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Welcome

Welcome to the December edition of the Clipston Courier. There are many other articles of topical news and notices for upcoming events, but please remember to check www.clipston.org/diary to get all up to date event information & news.

We hope you enjoy this edition!

Roger Wallett
Editor of this edition

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Happy Christmas To All!

"Treasure Island"

"Ahoj there me hearties, shiver me timbers"

The Tennis Club have commissioned Broken Pipe

Productions to perform their traditional family

pantomime, full of laughs, mishaps and slapstick at

Clipston Village Hall on **Saturday 14th January 2017** at

2.30pm and 7.00pm.



Stepping Stones Pre School will be offering refreshments. Tickets now available from Martin & Liz on 01858 525558 or by email to lizandmartin@talktalk.net Adults £8.00 Children (under 16) £4.00

This event is supported by Daventry District Council

"Come along you Landlubbers - It's a show not to be missed!"

Friends of Clipston Church

Thank you to all those who supported our autumn events. The clutter sales with teas were a success, despite the awful downpours, and many people have asked for them to be repeated another year.

The harvest luncheon was another enjoyable occasion in the Village Hall in October, with delicious homemade soups, bread, cheeses and fruit crumbles shared with good company and lovely music



Brand New Combined Harvester'.

In total these events raised £530 for church funds.



The editors would like to thank the Parish Council for making a contribution towards the production of the Clipston Courier.

Please note that the views of the Clipston Courier are not representative of the Parish Council as a public body.



from the folk group who introduced some new material into their programme for the occasion including: 'Harvest Home', 'Bringing in the Sheaves' and I've Got a



It's always a delight washing up later!

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.

Flower Club

Our year starts off on January 19th with a talk by Mrs Dora Mack entitled, 'The Life and Times of a Garden Bench'. Mrs Mack is an accomplished speaker, who has chaired the NAFAS national speakers committee. For the first time in the club's history, we are holding this meeting in the afternoon starting at 2.30pm, and as a special treat, having a New Year's Tea party afterwards.

On February 15th it is our Spring workshop evening. This is always popular as there are lots of lovely brightly coloured flowers available to brighten up the winter days and nights.

In March we have invited local demonstrator Richard Twiselton to visit us. We always enjoy his wonderfully interpretive artistry and this time his demonstration is entitled 'Upcycling', which should be very interesting. Many of you will know Richard so will be assured of a very entertaining evening not only with the beautiful arrangements which he creates but also his very amusing chat. This meeting is on the 15th March in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Come earlier and enjoy a coffee and some chat before the demonstration begins.

Everyone is most welcome at any of our meetings so do come along and have a lovely evening. We look forward to seeing you.

Heather Weston (Chairperson)

Village Hall

Whist Drives - Thursdays 2pm

- December 1st, 15th in aid of Cancer Research UK.
- January 19th, February 2nd & 16th.
- March 2nd, 16th, & 30th.
- April 13th & 27th.
- May 11th in aid of the Air Ambulance.

Jumble sale in April is on the 6th.

Our September 2016 Jumble sale raised £400 for Village Hall funds. Thanks go to all who supported in any way, the usual gang came from far and wide.

Grace

Clipston Church

Since the last issue of the Courier, the Church has been busy putting things in place ready for the South aisle roof replacement. We had originally hoped that this work would be done this Autumn but the late receipt of the grant decision and then a problem with bats has meant that the work will now be scheduled for Spring/Summer next year.

The bat issue is frustrating. Bats have been known to be in and around the Church for many years. They are now a protected species and we have to be very careful to ensure that any work that we do in the Church does not disturb any resident bats. Consequently we had to carry out a survey to ascertain where the



bats entered the Church so that we could be sure that we would not interfere with them or take precautions to minimise disruption. Unfortunately when the survey was carried out, no bats were seen. Since that was late in the season, we now have to wait until next May to carry out another survey before we are able to start the work.

All the other elements are now in place and we have full funding from a number of grant sources confirmed.

The Orbell Café on Wednesday mornings continues to go from strength to strength. It has become a regular meeting place for villagers, men and women,

Bulls Head

Steve and Helen will be giving a warm welcome to everyone on Christmas Eve with carol singers in place early doors - so come along for a sing along.

Do not miss their New Year's Eve party with live music, fireworks and lots more!

Helen, Steve and the team would like to say a big thank you for Clipston's support throughout the year.



young and old and worshippers/non-worshippers.

People visiting the village often drop in and village groups are choosing to hold meetings there whilst partaking of the excellent coffee and toasted tea cakes. It is open from 9.00 to noon. Proceeds from a recent coffee morning were donated to Macmillan Nurses and amounted to £163 – a magnificent result.

Plans are under way to extend the café into Friday opening as well. Watch this space for news.

Christmas Services

4th December - Following the Christmas Tree lighting on the Green there will be a Celebration of Christmas evening at the Church from about 6.00. This will be similar to last year with readings, poems and songs and including the Benefice Choir. It will be a lovely way to kick off your Christmas celebrations.

24th December - at the Church at 4.00 there will be a crib service

25th December - there will be a Christmas Day service at the Church.

Fly Tipping

The photos (below) show the results of careless people disposing of their unwanted items without thought for others or the environment..



A closer look at the area around the fridge freezer shows two plastic bags of rubble. Adjacent to these items there is a



scattering of tin cans, plastic cups, plastic bottles, a sock and a paper receipt from a **well known supplier with names printed on it was in the rubbish!**



WRAP Club: based in Naseby, providing exceptional out of hours care for primary school children.

Weekly Routine Assisting Parents

email: wrapclub1@gmail.com

mobile: 07472 929393 (Vanessa)

07973 884717 (Katie)

XMAS Holiday Club 21st - 23rd Dec.

Clipston Weather

August 2016

The month was quite dry, with 18 days without rain. However, severe thunderstorms during the afternoon of Saturday 27th accounted for 19.6mm of the month's rainfall total of nearly 57mm which is about 15 per cent below my average for August.

Temperatures, overall, were slightly above average, although on two days towards the end of the month, the thermometer rose to a very warm 27.5° and 29° respectively.

September 2016

Rainfall for the month amounted to 88mm which is about 44 per cent above my long term average. However, 40 per cent of the total (35mm) came in a period of about two hours of thunder storms early in the morning of Friday 16th. There were 15 totally dry days (measured from gam to gam) although there were a further 6 days with rain only overnight.

Temperatures were significantly above average with a maximum of 30°C on Tuesday 13th. This was the highest September temperature I have recorded in my 36 years of temperature observations in Clipston

October 2016

Rainfall was only 45 per cent of average and the lowest I have recorded for any October since the start of my rainfall records in 1979. There were 18 totally dry days, including the last nine days of the month. The total was 31.7mm with over a third coming on the first day of the month, and amounts of less than one millimetre on another seven days.

Day temperatures were slightly below average, with the nights a little above. I recorded no air frosts, although there was evidence of ground frost on the morning of Monday the 3rd when the minimum in the screen was 3.5°C.

Peter Wilford

Christmas Greetings 2016



Laurie and Rose Anderson wish all our friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year throughout 2017, All the very best to everyone and their families.

Maggie & John Oldershaw would like to wish all friends & neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Philip and Heather Weston wish all friends, neighbours and fellow dog walkers a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Wishing all our neighbours and friends in the village a Christmas filled with love, warmth and sparkle and hoping the new year brings good health, good times and good fortune. From Faye, David, George and Joseph Tan. XXxx

(our donation to the Courier in place of cards is sent with thanks for all their marvellous work throughout the year)



Peter and Linda Warren wish all their friends in Clipston A Very Happy Christmas and A Peaceful and Healthy New Year and in lieu of sending local Christmas Cards will make a donation to the continuing work of The Courier.

MIKE AND BIM WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE IN CLIPSTON A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



The "Courier" Team thank all of our readers and contributors for their support during 2016.

Our best wishes to all for a Very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of Peace and Goodwill!

'Please contact the editors with any news, views, stories'

Tennis Club



Clipston Tennis Club Members 2016



Martin Clarke with his Trophy (again!)

Obviously the tennis season is now over for another year, and, as these pictures testify, Martin again won the Annual Tournament - for the third year in a row!!

Come on Clipston, we need some fresh blood (hopefully younger blood!) to help us defeat this sneaky, drop-shot spinning tennis player! Please join us in March/April when the outdoor season re-starts to ensure that he is beaten next year and at the same time have a lot of fun playing social tennis with our friendly and welcoming group.

In the meantime thoughts turn to raising money for the eventual re-surfacing of the courts and you will read elsewhere in this edition about the pantomime "Treasure Island" coming to Clipston Village Hall on January 14th. Please support this event (which is already supported by Daventry District Council) and have a great time whilst contributing to the funds.

Martin Clarke – Chair of the Tennis Club (and reigning "champion"!)"



The end of a friendly game with handshakes all round



Beyoncé and Melody

News from the Recreation Grounds

November was a busy month at the recreation grounds with the planting of our new woodland area at the far end of the field. Aided by a 'Big Lottery' grant and with support from The Woodland Trust, we are creating an area for wildlife, walkers, picnickers and forest school. Volunteers from the village and Stepping Stones pre-school have already planted 400 young tree plants and in the coming weeks some larger trees, a play tree and picnic tables will be added. Thanks to all those who helped design and plant the woodland and please get in touch with any thoughts about future developments in the area.

It costs about £3500 per year to keep the recreation fields and facilities running and maintained and the two concerts held in the church at the end of November helped to raise much needed funds towards those costs. Our sincere thanks to Chris Blake and Melanie Armitstead for giving their time and talents and to all those who came along to enjoy the music. If you wish to support the running of the recreation fields whilst also having the chance to win cash in the monthly prize draw, please consider joining our 100 club. For more information, contact **Martin Clarke 01858 525558**.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

All Creatures Great & Small

Meet sisters Beyoncé and Melody, the two guinea pigs that eight-year-old Imogen Tedd was given for her birthday. Imogen, of Church Close, is delighted with her new pets and told us how she feeds them things like lettuce, carrots, and guinea pig nuggets, and has tried courgette but they don't like it. She cleans them out once a week on Saturdays when her brother goes to football. Imogen liked the name Beyoncé because she likes the singer, and she called the second one Melody because it means music. She has done her homework on guinea pigs and knows they come from South America where they live in burrows. "In Peru they eat them on sticks," she reveals gleefully. Let's hope she doesn't try that one at home.

Stepping Stones

The children at Stepping Stones will be busy in the run up to Christmas, they have all been involved in making Christmas cards that the committee will be selling to raise funds for the setting. . These have been professionally printed and are now available from, Stepping Stones Pre-school, The Bulls Head, The Church Café (Orbell Room) and at the Tree on the Green Festival.

Our preschool children have been busy at Forest School, they have been learning about the rules and boundaries while at Forest School and taking part in various activities including den building, potion making, making their own chalk paints and then decorating the trees and lots more.

Stepping Stones is having a parent craft afternoon on Thursday 1st December from 1.30pm - which parents of the children at the setting are invited to attend and take part in various art/craft activities with their children.

We have their end of year show at the village hall on Tuesday 20th December that all the children will be taking part in.

Stepping Stones always welcomes visitors to the setting so if you have an interesting job or hobby that you think the children would love to hear about, contact Sharon Brigden (Manager) on 01858 525113 or email preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk

Note: Stepping Stones closes on Tuesday 20th December and reopens on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Facebook

Stepping Stones now has a Face book page! Please find us:-

[@SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston](https://www.facebook.com/SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston)

Here you will find updates of what the children have been doing, events for your calendar and fundraising information .

Woodland Area

The children will be involved with the planting of more than 400 trees at the new Woodland Area on the Recreation Ground on the 10th and 17th November - this will be a wonderful addition to the park and will be absolutely perfect for our Forest School adventures!

Christmas Party

The annual Stepping Stones Christmas Party will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th December 12-2pm.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Stepping Stones Committee or helping with our fundraising, please do get in touch!

Chloe Petty 01858 525191

Clipston WI



Another year completed and the existing committee and president have been re-elected! Either we're doing good jobs or nobody else wants them!

We have welcomed some new ladies and membership is now 19. We have a varied programme lined up for 2017 with topics covering "Shackleton's Forgotten Men", how urgent blood supplies are moved around the country by motorbike, and a joint meeting with Arthingworth in February on chocolate making – just in time for Valentine's!

A big thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to our steam vintage teas – we made a donation to the new Youth Group and the Baptist Chapel.

We will be joining other local WIs at Braybrooke for the annual carol service,

when Dorothy Judd will read, "The Garland", a poem written by her late mother, Dora Tebutt.

December 2017 we have a very high profile local speaker, so watch this space!

Ladies, you are very welcome at our monthly meetings.

A very Happy Christmas to everyone.

Rose Anderson 01858 525481

Woodland Trust

Woodland Trust: 'Haddon Fields'

I am pleased to report that the Woodland Trust have accepted our proposal to name the fields gifted by Miss Haddon as "Haddon Fields". The perimeter and tree fencing is now complete and the appropriate 'signage' will be completed by Spring 2017.

The unfenced grassland will be grazed by

Coffee & Chat Mornings and Canine Partners

By the time you read this another year of coffee mornings have gone by. It has been great to see many of you come back each month to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

If you are new residents in the village why not give us a try. They are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month 10.30 to 12 – in the village hall. It is a chance for you to meet your neighbours and other villagers. We raise money for the Assistance Dog charity called Canine Partners and most months welcome David with his CP dog Crunchie and Belinda with a pup in training.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support for these mornings. For your donations of cakes and items for the bring and buy and for drinking many cups of coffee!

Although I (Jill) am usually seen as "front of house" the mornings are very much a team effort. I would like to thank Anne and Jenny for all their help baking etc. month after month. There is a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to get things up and running.

Thank you also to Carol and Guy for looking after the washing up,. Anni who comes each month with her lovely cards and helps look after neighbouring sales tables. Claire who comes some months with her jams etc. Alison who helps with coffee and cakes.

Finally, Anne, Jenny and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anne, Jenny and Jill

sheep between spring and autumn, and a notice regarding the tendering procedure will be published on

www.clipston.org

in the New Year

Thanks to all of those that made contact to express an interest in forming a "Friends of Haddon Fields" group However, if there any others with an interest, please make contact with me. Following a recent discussion with Woodland Trust, I am pleased to say that we should be able to convene our first meeting in the next month or so.

We can then work with the Woodland Trust to develop the area for the benefit of woodlands, wildlife and the community.

Stephen Woodgate 01858 525566

Jubilee Foodbank



On behalf of the Foodbank Management Committee thank you for your wonderful harvest gifts.

Both Clipston Primary School and All Saints Church sent us very generous donations, which have now been sorted by date and put in the store ready for use.

We were rather short of food in early September, but thanks to the number of donations from people in the Harborough area the situation has changed completely.

The gifts of food help us to continue to operate as we do, and they allow us to carry on helping local people who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Once again, our sincere thanks to you all for your donations

Liz Higgins (On behalf of the Jubilee Foodbank Management Committee)

Latest Statistics

The latest statistics are for August of this year:- 33 Referrals for 86 people. 42 Adults and 44 Children. In total we supplied 774 meals

Village Diary

There is a very useful Diary facility on the Village Website online which can be accessed by following the link below:- www.clipston.org/diary

By looking at the diary online when you are planning an event, you will be able to see if anything else has been planned on or near that date.

It is easy to have your event put onto the diary even if you don't have a computer! Just get in contact with one of the Courier Team and they will make the entry for you—lots of people are using the online diary .

Charles Hanson



Auctioneer and T.V. Personality

Wine & Cheese & Talk

He is coming to Clipston Village Hall on **Friday 24th March** The Friends of Clipston Church have arranged an evening of wine and cheese starting at 7.0pm, This will be followed at 8 pm with Charles as our guest speaker.

Charles Hanson MRICS began his career at Christies, London in the European Ceramics and Glass Department in 1999. Subsequent employment with fine art auction houses in Cheshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire as a general valuer provided valuable experience.

If you have items that could be valued or spoken about by Charles, please bring them along. He has agreed to select a few to help illustrate his talk.

Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers are based in Derbyshire, Middle England with valuation centres in Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Birmingham, Shropshire, Stoke-on-Trent, West Midlands and Warwick with regional representatives throughout the UK. Hansons is managed by Charles Hanson who, in August 2005, established Hansons Auctioneers.

Tickets for the Wine & Cheese & Talk will be available from 1st February at a cost of £10. This includes a free glass of wine (red or white) on arrival. There will be a bar available for further drinks , with soft drinks also provided.

The tickets can be obtained / reserved by contacting Roger & Ruth Wallett on 525346. or Church View, Kelmars Rd.

'Rumours'

A farcical comedy by Neil Simon



Clipston is very fortunate to have such a talented team of people within their midst who are prepared to share their time, knowledge and energy with our village. It is not easy to bring together all the elements required to make a production successful in any environment.

However, when it is taking place in a small village hall, with a stage that has limited space, and a set that involves creating a large two story house with lots of doors, upstairs and downstairs it requires a talented Director to make that happen. That person in this case was Liz Clarke who did a very good job in making the three nights of the performances such a great success. The audience were treated to a quick fire, funny farce by Neil Simon called "Rumours."



The cast of nine talented actors took us on a wonderful journey at a break neck pace, which built along the way, that special aura of "the willing suspension of disbelief." The incredible branched out into many versions of the almost credible which got funnier and more eloquent as the plot went on. The set design and build was a thing of beauty given the constrictions that had to be overcome. All in all, every person in the audiences went home with a smile on their face and probably a favourite memorable moment to recall. **More please!!**

Roger Wallett

100 Club

As many of you will already be aware, the Recreation Grounds – consisting of the sports field, the tennis courts, the children’s play area and the pavilion – is actually a charity and receives no financial support from anywhere (other than a small donation from the Parish Council towards the cost of insurance) and has to raise about £3,000 annually just to pay for routine maintenance such as mowing and hedge trimming.

As one way to raise funds we run a 100 Club with a monthly prize of £100 to be won!

We are having a concerted effort to ensure all 100 numbers are bought in order to increase our funds and, over the next few weeks will be “leafletting” and “door knocking” round the whole village (Gold Street and Chapel Lane already have been approached and we met with a very generous reception from them!) but you don’t need to wait until we come to you...

...if you are interested in buying a number, for just £5.00 a month, please just contact me;

Martin Clarke 01858 525558

Shooting Club



Well done to all of the winners this year!

Clipston Shooting Club 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!

If you haven’t tried shooting before, why not give it a go. You will be made very welcome. To find out more ring;

Laurie Anderson

01858 524481 or 07759048857

Clipston Profile: Alex Pegram



Born and bred in Clipston, Alex Pegram has lived in the village all his life, and his regular column on ‘Remembering the Past’ has given us a fascinating insight into how Clipston has changed over the years. He lives in Bassett Way, with his wife Mary.

Alex was born in a house on Harborough Road in February 1932, the middle child of Rufus and Mary Pegram.

His grandparents all lived in the village too – his mother’s parents ran the farm opposite the school and his father’s parents ran Pegram’s shop, now 1 Kelmars Road & 1 Church Lane. “My Dad’s father originally came to Clipston in 1883 as a carpenter,” Alex explains, “He did a lot of work in the church, including making all the pews. He met my grandmother while he was here, and they married and ran the shop until they died - within a week of each other - the Christmas after I was born.” Alex and his family moved into the shop to take over, and ran it for another five years. “It was the type of shop that sold everything,” Alex remembers. “Groceries, clothes, coal... anything people wanted to buy. My Grandmother used to make ice cream in the cellar!” However, the shop came under competition from the Co-op which opened in Clipston in the mid 1930s, and Alex’s parents struggled to compete. They sold up and moved to 17 Kelmars Road.

Alex’s experiences of Clipston School during the war years may surprise the children who are there today. “Nowadays people would be horrified at the education we had in war time,” Alex chuckles. “Our first task of the day was to collect water from the pump, and then we were out in the garden (now the school playground) growing vegetables, or helping out with other jobs around the school. And if you were over 11 you didn’t even have to go to school – you could work on the farms instead. The

teachers did what lessons they could, but there were only two of them.”

It was a fun time however, and Alex has fond memories of walking to Harrington after school where they did odd jobs for the American GIs at the airfield and were rewarded with marvellous meals. “They couldn’t believe we’d never seen peaches.

We’d eat our fill and then they would give us a lift home.” When Alex was 11, as was traditional then, his parents wanted to give him a pair of long trousers, but clothing was scarce. “One of the GIs gave my mum a pair of khaki military trousers, which she then altered to fit me. I remember wearing them on a trip to Wicksteed Park and seeing two American military policemen just as we got off the bus... I refused to get off in case they took my trousers away!” Skip forward to 1950, and Alex legitimately got to wear military trousers when he did two years of National Service in Austria. He travelled all over Europe and remembers it as a time of adventure. “I had come from a very small village, so it was very exciting.”

Back home, Alex met Mary and they married in 1957 and had their daughter Karen two years later. Next year, he and Mary are all set to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, an incredible achievement.

Alex’s memories of Clipston as it used to be are very much valued and we are delighted to be able to record them in the Clipston Courier.

Hannah Eveleigh

Kelmarsh Hall Restoration Project & Free Tours



Kelmarsh Hall is undertaking its largest ever restoration project and, throughout the winter, is giving visitors and the local community the opportunity to observe the restoration in action

With a £1.3 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund Kelmarsh Hall has been able to begin restoring areas of the Hall which were at risk. "Below Stairs" areas formerly used by those who worked in the Hall will be preserved and opened for visitors to see, including a butler's pantry, bake house and footman's in the basement of the main house and a wash room and ironing rooms in a separate laundry block.

Visitors can get involved through **Heritage Restoration Tours** and **Have A Go Restoration Experiences**.



Dates for the Heritage Restoration Tours are 14th December 2016 & 25th January, 1st March and 29th 2017

Dates for a Have A Go Experience are 14th December 2016 & 25th January, 1st March and 29th March 2017.

Tickets are free but there are limited spaces so do book asap to avoid disappointment. To register go to :-

www.kelmarsh.com and this will take you to the "What's On" where you will find further details. Telephone on 01604 686543

Bin Collections

Daventry District Council have agreed proposals for a new type of waste and recycling service from June 2018, when the current environmental services with Amey /Enterprise ends.

It is called a "1-2-3" service it would comprise :-

- (1) a weekly food waste collection
- (2) a two weekly recycling collection using a full size compartmentalized wheelie bin.
- (3) a three weekly general waste collection.

A separate garden waste collection service would also be made available at an additional cost for those who want it. Nearly 1,000 people gave their feedback on the proposal during a public consultation during February and March 2016. The D.D.C. approved the option on 28th July. Detailed work is being carried out on how these future collections are to be delivered.

To find out more about the proposals, including a video guide & FAQ's go to; www.daventrydc.gov.uk
[Waste and recycling proposals 2018](#)

Existing service		1-2-3 service
 <p>Brown food caddy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collected weekly • Food waste 	1	 <p>Brown food caddy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected weekly • Food waste
 <p>Blue recycling box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected weekly • Plastic, glass, aluminium, cans and foil 	2	 <p>Large recycling bin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected two-weekly • An insert for glass bottles and jars • All recycling, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Large and small cardboard ✓ Plastic tubs, cartons and bottles ✓ Foil, food and drink cans ✓ Paper, newspapers and magazines, wrapping ✓ Aerosols
 <p>Red recycling box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected weekly • Paper, small cardboard 		 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large cardboard cut up and placed in red box
 <p>Large black bin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected two-weekly • Rubbish that can't be recycled and goes to landfill 	3	 <p>Large black bin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected three-weekly • Rubbish that can't be recycled and goes to landfill • Considering weekly disposable nappy service
 <p>Large brown bin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden waste • Collected two-weekly 	optional	 <p>Garden waste options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay for additional large bin (equivalent of 69p per week) • Collected two-weekly • Home compost • Put in black bin
Around £2million per year from 2018		Around £1.25million per year from 2018

Clipston Primary School

Welcome to the first newsletter from Clipston School for this Academic Year. The school year started by welcoming the new Reception children to the Owl Class who have settled in to the routine of school life very quickly. Recently they enjoyed visiting Farndon Fields Farm along with the Robin Class, and have been learning about autumn and in particular Harvest. We were also given a pumpkin to take home and perhaps make delicious pumpkin soup!

The Kingfisher Class topic this term has been discovering all about the Rainforest, researching its history, geography and its native people. The Aztec's have taken over the Woodpecker Class finding all about their history, culture and traditions.

In September the school was inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectors. This was our first inspection since 2012 and considering the enormous changes in the educa-

tional landscape during this time, we are delighted to continue to be judged as A Good School. The report can be accessed at www.ofsted.gov.uk

Our annual Harvest Festival Service was held in All Saints' Church. Family and friends joined us to celebrate Harvest in our traditional way with Reverend Angela Hughes. The children decorated envelopes and donated monies for the Karisalpatti's Children's Home in India, raising over £370. 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 taking part in afterschool activities and competitions. The Year 5/6 Football Team displayed fantastic skills whilst taking part in a local school tour-

namment at Guilsborough. The Tag Rugby Team recently participated in a Rugby Festival in Daventry comprising of 21 teams. The Year5/6 team competed against 7 different schools from the area and finished as overall competition winners in a thrilling final against Brixworth, winning 3-2. The team have now qualified for the County Final to be held at Franklin Gardens in Northampton. Well done to all the teams we are extremely proud of you - your determination, teamwork and character.

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. It will be lovely to see you at the School's Christmas Bazaar which is being held on Friday 2nd December starting at 1.30pm.

If your child turns 4 between 1st September, 2016 and 31st August, 2017, as a reminder, the closing date for the admissions for September 2017 is 15th January at 5pm. Please contact or email the school if you would like to arrange a visit or require any other information on the process. Alternatively please visit the County Council website:

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions.

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.

Further information is available on our website: www.clipstonprimaryschool.org or you can follow us on;

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Emma Mercer | Head Teacher



Clipston School children proudly showing the rewards for their achievements

NHC Friendship Club

We have had a varied selection of speakers recently including return visits from Richard Adams, who showed some beautiful photographs expertly matched with appropriate music. Peter Wilford with the Market Harborough Movie Makers showed films taken in the area. We are looking forward to the Christmas

lunch on the 14th December at the Bulls Head. It is through the generosity of the Holloway Steam Fayre that the lunch is held. We thank Alan Eaton MBE and all his friends at that event for their continued support.

Our next meetings are:-

- 9th January - Bingo and bring and buy.

- 13th February - Jim Tyson "Shipwrecks Treasure and History".
- 13th March - to be confirmed
- 10th April - fish and chip lunch at 12.45 for 1 pm followed by our AGM.

If you would like to find out more about the Friendship Club, please telephone; Jill Pick on 01858 525746.

Visit www.clipston.org for more news, views and events in and around Clipston

Remembering the Past

In this, the last of his "Clipston Memories", Alex Pegram recalls life in the village up to the 1960's .

We were now living in post war Britain and men and women from the services were being demobbed and returning to civilian life, even though they would be bound by wartime regulations for some time yet. The winter of 1947 was very severe, with very heavy snowfalls blocking towns and villages with drifts of up to 2 metres deep. Those that worked in the building and construction industry, myself included, were laid off from that work but most of us were offered temporary employment with the County council highways departments. The road clearing was mainly by hand and concentrated on giving single track access, with



Winter 1947

passing bays, to the villages that were cut off. Farmers also had a difficult job digging out sheep from the snow and getting all stock into the farm yards and barns.

I remember a man who used to make his way from Kelmarsh to Clipston to buy provisions at the Clipston shops, bakers and butchers. After he collected the food supplies for the people of Kelmarsh, he would set off home with a sack of supplies on each shoulder. A no mean feat under the extreme conditions! Dairy farmers had great difficulties and milk collections ceased with insufficient milk churns to put the milk in. Then came the thaw, which caused very serious flooding to low lying areas. By the time of the thaw the 8th American air force had left Harrington to go home to the USA, but the camps were used for longer, as transit camps for units returning to the USA.

Before returning home the 8th air force gave Clipston a painting that had hung in their gunnery school to commemorate their stay in the area. The painting still hangs today in Clipston school.

Farmers were still under the control of the agriculture committee (known as the War Ag) as there were still food shortages. A lot of people, instead of military service, had been put into essential services, such as the railways, which they worked in until their release in 1947. The changes from war time to a new era of peace took many years to fulfil. The desperate need for houses was a big problem and the government introduced the 'pre-fab' as a short term measure, but many were still in use 50 years later ! In 1947-48, Brixworth RDC build 10 new houses in Clipston, in what is now known as Bassett way, named after the village Councillor. The houses were completed in 1948 but they still had to obtain their water from the village pumps until 1952 when water mains were laid.

Mrs Vials at number 8, is the only original occupant left in the street. A few weeks after the water mains were put into service, a notice was put on all public pumps stating that the water was unfit for human consumption ! This was followed over the next few years with the installation of a sewage system. When this was being carried out along Kelmarsh Road, on a wet and dreary night, myself and two friends, Albert and Eric, made our way up to the Red Lion where I said that I had a bad cold. Albert said "I know a cure for that, Rum and Blackcurrant". This was just the start and when it was closing time and we set off home, we found that we were very unsteady on our feet! We lost Albert on the way down and learnt afterwards that he had taken shelter under a tree in the Churchyard. Eric and I got as far as Weskers cottage where there was a large section of open trench for the new sewage system. Naturally, we fell into said trench and due to the wet clay and the 'medication' we could not get out! But help was at hand, in the form of a group of village ladies that had been to a whist drive in a neighbouring village. The landlord of the Bulls head, who also ran a taxi service, stopped to drop off the ladies, heard a noise coming from the trench and found two poor souls at the bottom of the trench! The landlord managed to find a ladder from somewhere and helped us out and escorted us home. It was a good job that he came by, as next morning the brook overflowed and flooded the road and the trench! After this, if we ever went to either of the two pubs we were regularly reminded of the event if we asked for a 'rum and black'



Alex Pegram in the Red Lion bottom L.

In 1958/59 a new White Arches bridge was built over the brook on Kelmarsh Road, and as part of the work, the brook was re-aligned and the road level raised from Bassett way to Bridge House. In later years a flood prevention dam was built in 'Little Hill' field, on the opposite side of the road to Bridge House.

We are now entering the 1960's so I will conclude now, as many of you are well aware of the happening since then. My final story to end these memories is about an escapade that 5 of us village boys got up to in 1945. We were hanging around after school when we wondered if we had enough money to buy something from Mr Maddock's shop and then someone suggested that we should try and buy some cigarettes as none of us had ever tried them. So, one of us, whose dad used to get him to buy them for him, was sent into the shop with the money. He came back with a packet of 5 Woodbines and a box of matches. We said "where are we going to go to try them where nobody will see us?" One of them said "lets go down to dad's pigsty!" which is just before where the recreation field is now. So, off we went, sat down behind a heap of straw and lit them up. As we inhaled smoke we all started coughing, so we chucked them away. We were just leaving when one of them said "The straws on fire!". We rushed back and grabbed a bucket and any other containers we could find, filled them with water from the dyke and attempted to put the fire out. All to no avail, people had started to arrive including one of our mothers who shouted "let the pigs out!" Of course the pigs set off down the lane and I swear a greyhound would not have caught them! We all had to face the music and we were all severely punished for our irresponsible actions, but as I recall, none of us ever took up regular smoking!

Alexander R Pegram

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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

Craft Club

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at members homes from 7.30 until 9pm. We share our skills and knowledge of a wide range of crafts in an informal atmosphere. Next meeting is at home of Linda Warren (tel 01858525463). New members welcome.
Ruth Wallett 01858 525346

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.
Jill Pick 01858 525746

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

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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