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Welcome

Welcome to the Easter edition of the Clipston Courier! As the **Women's Institute** celebrates its 100th anniversary in the village in May, plans are also well underway for this year's **Clipston Festival**, which is set to be bigger and better than ever before! See how you can join in on page 5. Peter Wilford is our **Clipston Profile** (p3) and we welcome **Rose Anderson** and **Caroline Pemberton** as our guest reporters. Discover talented artist, **Georgia Bugla** (p10) and enjoy all the usual updates from our village groups and organisations. Happy Easter to you all!

Hannah Eveleigh & Liz Davies
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 March – Festival volunteer meeting

5 April – Jumble sale

28 April – Spring shopping event

30 April – Playing field trust AGM

17 May – WI centenary bench dedication



Clipston WI is 100!

As Clipston WI prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary, current president, Rose Anderson, tells us about how it began and the work it has done in the village over the last century.

2018 looks set to be a year of 100 celebrations – 100 years since the end of the First World War, 100 years since women began to get the vote, and on 17th May, 100 years since Mrs Fisher became the first president of Clipston Women's Institute and our village WI was born.

When it was founded in 1918 there were 77 members, with girls from 12 years old joining as "juniors" and learning shorthand. Initially the group met in the old Calvinist Chapel on Gold Street, and then in 1929

meetings moved to what was the church hall, now the village hall. In 1929 it cost 2/6d for afternoon meetings, with £1 for use of the piano. Meetings were held weekly in the afternoons and monthly in the evenings.

The WI has a long tradition of getting involved in (and hopefully enhancing) village life; in its early days it held singing classes and with Mrs Wartnaby as conductor entered the musical festival in Northampton where it gained first prize with 87 marks in the unison song. In 1939 it organised a Christmas party for all the village children, including evacuees.

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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.

Clipston WI Centenary (continued from p1)

The Clipston and District Horticultural Show, or "Mini Royal", as it was known, was an important annual event held in the grounds of Clipston House. The WI provided the catering each year for as many as 400-500 visitors. In 1922 the profit amounted to £21.

It kept going during the difficult war years, doing its bit for Home and Country. On Friday afternoons a sale of surplus fruit and vegetables took place with 10 per cent in a shilling being contributed to Red Cross funds for our prisoners of war. By 1945 £520 had been raised. From 1942 until the end of the war meetings were held in the Baptist Chapel schoolroom because of blackout restrictions. During this time a link was formed with WIs in New Zealand and Australia who sent food parcels to help out with rationing.

The WI in Clipston nearly folded in the early 1970s when although a committee was elected, no one was willing to be president. Grace Burnham (who is still a member after 72 years!) saved the day by agreeing to be secretary, if the then secretary, Mrs Kettle, would be president. Luckily, she agreed!

A highlight in June 2015 was when Linda Lake attended, as our representative, the national centenary garden party at Buckingham Palace, being introduced to HRH Princess Alexandra.

So here we still are in 2018, part of the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK and one of six in the county to reach their centenary this year.

Did you know the WI have vintage china and tablecloths for hire?



Clipston WI photographed in the village hall on 1st June 1949

We continue the tradition of community involvement and over the years have:

- Provided teas for the steam weekend and fetes
- Planted trees on the playing field and donated a bench
- Maintained a flower bed on the village green
- Raised money for local and national charities
- Provided friendship and educational opportunities for members

We don't know what the future holds – times change – but maybe in 1918 the ladies little thought that Clipston WI would still be here in 2018, one of the oldest in the county. We are proud to have reached this milestone and would love to welcome ladies to our meetings and celebrations.

Rose Anderson, President 525481

CENTENARY EVENTS 2018

We have lots of great events coming up to celebrate our centenary year so please do come and join us—all are very welcome!

10 April—Marea Roberts - Stoneywell Cottage (National Trust)

17 May—Dedication of our centenary bench in the recreation ground

June—Mick Higgins, the tree warden, will join us for a 'Village Tree Walk'

12 June – Dr David George – 'How to Live a Longer, Happier, Healthier Life'

10 July – Dr Ann Bonnell from the Leicestershire Astronomical Society – 'The Solar System'

November— Tales from a Wimbledon Empire

Superfast Broadband Update

Much has been happening in the village regarding our quest to have access to superfast broadband!



The project to bring BT Openreach superfast fibre to Clipston hit an obstacle when it was discovered the Kelmarsh wind farm grant was not going to be available to help fund it after all. Crowdfunding was the only way to help pay for the Openreach installation. The campaign was a

success and within two weeks the full £5,750 was raised with contributions from the school and more than 70 households and businesses in the village. A huge thank you to each and everyone who contributed. Residents now have access to a choice of over 150 Internet service providers and speeds of up to 50-60Mbps.

In addition to this, Gigaclear have been laying ultrafast fibre cables around the village, which will give those who want it access to even greater broadband speeds from 50Mbps to 1000 Mbps (1G).

Gigaclear's service will become live in March. Cables are laid directly to your premises and for early takers of the Gigaclear service, they are offering a free installation (subject to a quick site inspection). Contact Craig McFadyen on 07827 227 643 for more information.

We are now fortunate that we will have a great variety of choice for all budgets and requirements and look forward to higher speeds and no more buffering! To find out more about all these services, visit www.clipston.org/clipston-broadband.

Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent questionnaire regarding the future development of the village. Almost 30% of Clipston residents responded to the questionnaire, a pretty good response level.

Important positive aspects of the village that were noted include: countryside, community activities, the Bulls Head, and the Courier. Key areas of concern included: Traffic (speed/parking), more appropriate housing and more female involvement to improve the balance of the committees!

The open event on the 25th February attracted over 65 attendees and captured more views and observations about how our village should be developed. The findings will be published as part of the final report and on www.clipston.org/clipston-ndp.

Pupils from Clipston School produced their artistic interpretation of Clipston's NDP as a 'logo' and a public vote was held at the open event. The winning entry, by Ellie Woodgate, was voted the clear winner by attendees (see below).

The next phase for the plan involves committee work in three theme areas: Housing; Environment & Heritage; Community, Transport & Employment.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups and getting involved with developing the plan, please come along to the village hall on the **26th March at 7.30pm** to find out more.



Ellie Woodgate's winning logo design

Clipston Profile: Peter Wilford



Peter Wilford's family have lived in Clipston for over 280 years. With such strong village roots and a lifelong passion for photography and film making, it is therefore not surprising that Peter, following on from his father, is the unofficial archivist for Clipston, looking after and continually adding to a photo library of hundreds of village images dating as far back as the 1860s.

Peter was born in 1935 at number 4 Gold Street and grew up surrounded by family, as his grandparents lived next door (his grandfather, George, was the head gardener at Clipston House at the turn of the 20th century, and planted the trees on the village green). Peter lived with his parents until he married Jean in 1969, when he bought a piece of land about 100 metres up the road on Chapel Lane, and designed and built the house where they still live today. Working in property maintenance, design and then civil engineering at Harborough Council, his skills were put to good use in the management of the build, and he had it all ready for them to move in after their wedding.

Peter's interest in photography began at an early age, inspired by his parents. "My mum and dad were both into photography, owning their own box cameras and developing their own pictures. I remember the first photos I ever took were on a school trip to Paris when I was sixteen. I converted an outside loo at home into a dark room and developed my photos there. I bought my first simple camera in 1952, but it wasn't until 1956 that I could afford to buy something better—a second-hand 35mm folding

camera. One of my first projects was to go around the village, recording Clipston as it was then, on colour slides." His father, Maurice, was a collector of old images of Clipston – a combination of old postcards that were sold in the village post office, and images lent and copied from Clipston residents. It was to this collection that Peter added his own images, slowly expanding the library that continues today. In the 1960s Peter and his father put together a cine film on the history of Clipston. It was so well received that they ended up making it into a book, *Clipston Heritage*, published in 1979 with a revised edition in 1991.

When Peter did his National Service and was stationed for 16 months in Osnabruck, Germany, he took his hobby with him. "I was trained as a wireless operator," he explains "but when I got to Osnabruck, I ended up as an unofficial photographer, taking photos of special visits and events that took place. My interest in cameras and recording equipment led me to run the regimental shop, which sold all sorts of things to the troops, including cameras and tape recorders." He so loved using this equipment that he remembers recording audio messages which he sent home to his parents instead of writing letters.

Peter has always been fascinated by the relationship between film and audio, and the constant challenge to marry up images and sound. Of course today, all you need is a smartphone to record both perfectly, but the equipment Peter grew up with was a little trickier. He recalls

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Tennis Club

Earlier this year an unknown Briton, Cameron Norrie, making his debut in the Davis Cup never having played a match on clay before, beat the world number 23, a Spaniard, on clay, in Spain after being 2 sets down. The moral? That a bit of talent and a lot of effort can produce surprising results. GB probably won't win the Davis Cup but at least we've had a go and surprised ourselves... and Spain!

Now Clipston Tennis Club is obviously not boasting that we could win the Davis Cup... but we do have a bit of talent, we do exert a bit of effort, we do "have a go" and we often end up surprising ourselves! And we know for certain that we'll have a really good laugh and enjoy a drink together – victor or vanquished – afterwards!

So why not give it a go? We meet on Tuesday evenings after the clocks go forward until it gets dark.

And remember, membership of the tennis club gives you priority use of the courts... and if you are a regular, or even occasional, user of the courts, but not a member, please do consider joining as your fees will help us to maintain the courts as you like to find them. More details just contact Martin on 525558.

Important Police Notice

Because there have been a number of incidents reported lately of items being taken from outbuildings in the village, please remember to report all matters to the police using the **non-emergency contact number 101**. In an emergency or if you actually see a crime in progress, please still ring 999.

Village Hall

Dates for the next whist drives starting at 1.30pm: 29 March, 12 and 26 April and the last one this season will be 10 May. All proceeds to Air Ambulance.

The next jumble sale will take place on Thursday 5 April at 7pm. Anything saleable (not too big, please!) will be gratefully received. All funds will go to the upkeep of the village hall and in trying to keep hiring charges at a minimum. Many thanks for all your support. **Grace**

Clipston Recreation Fields

ANNUAL MEETING
Mon 30 April
8pm at the pavilion



What do you think of all the changes to the playing fields over the last year or so? What do you think we should do next?

The Clipston Recreation Fields Trust looks after the field on behalf of the village and would love to know your views.

Please come along to our AGM on **Monday 30 April at 8pm** in the pavilion. The business of the meeting will take 15 minutes, so you shouldn't be bored for long and then we'll have plenty of time to listen to Clipston people's views and opinions!
Andy Blake

Calling all dog walkers!



Just a quick reminder to all Clipston dog walkers now that spring is coming. Please make sure your dogs are under control in fields with sheep or cattle. Many of these animals will have young lambs and calves who are vulnerable to overexcited dogs. Also, please remember to shut any gates you have gone through and secure kissing gates where needed. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and cooperation.

Julia Blake,
Volunteer footpath warden 525760

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Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who came to the quiz and fish and chip supper in the village hall. We had a great turnout (66 in all) and made £472 for the church fabric fund, a fantastic amount raised from a really enjoyable and sociable evening.
Ruth Wallett



ARTS & ARCHITECTURE TRAIL 11am – 5pm each day

Chapel, church, school & village hall for displays & performances as well as outside areas.

Refreshments at different venues throughout each day.

FESTIVAL on the Rec. 3pm - 10.30pm Saturday

Recreation Field, afternoon and evening entertainment, teas, BBQ & curries

OPEN GARDEN 2pm - 5pm Saturday 11am - 5pm Sunday

The Wooden Owl, 10a The Green, Teas



Festival on the Rec

Clipston's very own festival with a musical theme.

Afternoon entertainment including children's choir, bouncy castle, children's and adults races, tombola, teas, beer tent...

Evening entertainment from local and village musical talent. BBQ, hot dogs, curries.

ARTS in Clipston

There are some very talented artists in Clipston, some who are known to us, others who are not.

We want to **showcase Clipston arts** in their widest sense. For example painting, drawing, collage, graphic design, printmaking, sculpture, modelling, ceramics, flower art, sugar craft, textiles, calligraphy, music, poetry, performing arts, photography, video production, wood carving & turning.

So put forward your work or tell us about a talented friend or neighbour. There will be **no displays or activities** unless people **come forward** to say what talents or work they have. There will be the opportunity for **selling your work** if you would like to do so.

Clipston's ARCHITECTURE

How much do you know about the history of Clipston?

Discover more about some of the historic buildings in our lovely village by following a trail around the village to be featured in the festival programme. There will be pictures of buildings together with information about their features, history & occupants.

The public buildings will be open for you to look inside & the private buildings will reveal much of their history from the outside.



Children's picture trail Find things around the village that you may never have noticed before. Prizes for the winners.



Contact us to advertise in our Festival Programme



Open Garden

Julie Connell is opening her new garden at **The Wooden Owl, 10a The Green** under the National Gardens Scheme. The garden is built around her new house within the stable yard of her previous house. Many of you will have visited the garden at The Maltings so this will be of special interest to those who have visited The Maltings in past years. It is a plantsman's garden full of unusual perennials, shrubs, clematis & many different fruit trees together with a new water garden. There will be delicious homemade cakes & scones.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EVERYONE WELCOME

Open meeting in the **Orbell Room** on **Tuesday 20th March at 7pm** for villagers and representatives of village groups and organisations who would be willing to **help with organising and/or helping over the weekend**

For more details:

Arts & Architecture: Ruth Wallett **525346**, Church View, Kelmarsh Road wallettruth@gmail.com

Festival on the Rec: Faye Tan **525275** Nikki Bugla **525660** Julia Blake **525760** clipstonplayingfields@gmail.com

Festival in aid of various village organisations

Clipston Clay Shooting Club

Another year has passed by and the club has had a very up and down year.

The main highlight of our year has been our members and guests supporting the club in record numbers resulting in new equipment and a modest profit which will be further invested back to the club. That was the good news.

It was with sad regret that the club lost its only honourable member, Mr Laurie Anderson.

Laurie was one of the founder members of the club (35 years ago) and served as the club's treasurer for most of those years. Sad loss, great character.

The 2016/17 clay shooting year produced 2 new overall champions. Men's High

Gun Trophy was awarded to Joe Eaton Smith (Naseby) and Ladies High Gun was awarded to Laurie Tyrell (Clipston). All awards were made at the AGM in October and we thank the Bulls Head at Clipston for its continued support and superb pre-shoot breakfast.

Anyone can shoot at CSC; we offer tuition and introduction to clay shooting. We shoot once a month and its normally the last Sunday in the month at various farm locations around the Clipston area. You can stay up to date with all that goes on by following Clipston Shooting Club on Facebook [Clipstonshootingclubclipston](#), venue posters in the pub or talk to a CSC member - there are now over 60 of us in the local area.

Daryl Robinson 07919 252 964

Coffee & Chat Canine Partners

Anne, Jenny and I would like to thank everyone for coming along each month over the last year to help raise funds for Canine Partners: those who bake cakes; serve refreshments; washer-uppers; general helpers to make the mornings go well. Thank you also for your contributions for raffles and tombolas. It is truly a team effort.

Canine Partners now has 400 working partnerships. Some of those will soon need a successor dog and some may be on their second successor dog.

We are moving ever closer to our £5,000 target to pay for a puppy and its training. As of the end of January we only have £1,595 to go to reach that target. Don't forget the charity can raise funds by collecting used postage stamps and empty printer cartridges (sorry, not Epson). You can drop them off at our coffee mornings each month.

We are fortunate to be supported by the Bedford Satellite Training Centre and are lucky enough to sometimes welcome a partner with their assistance dog or one of our puppies in training. Do come along and meet them – they love to tell you all about their dog or puppy.

Next few dates for your diary – 17 March – 21 April – 19 May – 16 June.

Anne, Jenny and Jill 525746

Friends of Haddon Fields

There will be a Friends of Haddon Fields working party on **Sunday 18th March from 9am** to tidy up the hedgerows on the Kelmarsh Road side. All are welcome – If you would like to get involved, please wear suitable outdoor clothing and bring any equipment (cutters etc).

Dog walkers, please note: You are very welcome to walk your dogs in Haddon Fields, but they must be under control, especially when sheep and lambs are present, when they should be on a lead. Please also ensure that any dog poo is bagged and disposed of, in the 'poo bins' nearby and around the village.

Stephen Woodgate, 525566



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Clipston Weather

November 2017

November was quite dry with less than 60% of my average rainfall for November; 12 dry days and then snow on the 25th and 30th. Temperatures were about average, with 12 days above 10°C and air frost on nine nights.

December 2017

December rainfall was high with almost 60% above average totalling 110.9 mm. Almost a third of this came on the 26th with rain turning to snow overnight resulting in about 100 mm of wet snow next morning. On both the 10th and 11th, I had to melt snow from my rain gauge when the accumulation was about 120 mm deep. I have to go back to February 2009 to find a record of a greater snow depth. Maximum temperatures were average, although the thermometer did not rise above freezing all day on three consecutive days. Minimum temperatures were a degree above average, although I recorded air frost on 14 nights. It was -6°C on the 11th, the lowest in any December since 2010.

January 2018

I recorded rain or snow, on all but five days in January. The total precipitation for the month was 72 mm – 7% above my average. Daytime temperatures were slightly above average, with a maximum of 12°C on the 24th and 28th. Night temperatures were more than a degree above average, although I recorded air frost on nine nights, the lowest being a modest -2°C for January.

February 2018

Precipitation for the month was only 36.6 mm which is about 27% below my February average. Ten days were dry; however, snow came in the last three days (continuing into March) with an accumulation of around 60mm in depth. There were very low temperatures at the end of the month. I recorded eight consecutive nights with frost, including a low of -8°C on the 27th and 28th and maximum daytime temperatures of -1°C and -3°C respectively. I have to go back to Jan 2013 to find a night minimum as low as -8°C, and to Feb 2012 for an even lower -12°C. Using the average of a month's day and night temperatures, I have to go back to January 2010 to find a colder month than this February.

Peter Wilford

The full weather report can be found at clipston.org, including a round up of 2017.

Clipston Past & Present

In this issue we compare this fantastic old photo of Clipston High Street (taken from The Green and looking down towards the church) with the same view today. Berry House is visible in both photographs, but back in 1900 it was flanked by two blacksmiths—one is still recognisable as Forge Cottage on the right, but the other—the thatched and ivy-covered building in the foreground—has long since been pulled down.

The thatched building was part of the premises of Berry House and was run by blacksmith William Perkins. The other smithy was John Hensman, who was then succeeded by his son Charles who died in about 1950, when the forge closed. Older Clipston residents will remember the Hensman's forge from their childhood, which was a popular meeting place for village children. In fact up to 1928 the school had no playground, so the children would play in the street, and run across the road to see the horses shod in their playtime!

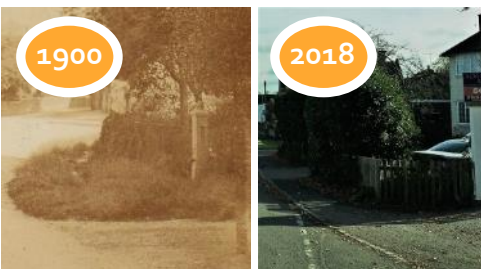
On the right of the 1900 photograph (not very visible in this photo, but shown below in another photo from the era) was a village pump on the grassy verge. In 2018, the verge, once public land, seems to have disappeared—the creeping boundary of the house beyond appears to have incorporated the well into that corner of their garden!



1900



2018



The pump can be made out in 1900, but a fence has enclosed this area by 2018

High Street, looking towards the church

All Saints Church

We are delighted to report that all work on the church roof is now finished and we will soon be having a special service to celebrate its completion and to show some photos of all the work undertaken.

There is still much to do to the interior of the church and we will be working on plans for this shortly.

There will be services every day around the benefice during Holy Week in March.

www.allsaintsclipston.org

EASTER SERVICES IN MARCH

Monday 26th - Clipston at 7:30 pm
Tuesday 27th - Clipston at 7:30 pm
Wednesday 28th - Clipston at 7:30 pm
Maundy Thursday 29th - Naseby at 8pm
Good Friday 30th - Haselbech at 2pm
Holy Saturday 31st - Clipston at 10:00 pm (Service of Light with Holy Communion)

Join us to celebrate Christ's resurrection on **EASTER DAY 1st April - Clipston at 10am** - Worship for everyone with Holy Communion by Extension

Baptist Chapel

Thank you to all the villagers who attended our Christmas carol service – it was lovely to see so many and hear such wonderful singing.

We would love to welcome you again to any of our Sunday morning services, at 10.45am every week, with Communion on the first Sunday of every month. Our Easter service will be at 10.45am on Easter Sunday so do come along and join us and stay for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

Rob Thompsett

Stepping Stones Pre-School

We are springing into spring at Stepping Stones...

We had a busy run-up to the end of last term, learning about winter, celebrations and festivities of other cultures and of course Christmas! Our Nativity and Christmas party were a wonderful way to end a fabulous term – the children were in fine voice and the parents enjoyed singing along!

Our fundraising efforts have got off to a flying start this year with our Pyjama Party (see photo). Author Jane Clarke (who's story *Stuck in the Mud* was read by Dolly Parton on 'CBeebies Story Time' on New Year's Eve) came to read to the children, who enjoyed snuggling into beanbags, drinking hot chocolate and



munching on a biscuit or two. The evening was a great success and we are so pleased Jane could join us.

We are so appreciative of all the help and support that the community gives us and our volunteers and donors too. We have been especially fortunate to receive some kind donations of toys from local residents and would like to say a HUGE thank you to those people. Also to Jonny Coleman at Reprolines for his financial support with our new trolley keys – if you

haven't got one yet, please get in touch – they are on sale at Stepping Stones and all of our events. And Jules Howard at Jules Howard Zoology for donating his fee from his very successful talk on 'Secret Beasts' in December – we are so very grateful.

This term we are learning about the seasons and understanding growth and decay. We'll be making some lovely crafts for Mother's Day. We will be talking about our families and learning all about Easter – it's not just about the chocolate! As always, if you would like to volunteer to come and speak to the children about an interesting job or hobby you have, please do get in touch.

You can find us on facebook @SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston for photos, updates and information. Chloe Petty 525191



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Friendship Club

As it was very icy on the day of our Christmas lunch in December, we had to cancel – but – it's been rearranged for the 14 March. Hoping the school choir will be able to join us.

Dates for your diary:

9 April – Fish and chip lunch, 12.45 for 1pm followed by our AGM.

14 May – Mick Higgins – "Market Harborough Foodbank"

11 June – Maggie Taylor – "Even more news of donkeys"

9 July – Val and Paul – "Music with a difference"

If you would like to find out more about our club, please telephone Jill Pick, 525746.

Mobile Library Service Cancelled

Sadly, due to recent cuts, the mobile library service is no longer financially viable and will cease with immediate effect. If you are unable to visit your nearest library you could be considered for home delivery through the *Library to You* service. Any outstanding items can be returned to any Northamptonshire Library (any charges will be waived). Contact your nearest Northamptonshire library for further details.

Sulby Gardens



As Easter approaches and buds start to appear, we look ahead to the spring and summer opening times for Sulby Gardens, in Sulby near Welford.

Thursday 26 April 2pm - 5pm featuring snakeshead fritillaries, cowslips and bluebells

Thursday 14 June 2 pm - 5pm featuring wildflower meadows in full bloom (this date was incorrect in the NGS booklet—we are open on this day)

Thursday 2 August 2 pm - 5pm featuring ponds, butterflies and dragonflies

Thursday 11 October 1 - 4pm and Friday 12 October 11am - 4pm featuring our apple event including apple display and apple cakes

Entry £4 per head, children free. Home-made teas available. Stout footwear recommended. Sulby Gardens, Sulby, NN6 6EZ www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/30087/

Please note INCORRECT dates in the NGS Northamptonshire booklet for Sulby Gardens: we WILL be open on 14 June from 2-5pm. We WON'T be open on Thursday 15 November.

Clipston Primary School



Owl and Robin Class have been exploring The Great Fire of London this term. They have been learning about Tudor times and how the fire started at the bakery in Pudding Lane. Owl Class even made Tudor models and re-enacted the Great Fire by setting them ablaze on the school field! (see above).

Blackouts, Anderson shelters and rationing have hit Kingfisher class this term as they have been learning about World War II. They have witnessed the Battle of Britain in the skies over their heads and have designed and made searchlights using their new-found knowledge of electrical circuits in science! They even enjoyed being evacuated to Holdenby House for the day, to experience first-hand what life was like during this time.

Woodpecker Class has been transported halfway across the world to China this term. They have explored the geographical features of the country alongside

industry and many cultural aspects. They were amazed to find out quite how many different products we import from China, including Mrs Glover's trainers! Woodpecker Class also received a brilliant visit from two Northamptonshire magistrates where they discussed their voluntary role, took part in a witness statement activity and re-enacted a cyber-bullying court case (complete with verdict!).

Many members of key stage two had an amazing experience joining with the children from Great Creaton and thousands of others to perform at the Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena, Birmingham (see photo below). The whole school also enjoyed a visit by a touring theatre company with their performance of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" and Kingfisher Class enjoyed a space camp sleepover in the school hall, supported by the Ogden Trust.

Our sports clubs continue to excel, with our cross country, tag rugby and swimming teams taking part in competitions this term. We are very proud of them for

participating, especially with the inclement winter weather!

Fundraising continues to be an important part of our school life and the children select the many charities that we support through the school council, including the children's home in Karisalpatti, India, the British Legion's poppy appeal and Cancer Research UK, for whom we sold wristbands across the school, raising £100.75.

Visitors from the local community are always welcome to our events and we hope you can join us at our Easter Service which is always a joyous and uplifting occasion, on 28th March at 9.15am. The school is open for all children aged 4 to 11 years old from 7.30 (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



Clipston & District Flower Club

To begin 2018, we held a splendid afternoon tea party. It was quite a family event as our president, Linda Warren coordinated the event and husband Peter gave the talk.

Four members of the committee created the look of a high-class tearoom with linen tablecloths, pretty china (courtesy of the WI), cake stands, flowers and of course, delicious food served to twenty members and four guests.

The topic of Peter's talk was 'The History of the English Pub', not a subject one would first have thought likely to be of

interest to a group of women flower arrangers, but it was a real eye-opener and thoroughly enjoyed. Beginning with some truly lovely images of flower-bedecked pubs, Peter told us the origins of the pub lay in Italian wine bars where the Romans met to socialise and quench their thirst. Clearly the long social history of the pub is matched only by the history of the church and ecclesiastical buildings. Some surviving, intact Victorian pubs have the most beautiful interiors with materials and craftsmanship that could not possibly be afforded or reproduced today.

In February, we welcomed Barbara Collins, a highly experienced floral artist from Peterborough, and her topic, 'Brighter Days are Coming', was a most

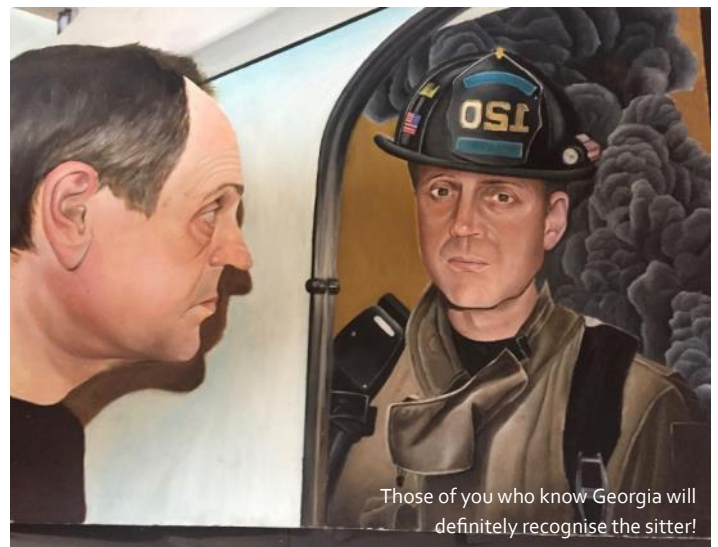
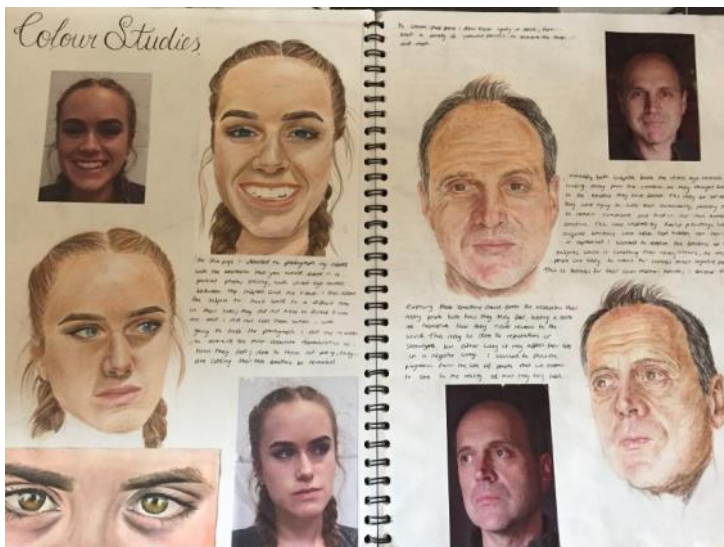
appropriate subject for the time of year when winter seems to be dragging on.

In March, Carolyn Rutland will run a willow-weaving workshop. This is a subject and skill the members enjoy enormously, and these workshops are always well attended. Then our April meeting will be another demonstration given by area demonstrator, Linda Seabrook, from Daventry. Her subject is 'The Green Fingering Gardener'.

Visitors are always welcome for a small charge at our meetings, especially the demonstrations.

For further information please contact Heather Weston, Chairman 01858525598 Linda Warren, President 01858525463.

TALENTED TEEN: Georgia Bugla



Those of you who know Georgia will definitely recognise the sitter!

Georgia has lived in Clipston most of her life, she was a pupil at the village school and then studied GCSEs at Guilsborough school. It was there that she discovered her talent and love of art. "It doesn't feel like a subject, I really enjoy research as well as creating art". This passion for the subject has motivated her to pursue art at A Level - she is currently studying at Robert Smyth Academy.

The main focus of her recent work has been 'Realism'; art that attempts to

represent subject matter truthfully. This has inspired Georgia as an artist and she has been motivated to paint beautiful portraits that express emotion as well as capturing a likeness. She begins by working in her sketchbook studying photographs of faces and how to depict the change in expression and has sought to portray realism in her own way.

Georgia decided to depict PTSD in her paintings by illustrating the emotion, pain and despair in the faces of first

responders. She produced numerous sketches to hone her skills and eventually produced this large painting in oils (above right).

Georgia is clearly a talented artist and is developing her own individual style. "it's exciting to see how far I have come over this year and where I can go in the future".

The future is exciting Georgia plans to make art her career, she has interviews lined up to study on an Art Foundation course – this will expose her to all aspects of art and help her choose the right degree course. There are so many possibilities for a young artist with her talents and it was a delight to look at her portfolio. Good luck Georgia for the future!

Caroline Pemberton

Spring Shopping Event



- Books
- Cosmetics
- Skincare
- Cards
- Local wines
- Homeware
- Local crafts
- Jewellery

- Raffle
- Tombola
- Tea/Coffee
- Cakes

Saturday 28 April
Clipston Village Hall
2-5pm

Clipston Profile: Peter Wilford from p3

once going on a big dipper at Great Yarmouth, armed with a cine camera and a tape recorder in an attempt to record both at the same time. It didn't work! He joined the Cine Society in Market Harborough in 1962 (he is still a member) and has been involved in the creation of many films over the years, with a focus on local history and events.

Roots clearly matter to Peter. It has been his quest over the years to record the changes and events that happen in Clipston, from fetes and festivals to new houses that are built. Clipston is obviously in his blood, and it carries on into the next generation. Peter's younger son David also lives in the village with his family, in a house on Naseby Road, built on the grounds where his great grandfather used to work as a gardener. David's children Emily and Harry are the ninth generation of Wilfords to grow up in Clipston. And so the Wilford line continues...

Liz Davies

General Mayow's Memorial Update

The good news is that permission has been received from the Peterborough Diocese, so we can now go ahead with the restoration of the memorial but need to wait until the weather improves. Generous donations of £660 from The Bulls Head collection means there is now enough money. So hopefully the dedication ceremony can take place before the summer holidays. Getting there at last!

Church and online donations for Laurie totalled £640, to be divided between the RBL and RNLI.

Thank you all so very much.
Rose Anderson

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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 Cricket Club

Currently not playing matches due to lack of players. If interested please call.

Andy Blake 07768 554 395

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

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.

Chloe Wright 07977 529 859

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).

Daryl Robinson 07919 252 964

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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