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Welcome

Welcome to the end-of-summer edition of the Clipston Courier! We hope you enjoy this issue and wish you all a very enjoyable autumn.

Jim Tyson

Editor of this edition

The Courier editorial team takes it in turns to edit each issue. Our December edition will be produced by Stephen Woodgate. Copy deadline Oct. 21st.

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CLIPSTON COURIER NEEDS YOU !!

The editorial team is looking for new editors to join the busy Courier press room (!). Ideally they should have some basic knowledge of Publisher (though computer literate in any way would be a start) and an enthusiastic, imaginative mind for seeking out interesting and unusual stories and then writing about them! Please contact any current editors if you fancy yourself as a budding reporter! We'd love to hear from you!



Hannah Eveleigh

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Haddon Fields - Opening 17th Sept, 2017

The official opening of Haddon Fields will take place at 2.30 pm on 17th September.

We hope to see as many of you as possible there in the afternoon. Miss Anne Haddon, who donated the fields, will be with us, so please come along and say thank you to her.



An oak seat donated by Alex and Mary Pegram to the Friends of Haddon Fields will be unveiled during the afternoon. The Woodland Trust site manager Steve Reynolds and colleagues will also be around to answer any questions that you may have about the site and the work of the Woodland Trust.

Please come along, bring your own picnic, enjoy the natural surroundings and get involved with the events taking place during the afternoon, including competitions for young and not so young.

Please see the competition schedule enclosed with this edition of the Courier or download at;

www.clipston.org/friends-of-haddon-fields

Our main guest will be Jules Howard, our very own Clipston zoologist, writer and broadcaster who was featured in Courier edition 5. Jules will lead family walks around Haddon Fields, highlighting outstanding features, and carrying out activities such as bug sweeping and pond dipping.



Jules Howard

Make the most of this opportunity to be enthused by the natural world, right here on your doorstep!

Stephen Woodgate

Do you know where Haddon Fields are? For location please see p2

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.

If you enjoyed joining in with the singing at the 'Clipston Street Party at the Rec' this year then these four lovely Clipston ladies may just have found you the perfect night out – they spend every Wednesday evening at the Baptist Church on Coventry Road singing their socks off with about 100 other men and women as part of the Market Harborough branch of the Northampton 'group' of the infamous, nationwide Rock Choir.

Rock Choir has been running for more than 10 years now and with over 320 nationwide, and over 20,000 members, it seems to be going from strength to strength.

When I met with the ladies, they were bursting with enthusiasm about their weekly sing-song and all agreed that it is the perfect way to lift their mood, Helen admitting that even when she is exhausted, her husband 'forces me to go as I always come home with a huge smile on my face!'. All four ladies have always enjoyed singing and sang from early ages in their school choirs. Lorna tells me she used to sing in the Leicester Philharmonic Choir but all the ladies found life got too full of other things and other than the occasional karaoke turn or 'slightly drunken' singalong in the pub to a live band their opportunities to sing fell by the wayside. Liz explains that it wasn't

Rock Choir



L to r, Helen Hoinville, Anna McTaggart, Lorna Chapman, Liz Mirams

available on download from the members' website.

Rock choir sings a mixture of pop, rock and chart songs, and with no entry audition, no requirements to read music or have any previous singing experience, the ladies recom-

mend it to anyone who enjoys belting out a great, well-known song with a roomful of other people. The choir performs in public at various events throughout the year including the late-night shopping event in Harborough, Armed Forces Day and the Race for Life. Their next performance will be at Oxfam, which is organised by Oxfam and will be in Harborough on 14 October.

So, if anyone, male or female, fancies performing some of the best known, uplifting tunes around, go along to a free taster session at the Baptist Church on a Wednesday night from 8-9.30pm. All the girls agree that it is definitely, the more the merrier (and the louder!!).

To find out more, go to rockchoir.com

until she was in her fifties that she started to sing again with CADs and then not until her sixties that she decided to actively look for a choir to join. Rock Choir has provided the perfect comeback they all needed and Liz was one of the first members, joining in its sixth week when there were only 12 members. As one of only 12 bass voices in a choir of now over 100 she is sometimes asked to sing solos which she admits has boosted her confidence hugely. Helen was next to join and loved it so much she persuaded Lorna and Anna to give it a go and the three of them sing together in the alto section. Anna fits in the choir around her full-time job as an architect but she says that her long trips to sites in the car provide her with the perfect opportunity to practise her harmonies, which are all

Hannah Eveleigh

Haddon Fields - Where are they?

Many people may not know where Haddon Fields are.

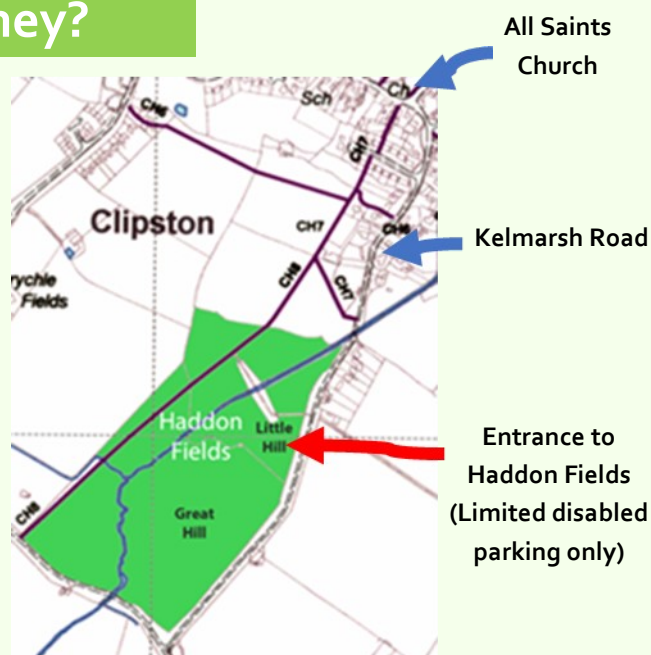
The main access for the **open day on Sunday 17th Sept, 2017** is on the right-hand side of Kelmarsh Rd just beyond the bridge over the River Ise (also shown as Siddom's Ford on some maps).

Access gate for the event is opposite the last house on the left-hand side of the road.

Please come along, bring your own picnic, enjoy the natural surroundings and get involved with the events taking place during the afternoon.

Stephen Woodgate

Note: there is no parking available in this area, however a very limited grass area will be made available for disabled parking.



Clipston Profile: Laurie Anderson

"I'm a great believer in volunteering and getting involved," says Laurie Anderson, "Apart from anything else, you enjoy yourself more."

In the thirty years that Laurie has lived in Clipston, he has certainly 'got involved'. From taking to the stage with the Clipston Amateur Dramatic Society, to fundraising and managing the build of the pavilion at the playing fields, Laurie has contributed much to the village, and enjoyed himself immensely along the way. Born and brought up in County Durham, Laurie's job in the civil service brought him to Leicester in 1970 where he later met and married his wife Rose. They settled in Clipston in 1986 and both threw themselves into village life. "I love living here" he says "Since I came here I have never wanted to move anywhere else."

The first local group Laurie joined was the Shooting Club, where he was one of the founding members. "We moved into our house on the Saturday, and a couple of days later a flyer came through the door, saying that a few people were thinking of setting one up. I liked the idea of meeting some people so I went along." Thirty years later, he's still involved, although he doesn't shoot these days. "We have two aims at the club – one, to enjoy shooting (they only shoot clay) and two, to help local groups using our leftover profits. We've given about £30,000 to good local causes over the years," he says. "A lot goes to Air Ambu-

lance, but we also help with smaller things, like buying a new flag for the roof of Sibbertoft Church."

Perhaps one of Laurie's biggest contributions to the community however, is to have been on the committee for Clipston playing fields for 17 years (11 as chairperson), during which time he fundraised and managed the building of the current pavilion. "I had plenty of help," he is quick to point out, when I tell him that this is a great achievement. "Andy Morris Architects provided a project manager and did the plans. It took us about 18 months to get it done. Most of it came from the Lottery, but we did do other fundraising as well." He obviously got a taste for big projects because years later after he had left the committee, he worked with Rob Burnham and Steve Carpenter to create the children's playground, which was badly in need of updating. "We went to Clipston School and asked the children to tell us what they wanted. We got over sixty responses and used the kids' drawings to help us decide the final shortlist." Within about nine months they had a brand new playground, of which Clipston is still very proud.

Laurie also took on the restoration of the war memorial on The Green in 2014. "It was falling to bits," he says "Lots of peo-

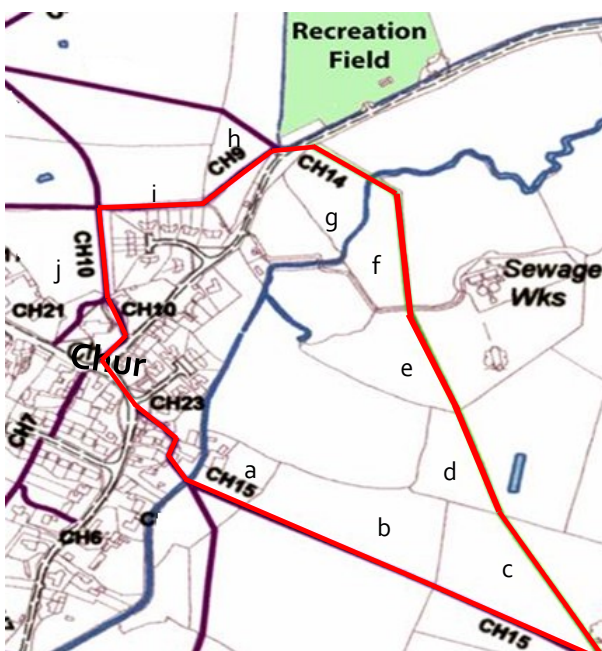


ple donated for that project and I just coordinated the work." Although he wasn't in the military, Laurie is passionate about the work of The British Legion, and is the District Poppy Organiser for Clipston and its surrounding villages. Every year, he and his volunteers help to raise around £2,500 for the charity. More volunteers are needed if anyone is keen to help!

Laurie still sees projects to take on - his latest is the restoration of Major General Mayow's grave in the churchyard, which you may have read about in a previous issue. He is already well on his way to raising the £1,200 needed. "We should be there before Christmas," he smiles. With his past track record delivering community projects for the village, we have absolutely no doubt that he will succeed! The question is, what shall we give him next?

Liz Davies

Views of Clipston



Following on from the 'Clipston Footpaths' insert in our last issue we now have available our first detailed guided walk; '**Views of Clipston**'.

The walk, route marked in bold Red/Orange on the image on the left, follows a anti-clockwise route. Very briefly;

- Starting at All saints Church, along Kelmarsh Rd to the footpath sign just past Basset Way.
- Follow footpath (CH15) past the new houses and over the bridge, (*Watch out for the Kingfisher who has been spotted at this bridge on a number of occasions*) go right up the hill to the top, stop on the way to the top of the hill and take time to look at the lovely view of the village, can you see where you live?
- At the top of the hill, through the kissing gate, turn around and go back down diagonally right (CH14), to the corner of the recreation ground.
- Follow footpaths (CH9/10) through the fields and into the rear of the churchyard via the kissing gate.
- Keep left around the back of the church and then down the front path onto the road where you started your walk.

A fully detailed walking guide can be downloaded from; www.clipston.org/clipston-footpaths

Julia Blake | Footpath Warden

Tennis Club

On Sunday 23rd July the Tennis Club met for their Annual Tournament. Deprived of several potential winners – Rosemary, Mike, Eddie, Sue Mc to mention but a few – 9 members met on a very rainy day with little prospect of play but managed to get in a very high quality and competitive afternoons tennis.

The worthy winner was John Tilbrook



who showed his undoubted class but there were no losers in what was a thoroughly enjoyable event.

In traditional fashion we then all adjourned for a BBQ (once again courtesy of Rosemary & Jim Tyson) where, over a few glasses, ordinary shots became world class, service speeds accelerated from 45 mph to nearing 100mph and it was unanimously agreed that John T would thrash Federer!

If you fancy joining in this annual "shindig" then why not come down one Tuesday evening and join the club?

Recently, 4 members (Maggie & Julie, Sue B & Liz) played a friendly ladies doubles match against Medbourne Tennis Club. The tennis was of a very high standard, and all games were played in a very sporting and friendly manner. As a spectator I could not have enjoyed it more had it been at Wimbledon!

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

Clipston WI

I can't believe it is nearly autumn and soon time for our annual meeting in October.

The 2017-2018 year will be very special, as in May next year we celebrate our 100th anniversary – plans are underway for a very special programme of events.

Thank you to visitors who came along to the Shackleton talk about the forgotten explorers who were laying down food depots for Shackleton, but unfortunately he never made it and 2 men and several dogs died. It was made most interesting by the speaker, Debby Horsman, who is a distant relative.

Unfortunately the weather did what it always seems to do when we have our July garden afternoon – rained – but it did not spoil our enjoyment of a scrump-

tious tea and lovely views of the village from a members' home.

The sun did shine on a visit to Mill House garden in East Haddon – see photo, 12 of

us enjoyed the one acre garden, including an orchard, wildflower meadow and were lucky to see the foundations of the old East Haddon windmill, as the house is now for sale.

We will be hosting our famous

"Steam Up" teas on Sunday 1 October, any donations of cake most welcome.

November we will be enjoying lunch in The Bull's Head, and watch this space for December when we have a local high profile speaker.

Any ladies are most welcome at our monthly meetings.



Rose Anderson | President, 525481



'Fit for a Queen' Maundy Thursday Posies

A very successful afternoon was held with Rosie Hughes, Royal Warrant holder of Nosegays to the Queen.



Whilst making a posy she spoke about the history of presenting posies for each Maundy Thursday which goes back for many centuries when they were used to disguise the smells in the streets around the royal party. She showed us Maundy money in their presentation bags, presentation service sheets and many associated items. It was fascinating to hear about behind the scenes information about her dealings with the royal family.

We then all enjoyed a strawberry cream

tea made with jam made by another company who held a royal warrant.

Clipston ladies were joined by many from outside the village who were very enthusiastic about the interesting and enjoyable afternoon.



Anne Woodgate and her mother, Annie Towers winning the 1st prize in raffle.

This event also raised almost £200 for the church fabric funds due to the organisation by Ruth Wallett ably helped by the hard work of the friends of Clipston church.

Roger Wallett

Clipston Broadband - News

BROADBAND UPDATE

The Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) with Openreach is moving ahead with the design stage completed and detailed planning underway. The next stages of delivery, testing and handover must be completed by March next year but we remain hopeful that they may be complete by the end of this year. Connection to their superfast network does not require any civil works as all the changes are made at the telephone exchange on Harborough Road. Once connected, anyone served by the Clipston telephone exchange will have access to significantly higher broadband speeds via one of the many internet service providers (ISPs) using the Openreach network. The majority of homes in the village will have access to minimum speeds of 50Mbps and even homes furthest from the exchange will experience a minimum of 30Mbps. This is great news for all recreational and business users of the internet at home and work and is particularly welcomed by the school. Thank you to all those who voted in support of the CFP and pledged financial support. We anticipate the current gap in our funding to be met by a grant from The Kelmarsh Windfarm Community Fund and hope to have news from them during September.

The latest communication from Northants County Council informs us that Clipston is still in their plan to be connected to Gigaclear's superfast network. They may yet decide to remove us from their scope but if they don't and the works go ahead, residents would then have the option of a fibre-to-the-home connection which, whilst more expensive and restricted to a single provider, would allow for even higher speeds. We can expect to hear more about these plans over the next few months.

A third 'air fibre' option may also become available if there is sufficient interest. Zippynet uses line-of-sight wireless technology to deliver speeds of up to 250Mbps. This option is particularly attractive to otherwise-hard-to-serve properties on the outskirts of the village and public buildings without a phone line but their service is available to anyone. Being a smaller, local supplier, this network and service could be up and running within a few weeks. Please refer to their leaflet for more information or to register your interest.

If you have any questions about broadband infrastructure in Clipston, please contact me via broadband.clipston@gmail.com

Faye Tan

All Saints Church

AT LAST!! The leaking Church Roof is to be replaced.

Work will soon start to replace part of the leaded roof that has leaked for years.

The Church will be having an Open Evening on Wednesday 6th September at 7:00 pm to explain what is happening and illustrate it's vision for further community use.

Wine and refreshments will be served on arrival. Your invitation will be arriving through your letterbox soon. Please put this date in your diary.

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 24th September.

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.

Trevor Lake

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.

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.



Date for your diary;
Wed 27th Sep.

**'All proceeds on the day to
MACMILLIAN'**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Jumble Sale At Village Hall - 7 Sept (p9)
Haddon Fields Open Day - 17 Sept (p1)
All Saints Open Night - 6th Sept (p5)
Harvest Festival - 24th Sept (p5)
Garage/Table Top Sales - 30th Sept (p5)
Steam on the Green - 30th Sept / 1st Oct
WI Steam Teas - 1st Oct (p4)
Working Party at Rec. - 29th Oct (p10)
'Would I Lie to You' - 18th Nov (p10)

Coffee & Chat Canine Partners

Thank you for your support.

Here are the next few dates for your diary:

Saturday mornings, 10.30am - 12.00pm
16th Sept, 21st Oct, 18th Nov, 16th Dec

Jill Pick

Repeating last year's success, a number of homes are planning to hold garage/ table top sales on **30th Sept** to coincide with the steam rally. All stalls will be open 2-5pm with some opening longer. No charge for holding a stall, leaving you to keep the proceeds or donate to a charity of your choice. If you wish to join in and register your stall to appear on the map and publicity, please contact;

Faye 525275

Remember to check;
www.clipston.org/diary
to get all up to date event information,
news and regular village events.

Sulby Gardens "Apple Days"



Sulby Gardens will be opening its gates under the National Gardens Scheme on Thursday 12th October (1-4 pm) and Friday 13th October from 11am to 4pm. The main feature on both days will be the "Apple display" and the sale of Sulby Gardens Apple Juice. As usual, tea and homemade cakes will be available, as well as home grown plants. The final opening for 2017 featuring 'Autumn colour', will be on Thursday 16th November between 1-4 pm. Displayed in the Conservatory Tea Room will be copies of the fascinating booklet, the Story of Sulby Gardens, featuring also chapters on Sulby Hall, the Icehouse, the Husbands Bosworth Wartime Aerodrome and the Sulby Polish

Resettlement Camp.

Entry £4 per head, tea and cake £3 per head. Stout footwear recommended.

Sulby Gardens, Sulby, Northants NN6 6EZ

Stephen Woodgate

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) - 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

Chloe Kunz (17) 07525 737561

We'll try and update this regularly so let us know if you would like to be on the list. Email the details to; clipston.org@gmail.com

Clipston Weather

May 2017

Following a dry April, very little rain came in the first ten days of May – only two days with small amounts of measurable rainfall. Most rain came in the middle of the month, with nearly 24mm on Wednesday 17th. The total for the month was 57.7mm - 90% of my average - with 14 dry days. Temperatures were a little above my long term average, with a very warm four day spell in the last week ranging from 24° to 26°C.

June 2017

The first week was quite wet, with rainfall of over 10mm on two days, although the 1st and 3rd were mainly sunny. The 14 days from the 11th to the 25th were dry, except for slight rain, with some thunder, early on the 22nd. Rain returned in the last few days of the month, giving a total of 50.5mm – about 80% of my average for June. Temperatures were above average, with two days at 30°C and a maximum of 31°C on the 19th – the highest I have recorded in June since 2005.

July 2017

The early days of the month were dry - the first significant rain (11.5mm) coming on the 11th. Little fell during the next week, but then I measured rain on most days until the end of the month. The total was 61.5mm which is just over 90% of average for July. Overall, both day and night temperatures were below average, with less than half a day's sunshine on most days.

Peter Wilford

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/becky-donington1>

All donations, no matter how big or small, would be greatly appreciated by them and the charity as every penny takes us a step closer to stopping MS!

Your donations will be invested in world-class research and better treatments and services for those affected by MS in the hope that one day, we will find a cure!



Together, we are strong enough to stop MS!

Claire Kunz

Sponsored Walk in aid of Multiple Sclerosis... Let Us Find a Cure!



Becky, Megan, Chloe

On Sunday 6th August 2017, Chloe Kunz and friends Becky and Megan successfully completed a 25km walk in 5 1/2 hours along the Brampton Valley Way, they walked fabulously as a team and had a great time (the sun was out as well!) . In doing so, they are hoping to raise as much money as they can for the MS Society but to do this they need your help. So far they have raised nearly £1300 for MS Society and have raised their original target from £1000 to £1500.

Should anyone wish to donate to this deserving cause, they have set up a Just-giving page for donations which can be accessed at;

Clipston Past & Present - Gold St. / Nobold Court

If you live on Nobold Court at the top of Gold Street, you'll probably be aware that your house was built on the site of Nobold Farm – the farmhouse which can be seen here circa 1927. The Manor House, as it was originally known, had stood on this site for several hundred years, and is said to have been occupied in the 1600s by Sir George Buswell, the founder of Clipston School. Nobold was the name of the deserted medieval village half way between Clipston and Sibbertoft, and the land relating to the farm extended from the top of Gold Street to the site of this village. It is reputed that the stone from Nobold church was used to build Nobold farmhouse.

The house was last occupied by a farmer (Mr Hackney) in the 1930s. For a short time during World War II it became a



home for an evacuated London family, the Carus-Wilsons, but after they moved out it was mainly used for farm storage. Peter Wilford, who supplied me with all this background information, remembers growing up around the farm in the late

1940s, which was then farmed by the Spokes family. Peter Spokes and Peter Wilford were good friends and they were given an upstairs room in the farmhouse to use as their den. Peter remembers they kept fish in a tank there, and anything of interest that they collected on the farm, they stored in this room. A fine hideaway for two schoolboys! In the 1950s the main three-storey house was demolished, leaving the walls partly standing to form cattle pens.

It remained like this until the 1980s when the farm was fully demolished and Nobold Court was built. Today, the only evidence that remains of the farm is the small piece of stone wall between Cherry Tree House (4 Nobold Court) and 8 Chapel Lane.

Liz Davies



Clipston Shooting Club

Well, we have been having some fabulous shoots this year – the weather has been kind to us. We have been getting lots of new faces turning up to try clay pigeon shooting, many for the first time. They have been introduced to shooting by our chairman, Daryl Robinson, and Ivan Howe. Have a go stands have been set up especially for them, ensuring they leave having learnt something of the sport and breaking a few clays. As al-

ways pictures are taken of all who shoot and all are encouraged to take pictures and post them @ clipstonshootingclub-clipston on Facebook.

At our shoots, (the last Sunday of the month), the landlord, Steve, and landlady, Helen, at The Bull's Head, Clipston, open up from 8.15 to 9.15 to provide a hearty cooked breakfast for all who book. All we ask is that you friend Clipston shooting club on Facebook where

you will get an invite sent each month and then respond by midday Saturday before the shoot if you would like breakfast.

The committee have been outstanding in setting up the traps for the shoot, including two new ones. Shoots are fun and challenging for all shooters – novice or veteran, young or old.

For more information contact: Daryl Robinson d.robinson@crestchic.co.uk

C S J Phillips | 07919252964

Stepping Stones Pre-School

Another year over at Stepping Stones.....And what a fabulous year it has been!

The children have had a wonderful time learning about all sorts of different topics – from healthy eating and life cycles to colours, numbers and letters. They all had a fantastic time digging holes and planting the trees and bulbs for the woodland area at the rec. and we've had some brilliant visitors, a big thank you to all of them: Pollyanna – supporting language development, Kath – teaching the children to cook lots of yummy things and Emily-Jane for her fabulous (darling!) drama sessions.

We have had two treasured members of staff leave us this year – Jo Cooper at Easter and more recently Jo Dewar. The staff and committee would again like to say a big thank you and good luck in your future endeavours. Our pre-school children will be leaving us for BIG school this September, so it's a farewell and good luck to them. We have been so proud to have them all with us and look forward to saying hello over the fence!

We will be having our AGM on Tuesday 9th October 2017 at the Village Hall 7.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome. Come along to find out about the early years foundation stage, Forest School and moving on to 'BIG school'. You will be able to meet other parents, Staff, Committee Members and representatives from Clipston Primary school – we will also provide Tea and Coffee!! At the end we will hold our short AGM to elect the committee for the year ahead. If you would like to join the committee or get involved with our fundraising team, please come along.

If you would like any information on our wonderful, local preschool, please go to:

www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk,

call 01858 525113, or email;

preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk

or Facebook page; [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston/)

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All that is left to say is that the Staff and Committee would like to wish everyone a happy summer and all the best to the children moving up. We'll miss you all!

**Chloe Petty | Committee Member
(525191)**



James Stevenson Tree Surgery

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Free Computer lessons in Clipston

If you would like to come to free informal computer lessons we will be organising morning sessions for a few weeks in October and November. One off problem solving for a small fee. Please phone for more details. All welcome including beginners.

Contact Julia Blake 07880 700699 or Jim Tyson 07801 388007

Air Ambulance Mission Accomplished!!



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped, baked and attended the Garden Party on the 23rd July. **You all helped to raise over £1,400 for the Air Ambulance!**

Together with some matched funding available from National Grid (£400) the total exceeds the target of £1,700 needed to fly an Air Ambulance lifesaving 'mission'.

Many thanks to all who came and enjoyed a sunny afternoon in the garden, listening to the Clipston Folk Band & Friends, whilst chatting over tea and cake.

Stephen & Anne Woodgate



2017 garden party

Clipston Primary School



350th Anniversary of Clipston School
(Photo by Andrew Carpenter for the Harborough Mail)

The highlight of the latter half of the summer term was our 350th Anniversary Celebration of the School.

A visiting artist was commissioned to work with the children to create a clay mural of the school, which will be displayed in the school hall. Our Open Day on the 17th July was a huge success. In the morning the children undertook a range of activities including making postage (a soup / stew) with bread, making a timeline of historical events from 1667 – 2017, playing lacrosse and dancing the maypole. The staff and children came dressed up for the day as a historical character and older pupils showed visitors around the school. We had many lovely comments and thank you cards from our visitors – thank you all for making the day so special.

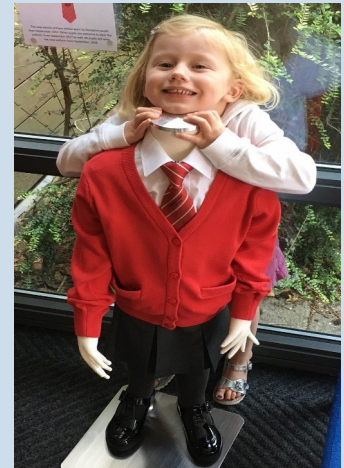
Children in Years 5 & 6 joined with children from Great Creaton School and thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to The Pioneer Centre in Shropshire, taking part in a range of exciting and adventurous activities. Our end of year performance of The Key Master beautifully complimented the 350th celebrations, taking the audience on a time travel journey through the centuries. The children sang and acted their hearts out, and the shows were spectacular.

The whole school enjoyed Sports Day in June. The weather was kind and the Infant children competed in their House Teams, displaying a range of skills learnt in PE lessons during the year. Their points were added to the Junior event of traditional competitive races and the overall winner was Coles House. Well

done, everyone!

The parents of our Reception children were entertained and enjoyed refreshments served by their children at the Reception Presentation Ceremony. Each child was presented with their Scrap Book, filled to the brim with photos and work from their first year at school.

We welcomed our new Reception Children on their afternoon School Familiarisation visits just as our Year 6 pupils embarked on their transition to secondary school. The Year 6 pupils were presented with a Bible by Mr Graham Leah, Chair of Governors, during the special service for leavers, in church on the last day of school. We wish them well as they embark on the next stage of their school careers.



As many of you will know, we are changing our school uniform over the next academic year and we know that many children will be returning to school wearing the smart new ties. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful, sunny summer and we look forward to the new school year and welcoming back our pupils in September.

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 available on our website: www.clipstonprimaryschool.org or you can follow us on Twitter @ClipstonSchool.

Emma Mercer | Head Teacher

14th Sept. 2017 at 2.00pm and take place every fortnight. The numbers have depleted a lot mainly due to illness and hospital appointments but we would welcome any new faces.

Grace Burnham 525327

Friendship Club

The children's choir from Clipston School will be coming to sing to us before our quiz on 11th September. Here are the next few meetings:

- 11th Sept.** – Children's choir and quiz.
- 9th Oct.** – Hollowell Steam – Alan Eaton.
- 13th Nov.** – More beautiful photos and music – Richard Adams.
- 13th Dec. (Wednesday)** – Christmas lunch 12.30 for 1pm Bulls Head Clipston.

Jill Pick 525 746.

Village Hall

Next jumble sale is on Thursday 7th Sept. 2017 at 7.00pm

We are as usual looking for goods to sell; clothes, odds & ends, Bric-a-brac, cakes etc.

As we have said before, what is left the Air Ambulance come and pick it up.

Last time we were lucky to have many Morsbags which the ladies on the stalls were able to give away with purchases.

Whist Drives begin again on Thursday

Clipston & District Flower Club

On a very hot Wednesday evening in June the club met to visit Westbrooke House garden in Little Bowden. There was everything behind those gates which I am sure most people have driven past numerous times but never ventured in, me included! What a delight it was and well worth a visit. The refreshments were delicious and very welcome too. The gardens are open for the NGS and are in the yellow book.

Our July meeting was a members demonstration when four of our members "sort of volunteered" to do an arrangement. A little bit of arm twisting was involved! This was a very success-

ful evening with some lovely displays and some very lucky winners in the raffle.

In September we have a very special evening when we welcome National Demonstrator Lorena Dyer with her demonstration "A moment in time". Lorena is a hugely talented and skilful demonstrator who will no doubt fill the village hall stage with some wonderful arrangements. Tickets to include refreshments are £7. The meeting is Wednesday 20th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Do come along, you will be surprised what can be done with flowers. Tickets from Heather Weston

tel 525598 or Linda Warren tel 525463.

Looking a little bit further ahead in November we have and dare I say it our Xmas demonstration when Lynne Sharpe is showing us how to do Xmas Car Booting!

Come along to any of our meetings, you will be very welcome even if your arranging is sticking a bunch of flowers in a jug. You will definitely pick up some useful tips.

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

Crimean War Hero

In the March edition I appealed for funds for the renovation of the grave of Major-General George Wynell Mayhow; I was delighted to hear that two classes from Clipston School, Owl and Robin, decided to raise some money.

After visiting the grave the children decorated some envelopes with pictures of the grave and collected loose change. I was delighted to be invited to a special assembly to be presented with just over £100 towards the renovation costs. Thank you to the teachers, parents, but most of all the children. I very much enjoyed my morning with you and your hospitality, so thank you again.

Any further donations will be greatly received, and hopefully the job should be completed by the end of the summer.

Laurie Anderson

"Would I Lie to You"

The BBC comedy panel game is coming to Clipston!

Well more accurately we intend holding a "Would I Lie to Clipston" event on Saturday 18th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. If you fancy joining in, or want more details, please contact Martin (525558) but even if you don't want to be on stage then please note the date in your diary and come along for a laugh"

Martin Clarke 525558

Clipston Recreation Fields Trust



Thank you to everyone who helped with and came to the Clipston Festival –

'Street Party on the Rec'. It was an enjoyable and successful day. There were many people involved in the hard work to organise such an event with 3 people standing out. Nikki Bugla and Julia Blake spent hours thinking, planning and organising and yet again Robert Burnham puts hours of unseen work into the life of a Clipston event. Thank you to each of them.

We have been fortunate to receive some more grant funding. With the support of the developers of The Paddocks and the guidance from the Clipston Parish Council and Daventry District Council we will be installing a range of active competitive equipment at the Recreation Field in early September. Indeed by the time you read this you should be able to visit and take part. The equipment is

designed for use by teenagers and adults and hopefully will fill a gap that currently exists for things to do outside for young people of all ages!

Following our requests for volunteers for a new trustee and members of the play area mowing team I am pleased to say that Ian May has been confirmed as the new trustee acting as treasurer to CRFT. There's quite a bit of maintenance to do down at the Recreation Field before winter. We will be having a working party on Sunday 29th October please come and join us. We will have a range of interesting and varied tasks to complete – No equipment required although if you have a petrol engine strimmer please come and use it!

Our next event on **Nov 18th** will be 'Would I lie to You' led by Martin Clarke and Clipston Tennis Club. See details on left hand side of this page, Thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Blake | Chairman CRFT

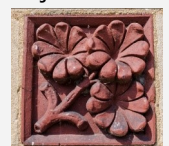
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Contact: Brian 01604 743151 or 07713 106926

Clipston - Where?

Occasional feature item, where in the village will you see these objects?



Answers will be the next issue of the Courier.

Jim Tyson

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**first Wednesday of each month from
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the church at the end of Kelmarsh
Road**. 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 disability and pushchair
access so this facility is available to abso-
lutely everyone, whatever age!

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 new-borns 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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Baptist Chapel

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