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The "CLIPSTON COURIER" - your VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Editorial

Welcome to the bumper Christmas edition of the Clipston Courier, our final edition for 2015. We hope that you have enjoyed reading the new look newsletter during its first year, and it has been very encouraging for the team listening to your positive feedback. Please continue to contact us with any ideas, news, photographs and articles. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.**

Jim Tyson

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Merry Christmas to all our readers



Clipston's 'Christmas Tree On The Green'

Sunday 6th December 2015

Stalls are open at 3:30pm Tree lights Switch On at 5pm

Contact Jonathan Wills on 07775 710 708 for further information.

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Steve, Helen and all the team at the Bulls Head would like to say a very big **Thank You** to customers old and new. Thanks for all your support throughout the year and please remember:

- Tuesday is quiz and curry night
- Wednesday is our fabulous tapas night
- Thursday is our Italian evening with two homemade meals and a bottle of wine for only 19.95

Christmas Eve is early doors carol singing.

See the **New Year** in with a bang with our New Year's party night.

Steve and Helen 01858 525268

The editors would like to make it clear that the views expressed in any article contained in these pages do not necessarily represent their own views or those of the sponsors.

Christopher Alderson-Smith 1940 - 2015

As the lead editor of the first edition of the new Clipston Courier, I was thrilled when Christopher wholeheartedly agreed to continue his regular "Clippo Bookworm" column. So, it is with great sadness that I have to record that Christopher passed away on 29th September after being taken ill on holiday with his family in France.



It is a tribute to Christopher that his infectious enthusiasm was known to so many, and especially those on the sports field! The fact that he also had time to offer encouragement and advice on a wide variety of topics was a wonderful characteristic that I for one, will miss.

Christopher reviewed his books from a very personal perspective, adding many interesting anecdotes and 'tit bits' gained from his knowledge of the subject or author. His interest and love of books shone through in his "bookworm" column and his open mind in trying out all types of books certainly helped widen my literary horizons.

Christopher's passing is a great loss to all of us in Clipston, so on behalf of the Courier team, we pass on our sincere condolences to Janet and the family.

Stephen Woodgate

If anyone would like to take up the mantle of reviewing books and local places of interest, please let me or any of the joint editors know.

Clipston & District Flower Club

Our **December** meeting will be a Christmas workshop with mulled wine and mince pies.



January we are having a wire workshop run by two of our members where we will be learning different skills with floristry wire.

February we have a demonstration by **Vikki Tuffen** who is one of our members and very clever with her use of flowers.

March is a demonstration by Jayne Edmunds entitled "**It's a Kind of Magic**". This will be our **BIG EVENT** for 2016 as Jayne is a national demonstrator and a winner of many competitions not only in this country but abroad as well. She is extremely talented and it will be a wonderful demonstration which will be very popular. Tickets will be available from **Linda Warren (01858 525463)** or **Heather Weston (01858 525598)**. This will be a sell-out so don't leave it too late to get your tickets.

Flower Club meets in the village hall every 3rd Wednesday at 7.30. If you enjoy flowers or "crafty things" come along to one of our meetings and see what we do – it's not all about arranging flowers as we do other things as well. There's quite a few of us who just plonk their flowers in a vase but they come and enjoy watching how other people do it so come and give it a go.

Heather Weston

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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at Clipston

I have at last completed my film of the **2012 Celebrations** which I am prepared to show at the village hall for any Clipston organisation at no cost.

It runs for nearly 30 minutes and includes scenes of the Women's Institute members receiving the County silver baton on The Green, the children's Jubilee Party at the School, and the events held on the Playing Field.

The film closes with the lighting of the beacon and the firework display.

Any organisation interested can phone me on **01858 525372**.

Peter Wilford

Friendship Club

Upcoming Meetings

14th December. Christmas Lunch at the Bulls Head 12.30 pm for 1pm

11th January. Bingo and our New Year "Bring and Buy" stall

8th February. Ronald Spiers, talking about "Gaffes and clangers"

On behalf of all members of the Friendship Club, may I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Mary

Canine Partners

Amazing dogs transforming lives.

'Regular visitors to the Coffee & chat mornings, David and his Canine Partner, Crunchie'



Yes Christmas is coming! Please save your postage stamps to help raise money to train our amazing dogs to transform the lives of even more people. Please drop

them off in the box at the Coffee and chat mornings.

Thank you.

Jill Pick

Tennis Club

Personal reflections on the tennis season.

With the nights drawing in earlier and the weather starting to become more wintry, it looks like the tennis season might finally have come to an end despite the late Indian summer in September and October that extended the season with some very enjoyable evenings. I thought I would just share a couple of very personal memories and reflections...

I don't think I will ever forget eight of us playing in, to begin with, light rain in late September, and Maggie becoming increasingly hysterical as, with every break in the clouds, and Mike promising her that "it's starting to ease up" and "it'll stop soon", the rain intensified, then became heavy, and finally became torrential! By that time Maggie was absolutely sodden and totally unable to play for laughing too much, and had to go home to get dry... the weather finally did, as Mike had predicted, improve and the rest of us carried on, but that was way too late for Maggie!

I guess from a personal point of view winning the annual tournament should have been a highlight but it was actually slightly marred for me as I had to miss the after-event BBQ that is actually the main reason for taking part and, due to a prior engagement, I had to miss out on the Tysons' excellent hospitality.

On a sadder note we will never have the pleasure of Chris Alderson-Smith playing with us again. Chris had not played much this season ("Got a sick note for games from my Mum" was his typically witty explanation for the shoulder injury that prevented him playing this year) and was never a "regular" but his occasional evenings

with us were most enjoyable. Surprisingly quick for his age, with an excellent serve and good court awareness, Chris was a great partner and a formidable opponent, but throughout he was always a gentleman and a great sport. A good player and top bloke. RIP Chris.

What has been pleasing this season is how good the actual tennis is! We are sometimes a bit self-deprecating (and often with good reason!) but actually the standard has improved and most games are quite competitive with excellent rallies... and with Simon (Matthews) and David (Tan) not able to make it as often this year there were no "really good" players to embarrass us others!

But my personal highlight, and the memory that will sustain me over the winter was a single shot I played one night! No-one else will recall it, indeed no one else probably noticed it, but one evening I played a sublime backhand, cross-court, half-volley drop-shot. I cannot recall who I was playing with or against but I remember that for a very, very brief millisecond I thought I was Federer! My next shot was probably a mis-hit routine forehand into the net, but for that one milli-second the game was easy and I could do it! I estimate that in the UK rankings for tennis I am probably somewhere around the 1,287,345th best player in Britain (although my ranking went up 1 place after the sad passing of Chris) but for that 1 shot... I was as good as Andy Murray!

You had to be there!

(And you could be there if you wish! Why not join us on Tuesday evenings once the season resumes and who knows, you too may have your "Andy Murray moment"!)

Martin Clarke, 01858 525558



Clipston Pantomime

"Little Red Riding Hood"

Saturday 2nd January 2016

at 2.30 pm and 7.00 pm

Come along to the village hall and enjoy a fun show for all the family! The Tennis Club is organising the event and has commissioned Pipe Productions to bring their traditional family pantomime to Clipston. Stepping Stones Pre-School will be offering refreshments.



Tickets available now from **Martin & Liz** on **01858 525558** or by email to lizandmartin@talktalk.net

Adults £8.00

Children (under 16) £4.00

"Lets start 2016 with a laugh!!!"
Tickets going fast so hurry up and book yours today!

(Fund raising for resurfacing the tennis courts and Stepping Stones)

Clipston Craft Club

Do you enjoy doing craftwork? Would you like to meet up with other like-minded people in Clipston?

There are a few people in the village who would like to form an informal group to work alongside one another and also learn more about each other's interests and skills.

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Clipston Shooting Club

Another year gone! That's 29 years since we started. We began with 2 objectives – to enjoy clay pigeon shooting and to support local groups financially. We've achieved the first one and raised around a total of £24,000 for local causes; this year we gave £100 each to the Air Ambulance, Royal British Legion and the new defibrillator fund.

We are a very friendly bunch and we are not a cliquy club. Everyone is welcome and it doesn't matter if you are the best shot in the world or the worst – you'll still enjoy it!



We've just had our AGM and discussed finances and the presentation of trophies. We have around 45 members with a growing number of lady shooters and juniors. The men's high gun was Henry Collins and the lady's was Nina Berkshire. Our first junior winner was Tom Cockerill.

The first priority of the club is safety and we have many experienced shots to ensure this and to help newcomers to get used to shooting. You don't need your own gun – we will lend you one!

We usually meet on the last Sunday of the month around 10am after breakfast in the pub, and finish about 11.30 – just in time to get to the Bull's Head for further refreshment! We shoot at 12 different sites and it's not always raining!

If you haven't tried shooting before, why not give it a go? You will be made very welcome. Wrap up warm and wear wellies or boots.

To find out details for the upcoming shoots check out the list at the Bull, look up our Facebook page, Clipstonshootingclub Clipston, or ring **Laurie Anderson on 01858 525481 or 07759048857.**

CLIPSTON WEATHER

August 2015

Although the total rainfall – 68mm - was slightly above average, there were 20 dry days in the month. Only a small shower came late one evening in the first 12 days. The highest daily rainfalls were over 15mm on the 13th and 13mm on the last day.

Day temperatures were a little below average although the nights were above. As well as being a wet day, the 31st was also cold, with a maximum of only 13°C.

September 2015

September was a drier month with a total rainfall of 53mm - 86 per cent of average - with 16 dry days, which included the last week. The wettest day was Monday 14th with 12.4mm.

Both day and night average temperatures were somewhat below normal for September with 20° or above reached on only two days.

October 2015

The dry spell continued into October with no rain in the first four days. After another four day dry spell in the second week, I measured some rain on most days, although the 57mm total for the month was 25 per cent below average.

Temperatures were about average, although the maximum was a warm 18.5°C on the first day. I recorded no air frost, but one night dropped to 2.5° where ground frost most probably occurred in places.

The start of November

The first day was warm and sunny, but the next days, although mild, were foggy, dull and wet.

Peter Wilford

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COURIER PHOTOS

If you have a group or organisation that meets regularly and you would like people to join you, please let us know and we'll include you next time

The editors acknowledge photographs by contributors. If you would like an original of any of the photographs in this edition, please contact one of the editorial team. Donations for print or digital copies are welcome and will be used to help finance future editions.

Clipston WI

In September members were saddened to say goodbye to our sterling secretary of many years, Irene Allen, on her move from Clipston. The photo shows her being presented with a bird table to take to her new home. She will be greatly missed.

A big thank you to all who helped, baked cakes and came to eat them, at our vintage teas on the steam Saturday. We served over 70 people, made some money for WI funds and donated £65 to MacMillan Cancer Care. It was lovely to see so many people relaxing and having a chat.

Before the year's end we will be taking part in the Church Christmas Tree Festival and joining other WIs at the annual carol service, this year at Arthingworth.

Our programme for 2016 is now all lined up and speakers include talks on Spring Clean Your Mind, The Story Behind the Painting and Northants Wildlife Trust, as well as some social events.

We are fast approaching our own 100th centenary (2018), quite an achievement for a small village, and really need some younger members to take us forward – we are willing to change and listen to what you would like from a WI, so please contact me with any ideas. Happy Christmas to everyone.



Rose Anderson, President, 01858 525481

Clipston Playing Fields Trust

It's looking OK down at the field!

Thanks again to the children's playground mowing team – Ollie Eveleigh, James McTaggart, David Wilford; Shaun Beasley and Bruce Bradshaw.....

And thanks to all who helped at the working party day on 1st November – many members of the Tennis Club; Martin Clarke, Angela Fellowes, Robert Burnham, Ian May, Julia Blake.

The bridge now has a less slippery surface; the pavilion is more secure; the wooden rail is upright again, the play area is strimmed, the hedge inside the play area pruned and the tennis court holes are filled.

If you'd like to help in the spring just email andyblake4@hotmail.com – no skill or equipment required – just energy! (That's not to say that the people above were unskilled – Far from it!)

Looking Forward

I am beginning discussing the development of a woodland and wild flower area at the top of the field. This would be used by the school, Stepping Stones, picnickers, young off-road cyclists, dog walkers

The objective is to make the field more fun for villagers other than sportspeople without limiting the facilities for football, tennis and cricket.

I have had initial discussions with Mike Cresswell who's a member of the Institute of Foresters and Tracy Spokes, the Head Gardener at Rolleston Hall.

Email andyblake4@hotmail.com to have your say Or speak to me! The old ways may still work!

Andy Blake, Chairman – Clipston Playing Field Trust

Clipston Parish Council

House numbering:

This may seem a trivial point but please could we request that you ensure your house name or number can be clearly identified from the road. We have received a few reports of deliveries being consistently delivered to the incorrect address. Please could we ask that you consider the impact on your neighbours especially at this busy postal time of year, and in the event of a property needing to be reached by the emergency services.

Felicity Ryan, Parish Council (Clerk), 01604 740429

CLIPSTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015

"A magical spectacle of trees, lights and decorations to delight all ages"

With Live Music & Refreshments

Friday 4th – Tuesday 8th December All Saints Church, Clipston

£2 entry (under 11s free, discount for pre-booked groups)

Raising money for church funds and vital repairs to the church building

Friday 4th Dec

11.30am preview for contributors and 'switch on' with Stepping Stones pre-school.

Festival open 12noon-8pm

6-8pm Jazz band

Saturday 5th Dec

Festival open 10am-6pm

In Church:

Live Music

10am-4pm Christmas Stalls;
Cards and Books, Jewellery, Button Box,
Laser Cut Creations, Preserves, Fairtrade

In the Village Hall:

Teas and Cakes
Children's Stalls and Activities;
Chocolate Tombola, Games, Colouring
table, Craft table & Sweets

For any further information please
contact **Faye Tan, 01858 525275**

Visit our webpage;

www.allsaintsclipston.org/christmas-tree-festival

Follow us on Facebook:



clipstonchristmastreefestival

Saturday 5th Dec

7.30pm Christmas Concert

with renowned concert pianist

Chris Blake performing popular classics
from Classic FM's 'Hall of Fame' and

The Songbirds Ladies Choir performing
a mix of traditional and popular music.

Tickets £10

from **Roger Wallett, 01858 525346**

Cash bar available

Sunday 6th Dec

11am Family Service with Baptism

Festival open 12noon-6pm

Please join us after the lighting of the
'Christmas Tree on the Green' for our
**6pm Christmas Celebration with Carols
and Bubbly** – a chance to come into the
warmth and carry on the festivities with
all your village friends.

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th Dec

Festival open 10am-4pm

2.30pm Mon – School Choir

If you would like to make a group
booking please contact:

Linda Lake, 01858 525422

Christian Life Baptist Church

Greetings to everyone from the church. We shall be having our Christmas Carol Service this year at the chapel on **TUESDAY EVENING 22nd DECEMBER** starting at 7.00pm. After the service everyone is welcome to come through to the side lounge to share with us teas, mince pies and a 'catch up'. Please come and join us as we **CELEBRATE** the birth of our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. It is always good to have many friends from the village enjoying this service with us at this very special time. Let us try and remember that amongst all the fervent preparing for the festivities that 'JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THIS SEASON'. Are there any people in the village who enjoy painting and decorating and would like to volunteer their help to do some in the chapel rooms? If there are please contact me on 01858 466370. I take this opportunity to wish all the villagers a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year. For more information please contact pastor;

Rob Thompsett, 01858 466370.

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All Saints Church - Services in Clipston

December 2015

Sunday 6th	11am Advent 2. Family Eucharist/Baptism 6pm Christmas celebration
Sunday 13th	11am Advent 3. Sung Eucharist (Sunday Club)
Sunday 20th	4.30 pm Advent 4. Christingle
Thursday 24th	4:00pm Christmas Eve Family Crib Service
Friday 25th	10am Christmas Day United Benifice Eucharist

January 2016

Sunday 3rd	11am Family Eucharist
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Shambala 2015 - Community Success!

We would like to thank everyone who helped us to organize the Community Café at the Shambala festival this year. Particular thanks go to Simon and Wendy Doughty for their work in designing and building the stall (which looked fantastic), Rose Anderson who acted as the cake co-ordinator for the village, to Julie Connell for the loan of invaluable furniture and equipment and to all those who made cakes, worked shifts over the weekend itself or who helped us in various other ways.

Takings over the weekend amounted to over £14,500 - a significant achievement in this our first year. Obviously our costs to achieve this level of income were quite high and we decided also to retain just over £2000 in our bank account to cover the up-front costs for next year's festival.

We will now be distributing £1600 to each of the participating villages (Clipston, Arthingworth, Great Oxendon and East Farndon). In Clipston this money will go to the two organisations responsible for co-ordinating and delivering this year's project. £1000 will go the Church (for its roof restoration) and £600 will go to the Courier to enable the development and publication of the village newsletter.

As part of the set-up we needed to build or purchase various items of outdoor furniture and catering equipment. These include:



'Nosh' Community Stand 2015

commercial filter coffee machines, a gas-fired water urn, sneeze guards, large trestle tables (with seats), folding chairs and smaller wooden tables. They are being stored in Arthingworth and are available to use by the villages e.g. for community and fund-raising events.

This year's project was very challenging and very, very hard work - but it was also very enjoyable and provided a great opportunity to work with people from neighbouring villages and get a taste of the 'Shambala' experience! If you would like to discuss how you might get involved with next year's Community Café project at Shambala, please contact any members of the project management committee (see below).

Thank you again to all of you who helped this year in this great example of community collaboration.

Val Carpenter, 01858 525441 and Jim Tyson, 01858 525697

Christmas at All Saints Church

The church in the village invites everyone to a varied series of events over the Christmas period.

The Christmas Tree Festival details are elsewhere in this newsletter and include the Songbirds concert on the Saturday evening.

Then on Sunday 6th December an evening celebration of Christmas carols and Christmas readings in the church, starting at 6.00 p.m. after the lighting of the tree on the green. This will take the form of a short series of carols and festive readings followed by bubbly and nibbles.

On the 20th December there is the Christingle service at 4.30 p.m. in the church which is always well received.

Christmas Eve has a Family Crib service in the church at 4.00 p.m. which will be followed by a short carol singing session in The Bulls Head.

On Christmas Day we have a United Benefice service at the church starting at 10.00am. This is a service where we are joined by parishioners from Naseby, Kelmarsh and Haselbech.

We can guarantee you a warm welcome to the church at these and indeed any services.

Details of services and all church activities may be found on our website

www.allsaintsclipston.org

THE STRANGERS



Will be back at the Harborough Theatre again on **Saturday February 6th starting at 7:30 p.m.**

All proceeds will again go to Cransley Hospice in Kettering who do such wonderful work.

If anyone would like to support us tickets cost £12.50 each and can be booked with :

Mike, 01858 525239

Robin, 01858 525584

Billy, 01858 525432

Angela Hughes
Priest in Charge

Remembering the Past

Clipston resident Alexander Pegram provides us with a fascinating insight into Clipston life and his own family history over the last 120 years.

My grandmother, Emily Thacker, was born at Helmdon, Northants and in 1861 her father, a police constable, was transferred to Clipston where he was the village constable until he retired. My grandfather (b.1863), also called Alexander Pegram, moved to Clipston from Birmingham as a carpenter to work on the church restoration, where he met Emily Thacker. They were married in Clipston church in 1888. My other grandparents came to Clipston in the late 1800s and were tenants on the farm of which the Acacias (now Clipston Court) formed a part. My father, Thomas Rufus Pegram, married their eldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth Ashton. And that is how I came to be here today.



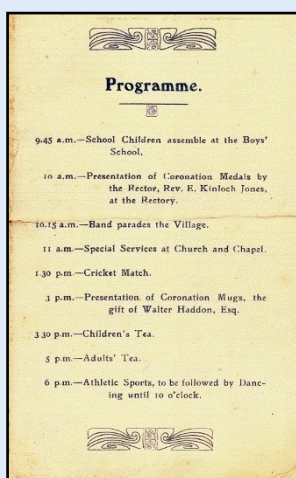
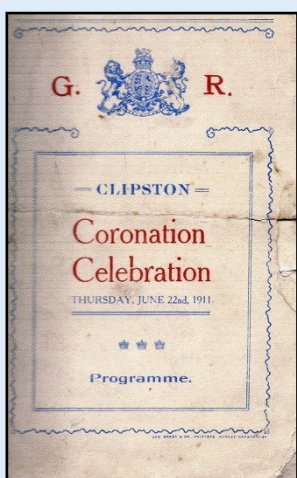
Pegram's Shop c.1900

Alexander and Emily set up a shop from a cottage named Hazelhurst which stood in the gardens of 2 Church Lane and 1 Kelmarsh Road. The cottage was demolished in 1900 to make way for the existing properties.

In 1920, one of my aunts got married and set up home in a cottage on the village green. Grandfather, who ran the village post office from his shop, had the post office franchise transferred to her. In 1922, she moved into 4 Church Lane and ran the post office and the manually operated telephone exchange from there until she retired in 1952, when the new (but still existing) automatic exchange was built in Harborough Road. The post office continued to be run from 4 Church Lane by Mr & Mrs Judd, until the mid-sixties when they left the village.

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN CLIPSTON HISTORY

During the early 1900s, most goods required by residents and tradespeople came by train to the Clipston Oxendon railway station from where they were fetched by horse-drawn carts and drays. At that time Station Road was a gated track with 3 gates and a grass strip up the centre of the road, as only the rutted wheel tracks received any attention.



Celebrations were held to commemorate the coronation of King George V.

1914 Men of Northamptonshire Yeomanry Clipston Troop

1911, celebrations were held to commemorate the Coronation of King George the 5th. These sort of events were looked forward to by all, as entertainment was not as available as it is today.

The First World War started in 1914 with all its horrors and tragedies. Men from Clipston enlisted and the Clipston troop of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry was formed and sent to France. Many did not come home and many that did suffered severe disabilities for the rest of their lives.

During 1916, the use of air power was being expanded. As a result, a unit of the Royal Canadian Engineers descended on the village and built what was termed a 'relief airfield'. Part of this now forms the village recreation ground. The older generation always referred to it as the 'flying ground'.

During the early 1900s Clipston held a flower and agricultural show. It was organised by the Clipston and District Agriculture and Horticulture Society, which was formed in 1910 by Mr W. W. Wartnaby.

To be continued... Alex

One Hundred years Ago

Local historian and Clipston resident, Peter Wilford, reveals what life was like for Clipston villagers in 1915, during the Great War.

News items in the Market Harborough Advertiser in 1915 mainly referred to the First World War and the pieces relating to Clipston mostly followed the same trend.

In March, it was reported that Lieutenant Wartnaby, whose family had lived at Clipston House and then The Hollies, was home on leave from the fighting on the front and "was looking fit and well". The following month, a long detailed article reported that he had been killed in action at the age of 28. He had commanded the Clipston Troop of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry.



Lieutenant C.R.A. Wartnaby



Trooper Ralph Buswell

Later in March the Advertiser, under the heading "Clipston – The Toll of War", reported the deaths of Sergt. F Croft, Pte. H Thacker, and Pte. George Ivor Vials. It also reported the wounding of Trooper Ralph Buswell. He was later invalided home, according to a piece in the issue of April 20th.

In most issues, the paper published "Letters from the Front". In the June 1st issue, a letter from Farrier-Major Hensman of Clipston told of his experiences with the Leicestershire Regiment. He made no mention of others from Clipston, but mainly dwelt on the losses inflicted on his regiment. (It is assumed that this was Charles Hensman who worked for his father, John Hensman, the owner of the blacksmith's and farrier's business in part of what is now Forge Cottage, 4 High Street.)

Later in June, the death of Pte. Herbert Charles Austin, who served in the Highland Light Infantry, was reported. He had returned to the front after recovering from a slight injury, but was then badly wounded and died in a London hospital.

The issue of 3rd August lists men serving from the villages. Under the Clipston heading, 43 men are listed, including the above five already either killed in action or having died from war-inflicted wounds'.

Other Clipston news, researched to the end of September 1915, included a report of the Annual Parish Meeting. An item relating to the "voluntary lighting of the village" stated that the proceeds of a Whist Drive were for this purpose and that where necessary the lamps would be repaired. (These were oil lamps, as electricity did not come to the village until about 1927.)



Lighting in the village

In the issue of June 15th it was reported that a special service was held at the church for the consecration a piece of land given by Lady Wantage for the enlargement of the parish churchyard. (By reference to old maps, it would appear that the piece of land was about 25 feet wide along its north boundary to the field.)

The issue of September 28th 1915 reports that Mr R. Oldacre, who had been the church organist for about 20 years, 'had resigned "due to his munitions work in Leicester"'. (What was the "munitions work"?) Robert Oldacre was a farmer who lived at Cherrywell House at the end of Pegs Lane. He also built an organ which he installed in his house; this is the organ which is now in the Baptist Chapel.

Peter

Clipston's Defibrillator

Do you know where Clipston's Defibrillator is?

The Clipston Defibrillator has been installed at The Bulls Head. It is under the canopy near to where the papers collection box is situated. **See directions below.**



**Emergency
Defibrillator**



Defibrillator is on the wall under the canopy.

How to access: -

Now that the unit is installed outside the pub, anyone needing to use it can get **access 24 hours a day by calling 999**. There are clear instructions about this on the box.

The unit is registered with the emergency services who will give the caller a specific pin code to open the box along with sending the appropriate emergency support.

Steve is keeping a master key at the pub in case of emergencies or lack of a mobile phone. Stickers are placed in prominent places around the village to let all know that a defibrillator is in place and where to find it. **Pass the word on...**



**Defibrillator Access - Under the canopy
The Bulls Head Car Park
10 Harborough Rd, Clipston,
Market Harborough, Northamptonshire LE16 9RT**

In 2015 we trained 30 volunteers on the defibrillator and they will be contacted regarding the required annual refresher course.

Defibrillator training will start up again early in 2016. Already we have 20 volunteers on the list and they will be emailed with the training dates in due course.

British Heart Foundation flyers have been placed around the village (playing fields, telephone box in High St. and inside The Bulls Head). Another will be fixed to the road side wall of the pub so that the location is visible.

If you are interested in getting trained on CPR and how to use the defibrillator, email michelle.rengger@gmail.com

Mishe Rengger

Clipston F.C.

Match Reports 2015 / 2016

Season

Saturday 22nd August 2015

First game of the season and we were playing at home against Harpole.

Final score: Clipston 0 - 3 Harpole.

Saturday 29th August 2015

Away game to Ringstead Rangers. Better result this week.

Final score: Ringstead Rangers 0 - 3 Clipston.

Saturday 5th September 2015

Home to Blisworth. Not a good result today as it is our second loss of the season.

Final score: Clipston 1 - 4 Blisworth.

Saturday 12th September 2015

Another home game this week which is against Roade.

Final score: Clipston 1- 4 Roade.

Saturday 19th September 2015

Our third home game on the trot.

Today's opposition is Kettering Nomads .

Final score: Clipston 1 - 1 Kettering

Nomads.

Saturday 26th September 2015

Away to Nether Heyford. A better result for us today.

Final score: Nether Heyford 2 - 3 Clipston.

Saturday 3rd October 2015

Away to Earls Barton.

Final score: Earls Barton 1 - 1 Clipston.

We are slowly going up the league table.

Saturday 10th October 2015

Home game to Daventry Drayton Grange. A difficult game for us today but a draw was good enough.

Final score: Clipston 2 - 2 Daventry Drayton Grange.

Saturday 17th October 2015

An away game to Moulton. A poor game for us as we came away as the losing side.

Final score: Moulton 4 - 1 Clipston.

Saturday 24th October 2015

Home to S & L Khalsa Corby. We are short of regular players today which showed in our game.

Final score: Clipston 2 - 3 S & L Khalsa Corby.

Angela Fellowes

Clipston Footpath Warden

New Daventry enforcement powers will target irresponsible dog owners



Clipston is very lucky in that it has many places for dog owners to walk their dogs; footpaths, the playing field, rural roads etc. I would like to pass on the following information about a new policy Daventry DC is implementing on 1st December.

The new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) introduced by Daventry District Council is designed to target the small number of irresponsible dog owners who persistently fail to pick up after their pet, creating a mess as well as a health hazard.

The PSPO, which comes into force on December 1, means dog walkers risk a £100 fine and potentially prosecution if they fail to:

- Pick up their dog's poo - This will now include all land to which the public can gain access including agricultural land.
- Carry the means for picking up their dog's poo while on a walk
- Stop their dog from entering a fenced-off playground
- Place their dog on a lead when directed by a Council officer
- Put their dog on a lead in the area around the visitor centre/café at Daventry Country Park

After you collect your dog's poo please don't leave the bag on the ground, dispose of it responsibly.

There's more information at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/dogfouling

Julia Blake, Footpath Warden, 01858 525760



Clipston Football Club

Clipston Endowed Voluntary Controlled Primary School



The school year started by welcoming the new Reception children to Owl Class and they have settled in quickly. Recently they enjoyed Pyjama Day, where they spent the day with their favourite teddy bear talking about their favourite books. Robin Class visited the Newarke Houses Museum in Leicester, enjoying a lively and informative workshop entitled 'Toys in the Past'. Sparrow Class has been discovering about Earth and space, taking part in a hands-on Rocket Science Workshop at Robert Smyth Academy which included planning and conducting experiments in the science labs. A mobile planetarium visited the school and the children took part in an interactive session about the solar system. Kingfisher class topic this term has been Australia, researching its history, geography and its native Aboriginal people. We also received a visit from one of the parents who demonstrated how to play the didgeridoo! Dinosaurs have taken over Woodpecker Class, who have been discovering about the history of the Earth and focusing on the Mesozoic Era.

Our annual Harvest Festival service was held in All Saints Church. The children decorated envelopes and donated monies for the Karisalpatti Children's Home. We raised over £260. As a school we also supported the Jubilee Food Bank in Market Harborough and were able to send several bags of food to them.



Our sports teams have been extremely busy this term: Several children took part in the 20 Million Steps Orienteering Challenge at Brixworth Country Park; the South Leicestershire cross-country event at the leisure centre in Market Harborough saw 24 children participate from Years 3-6 in their various age group events; as part of the Rugby World Cup, a tag rugby festival was held in Market Harborough and we represented Japan. A further festival was held in Daventry for the years 5-6, this time representing Samoa and we qualified for the county tag rugby final having won the bronze medal. Children from Years 1-2 joined other local schools in a Key Stage 1 football festival at Guilsborough. On the last day of term a Year4/5/6 mixed football team won a 5-aside competition in Moulton and will now be playing in the county finals in Roade.

If your child turns 4 between 1st September, 2015 and 31st August, 2016, as a reminder the closing date for the admissions for September 2016 is Friday 15th January.

Please contact or email the school if you would like to arrange a visit or require any other information on the application process. Alternatively please visit the county council website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions. Further information is available on our website: www.clipstonprimaryschool.org.

Head Teacher, Emma Mercer

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- lunch club
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Scarlett Howard



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Henry Wright



Rose Morse

Owl Class at Clipston school have been busy making pictures of brightly coloured owls.



A Barn Owl at British Wildlife Centre, Surrey, England.

You can recognise a barn owl by its white heart-shaped face.

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Look for;

barn owl, nocturnal, talons, prey, feathers, mouse, hissing, nest, beak, swoop

Barn Owls

If you are lucky, you might see a barn owl out hunting around Clipston when it is dark.

Barn Owl Facts

They are nocturnal – that means that they sleep in the day and come out at night.

They like to build their nests in barns, piles of hay, holes in trees or in caves.

They eat small mammals that are also nocturnal, like mice and voles. The animals that they eat are call their 'prey'.

They use their fantastic sense of hearing to find their prey at night.

They can turn their head right round to see what is behind them.

When a barn owl finds some prey, it swoops down and grabs it with its sharp talons which are like claws on the end of their feet.

They have special feathers so that they can fly very quietly, so that small mammals don't hear them coming.

Barn owls do not hoot like other owls, they make a loud hissing noise instead.

Daventry Rural - Safer Community Team Rural North East Update

PCSO Rural North Schools Parking Patrols

Due to complaints from a number of local residents and parents parking outside local primary schools, I carried out some early patrols outside both Clipston and Guilsborough Primary Schools recently. In all, ten parents / guardians were spoken to for dropping their children off on the yellow zig-zags immediately outside the schools gates.

I would like to remind all parents that Highway Code Rule 243 states that you "Do not stop or park near a school entrance".



Many parents are parking elsewhere in the villages and walking with their children to school. I ask you to be mindful that some primary school children have to travel to school on a school bus, the safest place for the school bus to drop off, due to the children being escorted off the bus by teaching staff, is at the school gates. We appreciate that the drop off and pick up times at the school gates is the busiest time in most of our villages and we ask all road users to have patience around these times. Other schools will be visited as and when my shift pattern allows.

PCSO Matt Taylor

Speed Enforcement by the Safer Roads Team, as well as checks carried out by the local Safer Community Teams, continue throughout the area.



Telephone: 101
SCT-DaventryRural@northants.police.uk
www.northants.police.uk
In an emergency, call 999

Travel Organiser's Diary

It's been a very busy year for me, my best ever business-wise so a huge thank-you to everyone in the village and elsewhere for your continued support – and a year of firsts for new places visited.

Over Easter we visited Paris for a few days and were blessed with glorious weather, enabling us to enjoy both the sights and street-life of this beautiful city. In the interests of my business (honestly!) I was extremely fortunate to be selected to visit both South Africa and Mauritius in June with six of my colleagues. After visiting three very different safari camps in Madikwe, near the Botswana border we spent an exciting few days in Johannesburg including trips to Nelson Mandela's house and Soweto before a whistle-stop tour of Mauritius staying in some gorgeous hotels and enjoying the warmth and hospitality of the Indian Ocean idyll.

Our family holiday in July saw us visiting Cavtat, Sipan and Dubrovnik in Croatia and we also managed to squeeze in a day trip to Bosnia Herzegovina, to the fascinating town of Mostar. We will definitely be heading back to Croatia in the not-too-distant future to explore more of this stunning country. During October half-term we sailed aboard the leviathan that is Anthem of the Seas – too big for my tastes but Chris and Ruby had a great time roller-skating, mounting the climbing wall, crashing the dodgems, feeling the force of i-Fly Rip-Cord and soaring high up above the ship inside North Star, amazing facilities to keep everyone enthralled and a plethora of dining choices, our favourite was Jamie's Italian – superb!

Next year's holidays are already sorted but remain under wraps for now! If you'd like to read more about my travels this year you can find out more on my webpage by visiting www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/abi.prescott or give me a call on 01858 897510.

Abi Prescott

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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 525441

Clipston WI

Enjoy interesting talks and demonstrations. We meet every second Tuesday in the month in the village hall at 7.30pm. New members or visitors welcome.

Rose Anderson 01858 525481

Clipston Cricket Club

Currently not playing matches due to lack of players.

Contact **Andy Blake 07768 554 395** if interested.

Coffee & Chat

3rd Saturday of each month in the village hall. 10.30 to 12. 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 2.30 pm unless otherwise stated. Following the speaker, we enjoy afternoon tea and a raffle, held to enhance club funds. For further details, please contact;

Mary Durran 01858 525200

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 every Tuesday in school term time in the village hall 9.15-11am. £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 (including 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.

Julia 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.

Useful Contacts

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All Saints Church

Reverend Angela Hughes 01858 525342

Baptist Chapel

Rob Thompsett 01858 466 370

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Clipston School Association

Emma Stevens

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Andy Blake 01858 525760

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