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Welcome

Welcome to the summer edition of the Clipston Courier! As the village gears up for the **Street Party on the Rec** and the **Village Show**, we find out all about what is planned (details opposite and on p10). Also don't miss the **Air Ambulance Garden Party** (p8) on 23 July. Our **Clipston Profile** this time is author and journalist Emily-Jane Clark (p3) and we introduce a new feature on **Clipston Talent** on p2. We hope you enjoy this issue and wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

Hannah Eveleigh & Liz Davies
Editors of this edition

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STREET PARTY ON THE REC!



Saturday 24 June

Village Show: 9am

Festival: 12 noon - 9pm

Villagers enjoy last year's Street Party which was held along the High Street to celebrate the Queen's goth birthday

Gather your friends and neighbours for an amazing street party on the recreation field! After a very successful street party on the High Street last year, we are having an even bigger and better one this year, with more entertainment, food and drink. Bring your own lunch or buy from the BBQ. Book a table under the cover of a marquee or just come down and bring your own gazebo, table and chairs. If you're not joining us for lunch, come along for the entertainment. The theme this year is "Countries of the World" so feel free to decorate your table (there will be prizes!).

LOOK FORWARD TO:

Village Show This takes place in the morning – bring along your homemade produce and crafts for judging, then enjoy it afterwards at the street party.

Entertainment: Expect the usual high standards of music performances, with local singers and musicians coming to-

gether to provide proper home-grown entertainment. In addition to local groups, there will also be a children's choir and disco.

Stalls & Activities: These include a huge tombola; raffle; water & wine stalls; bouncy castle; face painting; street painting; all day football. Have a laugh and join friends and family for fun, competitive games. Win the coveted "Ta Da" trophy.

Food & drink: All day bar; Prosecco bar; lunch time BBQ; afternoon tea & home-made cakes; home-made curries from 6pm (inc veggie option) and hotdogs.

If you've still not booked your table in the marquee @ £2 per person, contact *Nikki* on 525 660 or *Julia* on 525 760 or email: clipstonplayingfields@gmail.com as limited availability. More information at www.clipston.org.

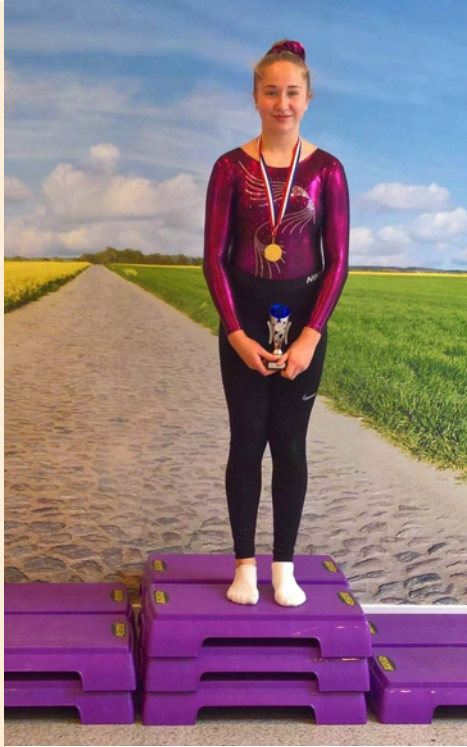
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Clipston's Got Talent!

She 'flies through the air with the greatest of ease...' is certainly a phrase that can be said of 12-year-old Amelia Wallis who will compete later this month (for the 2nd year running – last year she came 5th overall!) in the national trampolining competition at the NIA in Birmingham. Qualifying to represent the East Midlands in the under 13 age group of the NDP (National Development Plan) Level 3, she will have to perform two routines, one with ten set moves and one with ten voluntary moves, partly chosen by her coach, Kieran Grundy, and partly by Amelia herself. She will be scored by 5 judges who can deduct marks for anything from a wrongly executed move to how straight her fingers and toes are. 'The marking is so strict,' she tells me, 'and you can lose a competition just by .1 of a mark. If you land a move on one foot or at a diagonal rather than straight then you get immediate disqualification.' In fact, Amelia says she has even seen marks deducted if underwear is seen poking out of a leotard, or for wearing the wrong-coloured trampolining socks!

Amelia has been trampolining for the Market Harborough Trampolining Academy (MHTA) since the age of nine and has two 2-hour sessions a week on the trampolines and one session in the gym working on core strength. I asked her how she practises the more difficult rotations and



WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?

The editorial team knows there are many talented people living in Clipston achieving fantastic things every day; from playing for county and regional teams to singing for national choirs; running marathons in their sixties and walking 26 miles in their bras!

We'd love to blow your trumpets for you so please contact us to tell us about you, or someone you know!

sequences without getting injured: 'The first time we learn a new move we are attached to a rig belt which is like a giant bungee and the coach can pull us back if we go wrong. It's quite scary when you perform a move for the first time without the belt but generally the coach won't let us do that until he knows we are confident with the routine.' There is also a control mat which can be placed on the trampoline and this stops Amelia from going too high or too fast as she tells me it is much easier to control a move the slower you do it.

Amelia competes from October through to July with competitions at least once a month. Her favourite move is a 'lazy back' which is a straight-back somersault landing on your tummy. Amelia loves it but her mum, Rebekah, says it is quite a scary move to watch as she seems to turn so slowly you think she's never going to make it round in time... needless to say, she always does!

When I went to interview Amelia, she showed me the huge hoard of medals which hangs on her wardrobe door – I counted at least 35 bronze, silver and gold medals and with the nationals coming up in the next few weeks, let's hope that this number continues to grow, with a national recognition to add to the ever-growing array. Good luck, Amelia!!

Hannah Eveleigh

Gates & signs for Haddon Fields

Much progress has been made since the last Courier edition in March. Most noticeable to passers-by are the installation of a new access gate on Kelmarsh Road and signage on all the outward-facing gates. Kissing gates have also been installed throughout, replacing old and unsafe stiles and improving access for all.

Behind the scenes, the 'Friends of Haddon Fields' have now agreed a constitution and formed a committee. Three officers were elected; Stephen Woodgate (Chairman), Judith Bays (Treasurer) and Jill Pick (Secretary). We are looking forward to organising events throughout the year - please look out for notices around the village and on www.clipston.org.

We are also planning an official Haddon Fields 'opening' event which we hope

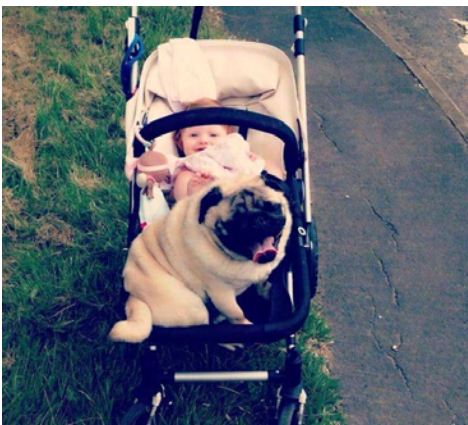
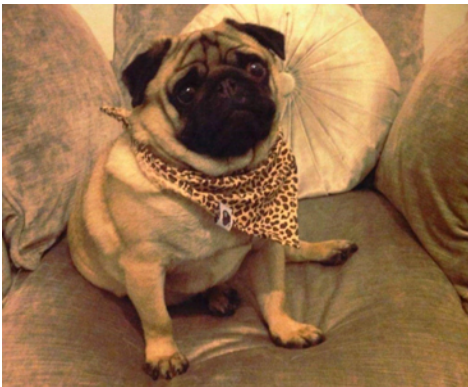
will include a range of country activities for all to try. Look out for news about the event in the next edition of the Courier.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more about 'Friends of Haddon Fields', please contact Stephen Woodgate on 525566



All Creatures Great & Small

Some of you may already have met Captain Pugwash (Captain for short) when he spent a Saturday escaping from his new home at Fern Cottage on the High Street! The Smith family (Neil, Danni and their daughters Bella, Lucia & Thea) moved to Clipston in April with their inquisitive pedigree pug dog, who is six years old and has a bit of a penchant for dressing up! He has a collection of outfits for every seasonal occasion (see below) but is particularly fond of his neckerchief. He has lots of fur and gets very hot, so has to have regular haircuts. He is also rather averse to exercise, and instead prefers to travel with Thea in her pushchair! We welcome Captain and his family to the village and hope they are settling in well.



Clipston Profile: Emily-Jane Clark



Journalist, Emily-Jane Clark, knows a thing or two about sleep. Or rather the lack of it. Her hilarious, self-deprecating and honest blog about being up every night with her children when they were tiny, has taken her writing career in an unexpected direction and has now led to a book deal and a nomination for a comedy award. She lives in Clipston with her husband James, and daughters Isla and Cleo.

"I started off trying to be an actress," Emily-Jane reveals, along with her story about a brief foray as a member of a girl band and a stint at McDonalds while she attended auditions in London in her twenties. But struggling to make ends meet, her family convinced her to go to university, where she studied English and followed it up with a journalism qualification. Fast forward a few years, and Emily-Jane is a freelance journalist living in Clipston, mother of two babies (18 months apart) and very sleep deprived. "After Cleo was born I couldn't cope with work as well as the girls. I just wasn't getting any sleep at all – neither of them slept. It was a really hard time." She is quite candid about suffering from post-natal depression, which made the sleep deprivation even harder to deal with. "I had basically hit rock bottom," she says "One night I was delirious at about 4am and wrote down how I was feeling and made myself laugh. I posted it onto a blog, not really expecting people to read it." But within a few days, Emily-Jane's frank and funny account of her sleep-deprived life had gone viral and been viewed by over half a million people.

The blog saved her sanity. "It helped me connect with so many tired mums. It made me feel better, and hopefully them too. I used humour as therapy." She recounts many funny incidents as a

result of being completely shattered. "I told the postman I loved him once," she says, still mortified at the recollection. "My brain was just not working properly. He handed me a parcel and I said "Love you" instead of "Thank you". And then the next time he brought a parcel I was focussing so much on *not* saying it again.... that I did!"

As she continues with her blog and emerges from the fug of new parenthood, her career is taking off again with her work appearing regularly in Metro magazine, the Huffington Post, Good Housekeeping, The Mail Online and many other newspapers and magazines. "Having the blog was like an online CV. I got lots of work writing about being a parent, but I'm starting to move into other areas now as well, including current affairs and mental health." Her latest project is a book, based on her blog, called 'Sleep is for the Weak' which, in her own words is "the first book ever written about babies and sleep to contain no advice whatsoever."

Despite being an expert on sleep deprivation, Emily-Jane's real ambition lies in scriptwriting. A short script she submitted to the Funny Women Comedy Writing Awards gained her a place as a finalist in 2016. Attending the awards ceremony she found it incredibly inspiring. She continues to work on script ideas, with a view to writing for TV, and has started another book; this time a novel. She also works as a volunteer for HomeStart, which provides support to families in need and mothers suffering from post natal illness.

With all that going on in her life, it looks like Emily-Jane won't have time for sleep anyway...

www.stolensleep.com

Liz Davies

Tennis Club

The tennis season is up and running, which is a bit more than I can say for some of our members! Tuesday evenings find a very inclusive group of tennis players enjoying "social" tennis, mainly mixed doubles, and enjoying each other's company. If you play a bit and want to join us please do come along. Some of the club who are slightly more competitive, are playing in a "ladder" (singles) so if this appeals to you then please consider joining the club and taking your place on the ladder.

Obviously, the courts are free and available for anyone to use at any time but if you are using them then please do think about contributing to their upkeep (and their eventual replacement) by either joining the club (£30) or taking out membership of the 100 Club (£5 a month).

Martin Clarke 525558

LAWNMOWING NEEDED!

If anyone is able to join the children's playground lawnmowing rota, we would be very grateful! The more mowers we have, the fewer times you'll have to mow!

Lawnmower is supplied.

email andyblake4@hotmail.com.

Treasurer Vacancy

Clipston Recreation Field Trust

We are hugely indebted to Charlie Shaw who took the treasurer's role for the trust 4 years ago and has done such a great job. Thank you! However due to work and other pressures he is stepping down this summer.

So... here's a fantastic opportunity for someone to get involved with an important community organisation, and really help develop the recreation fields further. The main responsibilities are: to monitor spending and income, to pay invoices, to produce annual accounts and to attend approximately 6 meetings per year (meetings are in the evening and always less than 2 hours!). Accountancy qualifications are **not** essential but numeracy skills would be useful. The new treasurer will have a period of transition with Charlie. Please contact Andy or Charlie if you're interested. **Andy Blake 525**

Clipston WI



We have recently been entertained by two excellent speakers: in March, Oliver Cufflin arrived on his motorbike (see photo) to tell us about the work of the Leics and Rutland Blood Bikes, which transport blood stocks, donated breast milk for premature babies, etc. for hospitals. It is an out-of-hours service covering night-time and weekends. It is run by volunteers – so any bikers out there with some spare time - this is just so worthwhile and something we hadn't heard about.

Camille McClean came along in April,

from her shop in Bulwick, with lots of pickles and jams – which are now made in Market Harborough – for us to try. She explained the ups and downs of building her business and how she got her fingers burnt by London financiers. Talking about jam, and Jerusalem, have you ever wondered how the WI came to adopt what were initially the words from a poem by William Blake, *Milton*, and for which Herbert Parry wrote the tune 101 years ago? It was used to support the campaign for votes for women and on Parry's death in 1918 the copyright was granted to the WI. It has been sung at every "Last Night of the Proms" since 1946. So, now you know!

Any ladies are most welcome at our monthly meetings and we are proud to sing a song associated with such a history.

Rose Anderson
President, 525481

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Thank you from the 100 Club



The 100 Club helps to fund all the facilities down at the recreation field including the children's playground

We'd like to thank all of you who have signed up for the "100 Club". Since just before Christmas, we (Julia Blake, Nikki Bugla & Martin Clarke) on behalf of the Clipston Recreation Fields Trust, have been gradually going around the village asking if people want to join and we have been delighted with the response. Apologies if you received the "flyer" and then never had the second visit we promised... you were probably out when we called and we have not been able to go back to everyone. There are still a few places left though so if you are interested please contact Martin.

The "100 Club", when full, basically covers the routine costs and upkeep of the Recreation Field (including the tennis courts, the children's play area, the basketball area and play equipment, etc.) allowing additional fund-raising and grants to be used for development and any capital expenditure. So, by being part of the "100 Club" YOU are helping to ensure the future of this wonderful resource that we all enjoy... and at the same time giving yourself a chance to win £100, or £50, or £25 every month!

To find out more, please call Martin Clarke on 525 558.

Fit for a Queen!



Come along to **Clipston Village Hall** on **Friday 30 June from 3-5pm** to enjoy a talk by Rosemary Hughes, holder of the Royal Warrant of HM the Queen to supply nosegays for Royal Maundy Thursday Services.

Rosemary will talk about the history of Maundy services, the music and royal

connections. She will also demonstrate the making of a Nosegay (posy).

Tickets £5 including strawberry cream tea and are available from Ruth Walleth 525346 (Church View, Kelmars Rd.) or Anne Woodgate 525566 (Greenleigh, Kelmars Rd). All proceeds will go to All Saints Church, Clipston.

Orbell Cafe at the church

If you haven't yet been to the Orbell Cafe at the back of the church on a Wednesday morning, please pop down and take a look! It's a thriving community cafe, and a fantastic addition to the village. The cafe was the idea of Linda Lake who suggested it in early 2016, and over the last year it has become a real community hub with more than 40 people, churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike drifting in to enjoy the excellent filter coffee and toasted teacakes on offer. The Orbell room has been completely refurbished thanks to generous support from Jean

Wilford, Valerie Carpenter, Trevor Lake and the Doughtys amongst others. In the summer we placed tables and chairs outside in the churchyard and this went down well. The daily newspaper is always available and it is a gentle walk for most people. Although the intention was never to make money and the prices are kept low so that nobody is excluded, the venture has been so successful that the organisers - Linda and Valerie - were able to hand over £1250 to the PCC in November after less than a year in operation.



The Orbell Cafe

Church Website

If you want to know more about All Saints Church, please visit our website www.allsaintsclipston.org. It includes all the upcoming services as well as photos and news regarding the church and its fundraising activities.

Baptist Chapel

We have a service every Sunday at **10.45am** with Communion served on the first Sunday of every month. Refreshments are available afterwards and we welcome everyone to stay for a drink and a chat.

Friendship Club

We have now held our AGM and are looking forward to a new programme of speakers and activities. We have over the years received great support from our friends at Hollowell Steam Rally and Allan Eaton MBE, the man behind the organisation, will be visiting us in October to tell us how it all started.

Here are the next few meetings:

12 June – lunch 12.15 for 12.30 –

followed by "Living with Jasper, a deaf spaniel" by Maggie Taylor

10 July – Northamptonshire Curiosities 2 by Helen Crabtree

14 August – Great Oxendon garden meeting.

11 September – quiz

To find out more, please contact Jill Pick on 525 746.

Mobile Library



Not just books – renew your bus pass, rent DVDs and buy stamps and greetings cards too!

The mobile library visits Clipston on the **first Wednesday of each month from 10.40 to 11 am** and stops **just opposite the church at the end of Kelmars Road**. Mike is the friendly librarian - he drives the only mobile library in the whole county and visits 125 different locations every month. The library is free to join and 20 books can be borrowed at any one time, including audio books and large print books. There is a children's section and Mike runs the Summer Reading Challenge every year. Also on offer in this little van is the ability to renew your bus pass, buy first class stamps, buy old rental DVDS and books and there is a lovely selection of cards to choose from, including local artists. There is disability and pushchair access so this facility is available to absolutely everyone, whatever age!

Gilbert & Sullivan Evening

A full house at All Saints Church, Clipston was entertained with a light hearted evening of songs and scenes from the Gilbert & Sullivan comic operas. The performers on the stage and the piano accompanist gave superb performances which were greatly appreciated by the audience. All together a very sociable event which was enjoyed by all. Finally, thanks to the sponsors and all the volunteers who helped to make the evening such a great success and which raised in excess of £2,000 for All Saints Church.



Babysitting!

With a lot of young families now living in Clipston we thought it would be useful to have a list of available babysitters, all of whom live in the village, They are absolutely lovely (we know them all!) and would be delighted to hear from you.

Amy Barley (18) has her own transport - 07519 981214

Izzy van Besouw (18) has her own transport - 07793 052243

Georgia Bugla (17) who is raising money for a school trip to Borneo - 07506 413231

Freja Leveritt (17) - 525519

Josh Wakefield (17) - 525556

Sam Eveleigh (16) - 525755

Ravi Rastogi (16) - 525172

Eddie Leveritt (15) - 525519

Emily Hoinville (15) - 525976

Emily Wilford (15) - 525262

We'll try and update this regularly so let us know if you would like to be on the list.

FORMAT OF THE COURIER

Following a recent survey on the format of the Courier, it was decided that all houses should receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Previously some villagers had received pdf copies by email to save on printing costs. However, the survey results showed that most people prefer a paper copy through their door as well.

Kimberley's Charity Skydive

On 4th June, 2017 I took part in a charity skydive with one of my friends in order to raise money for Arthritis Research UK. Neither of us had ever done anything like this before so it was a real test of our nerves on the day!

We paid for the skydive ourselves so 100% of any money raised will go directly to Arthritis Research UK. I have chosen to raise money for Arthritis Research UK as I was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis 4 years ago when at university. Arthritis Research UK invests in funding new treatments for all forms of arthritis as well as providing support for those living with the condition. It is thanks to the research done by the charity that there are drugs and treatments to help those affected lead a normal life.

Village Hall

Many thanks to all who supported in any way, by giving, attending and helping out on the day at the jumble sale on 6th April where we raised £420. The next one is on Thursday 7th September at 7pm in the village hall.

Whist drives have now finished for the summer but we start up again on Thursday 14th September at 2pm. Sadly, numbers have dropped a bit due to illness and old age, but if anyone fancies coming along you would be very welcome.

I am very pleased to report that the village hall seems to be running very smoothly and nothing has been reported on the security cameras recently. Grace Burnham 525327

Coffee & Chat Canine Partners

We are pleased to say another £201 has been raised for our puppy, making a total so far of £1,202. We sometimes (but not guaranteed) have a "puppy in training" who comes over from Bedford so please do call in one month and meet it. Thank you for your support. Here are the next few dates for your diary: 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September.



Kimberley Tyson after her skydive on 4 June

Should anyone wish to donate to this deserving cause we have set up a Just-giving page for donations which can be accessed at www.justgiving.com/KandA-skydive. I also have a paper sponsor sheet at 2 Chapel Lane should anyone wish to sponsor us this way.

Many thanks for any sponsors (no matter how small) - they are greatly appreciated and will go towards funding important research into the condition.

Kimberley Tyson

Clipston Weather

March 2017

Rainfall amounted to 57.9 mm - slightly above average, with most coming in the first week. The last nine days were quite dry, with only 2 mm falling on the 28th.

Temperatures were well above average, with the maximum of 20°C on the 30th and a daytime mean of over 11°C, both being the highest I have recorded for March in 37 years. The night temperatures were also well above average, with no air frost recorded in my screen.

April 2017

The dry spell continued well into April, with no rain measured until the 12th, and then only a light shower in the evening. Total rainfall was 17.1 mm - the fourth lowest I have recorded for April. That is less than a third of average. This included some hail, sleet, and snow showers which came on the 25th although none settled for very long.

The daytime mean temperature for the month was average, despite the maximum of 24°C on Sunday 9th which was my second highest recorded for April. Night temperatures were above normal, although I recorded slight air frost on three occasions in the screen. A ground thermometer revealed that grass temperatures were about two degrees lower.

Peter Wilford

Clipston Lamb Ready for your freezer

This is your opportunity to buy and taste locally produced lamb.

Born and raised in Clipston, this truly local product has very few food miles!

You can purchase either a whole or half lamb. Bates butchers in Market Harborough prepare our lambs into traditional cuts and they are delivered in a box, ready for your freezer.

Simple and local. Limited Supply.

Contact Colin Morley 525337 or Rob Leveritt 525519

Clipston Past & Present

If you had stepped out of the door of The Bulls Head around 120 years ago, you would have been greeted with a view that looked a bit like this! Looking down towards The Green, with Clipston House in the background, we know this image was taken before 1897 because there are no lime trees on The Green. As we mentioned in the last issue, the lime trees were planted in 1897 for Queen Victoria's jubilee. Today they hide Clipston House from view.

So much else in this photograph has changed though. The road is an obvious one—full of puddles it must have been extremely muddy. These roads were made out of granite, stone and slag, and through the winter months became almost impassable due to the mud and the deep ruts from cart and wagon wheels.* Proper tarmacked roads were not widespread in the village until the 1930s. The row of buildings was originally all thatched, and back in the 1890s, The Bulls Head was flanked by a harness makers and a sweet shop. Sandwiched in the middle (the one with two figures at the door) the pub would have been much smaller. Today the cottage housing the sweet shop is no longer there, replaced by the three 1970s houses set back from the road.

The Bulls Head was one of four pubs recorded in the village over the centuries; the others included The Red Lion on The Green (which only recently stopped trading), The Boot & Crown at 11 High Street, and The Rose & Crown which stood on the land on Chapel Lane between Mill House and The Manse. These last two, however, only existed before 1885.

* From 'Clipston A Heritage' Allison Collier & Jeremy Thompson



Harborborough Road, looking towards The Green

Coronation Celebrations in 1902



With the Clipston festival approaching once again, we thought it would be interesting to look at other village events through the ages. Peter Wilford found this photograph in his collection, which is of the celebrations for the Coronation of Edward VII in 1902. The photograph was taken at Clipston House on the village green, where the gardens—now Chestnut Grove—were often the venue for village events. In the book 'Clipston—A Heritage' it says that 'the villagers enjoyed a sumptuous

meal in the grounds of the house and the Northampton Town Silver Band paraded round the village at 10 o'clock. This was followed by a service in the church, given by the Revd Edwards. The celebrations closed with games, dancing and a fireworks display.' The coronation was planned for the 26 June, but was delayed until 9 August due to the King's sudden illness. However the residents of Clipston decided to go ahead with the celebrations in June anyway.

Stepping Stones Pre-School

We have got a busy few months ahead at Stepping Stones...

The children will be learning all sorts of lovely things as always but we will specifically be focussing on healthy eating, life cycles, colours, numbers and letters.

Forest School will last longer now that the days are warming up, giving the children more time to take part in new experiences and challenges.

We are also preparing for our older children to make the move up to big school (!) in September. There will be regular transition visits for those moving to Clipston Primary School where teachers will come into the setting and children will go into the school too. For those children moving on to other schools, those same links will be made and visits offered.

In July, we will be having our annual summer trip, this year to Mini Meadows in Welford where the children will spend time learning about the animals and their habitat, feeding them and hopefully petting a few too! We will also have our end-of-year show before we break up for the summer holidays; the children will have a wonderful performance prepared.

Stepping Stones is always looking for volunteers to come in and share their experiences, so if you have an interesting job or hobby that you think the children would love to learn about, please do get in touch.

Why choose us...

Ofsted rated 'outstanding' in May 2016
Highly experienced team and generous staff-to-child ratios

Weekly forest school every Thursday

Daily lunch club

Open 8.45am-3.15pm during Northants term time

Places available for September including 15 and 30 hour funded places

We are now looking to book in places for September so if you are looking for a wonderful, local preschool, contact **Sharon Brigden (manager)** on **01858 525113** or email for an informal chat and to arrange a visit:

preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk.

01858 525113

www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk.

Facebook page:

@SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston

Deputy Manager Vacancy at Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones Pre-School is looking for a deputy manager to join its team on a permanent basis from **Monday 4 September 2017** during **Northamptonshire term-time only**.

Working hours will be between 8.05am-3.25pm and hours will be a minimum of 19 hours per week. The rate of pay is approximately £9.00-£9.50 per hour, dependent on qualifications and experience. A minimum formal level 3

child care qualification is required and knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage is desirable.

If you are interested in the post, contact Stepping Stones on 01858 525113 and/or visit the website for details and an application form. www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk

The closing date **Thursday 15 June**
Interviews held on **Tuesday 27 June**

Air Ambulance Summer Garden Party



Last year's garden party

A GARDEN PARTY

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE AIR AMBULANCE
SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2-5PM
LIVE MUSIC FROM THE CLIPSTON FOLK BAND
TEA, CAKES, BOOKS, RAFFLE & MUCH MORE...

THE WOODGATE FAMILY
GREENLEIGH,
KELMARSH ROAD
(01858) 525566
PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT!

Our third annual Air Ambulance Garden Party will be held on 23rd July at The Greenleigh, Kelmarsh Road. Please come and join us from 2-5 pm for tea, cakes, a variety of stalls and children's games while listening to the one and only Clipston Folk Band!

Let's try and raise enough for an Air Ambulance mission (£1,500)! We've been close in previous years, so let's really go for it this time! Please come and support the absolutely essential Air Ambulance service.... you never know when you may need it!

If you want to get involved with helping in any way please contact Anne or Stephen Woodgate on 525566.



The Royal British Legion

I am sure people are aware of the useful work carried out by the Legion, locally and nationally. Cash raised from the Poppy collections helps ex-service people and their families.

Clipston District consists of Clipston, Sibbertoft, East Farndon, Marston Trussell and Arthingworth. Clipston is the largest and we have several door-to-door collectors. During the past year or two we have unfortunately, lost some collectors and so we are on the look out for some new ones! If you feel you can

spare some time to help in October/November, we would be very grateful. Clipston District usually raises an average of £2500 every year, which is higher than most nationally, so it would be great to keep this going. Anyone who can spare some time, please contact me.

Laurie Anderson
District Poppy Organiser
10 Chestnut Grove Clipston
01858 525481/07759048857

Clipston Primary School



In honour of the 350th anniversary of the school building the children have enjoyed researching its history, particularly how it has changed over the centuries. Each class concentrated on a specific era and our celebrations will culminate in a dress-up and activities day on 17th July (see right).

At the beginning of May, we were delighted to welcome parents, children and visitors to our annual May Fete, with traditional maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit to our friends at Sparkenhoe School in the City of Leicester and we welcomed pupils from their Year 2 class to Clipston for the day. The Owl Class children ventured into Everdon Woods and enjoyed the outdoor activities of mini-beast hunting, mini-den making and discovering about various habitats and homes. The children in Year 2 & 6 have worked exceptionally hard in the run-up to the National Standard Assessment Tests which were held in May, whilst internal assessments have taken place for the other year groups. Well done to the children and staff for all their hard work!

Owl Class children enjoyed a visit to Everdon Woods in May (above)

350th Anniversary of Clipston School building OPEN AFTERNOON MONDAY 17 JULY

To celebrate this anniversary, there will be an open afternoon for the whole community on Monday 17th July between 1.30pm and 3.00pm. The children have been researching the history of the school through different eras, and will be dressing up and doing activities. Please join us to celebrate this milestone anniversary!

Our sports teams continue to enjoy extra curriculum activities both at lunchtime and after-school and have taken part in the X-Country festival at Daventry. We are extremely grateful to those ex-parents and existing parents who help to run these clubs in their spare time. The children are looking forward to the annual sports day taking place at the end of June; hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

Music continues to thrive under the direction of Mrs Ginns with the school choir becoming increasingly popular. We are fortunate to be supported by the peripatetic music teachers in aiding the children's musical development by providing recorders, brass, violin and guitar tuition. The school choir recently performed at the Northampton Festival of Performing Arts and were commended on an excellent performance. Well done to all the children.

Visitors from the local community are always welcome to attend any of our events or even just come in and see what we've been getting up to! We hope many of you will be able to pop in on the afternoon of 17th July.

The school is open for all children aged 4 to 11 years old from 7.30 am (Breakfast Club) and there is a minibus to take the children to the After-School Club in Market Harborough, open until 6pm. Further information is on our website: www.clipstonprimaryschool.org or you can follow us on Twitter @ClipstonSchool.

Emma Mercer
Head Teacher

Clipston & District Flower Club

As I write this it has been raining, sleet-ing, snowing and then beautiful sunshine. Hopefully by the time you read this the better weather will be with us and there will be lots going on in the garden.

Already the peonies are budding up and are a beautiful flower to cut or buy and use indoors especially when mixed with other seasonal flowers like alchemilla mollis, lilac, roses and sweet peas. Peo-

nies prefer to be in water as they are thirsty flowers. If your peonies wilt, submerge the stems up to the blooms in room temperature water for at least twenty minutes, then re-cut the stems and place in clean, cold water for about two hours. They should then be ready to use.

In Victorian times, peonies were thought to represent shame or bashfulness but now it is an omen of good fortune and happiness in marriage which is why they are a popular wedding flower and are the official flower for the 12th wedding anniversary.

In June and July, the club is having a

members' demonstration and a garden visit. Dates and venue are to be confirmed. August, we do not meet but looking ahead to September we have a wonderful demonstrator Lorena Dyer coming to the Flower Club. More details to follow but Lorena is a very talented and entertaining lady so I can guarantee that it will be a lovely evening.

We meet in the village hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Come along and join us at any of our meetings, you will be very welcome.

Heather Weston

Street Party - What's on!

It's a real fun-packed itinerary for the festival this year—take a look at the programme for the day below. Updates and further information will be put onto the village website www.clipston.org. We look forward to seeing you all there!

TIME	EVENT
9.00 – 10am	Bring your produce to the show in the marquee on the rec (see below for details)
10 – 11am	Private judging of produce
11 – 12pm	Produce show public viewing
11.30 – 12pm	Please remove ALL produce so we can use the marquee
12– 1pm	Dress your table in the marquee or bring your own
12.45pm	Best dressed table competition judging
1 – 2pm	Lunch with quiz & jazz from the trailer. Bar & BBQ opens
From 2.00pm	Raffle, giant tombola, water & wine stalls; relax and let the children loose on face painting, bouncy castle, all day football, street painting. Afternoon teas and homemade cakes
2.30 – 3.30pm	Friends and family fun games
3.30 – 4pm	Children's choir
4 – 4.30pm	Children's disco
4.30 – 4.45pm	Raffle
5 - 9pm	Musical entertainment from the trailer - a great line up!
From 6pm	Home-made curries and hotdogs

Enjoying the rights of way in Clipston Parish

We do hope you enjoy the Clipston footpaths leaflet enclosed with this issue of the Courier. If you did not receive a copy or want extra copies, please contact me (see below). We really look forward to seeing more of you making the most of the 24 footpaths that we are lucky enough to have, in and around the village. Please take time to read the countryside code in the leaflet—it is really important that everyone keeps gates shut and dogs under control in fields of livestock.

I have had a complaint from a local resident that dogs are being allowed to foul the area in front of her kitchen window which happens to look out over a field entrance with a footpath. None of us would like looking out at piles of poo so please be considerate and please pick up after your dog wherever you are. Also, please pick up any dog play sticks as they damage farm and recreation field mowers.

I hope you enjoy our footpaths and bridleways this summer.

www.clipston.org/clipston-footpaths

Julia Blake

Volunteer Footpath Warden 525760

Sulby Gardens

Sulby Gardens will be opening its gates for the second time this year under the National Gardens Scheme on Thursday **22 June from 2pm to 5pm**. Featured will be the two amazing wildflower meadows in full bloom. As usual, tea and homemade cakes will be available, as well as Sulby Gardens Apple Juice and home-grown plants while stocks last. Displayed in the Conservatory Tea Room will be copies of the fascinating booklet, the *Story of Sulby Gardens*, featuring chapters on Sulby Hall, the Icehouse, the Husbands Bosworth Wartime Aerodrome and the Sulby Polish Resettlement Camp.

Sulby Gardens, Sulby, Northants NN6 6EZ

Sulby Gardens may be found just 5 miles from Clipston, between Sibbertoft and Welford

Village Show: How to enter

The Great British Bake-Off meets Grand Table Designs at this year's Village Show, which takes place on the morning of the Street Party (24 June).

If you would like to enter, all you have to do is bring your entry along to the Show Marquee at the playing fields between 9-10am. The categories are on the right.

You can enter more than one category and you can display your entries on your tables afterwards or use them as decoration. Judging will take place between 10-11am and all entries will be on show to the public from 11am-12pm. If you want to download entry forms in advance, go to www.clipston.org but forms will also be available on the day.

Categories

- Homemade Cake(s) creatively decorated using the *Countries of the World* theme
- Home-made 'World' food
- A jar of pickle or preserve
- An arrangement of flowers for your table
- A decorative flag or bunting for your themed table
- Best Photo taken in Clipston

UNDER 12s ONLY

- A creature created from fruit or vegetables
- Six cup cakes decorated with the *Countries of the World* theme

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CLIPSTON GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

All Saints Youth Club

Open to youngsters between 14-18 years old. We meet in the Orbell Room at the back of the church on alternate Fridays from 7.30-9.30pm.

Rob Leveritt 07802 897 050

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 525 120

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

Clipston Computer Support Club

Computer training sessions for beginners, 5 weeks for free in small groups. Normally meet Mondays 9:30-11:30am, please call if interested.

Julia 01858 525760 / 07880 700699 or Jim 07801 388007

Coffee & Chat

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

Jill Pick 01858 525746

Flower Club

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

Friendship Club

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

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.

Serretta Morris 07880 552 767

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.

Useful Contacts

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