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Welcome

Welcome to the June edition of the Clipston Courier. In this issue we reveal the plans for the Clipston Street Party (see right) and continue with the two new regular columns; the Clipston Profile (p3) and All Creatures Great & Small (p8). Plus we bring you the latest on the new village website (p4) and Alex Pegram continues his fascinating account of Clipston during World War II (p7). We hope you enjoy it!

Jim Tyson
Editor of this edition

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Clipston Street Party and Village Show



On **Sunday 12th June**, in celebration of the Queen's official birthday, we will join with hundreds on The Mall in London and thousands on streets up and down the country by holding our very own...

Street Party and Village Show (themed red, white & blue)

- **9am -12noon** ~ Produce and Craft Show in the village hall (*enter as many categories as you like - more application forms are available from the pub, church cafe and via the village website www.clipston.org*). Everything from the Show can be used to make your picnic table the best at the party.
- **12.30pm** ~ Best dressed table competition
- **12.30 - 2pm** ~ 'Bring Your Own' picnic lunch for the street party on the High Street. For £5 you may wish to hire one of our tables with up to 6 chairs and pre-book your space. Limited availability. Contact **Nikki on 525660** or bring your own furniture and set it up yourself
- **2-5pm** ~ Games and activities for all ages, children's King/Queen fancy dress, live music from the folk and jazz bands, teas and cakes, ice creams, bouncy castle, face painting, tombola & raffle, exhibits in church, themed quiz, singing and much more!

The High Street will be closed for through traffic from 8.00am - 7.00pm.

For more information or to download a Show application form, please visit www.clipston.org

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Mary Durran



Mary Lilian Durran
1931 – 2016

It was with great sadness to hear of the death of Mary on the 25th March.

Mary was the eldest of three children born to Arthur and Ivy Lilian Masters. A devoted family person, she was a caring sister to John and the late Betty, a loyal wife to the late Bob, who was our local milkman, and a loving mother to Jeremy and the late Nicola. Also, she was a very good mother-in-law to Emma and a wonderful Nanna to her four grandchildren.

Living all her life in Clipston, Mary attended Clipston School and then The Market Harborough Grammar School. On leaving school she was employed in the offices of a Northampton brewery. She often talked about biking with friends to the Clipston and Oxendon Railway Station to catch the train to work in Northampton. They were usually in a rush and would pile their bikes against the station building, then clamber over the railway lines in front of the steam engine to get to the 'Northampton' platform. If, however, they were a little late the train would wait for them! Once the train had moved off, the porter would collect their bikes and put them in the shed, so they were kept nice and dry for their return journey back home to Clipston.

Many of us will remember Mary with great fondness as secretary at Clipston School, a post that lasted from 1972 – 1996. She was an excellent member of staff, with "many strings to her bow"; supervising over lunchtimes, patching up children after playground accidents, helping on school trips and sports days, producing programmes for school plays etc. and of course the needlework, so beautifully worked to a high standard by the children. The list was endless!

After her retirement from Clipston School she returned on a voluntary basis

to help once again with the needlework, which she continued for many years.

Mary was also a stalwart in the community. She had been a member of the WI for just over seventy years, and during that time held the office of treasurer for ten years.

She was an invaluable member of the Friendship Club, taking over administrative duties from the late Mrs Joyce Haynes, until early this year.

Mary was also a Trustee of The Clipston Consolidated Charities, a position she had held from 2001.

The exceptionally full church and beautiful words at Mary's thanksgiving service were a fitting tribute to her. It showed just how much she was loved and respected in the community. It was also very appropriate to have the refreshments after the committal at The Bulls Head as Mary's grand-parents, James Masters, who was the licensee, and his wife Mary, lived there in the early 1900s.

Mary will be remembered with great affection and her motto in life must have been, "*If a job is worth doing, it's worth doing well*", because whatever Mary did, she did it well! Mary will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to have known her.

Jean Wilford

Friendship Club

The following events will be held in June & July at the village hall;

13th June Lunch 12.15 for 12.30 followed by Rosemary Leonard entertains. Afterwards tea and scones.

11th July An Indian experience; a talk by Greta Paradine Palmer. A follow up to 'Dressed to Impress'.

8th August Great Oxendon Garden Meeting with bring and buy.

Contact - t.b.a.

Clipston Church

Church News

Bids are now in for grants for the replacement of the lead roof. We hope to hear about the outcomes over the next few weeks. In the meantime the tarpaulin is doing its job.

The newly opened coffee shop in the Orbell Room is proving to be very popular. Open from 9.00 to 12.00 noon every Wednesday morning it provides freshly brewed coffee and a variety of refreshments including croissants, teacakes, home-made cakes and biscuits.

Prices are very reasonable and it has been heartening to find that so many people are coming along every week and staying for quite some time to enjoy the atmosphere and the new décor. Daily newspapers are available and children are especially welcome as there is a range of toys available to keep them occupied.

A spin-off from the coffee mornings has been the discovery of some very interesting old documents tucked away in the vestry relating to previous structural works at the church. They make fascinating reading and will be serialised in future editions of the Courier.

The church has been running a 'house group' for over a year now. This is a small group of people who are interested in spiritual aspects of our lives and meet each Monday night for a couple of hours where we discuss issues of the day, study the Bible and generally put the world to rights. It is not essential to be a church member to attend these meetings and all are welcome. If you think that you might be interested in coming to a meeting to see what it is like, please contact **Steve Carpenter on 525120.**

Finally, as reported elsewhere, another big event was held in the church over the weekend of the Queen's birthday where a number of displays and competitions took place. There was a superb concert on the Saturday evening and the weekend was rounded off by a special service of thanksgiving in the church on Sunday evening. This was another series of events aimed at increasing the number of people using the church as a community venue and it was great to see so many people from the village and elsewhere enjoying the events.

Steve Carpenter

Please contact the editors with any news, views etc.

Nigel and Leah Gardner

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Clipston Profile: Carolyn Downing



Clipston Weather

February 2016

The first three weeks of the month were wet, with rain on most days, but the last week was dry, except for rain during the late evening and night of the last day. Total rainfall was 66.7mm – a third above my average. Temperatures were a little above average for both day and night, although I recorded 13 nights with air frost in my screen, the lowest being a moderate minus 4°C.

March 2016

Another wet month with over 80 per cent rainfall above my average. The total was 97.4mm with well over a third of that falling during the evening and night of the 8th and into the next morning. Over half a month's rainfall came in less than 12 hours! This resulted in flooding in Kelmarsh Road, and in Market Harborough, from the high river levels. Day and night mean temperatures were below average, with air frost on 12 nights.

April 2016

For the fourth month this year, rainfall was above average, although by only 6 per cent this time. I measured rain on 13 of the first 16 days, followed by a dry week. The total for the month was 58.1mm. Although there was some sun on most days, daytime mean temperatures were 2°C below average with a maximum of only 16°C whereas we usually achieve about 20°C! Night temperatures were also below normal with air frost on 5 occasions.

Peter Wilford

TREASURE HUNT

Sunday 26 June from 2pm

Two treasure hunts will run (both starting at the pavilion on the playing fields) - one on foot around Clipston, one by car around local villages. BBQ and drinks afterwards into the evening.

'A fun afternoon guaranteed! Everyone welcome.'

Liz Davies 07525 640 477

Carolyn Downing is a theatre sound designer and lives in Clipston with her fiancé David, and their daughter Alice. She won the prestigious Olivier Award for Best Sound Design in 2014. Her work takes her everywhere from London's West End, to theatres across Europe and on Broadway.

So, what exactly is a sound designer?

"Basically I am responsible for everything the audience hears in a production," Carolyn explains. This includes music and sound effects but also more inventive uses of sound that help to create the atmosphere of the story.

"Like a set designer is in charge of the visual look of a play, the sound designer has to think about what the world of the play sounds like. For example I worked on a play that was set on a farm, and so I recorded lots of different metallic sounds to reflect the rusting metal of farm machinery. You can play with real and environmental sounds to abstract and distort them so they become more musical or atmospheric, and if these sounds are used to underscore particular parts of the action they can help create a certain mood or feeling."

Carolyn's involvement with the theatre began as a teenager in Salford, where she grew up. Her school built a brand new theatre, and an inspirational drama teacher started a production company and handed responsibility for the theatre over to the students. "He said we had to do everything from mopping the floor to programming the lighting desk," she says. "I was asked to do the sound for a play, and I really enjoyed it. I ended up training others and really got into it."

Work experience at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester followed, and she

went on to gain a place on a degree course in theatre practice, specialising in sound design at the Central School for Speech & Drama in London. The rest, as they say, is history.

When asked about her Olivier Award for the Lucy Kirkwood play 'Chimerica', she is very modest and confesses that her proudest moment was actually doing a different, much smaller production with the National Theatre, which had more technical and creative challenges. "It was a monologue play about a female cricketer who was repeatedly batting on stage, but we couldn't use real balls so it was my job to convince the audience the ball was there, using only sound. We had to create very imaginative, high-quality sound recordings and then ensure precise positioning and level balancing of the speakers. When we pulled it off, it was very satisfying."

Carolyn's partner David also works in theatre as a lighting designer, and so the two juggle family life with their work commitments. They moved to Clipston eighteen months ago after living in London for fifteen years. "We just wanted a change of lifestyle and when we saw the cottage in Clipston we fell in love with it. We first viewed the house when the Steam Festival was here, so Alice was determined to live in the cottage with the fairground on the doorstep! We felt so welcomed when we moved in - everyone here is so friendly and genuinely wanted to get to know us." With a second child due in June, Carolyn & David are looking forward to becoming a family of four, and so their busy, creative lives are about to become a little bit busier!

Tennis Club

Spring is here again and the Tennis Club has resumed its friendly Tuesday club nights, anytime from 4:30 either until the light fades or the thought of a pint or two at The Bulls Head has us heading in that direction. We occasionally play some friendly matches so the courts may not be available other evenings. We also offer coaching to interested youngsters on a Thursday evening from 5.00 pm.

If you're interested in attending these sessions please contact;
John Oldershaw on 01858 525409 or Martin Clarke on 01858 525558.

If sufficient interest the club will also provide professional coaching in the summer.

Martin 01858 525558

Further details;

www.clipston.org/clipston-tennis-club

Clipston 100 Club

The 100 Club has been established to raise funds for the maintenance and development of the recreation ground, which includes the playground, tennis courts, pavilion and playing fields. The fund is a monthly draw based on a £5 monthly entry, and with a £100 prize draw.

Winners are announced on notice boards at The Bulls Head and on the village notice board, and on the fantastic new village website at;

www.clipston.org/clipston-recreation-ground-100-club

The aim is to get 100 members, and as the membership increases, additional monthly cash prizes will be added. Help this important facility, and have fun in the process!

To join, or if you have any queries call, text or email;

Charlie Shaw 07967 649657
Email: ctshaw@gold-vision.com

Clipston & District Flower Club

Our June meeting is a private visit to one of our members' gardens in the village.

July 20th we have Ian Colledge coming to talk to us. He runs the lovely nursery just outside Braybrooke and will be bringing goodies for sale.

August we do not have a meeting.

September 21st is a demonstration by Jo Poulter.

If you would like to come to one of our meetings you are very welcome: The third Wednesday of the month in the village hall at 7.30pm.

(Photo right: Part of Queen's goth birthday celebration in church)

Clipston Website Goes Live!



If you haven't discovered the new Clipston website yet, please do visit www.clipston.org and take a look! The site went live in March, and aims to be a more up-to-date and dynamic way to share news, village information and details about what's on in Clipston and the surrounding area.

The website, which includes photos of the village, an events diary and news features has been put together by Jim Tyson and Roger Wallett, who are both on the editorial team for the Clipston Courier. They regularly update details to ensure that information is current. "We wanted to have a way of communicating the latest local information to villagers in between Courier issues," explains Jim. "The Courier is published quarterly, but the website can catch events and news 365 days a year and is updated on a daily basis".

In addition to the events, the website is there to record Clipston life, past and present. "We really want the community to get involved and help us add photos, articles on history and anything else they might find interesting," says Roger. "We have a gallery section on the website for photographs and we are keen to capture all parts of the village in all the seasons to have a comprehensive record of the village throughout the year. So if you are out and about and see something worth photographing, please share it with us!"

As the website becomes more established, the plan is to add more pages for each of the village clubs and organisations and to expand some of the Courier features so that we can include extra photos, web links and further details online. We hope to make the site useful, entertaining and current, so please help us with your contributions! Whether it's a feature on the history of Clipston or dates and times for local jumble sales, we'd like to hear from you!

www.clipston.org

Please send your news, features, events information and photos to;
Email: clipston.org@gmail.com

Liz Davies



Village Show and Royal Exhibits

Village Show

9am to 12pm Sunday 12th June

We are bringing back the village show this year in an explosion of fun, creativity and, hopefully, some really lovely home-made produce, which can then be used to help make your 'best dressed table' at the street party really stand out from the rest.

There will be categories for all ages and all abilities, from the best creature created out of fruit and vegetables, to the most beautifully arranged vase of flowers; the most creative sandwich to the scrummiest jar of pickle; the best picture of a local scene to the most beautifully decorated cupcake.

Extra forms can be downloaded from the village website www.clipston.org or contact Caroline Pemberton (525118) for more information.

Hannah Eveleigh

"Royal Exhibits"

As part of the Village Show and Street Party, the church will be open from 2-5pm showing "Royal Exhibits".

If you have a piece of royal memorabilia from any event in the Queen's life and wish to display it in the exhibit please contact;

Faye Tan 01858 525275
or Val Carpenter 01858 525120

Clipston Shooting Club

Our club will have been in existence in October for 30 years - much longer than most shooting clubs in the county, and maybe the country!

We started in 1986 with two objectives, first, to enjoy clay pigeon shooting in the fresh air and secondly, to help local organisations financially if possible.

We have had hundreds of people learning and enjoying shooting over the years; men, women and juniors. We have been grateful to local landowners for allowing us to shoot on their land.

Our committee members have made the shoots possible by setting up shoots etc. We own all our own equipment and provide lessons and guidance in safety for people who attend. By the way, everyone is welcome.

Every year since our inception we have made donations to local organisations. We have made a point of helping only small local groups as opposed to national charities. So far we have raised over £28,000 and distributed it to organisations such as the Royal British Legion, All Saints Church, the Air Ambulance, Spaniel Rescue, Women's Institute etc. We now have around 50 members and meet every month but we have room for more. We give instruction and can lend guns. Everyone is welcome - come and try.

Anyone interested, ring me for information.

Laurie Anderson 01858 525481

Clipston Choir

As many of you will know, I started up the United Benefice Choir a year ago with the view of singing at the United Benefice services on the 5th Sunday of a month. Just four services a year held in Clipston, Naseby, Kelmarsh and Haselbech churches.

We had a few members from Naseby join the choir, though they have now left us, but none from Kelmarsh or Haselbech. The choir now is made up solely of Clipston members from all denominations who enjoy singing good music. We organised a lovely Christmas Celebration evening with us singing carols as solos and as a choir, carols with lots of audience participation and non-biblical readings. It was such a successful evening I decided then we should do something else halfway through the year, as well as the United Benefice services. My son, who lives in the USA, suggested a concert to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The celebration weekend became much more than a concert involving not only the choir; C.A.D.S. joined in and did some wonderful acts, the hand bell ringers, Freja Leveritt singing a solo, the audience participation of the patriotic singing nearly took the roof off the church. The highlight was Simon Over playing the organ. I cannot wait for our choir to perform again which we will do sometime leading



up to Christmas with another concert and audience participation. Watch this space!

The choir members are a varied lot, the largest majority cannot read music, some cannot sing in tune, but the one thing they all have in common is that they are enjoying singing as a group. We rehearse alternate Thursdays at my house and if anyone would like to join please contact me;

Julie Connell 01858 525336
E-mail: j.connell118@btinternet.com

Baptist Chapel

We have a service every Sunday at **10.45am** with Communion served on the first Sunday of every month.

Refreshments are available afterwards and we welcome everyone to stay for a drink and a chat.

Dates for Diaries

- Sunday 12th June - Street Party and Village Show & Royal Exhibits p.1 & p.5
- Thursday 23 June - Sulby's Secret Garden p.8
- Sunday 26th June - Treasure Hunt p.3
- Sunday 10th July - Garden Party p.1
- Thursday 13th July - Neighbourhood Development Plan p.10
- Thursday 25th August - Sulby's Secret Garden p.8

DID YOU KNOW?

That the red telephone box in the High Street is Grade II listed!

Clipston Almshouse Charity

CLIPSTON ALMSHOUSE CHARITY
DETACHED BUNGALOW - AVAILABLE NOW
19 High Street, Clipston - £200 pcm



The Trustees are inviting applications from suitable persons to occupy this modernised dwelling. The recently decorated accommodation includes a living room, dining-kitchen, double bedroom, and full disabled shower room. The windows and external doors are double glazed PVC, and heating is by electric storage radiators. On-street parking.

The bungalow is suitable for an elderly person/couple or alternatively could also be suitable for a partly disabled person, although the steep path from the road imposes some limitations. Gardens maintained by the charity.

When the bungalows were built in 1929, it was intended that occupants should be "60 years of age, or over, and shall have been parishioners of Clipston, Hazelbech, or Lilbourne for 10 years prior to their application".

These conditions are now somewhat relaxed and the trustees will consider applications from any suitable person, preferably with either direct or indirect links with Clipston or surrounding villages. The appointed resident will not be regarded as a 'tenant', but will be required to pay a Monthly Maintenance Contribution.

Anyone interested in making an application to occupy the bungalow should, in the first instance, contact the Chairman to the Charity; Peter Goodchild, at 6 Gold Street, Clipston, Market Harborough.

LE16 9RR (Tel. 01858 525532) and request a fact sheet giving details

of the information required by the trustees to enable them to appoint the most suitable resident.

Subject to receipt of written applications, viewing of the vacant property will take place by prior arrangement.

Peter Goodchild

Clipston WI

Our last 2 speakers were most interesting; Jim Tyson telling us about diving and finding ancient artefacts and the "Spring Clean your Mind" talk was all about how us ladies, especially, get a bit weighed down by life sometimes and we should take some time for ourselves and say "No" occasionally when asked to take on yet another task! Good advice but not always easy to follow. May saw us discussing the 2 latest proposed campaigns – "Addressing Food Poverty" and asking for "Appropriate Care in Hospital for people with Dementia". Important topical issues which will be taken forward to the national meeting.

There is a change to the June speaker who is now Daphne Machon, local author from Arthingworth, who is going to tell us how she got her detective books published – there are lots of local references in them.

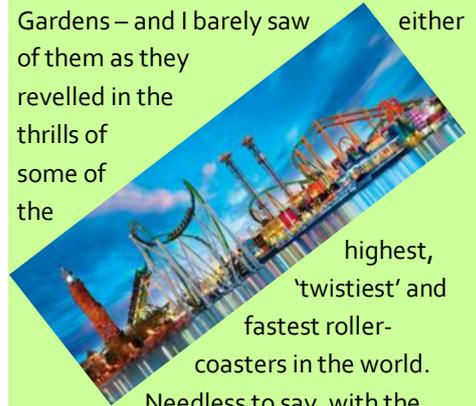
For July we are hoping for good weather so we can enjoy a garden evening – ladies, come and join us for some stimulating talks, fun and friendship.

**Rose Anderson, President
01858 525481**

Holiday Fun

With two adrenaline junkies in the house Orlando made a perfect destination for the Easter holidays. I was more excited to see Ruby's face when she found out, on Easter Sunday, her 13th birthday, that we'd be heading across the pond the following week! All the months of clandestine planning were worth the tearful but gobsmacked reaction!!

We visited SeaWorld, Universal Studios & Islands of Adventure, Epcot and Busch Gardens – and I barely saw either of them as they revelled in the thrills of some of the



highest, 'twistiest' and fastest roller-coasters in the world.

Needless to say, with the exception of a few attractions and gentler rides, I was left to my own devices. I'd had the foresight to take a good book (*The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins – a great read) and found some shade, which proved elusive on a few days.

The highlights for me were Discovery Cove with the Dolphin Swim and snorkelling in the Grand Reef with its myriad tropical fish and enormous rays, along with Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral on the Atlantic coast. We got to experience the Shuttle Launch Simulator, which was incredible and visit the Space Shuttle Atlantis Exhibit, the Rocket Garden and Apollo/Saturn V Center plus a behind-the-scenes tour. NASA's Astronaut Memorial honoured those from the elite cosmonaut corps who gave their lives in the pursuit of knowledge that lies beyond our Earth, a simple but moving commemoration.

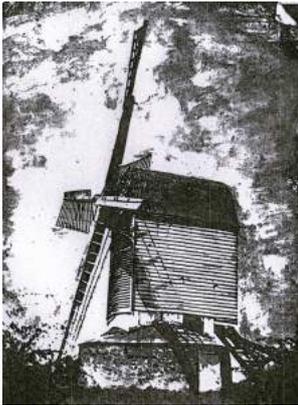
And the very best part of Discovery Cove and Kennedy Space Center? There's not a roller-coaster in sight!!

Abi Prescott

Remembering the Past

Clipston resident, Alex Pegram, continues to give us a fascinating insight into life in the village over the last century. In this issue, he writes about life in the village during World War II and the bomb that came so close to causing damage.

As the war continued, it was inevitable that life in Clipston would change too. Many of the younger generation were away fighting and veterans from the First World War became invaluable to the Home Guard and Observer Corps (later the Royal Observer Corps) with their military knowledge and expertise.



The Old Clipston Windmill
Stood at top of hill on Marston Trussel gated road.

Those who weren't in the armed forces but worked in reserve occupations like agriculture still played their part in the country's defences and found themselves in significant roles as air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen, police specials and in the auxiliary ambulance service. Even young boys between 14 and 18 years old were recruited to act as runners between units in the event of a communication failure and it seemed the whole village had some important role to play in the war years.

As food rationing was introduced, rural areas such as Clipston were at an advantage in that people were able to rear



From left: K. Woodhouse, Helen Thacker, Agnes Thacker, Saul Thacker and Rufus Pegram. Waiting for the bus, Helen going back to her unit.

pigs for slaughter and many kept poultry for meat and eggs. Wild rabbits became an invaluable source of food and we of-

ten went out at night with others from the village long-netting, ferreting, snaring and shooting. On a good night, up to 50 rabbits could be caught in the nets. Luckily Clipston escaped almost un-



1942 Wartime Wedding
Emily Louise Bright (postmistress' daughter) and Mirek Umlauf (Czechoslovakian soldier based at Arthingworth)

scathed from the bombing raids but in 1942 a HE bomb was dropped in the pond at the rear of Weskers Cottage (now the end of Weskers Close) which caused extensive damage to the cottage and surrounding area. We were living at the white house at 17 Kelmarsh Road at the time and windows were smashed, the lath and plaster ceilings collapsed and the chimneys were blown down. Amazingly nobody was hurt as the family



Kelmarsh Rd; Weskers Cottage on the right, was bombed in 1942

had hidden under the beds. A second bomb fell in a ditch along Station Road and blew a large tree into the neighbouring field but again, no one was hurt. Many incendiary bombs were dropped around Clipston from the raids on Coventry (from where the red sky from fires could be seen from the village), and often gunfire could be heard overhead from the night fighters attacking the bombers. In fact, Wellington Bombers would regularly fly overhead carrying out



From left:
Civil Defence embroidered cap badge
Air Raid Precautions silver lapel badge
Womens Land Army cap badge

gunnery practice and in 1943, while our 2-year-old sister Rita, was sleeping in her pram near the water tank in the garden, some spent bullets from a plane overhead hit the water tank after passing through poor Rita's pram hood. Luckily the little girl slept through the whole thing!

My father received a letter one day telling us to change the colour of our white house as by moonlight it could be spotted and used as a navigational aid for enemy aircraft. We collected bucketfuls of cow and sheep droppings from the fields and mixed them with water in an



White house before it received its camouflage.

old drum. As a member of the local A.R.P unit my father was in possession of a stirrup pump and used this to spray the house with the green mixture. The house ended up a camouflage green and remained as such until 1945 when it was repainted its original white.

To be continued...

Alex Pegram

Editors note:
We will add all the issues of Alex's 'Remembering the Past' to the village website, www.clipston.org shortly.

All Creatures Great & Small



'Hen' and 'Ren'

With an ex-jockey dad and an aunt who trains race horses it is no wonder that Henry Main has been riding horses since before he could walk. Fast forward to today, and Henry can now be seen racing his beautiful (but naughty!) 13-hand liver chestnut British riding pony, Renaissance, at prestigious race courses around the country. At the ripe old age of 13 Henry has actually competed in 23 races already, winning 4 (one at Cheltenham and more recently over the Easter holidays at Ascot) and he has a bedroom full of rosettes to show what an accomplished jockey he has become. Henry and 11-year-old 'Ren' are a perfect partnership and although Ren can be 'really mischievous' before a race and tries to buck Henry off in his excitement, when the starter sounds he is totally fo-

cused and does exactly what Henry tells him to do. After school each night the two of them can be found walking or trotting up to Sibbertoft, learning to bond with each other and getting the all-important exercise that is so crucial to both horse and jockey; or in the stables at Di Walpole's house on Pegs Lane. In fact, Henry says he 'owes everything to Di', who, along with Henry's dad, taught him all he knows, particularly how to deal with really naughty ponies!

So, in years to come, when you tune into the Grand National, the Epsom Derby or the Cheltenham Gold Cup, look out for a flash of orange cap, a blur of an orange Cross of Lorraine on a blue background and a pony trying to knock its rider off on the start line and it may well be young Henry Main, our very own jockey from Clipston and his playful friend and trustee partner, Renaissance.

Hannah Eveleigh

Email your photos and some details to; clipston.org@gmail.com and you could be featured next time.

Stepping Stones Pre-School

'OUTSTANDING OFSTED!'

Congratulations to Stepping Stones Pre-School which maintained its 'Outstanding' Ofsted status after a visit in May. "Ofsted standards have risen so much, that to achieve this is fantastic," said manager, Sharon Brigden. "The team always work really hard and we are all delighted." The pre-school's weekly forest school; their special needs support and great staff-to-child ratios have all contributed to its success. Frances Barber, a parent, said "It just confirms what we already knew. Stepping Stones has always been excellent!" Well done all!



'The Stepping Stones Team'

Coffee & Chat Mornings and Canine Partners

The dates for the next few coffee mornings are;

- Saturday 18 June
- Saturday 16 July
- Saturday 20 August.

In the village hall.

Anne, Jenny and Jill

Sulby's Secret Gardens

It was good to attend the first opening of the year at Sulby Gardens on April 28, even if the weather felt more like it was January! Nonetheless, the display of Fritillaries (photo below) in the wildflower meadow was particularly enjoyed by the many visitors who attended.



Another highlight of the day, was the launch of a new booklet telling the story of Sulby Gardens, featuring the history of Sulby Hall and the development of the gardens and Nature Reserve.

The story of Sulby Gardens' costs £5.00 and can be purchased at the open gardens (see photo on right).

The next Sulby Gardens openings are;

- Thursday 23 June 2pm - 5pm. Wildflower meadows at their peak
- Thursday 25 August 2pm - 5pm. Butterflies, Dragonflies and Aquatic Plants. Sulby Gardens, Sulby, Northants, NN6 6EZ - just 10 minutes' drive from Clipston.

The Story of Sulby Gardens



a small corner of Northamptonshire

All profits from the open gardens and the Sulby Gardens booklet will go to charity. **£4 entry, children free.**

Stephen Woodgate

Clipston Primary School

Welcome to Clipston School's newsletter for this summer term.

In honour of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations the children enjoyed designing bunting and making party food for the picnic held during the afternoon of the 21st April. It was lovely to see the children parade their crowns which later formed part of the village's celebrations and are currently on display in the church.

At the beginning of May we were

delighted to welcome parents, children and visitors to our Annual May Fete, with traditional maypole dancing performed by the individual classes. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Year 6 to be a central part of the day, before they look forward to the next stage of their academic journey in September. This culminated with the traditional crowning of the May Queen, who was accompanied by her Year 6 friends.

The Reception children ventured into Bluebell Woods at Coton Manor and had a wonderful time, with many of them spotting a fairy or two and even a Gruffalo! The children in Years 2 and 6 have worked hard during the National Standard Assessment Tests which were held in May, whilst internal assessments have taken place for the other year groups.

Our sports teams continue to enjoy extra-curriculum activities both at lunchtime and after school and have taken part at the X-Country Festival at Daventry. We are fortunate to be supported by ex-parents

and existing parents who run these clubs in their spare time. The children are looking forward to the Annual Sports Day taking place at the end of June; hopefully the weather will be kind to us! Music continues to thrive under the direction of Mrs Ginns with the school choir and ukulele club becoming increasingly popular. We have a number of peripatetic teachers who visit the school providing violin, recorder, flute, brass and guitar lessons. Gabriel in the Woodpecker Class successfully passed his Grade 1 piano, whilst Nanami, in Kingfisher Class, won the Primary School heat at the Junior X Factor, held by the Great Bowden Recital Trust in March. After qualifying for the final with her piano recital, Nanami was awarded the 'Most Promising Instrumentalist'. Well done to all!

Visitors from the local community are always welcome to attend any of our events or even just pop in and see what we've been getting up to!

Further information is available on our website:

www.clipstonprimaryschool.org
or you can follow us on;

Twitter @ClipstonSchool.

Emma Mercer | Head Teacher



Crown-Making Competition



A crown-making competition was held as part of the Queen's birthday celebrations at the church. More than 150 entries were received across 4 age categories and the display was a feast for the eyes with so much colour, craft and creativity. The mums-and-tots group, Stepping Stones pre-school and the school all took part and a number of adults also entered. Wendy Doughty was our expert judge who studied every detail before reaching her decisions and awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize rosettes. The winners in each category received a £10 book token and all the younger prize-winners also received commemorative booklets from the Bible Society. There were sweets for all who took part and raisins for the youngest entrants. All prizes were kindly donated by members of the congregation. A big thank you to everyone who took part in decorating the crowns, to all the helpers who delivered and built the displays, to those who donated prizes, and to everyone who visited.

Prize-winners:

- 0-4 age group – 1) Poppy 2) Leo 3) Daniel
- 5-8 age group – 1) Alyssa 2) Scarlett and Thomas 3) Alfie and Alex
- 9-11 age group – 1) Ella and Joe 2) Nanami 3) Ollie
- Adults – 1) Toby Alderson-Smith 2) Steve Carpenter 3) Anne Skinner

Faye Tan



Clipston - Buswell / Bosville

Stephen Ralph Boswell, who resides in Los Angeles, California, has been researching and studying the **Buswell** and **Bosville** families for over 70 years. The Clipston connection is with the memorials in All Saints Church which depict, from left to right, the busts of John Buswell (about 1628-1659); Sir George Buswell Snr (about 1555-1632), an Alderman from the City of London, and Sir George Buswell Jnr (1626-1667).



Crest over the bust of John Buswell



Buswell Memorials in All Saints Church

John Buswell and Sir George Buswell Jnr (the founder of the school) were sons of Sir George Buswell Snr.

Mr Boswell refers to the booklet *The Story of Clipston Grammar School* by Sir Gyles Isham (copies are still available from the Trustees), and to the change of surname to **Buswell** from **Bosville**.

He points out two interesting links that tie the Clipston Buswells to the Bosvilles of Gunthwaite, Yorkshire:

(1) The bust of John Buswell on the wall of the All Saints Church in Clipston has a crest over it that is unique to the Bosvilles of Gunthwaite, Yorkshire. The three bears' heads on the crest have muzzles on them. This crest ties the Clipston Buswells, unmistakably, to the Bosvilles of Gunthwaite, Yorkshire".

(2) On page 17 of the book, *The Story of Clipston Grammar School*, by Sir Gyles Isham, there is a letter written by Lady Katherine Enyon Buswell, wife of the founder, that is sealed with the "Good seal; Bosville of Yorkshire.

Mr Boswell has studied numerous documents and publications which link the Bosvilles to the treasurer of the army of William the Conqueror when he invaded England in 1066.

He lists many of the publications and concludes,... "In my opinion, after more than 70 years of studying this family, this is how the Buswells of Clipston reach back 15 generations to Sir Robert Bosville, who came with William the Conqueror".

He concludes his article with the names and wives of the 15 ancestors of Sir George Buswell Jnr the founder of our school, through to Sir Robert Bosville in 1066.

The complete article can be read on the Clipston website:

www.clipston.org/buswell-v-bosville-connection

Peter Wilford

Clipston P.C.

CLIPSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Open meeting to be held at Clipston Village Hall on 13th July 2016 at 7.30 pm.

The Clipston Parish Council, with the help of members of the village community, prepared the Clipston Village Design Statement which was adopted by Daventry District Council on 15th May 2013. There is now an opportunity to prepare a Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan which will be a community-led framework for guiding the future growth and development of Clipston. This plan would include much of the contents of the adopted Village Design Statement but in addition would provide:

An opportunity to shape and influence development in Clipston; and Provide greater weight in decision making, to that which is currently contained in the Village Design Statement.

The Clipston Parish Council therefore invites any member of the Clipston community to a meeting to be held at Clipston Village Hall on Wednesday 13th July 2016 at 7.30 pm. The meeting will discuss the Neighbourhood Development Plan proposals with a view to forming the Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, who would lead the proposals to create the plan. The period between the start of the plan and its adoption by Daventry District Council will be approximately 18 months.

Clipston Parish Council looks forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Tony Price

Clipston Youth Club

Open to years 7+



Clipston Playing Fields Fridays 7-9pm

Football, swing ball, basketball, air hockey,

table tennis, pool, films,

cake making, tuck shop, bbq, trips and much more....

Year 6 welcome to come along and try it out after half term.

Clipston Youth Club

After 5 years of running Clipston Youth Club I will be handing over to a new committee.

The children have been great fun to spend time with, we have been on residential trips, a trip to the police and fire stations, decorated cakes, been on night walks and a bike ride round Pitsford, served teas at the festivals as well as baking and selling cakes at the steam rally and Christmas tree on the Green.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the youth club since it started in 2005, long may it continue!

Nikki Bugla

For more details;

www.clipston.org/youth-club

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CLIPSTON GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

Bell Ringers

We usually ring the bells before a service at 10.30am on a Sunday (normally at Clipston, but other churches in the benefice too). We warmly welcome new members and anyone who would like to watch. We meet on occasional Tuesdays.
Ken Rutland 01858 525305

Bulls Head Skittles Team

We play home and away matches on Fridays from October to March and Wednesdays from April to September. New members welcome.
Robert Burnham 01858 525628

Clipston Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)

Regular play-reading sessions and performances, new members always welcome for both acting and supporting roles. Meetings are 'as and when' so contact us if you fancy joining!
Val Carpenter 01858 525120

Clipston WI

Enjoy interesting talks and demonstrations. We meet every second Tuesday in the month in the village hall at 7.30pm. New members welcome.
Rose Anderson 01858 525481

Clipston Cricket Club

Currently not playing matches due to lack of players. If interested please call.
Andy Blake 07768 554 395

Coffee & Chat

3rd Saturday of each month in the village hall. 10.30am to 12pm. All welcome.
Jill Pick 01858 525746

Flower Club

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm for demonstrations, workshops, speakers and more.
Linda Warren 01858 525463

Friendship Club

As always, new members are most welcome. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the village hall, and commence at 2.30pm unless otherwise stated. Following the speaker, we enjoy afternoon tea and a raffle, held to enhance club funds.
Contact - t.b.a.

Football Club

Training every Tuesday evening and matches on Saturday from September to April. New members welcome.
Angela Fellowes 01858 525612

Parents & Tots Group

Friendly group for parents and carers with newborns to 4-year-olds. We meet Tuesdays in term time in the village hall 9.15-11.15am. £2 for one child, £2.50 for more than one child. Includes refreshments.
Liz Davies 07525 640 477

Shooting Club

We meet on the last Sunday morning of every month (approx. 9.30am-12) on different landowners' sites, and afterwards usually go to The Bulls Head! All abilities welcome (inc. beginners).
Laurie Anderson 01858 525481

Sunday Club

Kids Sunday school club, held in the Orbell Room at the church during the service on the second Sunday of the month at 11am. All ages welcome. Children learn about Christian values through storytelling and craft activities.
Faye Tan 01858 525275

Tennis Club

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 5ish at the tennis courts from the end of March to October (weather dependent!). The group is very social and all levels are very welcome.
Martin Clarke 01858 525558

United Benefice Choir

We get together and practise to perform at local church services and special church events. New members welcome. We meet on alternate Thursdays at 6pm.
Julie Connell 01858 525336

Whist Drive

A group of us meets on alternate Thursdays from September to May, 2pm at the village hall. Come and join us.
Grace Burnham 01858 525327

Youth Club

Youngsters from Year 7 (11/12 year olds) upwards meet at the playing fields pavilion every Friday evening in term time from 7-9pm. Football, films, swing ball, table tennis, cake making, tuck shop, trips and more. £1
Nikki Bugla 01858 525660

Church & Chapel Services

All Saints Church

Sundays at 11am. All welcome. The Sunday Club for children is every second Sunday in the month at 11am (see information in Groups section).
www.allsaintsclipston.org.

Baptist Chapel

Sundays at 10.45am. All welcome.

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