



Clipston Courier

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THE "CLIPSTON COURIER" - YOUR NEW VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Editorial

This is the 1st edition of your own local voluntary newsletter for the village, created by a new team of editors. We aim to continue developing the newsletter, and we have chosen the new name of the "Clipston Courier" to indicate that we will bring the best informed and latest news about Clipston and District to you every 2-3 months. The team of four editors are:
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Breaking News

Clipston on-line is coming!

*Thank you Lynne &
Team*

All of us would like to send our grateful thanks to Lynne Partridge and her production team for their dedication in producing the village Newsletter for the last 10 years.

Defibrillator Appeal

The Clipston Beer Festival is on over the Easter weekend, **Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th April**. During the festival we will be trying to raise money for a defibrillator for Clipston by holding a raffle in aid of the British Heart Foundation (BHF). Raising sufficient funds will enable us to obtain a cardiac defibrillator. Colin and Michelle Rengger have



applied for the defibrillator through the BHF and the process is now well underway. We would like to personally say a very big thanks to both of them for all their hard work in sorting out details of the application.

The Cardiac Defibrillator Appeal will be coordinated via the Bulls Head so anyone else thinking of fundraising for this great cause please contact Steve or Helen Foster 525268

Special thanks to those who have already given raffle prizes or made donations to the fund. Clipston Bulls in particular are thanked for their generous fund "kick off" donation.

Clipston Needs You!

Please contact any of the editorial team if you would like to be involved with the Clipston Courier in future. Please send any news items, event promotions, photographs or letters to any one of us. Ideas for topics that need to be communicated or associations or clubs wanting to get news out are most welcome. If you would like to sponsor the Clipston Courier or if you would like to be in the business directory please contact the editorial team.

SPECIAL EDITION

Please note that this is a four-page edition to get the Clipston Courier published as soon as possible. We intend to produce more pages in the next edition, so if your piece did not make it into this edition, we will include it next time.

Editor

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Coffee and Chat

What great news to hear the village newsletter will continue! Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped forward and also thank you to the team who worked so hard for a long time on the previous newsletter. "Thank yous" are also the order of the day for the Coffee and Chat mornings. I would like to thank Anne and Jenny for all their help month after month to put on the mornings. Also Guy and Carol. However, another thank you must go out to all the villagers near and far who come every month. Through your support in 2014 we were able to donate some money to organizations, including the Air Ambulance, Friendship Club and Riding for the Disabled (£50 each) together with £150 contribution to Canine Partners.



For those who have been unable to join us, we would love to see you this year and the next two dates are:-

April 18th and May 16th

Where: Village Hall 10.30 to noon

If you would like to find out more about Canine Partners come and meet David and his Assistance Dog "Crunchie". He loves to tell everyone what a difference "Crunchie" has made to his life. Hope to see you soon!

Jill

Chapel Services

Sunday mornings at 10.45 am
Tea or coffee afterwards.

Communion on First Sunday of the Month. All Welcome

All Saints Church

Many of you enjoyed the varied programme of events we provided last year. These included afternoon teas, the 'Walking with the Wounded' presentation, the Harvest Supper and the 'Sirocco Wind Ensemble' concert with Mark Allen. Cumulatively these events raised just under £1600. Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting these events.



We are keen to continue providing social events in the village whilst also raising funds to support repairs and renovation projects within the church. The group leading this work has resumed the title of '**Friends of Clipston Church**' and it warmly welcomes anyone who is keen to join us.

New Church Choir: We believe it is important to develop the music aspect of church services and have recently started to build a choir with membership from across the benefice. Initially it will sing at United Benefice services. The emphasis will be to enjoy singing and we will not be wearing robes. If you are interested, whether or not you are a churchgoer, an experienced or inexperienced singer, do ring Julie Connell on 525336 to find out more.

Our New Website: We are developing a church website which will provide up-to-date information about the church, its services and activities. This is an exciting development for us so take a look when the site is launched at Easter. It can be found at:

www.allsaintsclipston.org

Clipston School

The spring term has been an industrious time for us all at Clipston School. The children really enjoyed the World Book Day celebrations. Each child received a wooden spoon to decorate as a favourite book character and these are on display in the library. In February we learnt about Chinese New Year, and in March Mrs. Sunita Prasad visited to explain all about the traditions associated with the Hindu Festival of Holi. The Year 6 children in Woodpecker Class were very excited to experience icy winds and a display of icebergs and Arctic and Antarctic creatures in their classroom; a super start to their new topic! This term they have undertaken their Bikeability training, and have been enjoying learning to play the Samba drums with the Northamptonshire Music Service. They also travelled with our friends from Creton to join the whole of Guilsborough Cluster at the Candlemas Service at Crick Church. The infant children enjoyed a visit from a Royal National Lifeboat Institute representative as part of their work on 'People Who Help Us' and then arranged a cake bake to fundraise for the RNLI. The school also raised money for Comic Relief and staff entertained the children by arranging for some surprise visitors to come to school; Princess Elsa, Anna and Olaf as well as several minions! Years 3, 4 and 5 children have been learning all about Africa and the Egyptians in their class topics this term. Sparrow Class has a wonderful African display complete with sand and Kingfisher Class has a super Pharaoh's throne.



We had nearly 40 entries into the National Science Fair Project and the winners had their projects displayed at Santander offices in Market Harborough. At the end of term the whole school took part in our Easter Service which is always wonderfully uplifting and the transformation of the Lenten Cross created a beautiful visual symbol of Christ's coming, Passion, death and resurrection.

The school is open for all children aged 4 to 11 years old from 7.30am (Breakfast Club) and there is a bus to take the children to the After School Club in Market Harborough, open until 6pm. Visitors from the local community are always welcome to attend any of our events and further information is available on our website:

www.clipstonprimaryschool.org.

Emma Mercer, Head Teacher



Village Hall

Whist drives are held on Thursdays at 2 pm. Future dates are **April 9th**, **April 23rd**, and **May 14th** (moved from May 7th Election Day).

The last whist drive will be in aid of the Air Ambulance.

The next Jumble Sale will be on **April 2nd** at 7pm, anything saleable will be accepted as long as not too large.

Spring is here so we will sell all the ones that you are fed up with!

What's left and in good condition the Air Ambulance will come and pick up. Please do support your Village Hall.

Grace

Clipston WI

First of all a big thank you to those who attended our recent talk on "The English Country House".

Len Holden is a very knowledgeable speaker and everyone enjoyed his insights into local country houses. Forthcoming speakers include a talk on Forensic Investigations after a road crash, The Plant Man from Braybrooke and a cookery demonstration in November.

Ladies are welcome at our meetings on the second Tuesday at 7.30pm in the village hall.

This is a very special year for the WI as it is our national centenary.

On 11th September 1915 the women of Llanfairpwll, North Wales, met to form the first WI in Britain; by 1917 there were 100 and Lady Denman became Chairman of the National Federation. There are now 123 WI's in Northamptonshire and it is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK with 212,000 members and around 6,600 different WI's.

We have been highly honoured by being able to have a member, Linda Lake, attend a Buckingham Palace birthday garden party in June, hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall.

We shall have our own tea party to celebrate the birthday in May.

We are delighted that the newsletter has been resurrected and we wish the editorial team every success.

Rose Anderson, President 525481

Youth Club

The Pavilion at Clipston Playing Fields.

Youth Club will start again on

Friday 17th April, 7-9pm.

All kids year 7 and above welcome.

Year 6 are welcome to come along from **5th June**

Church Services

Clipston Services*

Easter Sunday (5th April)

Sung Eucharist at 11 am

12th April Sung Eucharist and Sunday Club at 11 am

19th April Sung Eucharist at 11 am

3rd May Family Eucharist at 11 am

* Please see Clipston Church website for benefice services.

Tennis Club

With the clocks changing at the end of March, it's time for the Clipston Tennis Club to emerge from hibernation, dust off their tennis racquets and head for the courts. We meet every Tuesday evening from 5.00 pm and play until the light fades. We are a friendly and social bunch of enthusiasts who play for fun & afterwards usually adjourn to the Bulls Head for much needed refreshment! New players, of all abilities, are always made very welcome. For further info please contact **Martin Clarke 525558**

A Big Thank You

On behalf of the Woodgate Family we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who helped James in his moment of greatest need and to those that gave him the best treatment possible, including the Air Ambulance and Coventry Walsgrave Hospital ICU and the Cardiac Ward.

In addition, we give thanks to the village community, so many of whom have rallied around to help in so many different ways. We can never ever say thank you enough!

Clipston Gardens

Julie Connell's garden will be open on **Easter Saturday** (2.00 - 5.30pm) **and then on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday** (11.00am - 5.30pm) as part of the National Garden Scheme.

You may be aware that this is the last time this garden will open to the public, as the house is soon to be sold. Julie is expecting extra visitors from outside the village and arrangements have been made for the use of the school and village hall car parks.

A donation from the proceeds of the homemade teas will be given to both the church and to Stepping Stones. If you are around over Easter, do think of visiting the church exhibition and seeing Julie's garden in all its glory one last time, maybe also taking advantage of the plant and cake stalls and enjoying a homemade tea!

Sulby Gardens in the NGS Open Gardens. 1st opening for 2015, **Thursday April 23rd 2-5.30pm** Sulby, Northants NN6 6EZ

Clipston Football

Catch up summary (5 months)

From Nov 15th 2014-21st March 2015
League: Won 8, Lost 2, Drawn 3.

Clipston are now top of table!!

Our last game of the season is on 4th April away at Weedon.

Clipston are also in the Cup Final on **30th April at 7.30pm at Sileby Rangers** nr Moulton Park.

Our end of season fundraiser will be in May at the Bulls Head so look out for information around the village. Your support for this event would be very much appreciated.

Angela

Beer Festival

The Bulls Head Easter beer festival **April 3rd -5th** will have 15 real Cornish ales and ciders, with proper Cornish pasties and cream teas, there is live music Friday night from the fantastic group 'Fingers and Fumbs' and on Saturday night we have a great singer, Tara Simms.

All weekend we will be selling tickets to help raise money for the defibrillator appeal.

Dates for your Diary

April 2nd Jumble Sale

Easter Weekend:

Church & Chapel Services

NGS Gardens

Bulls Head Beer Festival

Kelmarsh Country Fair

April 9th Whist Drive

April 14th WI

April 15th Flower Club

April 18th Canine Partners

April 30th Football Cup Final

British Sewing Bee

News just in. Meet the 2014 winner Heather Jacks on **June 12th 7.30pm** at the Clipston Village Hall.

Proceeds to BHF and Air Ambulance.

Please contact **Ruth Walleth 525346**.

In the next edition

In addition to the current articles, news and reports, we will also be including the following:

The Clippo Bookworm

Kids Page and Sunday Club

Emily-Jane 'Blog'

Abi Travel

Parish Council Update

Local Weather

Friendship Club

CADS

Plus your own news item here*

*Please contact one of the editors.

Clipston Flower Club

We meet in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome at any of our meetings for a charge of £4.00 to include refreshments.

April 15th – we are having a practical evening where we will be making our own arrangements using bendy twigs and tulips in a shallow container.

May 20th – An Ikebana demonstration by Kay Howard & Margaret Barrett. This is the Japanese art of flower arranging using only two or three flowers, a few leaves and some twigs. It is a lovely way of displaying a few flowers and no doubt will be an interesting evening, so do come along and see how it is done.



The club is also involved in Kelmarsh Country Fair on Easter Sunday and Monday. As a new attraction at the fair there will be a marquee containing nine local nurseries, and the club has been asked to put on some demonstrations and practical sessions throughout the two days. The NAFAS area sales table will also be there selling a lovely selection of books, bags, cards, notelets etc. which all make lovely gifts. The club will also be running a plant crèche so if you buy too many plants you can hand them over for safe keeping. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

Heather Weston, Chairperson