in and the horses are all being rugged up and fed hay.

We have taken the opportunity to lavish praise on the achievements of our students over the last year in the form of annual awards.

Some awards (kindly sponsored by The Red Lion, Clipston)

- Best rider (under 8 years): Murin Campbell
- Achievement in riding and horsecare (under 12 years): Emma Kemsley-Pein; Heather Campbell
- Achievement in riding and horsecare (12 years and over): Lily Perkin; Philippa Bradshaw
- Most improved (under 12 years): Amy Fox; Rosie Ginns
- Runner-up: Hanna Pepler
- Most improved (adult): Tracey Vials
- Best practical stable management: Rebecca Yarrow
- Best all-round horsemanship (under 12 years): Charlotte Veasey
- Best all-round horsemanship (12 years and over): Holly Oreil
- Runner-up: Emily Hayward



Also very well done to everyone who took tests unfortunately they are too numerous to name them all. I know many people worked hard for them especially at d+ and c test where a bit more is expected of you and you don't pass without a bit of preparation and skill.

Learning to ride is not an easy path – it takes a lot of hard work, determination and patience, and as anyone who teaches in any capacity will know, teaching is only effective

if the student is receptive, (I have great sympathy for my maths teachers) so well done to so many of our riders who have made excellent progress who are not mentioned

Paul still hasn't done my jobs I've got lined up, but I have spent some more of his money on horses, and Debbie and I got our student, as Rebecca works most weekends and is absolutely brilliant.

Jude

## Clipston Football Club

THE season started on August 28 away at Ravensthorpe. Not a good start: we lost 4-0. September 4 we were at Kettering Park Rovers and in the manager's absence we had a better game (!) and won 6-1.

September 11 away game at Geddington. The Clipston lads did not play very well and lost 3-0. September 18 our first home game of the season and we played Burton United.

The manager's talk before the start of play must have had some effect as we won 5-0.

September 25th away again, this time to Welford for the local derby. A game we really wanted to win and win we did. Final score 2-0. Well done boys.

October 9 we entertained Wollaston. On a windy afternoon we managed to win 1-0.

October 16th home game against Ristee Towers. It looked like it was going to be a goalless game until five minutes from time, when Clipston scored the only goal of the game making a final score of 1-0. Making five clean sheets in a row.

October 23rd we travelled to Rugby to play Hilmorton. It was a very wet afternoon for players and spectators alike. Unfortunately for Clipston not a very good game and we came away losing 2-1.

October 30th we played away to Finedon Volta in a cup match. First half we played some good football but failed to score, then

five minutes into the second half we scored a goal. We defended well, then with five minutes to go a mistake by our goalkeeper allowed them to score. Full time score 1-1. On to extra time of fifteen minutes each way. We scored just after the kick-off and, second half, another two great goals went in making a final score of 4-1 to Clipston.

**Angela Fellowes, Chairperson  
Clipston Football Club**

● **ANGELA was taken to her first football match when she was a small baby (her dad used to play). We had just got to the goal post when the first football was kicked into her face. It must have left a long-term impression on her as she has been a great supporter ever since.**

Three of her four brothers used to play on both Saturdays and Sundays and Angela was there to cheer them on. She goes to watch Clipston play every Saturday, come rain or shine – nothing stops her.

She cleans the pavilion after they play at home, and washes the football kit. There used to be a first and reserve team until the end of last season when the first team dropped out of the league. Now the reserves are the first team.

**Angela is chairperson of Clipston Football Club, Jeremy Durran is manager.**

## Bulls head skittle team

THE team had a successful first season in the summer skittle league having played 18 won 14 lost 3 and tied 1 finishing equal top on points but losing top spot on legs.

The winter league has now started (played 6 won 3 and lost 3) a very poor start having lost only 3 games out of 22 all last season.

There are no league fixtures in December, we have the singles and pairs knock-outs on the first two weeks. Fixtures coming up:-

- January 7 Black Horse B (home)
- January 14 Royal Oak (away)
- January 21 quarter final cup
- January 28 Crick Club (home)
- February 4 King's Head (away)
- February 11 Admiral Rodney (home)
- February 25 Black Horse A (home)

## CFC League standing

TRAVIS PERKINS STANLEY TOOLS DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Medbourne	9	9	0	0	32	6	27
Ravensthorpe Athletic	10	8	0	2	39	11	24
Welford Victoria	10	7	1	2	29	16	22
Corby Grampians	8	6	2	0	32	8	20
Geddington	9	5	2	2	21	9	17
Clipston	8	5	0	3	17	10	15
Hilmorton	10	3	2	5	20	25	11
Wellingborough Darndale	8	3	1	4	18	21	10
Wilbarston	10	2	2	6	21	30	8
Burton United	10	2	2	6	13	25	8
Wollaston Victoria	10	2	2	6	19	33	8
Ristee Towers	8	2	1	5	19	28	7
Weavers Old Boys	9	1	1	7	10	37	4
Kettering Park Rangers	10	1	1	8	7	38	3

League Table up to and including 23rd October, 2004

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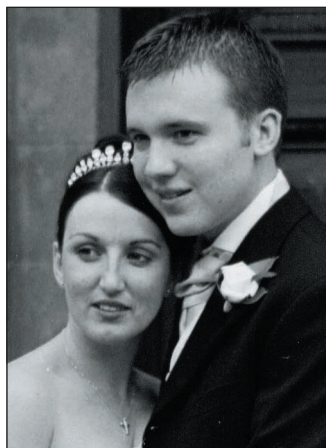
## Family announcements

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### Weddings



**Hayley Mills married Gary Fellowes. They honeymooned in Mallorca and will live in Rothwell.**



**Rebecca Jukes and Benjamin Osborn married in Little Bowden. After a reception at Sedgebrook Hall they honeymooned in the Canary Islands.**



**Gemma West married Stephen Stell at East Farndon Church. They honeymooned in Cuba and will live in Market Harborough.**



**Charlotte Fry married Toby Alderson-Smith at Clipston All Saints. They honeymooned in Italy and will live in London.**



**Beth Goddard married Richard Partridge at St Mary's, Husbands Bosworth. They honeymooned in the Lake District and Kuala Lumpur and will live in Yorkshire.**

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### Obituaries

#### Margaret Kathleen Harris

Margaret was born in Leicester in 1930, the youngest of three daughters. After school she took up office and secretarial work until she married Roy in 1952. They had two children, Mark and Elizabeth and lived for many years in Birstall.

Roy worked for the Daily Mail group and was eventually moved to London and he and Margaret moved to Chorley-Wood in 1980.

They returned to the Midlands 17 years ago and took up residence in Fern Cottage, Clipston.

Roy and family wish to thank everyone for their kindness, support and many messages of sympathy in their sad loss. Many thanks also for the flowers and donations.

#### Winnie Elliot (nee Dexter)

**Winnie died September 17th after a long illness. Daughter of Olive and the late Ernest (Sonny) Dexter, she was sister to David, Raymond, Jennifer, Margaret and Rodney and mother of Paul, Lorna and David.**

**She lived in Pegs Lane, Clipston until she married and, as she became ill, moved to Newark to be nearer her family.**

#### GEORGE ERNEST PRICE

George, landlord of the Bulls Head between April 2000 and November 2003, died at Glenfield Hospital on October 21 2004 after a short illness. His funeral took place at Copt Oak on November 2 in a packed church attended by many Clipston residents. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

#### Christopher George Wilford

Brother of the late Maurice Wilford. Chris was born in 1909 in Calvin House (now 2 Gold Street). He trained as a carpenter with Frank Hickman & Co and worked on the conversion of the Clipston Boys' School in 1927 into a co-educational school.

In the 1930s Chris set up his own carpenter's business using the old Calvinist Chapel behind Calvin House as his workshop.

In 1940 he took tenancy of Jugsholme Farm off Marston Road. He was a regular at the Bulls Head.

In the summer of 1947 he, his wife Molly and children Christine and Tom emigrated to Australia where he continued to farm.

Chris died on September 23 aged 95.

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If you have a family announcement for Clipston Village Newsletter let us know. Our contact details are on page 1.

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## Clubs, organisations and societies

# Village Directory

Organisation		Contact
Age Concern	Village Hall every Wed. 11am-3pm £3	Wendy Williams 463964
<b>Almhouse Charity</b>		<b>Alex Driver</b>
Baptist Chapel		Rob Thompsett 466370
<b>Bell Ringers</b>		<b>Ken Rutland</b> 525305
British Legion		Hon. Rupert Law 525380
<b>Bulls Head</b>		<b>Steve &amp; Emma Gotch</b> 525268
Bulls Head Skittle Team		Robert Burnham 525628
<b>Bingo</b>	<b>1st&amp;3rd Tues 7.30-8.30pm Vill Hall</b>	<b>Grace Burnham</b> 525327
C.A.D.S.	Day and venue as agreed (weekly)	Peter Warren 525463
<b>C.A.D.E.T.S.</b>	<b>Monday 6.30-8pm Village Hall £1 per night</b>	<b>Stephanie Canning</b> 433195
Clipston School Charity		Alex Driver
<b>Clipston Nursery</b>	<b>Plants etc</b>	<b>R. Hayward</b> 525567
Creative Arts Society		Bim Fowler 525239
<b>Cricket Club</b>	<b>Thurs evenings Approx £20</b>	<b>Dave Wilford</b> 463108
Flower Club	Third Wed of month Village Hall	Linda Warren 525463
<b>Football Club</b>	<b>Tues training, Sat Sept-April</b>	<b>Jeremy Durran</b> 431145
Friends of Clipston		Liz Higgins 525302
<b>Friendship Club</b>	<b>Second Mon in month 2-5pm Village Hall</b>	<b>Mary Durran</b> 525200
Gardening Club	Second half of month, day agreed	Gerry Woods 01604 740444
<b>Joy of Music</b>		<b>R.E. &amp; C. Boa</b> 525352
M&A Brown Charity		Julie Whitcombe 525213
<b>Mothers Union</b>		<b>Ann Faulks</b> 525342
Mums & Tots	Tues. 10-12am Village Hall 1)£1.50 2) 50p	Caroline Pemberton 525116
<b>Music Lessons</b>		<b>Julie Connell</b> 525336
Neighbourhood Watch		Lynne Partridge 525450
<b>Parish Church</b>		<b>Rev. David Faulks</b> 525342
Parish Council (Clerk)	1st Wed every month	Lynne Partridge 525450
<b>Playing Field Trust</b>		<b>Laurie Anderson</b> 525481
Red Lion		Cissy Marlow 525257
<b>Reflexology</b>		<b>Susie Marshall</b> 525479
Riding School	Clipston Riding School, Naseby Road	Paul & Jude Wilford 525650
<b>Red Lion Skittle Team</b>		<b>Kelvin Marlow</b> 525257
School (Sec.)		Lynn Dye 525261
<b>School Association</b>		<b>Sally Barber</b> 525545
School Governors (clerk)		Russ Jones 525261
<b>Stepping Stones (pre-school)</b>		<b>Alison Munro</b>
Shooting Club	Last Sunday in month	Laurie Anderson 525481
<b>Tennis Club</b>	<b>Tuesday evenings Play Fields, £25 &amp; £50</b>	<b>Dave Bates</b> 525491
Tennis, junior coaching	Saturday mornings when available	Dawn Springhall 468794
<b>Village Hall</b>		<b>Grace Burnham</b> 525327
Womens Institute		Rose Anderson 525481
<b>Whist Drive</b>	<b>Alternate Thurs 7.30-9.30pm Village Hall</b>	<b>Grace Burnham</b> 525327
Yoga (if available)	School, 7.30-9pm, Thursdays term-time	NCC 01327 701713

Have we missed something? If there are any gaps in the Village Directory please let us know

## Mobile Library times



The mobile library visits the village alternate Mondays

- 11.45am to midday The Green
- 12.05pm to 12.20pm by the Church

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## What's on and when in Clipston

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# Village Diary

Date	Event
December 2, Thursday	Brown bin collection
<b>December 3, Friday</b>	<b>Christmas Bazaar and 2005 School Calendar at Clipston School</b>
<b>December 7, Tuesday</b>	<b>Bingo, village hall 7.30pm, in aid of cancer charities. Prizes very much appreciated (Please note: After receiving the collection bag for goods for the Air Ambulance, Grace Burnham rang their headquarters in Northampton and was told if it's from DB Exports Ltd it is genuine)</b>
<b>December 9, Thursday</b>	<b>Whist drive, village hall, 2pm in aid of cancer charities</b>
December 9, Thursday	Grey bin collection
<b>December 11, Saturday</b>	<b>CLIPSTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Orbell Room, 10-midday. Coffee, mince pies, cake stall, raffle, Christmas gifts. Any NEW items suitable for gifts, raffle prizes or tombola would be appreciated, as would cakes. For the cake stall please leave at the rectory or call 525342 for collection. The Church is in need of money for repairs to the roof.</b>
<b>December 11, Saturday</b>	<b>A Wassail with Mark Allen and the Scirocco Wind Assembly 7.30-10.30pm at Clipston Village Hall. Tickets £5 adults, £2 Children (under 10), Family ticket (two adults and three children) £12. Price includes glass of mulled wine and mince pie. To book call Linda Warren 525463 or Cara Bolton 525534</b>
<b>December 5, Sunday</b>	<b>All Saints, Clipston Holy Communion 11am</b>
<b>December 12, Sunday</b>	<b>All Saints, Clipston, Holy Communion 11am</b>
<b>December 13, Monday</b>	<b>Clipston Friendship Club, Christmas Lunch</b>
December 16, Thursday	Brown bin collection
<b>December 19, Sunday</b>	<b>All Saints, Clipston, Holy Communion 11am</b>
<b>December 23, Thursday</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Service, Christian Life Church, Chapel Lane. Popular carols followed by mince pies, tea. 7pm. Contact Rob Thompson 466370</b>
December 23, Thursday	Grey bin collection
<b>December 24, Friday</b>	<b>All Saints, Clipston Nine Lessons and Carols 7.30pm</b>
<b>December 25, Saturday</b>	<b>All Saints, Clipston, Holy Communion 11am</b>
<b>December 26, Sunday</b>	<b>All Saints, Clipston, United Benefice Holy Communion. 11am</b>
December 30, Thursday	No bin collection
<b>January 4, Tuesday</b>	<b>Bingo, village hall, 7.30pm, in aid of cancer charities. Prizes very much appreciated</b>
January 6, Thursday	Grey bin collection
<b>January 10, Monday</b>	<b>Clipston Friendship Club, speaker Terry Bullingham a former naval officer who was blinded during the Falklands War</b>
<b>January 13 Thursday</b>	<b>Whist drive, village hall, 2pm in aid of cancer charities</b>
January 13, Thursday	Grey bin collection
<b>January 18, Tuesday</b>	<b>Bingo, village hall, 7.30pm, in aid of cancer charities. Prizes very much appreciated</b>
<b>January 19, Wednesday</b>	<b>Clipston &amp; District Flower Club demonstration (members)</b>
January 20, Thursday	Brown bin collection
<b>January 21, Friday</b>	<b>Family Bingo at Clipston Village Hall/Clipston School</b>
<b>January 27, Thursday</b>	<b>Whist drive, village hall, 2pm in aid of cancer charities</b>
January 27, Thursday	Grey bin collection
<b>February 1, Tuesday</b>	<b>Bingo, village hall, 7.30pm, in aid of cancer charities. Prizes very much appreciated</b>
February 3, Thursday	Brown bin collection
<b>February 10, Thursday</b>	<b>Whist drive, village hall, 2pm in aid of cancer charities</b>
February 10, Thursday	Grey bin collection
<b>February 15, Tuesday</b>	<b>Bingo, village hall 7.30pm, in aid of cancer charities. Prizes very much appreciated</b>
<b>February 16, Wednesday</b>	<b>Clipston &amp; District Flower Club Daffodil Workshop</b>
February 17, Thursday	Brown bin collection
<b>February 24, Thursday</b>	<b>Whist drive, village hall, 2pm in aid of cancer charities</b>
February 24, Thursday	Grey bin collection
<b>February 25, Friday</b>	<b>Oomph Band at Clipston Village Hall</b>

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If you have something you'd like to publicise please contact Clipston Village Newsletter.

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