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Welcome

Welcome to our September edition! I hope that you enjoy a packed edition of news, past events and some highlights of things to come in the next 3 months! If you have ideas for features, articles or news about what is planned please contact us below. Remember too, that www.clipston.org is available for posting regular and one-off events!

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Clipston Festival

By all accounts the Clipston Festival was a great success and you will see from the various mentions throughout the Courier it brought many strands of the village community together. Just counting the number of *Thank You*s mentioned in this edition is a good way of recognising the contribution of so many volunteers. One of the focal points of the weekend was the unveiling of the Clipston map painted by Janet Alderson-Smith and



available as a limited edition A2 print.

If you did not manage to order one, they are still available.

Please contact Faye Tan (07725 427311) or faye@oldrectory.uk.net to order.

Cost is £25, and all profits will go to the youth of Clipston via the Recreation Field Trust.

Rev Angela Hughes

Angela Hughes who has been our priest in charge at All Saints Clipston for the past five years has been suc-



cessful in obtaining a post at Lanercost in the Carlisle diocese. Her last service will be at the end of September at

Naseby. The church in Clipston has seen big improvements in the time that Angela has been here with numerous prestigious events, the start of the very successful Wednesday café and increased numbers at services.

We would like to thank Angela for all she has done during her time here and wish her well in her new post.

Angela's leaving creates an opportunity for the diocese to review the way in which worship in this area is provided. There are proposals for the 4 parishes in the Clipston Benefice to combine with the 3 in the Welford Benefice to form a 7-parish Benefice. Please see the church website for up-to-date news www.allsaintsclipston.org

Last minute News

- ◆ Rev Miranda Hayes has been appointed priest in charge of the new 7 parish Benefice, see column 3
- ◆ Planting of 12 Oak trees on 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, to commemorate the 12 Clipston soldiers who fell during the war, see page 8.

Preview Clipston Events

Sep 13th Church Roof dedication service

Sep 16th Haddon Fields Open Day

Nov 9th The Fateful Voyage in Church

Nov 11th Remembrance service at war memorial

Dec 6-8th 'A Christmas Carol' by CADS in Church

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Clipston Church

Trevor Lake: Reader

It was nearly four years ago that I first gave thought to some form of formal training in ministry. After much consider



Trevor and Bishop John

ation and discernment by several people around the diocese I started training in September 2015. This involved one night a week study, numerous homework projects, periodic full-day Saturdays, weekends at the Ely diocese training centre and assignments to fulfil each training module undertaken. I was fortunate to be in a wonderful cohort of students and over the three years we have supported each other and most certainly learned from each other's life experiences. Most, like me, were hoping to become, what is titled in the Church of England, a reader. So what exactly is a reader? They are lay people from all walks of life, called by God, theologically trained and licensed by the bishop to preach, teach, lead worship and assist in pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work. Readers duties vary according to their gifting and the church environment but one style of worship introduced during my training is a **Worship 4 Everyone** service on the first Sunday of the month at 10 am. This is a short service of about half an hour and is often about a particular topic or one of Jesus' parables; there are usually some

video clips to illustrate the story, a couple of songs and always a get together afterwards for coffee, soft drinks and a biscuit (or two). The service is very popular with all generations - come along and see for yourself.

So on 1st July this year it was a pure delight to have Bishop John (the Bishop of Brixworth) come to All Saints Clipston and admit and license me as a reader within the Peterborough diocese, and specifically in our benefice of Clipston with Naseby and Haselbech and Kelmarsch. I am grateful to all those of you who have shown support during my training and I hope and pray that I will be of service to our communities in the years ahead. I am now licenced to undertake a number of tasks for the church, including leading worship and funerals, which will be an added resource to our benefice in the future.

Festival: Wall Repairs

Many thanks to all those who contributed towards the churchyard wall repairs through the events at the excellent festival weekend. As you will have seen the first section of the wall repairs has been completed and we have plans to do the whole of the wall over time, section by section, as funding permits.



The weekend of the festival was an important one for the church as we had the Bishop of Brixworth with us in the benefice over the weekend. Having attended the festival evening entertainments on Saturday he welcomed Trevor Lake as a reader for the Church of England the following Sunday morning, and also welcomed several young people from the village and surrounding areas to take Communion ahead of their confirmations during the service.



The PCC is now about to start planning for the next phase of refurbishment which will include major alterations and redecorations. Also keep your eyes open for details of major changes to the way in which the churches in this area are to be re-arranged in the near future.

Having completed the church roof project, the PCC is holding a special celebratory service in the Church on **Thursday 13th September**, to give thanks for the new roof and to record our thanks to the grant bodies and those responsible for the work. It will be a short dedication service followed by wine and nibbles in the Orbell room and everyone is welcome. The service starts at 7.30 p.m.

The Fateful Voyage

9th November Clipston Church

A BBC commission written by broadcaster and biographer Dr Kate Kennedy. The recital through music, song, poetry, letters and diaries, tells the story of the extraordinary friendship between the poet Rupert Brooke and two Great War composers, F.S. Kelly and William Denis Browne. The Fateful Voyage uses Rupert Brooke's words and Kelly and Browne's music to dramatise the three young men's last journey, their voyage to Gallipoli in 1915. Brooke died of septicaemia on the journey. Brooke's writings before his demise on the voyage are amongst the most well-known poems of the war. The recital will be in All Saints Church by Kate Kennedy, narrator, Simon Over, piano and Matt Sandy, tenor. Tickets £20 each, including a glass of bubbly a fork buffet and a programme, from **Julie Connell** Tel: 01858 525336 or email: j.connell118@btinternet.com

Clipston WI

Hope the knit-bombing on the High Street raised a smile over the festival weekend – think this is in danger of becoming a tradition! You need quite a lot to make an impact so all you knitters out there, any additions welcome! We continue to enjoy our centenary celebrations with afternoon tea at the Old Rectory in Naseby and trying our hand at bowls in Welland Park.



WI members trying out lawn bowls

In September we are having a painting demonstration. To round off the year there will be our usual Steam-Up teas in October and plans are afoot for a carol service. Our November speaker, Alan Gray, is a former Wimbledon umpire and his talk, "You can't be Serious!" sounds like fun – this will be an open meeting so everyone is welcome.

Rose Anderson, President 525481

Village Hall

This year is going too quickly! The next jumble sale will be on Thursday 6th September at 7pm. Anything saleable – but not too big- will be gratefully received. All funds will go to the upkeep of the village hall. Clothes and small items not sold will be collected by Air Ambulance. Please support the jumble sale! Whist drives start again on Thursdays, starting at 1.30 pm

September 13th and 27th
October 11th and 25th
November 8th and 22nd
December 6th : This whist drive will be in aid of Cancer Research UK

Thank you **Grace Burnham 525327**

Clipston's Got Talent

If you managed to visit the Baptist Chapel during the Clipston Festival, you would have seen some amazing quilts hanging inside, several of which were made by the very talented Ruth Wallett. When I went to visit her, I was therefore expecting to be shown a large collection of quilts but was surprised to discover that she has many other strings to her bow.

"I would probably describe myself as a bit of a butterfly when it comes to creating things," she tells me. "Whatever I want to design and make, I use the skills most appropriate for that particular piece. It could be embroidery or mixed media, or all forms of textiles including metal." From a cushion to a book; a lampshade to a waistcoat, Ruth has demonstrated her artistic talent in many ways over the years but has really focussed on her creativity since retiring from her job as a primary school headteacher.

"I've always sewn, since I was a child," she explains. "My mother was a tailoress, so I grew up making clothes for my dolls, and then clothes for me and my children. But it wasn't until I left teaching and had more time that I began to branch out into other things." Enrolling herself on several City & Guilds courses, Ruth gained diplomas in Creative Embroidery, Machine Embroidery and Patchwork & Quilting, which equipped her with new skills and ideas to take into her creative work.

She takes inspiration from both the natural world (she studied zoology, geography and botany when she was younger), and her love of travel. "I get so inspired when I go to different places," she says enthusiastically. "My husband Roger and I have done several trips to New Zealand, and a lot of my work has stemmed from my experiences there. I love to combine the Maori influences with the natural world - New Zealand is such a beautiful



country." The quilt she is holding in the picture is one of her New Zealand-inspired creations, incorporating the Maori koru – a spiral shape based on the appearance of an unfurling silver fern, one of the country's national symbols.

In addition to her own work, Ruth helps inspire the work of others and leads a textile group called 'Textend' which she helped to start up four years ago. "I knew lots of people who had enthusiasm for textiles like me and were keen to 'extend' their skills and continue learning new things. We began with 9 of us, and now there are 71!". Ruth organises a programme of workshops in North Kilworth each year, bringing in experts in particular fields, or drawing on the talents of group members themselves. "It's an opportunity to share ideas, learn new techniques and spend time together doing what we love doing", she explains.

Ruth has clearly found her niche, and the



quality and originality of her work is a real testament to her talent and enthusiasm. So next time she showcases her work, go along and get inspired too!

Haddon Fields Open Day

Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon of exploration for children (and parents too) at Haddon Fields. Our open day is on **Sunday 16th September** and will once again feature Jules Howard.



He will lead groups around Haddon Fields looking for water-life in the stream and fossil hunting on the 'fossil' bank of the stream in Great Hill.

Help our wildlife experts, Nigel Lingley and Alison Ball, conduct a bug hunt which will involve 'sweep-netting' to find out what is living among the grasses and wildflowers and 'beating trays' to catch those to be dislodged from the trees and bushes, to see how many we can identify and record.



Katy, our local artist, will also be running a bug and butterfly workshop for children of all ages!

And please don't forget your picnics!

If all goes to plan, we hope that a new footbridge in Great Hill will be in place. This will allow us to start the development of a circular walking route around Haddon Fields and avoid the dangerous traffic on Longhold Road.

Finally, look out in the next Courier for news about our Winter working parties. We will continue our work on the hedges around Haddon Fields during the winter.

For more information about the open day or to help with Haddon Fields, contact **Stephen Woodgate (525566)**

Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Following on from the update given in the June edition of the Clipston Courier the three theme groups are continuing with the preparation of their respective reports which will be incorporated in the completed plan.



Some of you will have noted the application for residential development at the corner of Gold Street and Naseby Road. This application will proceed in accordance with current planning process (including a reference to the Village

Design Statement) but it will not refer to the Neighbourhood Development Plan currently being prepared.

It is up to you whether you want to comment on the application, but if you feel unhappy with it, you may wish to make the point that the advisory committee is in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan in order to give some control to Clipston as to the whereabouts of proposed development sites, as opposed to the whereabouts of such sites being determined by a developer and the planning authority.

Clipston NDP Advisory Committee

Letter to the Editor

As many people will already know Carolyn and I will be leaving the village soon—probably in early September—and will be moving to a village called Jackdale on the Notts/Derbyshire border. Our daughter Sharron and granddaughter and family live there and we think that it is now time to be nearer to them. We have lived in Clipston for nearly 35 years and will be very sorry to leave our many friends and neighbours and the relaxed nature of the village, especially

since much of this time we have been retired from work. Our lovely spot on Weskers Close has given us an enjoyable, quiet and peaceful life, but it is the people, indeed everyone in the village, that we will miss the most.

Kind thoughts and best wishes to you all
Ken and Carolyn Rutland

Ed note; Ken was one of the editors of the original Clipston Newsletter. Ken and Carolyn were both involved in many village activities and associations (see Page 10).

CADS



CADS are hoping to put on *A Christmas Carol* in December – that classic and wonderful story by Charles Dickens. It's to be performed in the church - to give it some extra atmosphere - from 6th – 8th December. However, I'm desperately short of men between 20's - mid-40's to take part! Rehearsals won't begin until the middle/end of September, rarely go on particularly late and often end up at the Bulls Head! The parts vary from hardly anything to say, to a bit more... i.e. no huge roles for anyone, even Bob Cratchit, as narration will cover a lot of the action.

Even if you haven't tried acting before, why not get in touch? I could also do with one or two young female actresses (late teens/early 20's). We're a very friendly bunch... and if I can't find any/ enough other male actors, it may not happen at all! Contact me on 01858 525558 or lizandmartin@talktalk.net. I look forward to hearing from you!

Liz

Clipston Horse Power !

Horses are a big feature of Clipston life, but did you know that the village is a centre for disabled riding? About ten years ago, Julia Aked from Riding for the Disabled (RDA) set up a base at Clipston Riding School to cater specifically for adults who had started riding in childhood at nearby Holdenby. Lessons at Holdenby are restricted to children due to the size of the horses, and so Julia, who has been involved with the RDA for many years, extended the centre to Clipston so that her growing pupils could continue to ride as adults. She even uses one of her own horses; a magnificent hunter called Jim.

"Horses are very intuitive and seem to know when they have a disabled rider on their back." explains John Oldershaw, a qualified RDA coach

who has volunteered with Julia at both Clipston and Holdenby for the last six years. "They are often more patient and well-behaved and tend not to react to things that might usually bother them. It's amazing to see." John also describes how riding can



Rhys riding Jim

benefit all kinds of disability. "We have people with a wide range of disabilities from cerebral palsy to autism," he says. "We have one pupil who rides because if she didn't, she probably wouldn't be able to walk. Riding helps to build strength in the core muscles as it mimics walking. For others it's about building confidence and connecting with the horses." Julia, John and several other local volunteers use



Samuel riding Nancy

the facilities in Clipston to teach pupils who range in age from 15 right up to 88. Lessons involve games where they have to collect hoops and control their horses. Some ride without a leader, and some can trot and canter independently, including Jo, who is completely blind. They undertake exams and have five grades to work through.

The RDA is a charity and relies on volunteers. John Oldershaw is currently looking for people to help him with his disabled children riding lessons at Holdenby on Wednesday lunchtimes. You need to be good with children, but you don't have to be particularly into riding. If you are interested, please contact **John on 525 409**



Jo riding Toby

Chapel



Hello from us at the chapel in Clipston. Although there are not very many of us we still meet week by week at the chapel where the door is always open to anyone who would like to join with us to give praise and worship to the Lord God, and hear a short relevant bible teaching. The service starts at 10.45 am and finishes at about 12 noon, followed by tea and biscuits and chat. Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. The chapel was very pleased to be able to take part in the Clipston Festival a few weeks ago. It was good to have all those amazing expert crafts on display and a Clipston WI display with much information and photos. We had a steady flow of friends coming into the chapel over the weekend, many of whom had never been inside before. With every blessing and praying that you may all know God's peace in your lives.

Rob Thompsett Pastor

Consolidated Charities

The Trustees will be meeting during the first week of December to distribute charity funds. The charity is only for residents of Clipston, and certain conditions apply (See Courier Ed 7, p age 3) . Applicants wishing to be considered by the Trustees please apply in writing to either the Secretary or Treasurer by 30th November.

Secretary: Colin Morley
2 Church Close Clipston LE16 9RN
Treasurer: Jean E Wilford
6 Chapel Lane Clipston LE16 9RL

Tennis Club

As you are reading this the tennis season is coming to an end, but I am writing it the day after Wimbledon during one of the longest, hottest, sunniest, driest summers on record and, having watched the professionals I found myself wondering about the similarities between their game and ours.

This is what I came up with;
We both use rackets... theirs can cost thousands but basically they're the same shape and size.

We both play on a court... Wimbledon's is grass but they are the same size.

And... Well, that's about it really!

The differences are far more obvious:
They get the ball over the net more times than not... we do if the net is lowered!
They know where the ball is going when the opponent hits it... we don't even know where it's going when we've hit it ourselves!

They try to place the ball... we just try to hit it.

They wear whites, we wear whatever.
They can often be heard "grunting" to put maximum power into their shots... we might also but for very different reasons!
They have sponsors...we don't, although personally I am sponsored by Umbro - to wear Adidas!

They drink energy drinks...we go to the Bulls Head!

They take it really seriously, as obviously they should...we don't!

So, come spring and the warmer weather, why not come and join us...unless of course you think you're a pro!

Martin Clarke

Clipston Festival

This year the festival comprised of different activities over the weekend of 30th June/1st July

Recreation Ground 30th June

Thank you all for making the Clipston Festival such a success this year. Your support means everything to us and is a great reward for all the hard work that goes into running this event.



It is also inspiring that so many of you helped in the preparation for the weekend. I can't name everyone, but a massive thank you to....

The Friday night team who helped put up the marquees along with Robert Burnham and Mark Ginns who had been working since 7 am. Your help was much appreciated!

The Sunday morning team who took everything down again and special thanks to Jenny and Ian May and Dave Wilford and for clearing the recycling and rubbish to the recycling centre, a grim job after a late night!

The street reps who sold programmes and collected for the tombola beforehand. It's never easy knocking on people's doors – even (perhaps especially!) if they're friends. This is an essential part of our fundraising efforts.

The tennis club who sourced all the drinks and then ran the bar with cheerfulness and skill throughout a long day.

Steve and Helen at the Bulls Head for providing truly delicious curries.

Adam Bugla for the mammoth task of organising 8 hours of live music and inspiring people to take part and spend hours in rehearsals – and he led the headline act!

Jane Ginns and her tireless work with the Clipston School Choir. The children enjoy it, we enjoy it and it creates a family atmosphere right from the beginning of the event which is perfect.

Janet Alderson-Smith for her beautiful Clipston map. This is a significant addition to the cultural heritage of the village, a memento for people who live here and a great help in our fundraising.

Ruth Wallet (the Arts and Heritage events) and Julie Connell (the NGS open garden) for working with us to the mutual benefit of all.

And finally the dream team!
Nikki Bugla, Faye Tan and Julia Blake spend hours (and I mean days!) organising, planning, cajoling, motivating, spreadsheeting and persuading the advertisers, the street reps, the other organisers and anyone they might meet in the street!! The Clipston Festival wouldn't happen without you.

But in the end if you don't come we can't have such a good time and in doing that raise around £5,000 for Clipston Recreation Field Trust...

Andy Blake – Chairman -CRFT



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Architecture, History & Arts 30th June and 1st July

The aims of this were to bring together our village community, showcase the many talents in Clipston and for villagers to learn about and visit the interesting historical buildings that we are so lucky to have here. "Proud to live in this village" and "lovely to know so much more about the village where we live" were just two comments that made all the efforts so worthwhile.

months of preparation which started in January and my thanks go to the group of volunteers who put up the large banners on each route into the village, transported display boards, erected them & finally put up the displays; those who dealt with the technicalities of setting up equipment to show some of Clipston's historical films & the workings of our unique one-handed school clock; the stewards who covered the 4 venues for 6 hours each day; the musicians and



A selection of photo's from the festival weekend

My thanks to Peter Wilford & Jim Tyson for all their work in producing the "Clipston Heritage" book* of which 50 copies were sold during the weekend. Thanks to Jim, too, for creating the village features trail which the children thoroughly enjoyed, and to Peter for the architecture and history trail. People driving through the village must have wondered why there were so many people walking, consulting booklets. The many aspects of the arts were displayed in the Baptist Chapel, school, church & village hall.

There were paintings, drawings, graphic design, photography, models, floral art, textiles, woodcraft, music & poetry. Co-ordinating all of this took many

other performers who entertained visitors on Sunday afternoon in the church & those in the Orbell Room serving refreshments on each day. The treasurer had a particularly complicated task and I am indebted to her for sorting it all out. Visitors from local villages, Market Harborough & further afield were amazed at how much happened in Clipston during the weekend, and all the talented people living here. In addition to the community aspects of the weekend a substantial amount was raised for the maintenance of the crumbling churchyard wall, so more can be done to preserve this lovely feature.

Ruth Wallett

May 2018

The month started quite dry when I recorded rainfall on only five occasions within the first 23 days, including a period of 11 totally dry days. The month's total was 79.5 mm – about 25% above my average for May.

Temperatures were above average with many totally sunny days in the first three weeks and a maximum of 26°C on Monday 7th followed by 25° the next day.

June 2018

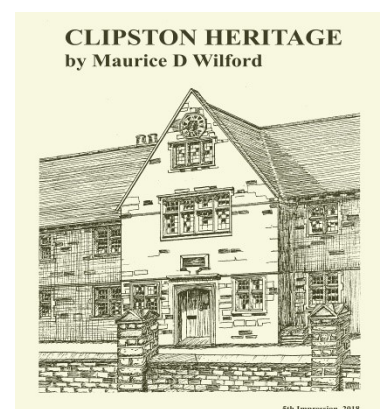
Following a very wet last week of May, the month of June has been virtually dry. The only precipitation I witnessed was a very slight shower on Saturday 16th amounting to only 0.1 mm. This was the lowest monthly rainfall I have recorded. Temperatures were well above average with 20 days above 20°C and five above 25°C in the last week with sun virtually all day.

July 2018

The dry, hot, sunny weather continued into July with 25 totally dry days. Total rain for the month was only 21.6 mm – less than a third of my 40 years average. Temperatures were well above average with 20 days at, or above, 25°C and the remainder at or above 20°C.

For more detailed weather reports, see www.clipston.org/weather

*Copies of the book are available at £5. Please contact Peter Wilford for copies 6, Chapel Lane. Tel: 01858 525372



Stepping Stones Pre-School

Goodbye and good luck to all the children leaving us and starting at 'BIG' school, wherever that may be. We have loved every minute with you and are so proud of you all!

Also a big WELCOME to all of our new children and their parents too. We have an exciting year planned and are looking forward to sharing it with you. There will be lots of topics to cover, beginning with 'What happens in Autumn'. Before we know it, we will be getting ready for Christmas and understanding its role in the Christian faith, and learning about other faiths and cultures to see how they celebrate their holy festivals.

We have one more goodbye and that is to our committee members who will sadly be leaving at the AGM in October. Thank you for all that you have done for

our lovely setting, we will miss you. For those of you that perhaps do not know, Stepping Stones is a charity and therefore run by a management committee of volunteers – this is mostly parents of current or recent attendees. We meet once a term (along with our wonderful manager, Sharon) and set targets, aims and plan our fundraising activities. It really is an exciting opportunity to have a say on how your child's preschool is run and we do have a bit of fun too. Roles include chair, treasurer, secretary, marketing, fundraising, health and safety, staff liaison and many more – all members are subject to a DBS check.

If you think you might like to get involved in the committee, we would love to have you! Please get in touch via the setting, the website or Facebook. There is also a board in the lobby that has a photo and

some information on each of the committee members so that you can recognise us – please do say hello!

There are a few events coming up which would be great for any new parents (or indeed existing) to come along to:

Thursday 20th September – Cheese and Wine Evening – great opportunity to meet the other parents and get to know a bit more about the setting and committee – The Orbell Room, All Saints Church

Thursday 11th October – AGM and School Preparation talk with a member of staff from Clipston School – village hall

www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk and Facebook

@SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston for photos, updates and information.

Chloe Petty (525191)

Friendship Club

Have you recently moved to the village? Why not come to the village hall on the second Monday of the month (2.30pm start) for a couple of hours to chat, listen to a speaker and have a cup of tea, sandwiches and delicious cake? We would love to see you.

10 September – bingo – the good ol' games are still very popular.

8 October – Jack from the wildlife hospital at Kibworth – a fantastic story of this local and nationally known wildlife hospital and rescue centre.

12 November – Market Harborough Movie Makers – they are yearly visitors and have a vast library of films of local interest spanning many years. You may even spot yourself on film

19 December (new date) – Christmas lunch at the Bulls Head, Clipston.

Contact Jill Pick on 525 746

Clipston Football

Clipston will have a Sunday team this season! Welland Valley Panthers, in the Rushden & district league, KO 10.30 am. Contact Adam 07870235966 if you are interested in getting involved (over 16).

Coffee & Chat for Canine Partners



Have you spotted some posters appearing once a month saying "Coffee & Chat" and wondered what it was all about? Well, it is a coffee morning that happens on the third Saturday of each month in the village hall at 10.30am. It has been held since 2012 and with everyone's support we have raised money for various causes but over more recent times it is solely for the assistance dog charity called Canine Partners.

We are focused on raising £5,000. This will mean we can name a puppy and put it through its first chapter from the age of eight weeks to 12 to 14 months. The future assistance dogs live with fantastic voluntary puppy parents where they learn fundamental skills they will need to start advanced training. From there the young dog will join one of the cent-

res for their advanced training – about 17 weeks long – and learn the crucial and complex skills necessary to support a person with disabilities.

So... our aim is to raise £5,000 – latest news ONLY £854 needed!

Looking ahead – we run a tombola at our November coffee and chat. We hesitate to ask for help as we know that recently you have been giving to various village events – but – in case you have any more items suitable for prizes, we would be very grateful for any items (Jill 525 746).

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Hope to see you soon.

Jenny, Anne and Jill

12 Clipston Oaks

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, it is proposed to plant 12 oak trees on the recreation ground in memory of the 12 Clipston soldiers who fell during the war. It will be a lasting tribute to these gallant men who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom today. If you are interested in helping to fund this memorial please contact Stephen Woodgate 525566

Clipston Profile: Julie Connell

A beautiful wooden owl (brought back by her son, William, from the Beijing Olympics) greets any visitor to Julie Connell's new house, tucked secretly away off the village green, and as the drive opens up, her stunning NGS garden beckons with its myriad colours, unusual specimens,

where she lived for nearly 30 years – 'We had such a large fruit cage, the pupils to whom I taught music would come and earn extra money by picking all the berries throughout the summer. Which leads us to another passion and skill of Julie Connell – music. Having

For over 30 years, Julie organised hugely profitable and well-run equestrian events at local, national and international level. As secretary and treasurer of the Pytchley Hunt Supporters Association she was involved in many fundraising events and her contacts here led her on a very exciting career path from organising local horse trials to becoming the director, secretary and treasurer for the National Dressage Championships, organising the start and timing teams of the steeplechase at the Burghley International Three-day Event (in 2015 Julie won the 'Unsung Hero' award for her services to the Burghley Horse Trials since 1982) and the advanced horse trials including an Olympic trial at the Althorp Advanced Horse Trials and Country Fair.

And if gardener, horse-trial organiser and music teacher is not enough, Julie is also the Shires representative for Cheffins Fine Arts Auctioneers

and Valuers and holds valuations at her house throughout the year.

She may get a bit of help with the 'heavy stuff' in the garden these days and her arthritic fingers may mean that she 'doesn't play the piano quite as dextrously as (she) used to' but one thing you can certainly say about the indomitable 'no nonsense' character of Julie Connell is that she is certainly not ready to slow down quite yet... as she dashes off into the garden to water, before a pupil arrives for their lesson!



ornamental trees and secret pathways. Since 2006, Julie has been opening her garden (first at The Maltings, and latterly The Wooden Owl) in aid of the National Garden Scheme, and has had over 9,000 visitors, made over £25,000 for NGS and nearly £10,000 for local charities includ-



ing the school and church. Her love of gardening began in a mews house in London where she had a tiny space which she filled with clematis – she has since grown 80 different kinds of clematis and tells me 'you can have a clematis of one sort or another flowering all year round'. As well as the many different and beautiful plants, Julie also grows fruit and veg. She remembers her huge garden at The Old Parsonage in Dingley

spent a year in Florence studying art and music in 1959, Julie graduated from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 1962 and has been teaching music ever since. She is the organist at Clipston and Kelmarsch churches and tries to play in Dingley whenever she can. In 2015 she set up the United Benefice Choir who practice every fortnight and sing on the 5th Sunday in a month. She organises the Celebration of Christmas Concert every year in All Saints Church and has organised various musical charity events including the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations and a Gilbert and Sullivan concert, raising over £5000 for the church. Her latest project (in the church in November this year) is a musical and poetry evening of Rupert Brooke's works to coincide with the centenary of the end of World War 1.

Julie's ability to organise everyone and everything has always been a skill - she laughs as she tells me her school report stated she was a 'very bossy but very efficient pupil who excelled in music and sport'. Certainly this is an accurate description when you take a look at her CV.



The original 'Wooden Owl' from the Beijing Olympics Cross Country site and now in pride of place in Julie's garden.

Letter to the Editor

As a member, just one of about twenty, of one of the "theme" groups currently trying to create a "Neighbourhood Development Plan" for Clipston, I just wanted to try and explain why we continue to need the support and involvement of everyone in the village.

Once we have such a plan in existence it will carry weight and legal authority with planning applications and all other developments within the village and it is only right therefore that the community as a whole has had a chance to influence or contribute to the plan. Until this plan has been accepted and adopted we are at the mercy of developers and the planners at DCC, all of whom are faced with increased pressure from central government. Without an NDP in place (and it is somewhat off yet) we have no say...

although it might be useful, if you are contemplating complaining to DDC about any proposed developments, to point out that there is an "emerging" NDP.

I fully understand why people may feel such a plan is a waste of time, a waste of energy and will make no difference (especially in the light of the way the Village Design Statement appeared to have little clout) but it is clear from recent planning applications that an NDP is absolutely vital if we want to have that

say in how Clipston develops.

The 3 "theme" groups (Community, Environment, Housing) have been working hard since March to put together a credible plan, based on YOUR responses to the survey and at the consultation event that many of you attended, and once written it will be shared with the village to seek approval. Please do support and contribute in whatever way you can.

Thank you, Martin Clarke

Sulby Gardens

Thursday 11 October from 1 - 4pm and Friday 12 October from 11am - 4pm

Amazing display of apples - over 130 varieties were on show last year!

The orchard and other apple growing areas will be on show with notes about each tree. New Season's Sulby Gardens Apple Juice for sale and apple-themed cakes for tea. Horticulturalist Bill Barker will be available at specific times each day to answer your apple-related questions. A National Garden Scheme event. Entry £4 for adults, children free, tea and homemade cake £3.

Stout footwear recommended.

Sulby Gardens, Sulby, NN6 6EZ.

Flower Club

On **September 19th** we have our Open Meeting. We are very lucky to have National Demonstrator John Chennell coming to show us some "Seasonal Splendour". John will definitely put on a wonderful show and fill the stage with a beautiful display – all of which will be raffled off at the end of the evening, so for £1 you could go home with a lovely arrangement. Tickets £8 to include refreshments. **October 17th** is a workshop by Richard Twistleton. Knowing Richard he will come up with some very innovative ideas and will definitely be a fun evening to learn something new. **November 21st** we will be looking towards Xmas when Dawn Keitley is bringing us "A Touch of Sparkle". Dawn will show us some ideas on decorating our home for the festive season and no doubt there will be lots of sparkle! £4 to include refreshments.

Do come along to any of our meetings. If you are new to the village, have any interest in flowers or have never been to a demonstration before then come along to the September or November meeting and watch the experts. I am



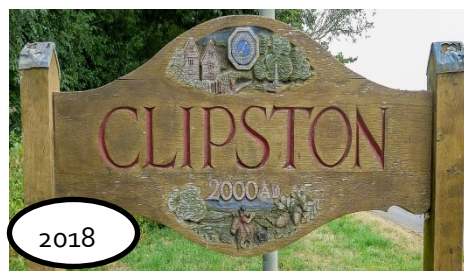
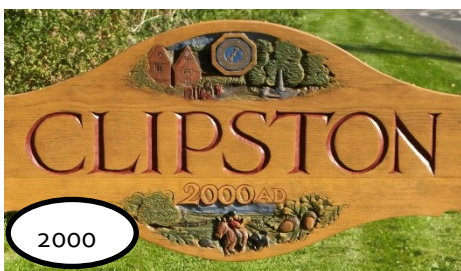
sure you will enjoy it and you will be made very welcome. Sadly we also say goodbye to one of our founder

members, Carolyn Rutland, who is moving to pastures new. Carolyn always had good ideas and was always ready to run a workshop to encourage members to learn something new. We will miss her but wish her & Ken all the best in their new home.

Linda 525463 or Heather 525598

Clipston Signs: Needing TLC!

Our unique 'Clipston Signs' on all five roads into the village, installed to mark the Millennium, are works of art and lovely to look at. Each one is different and illustrates a feature of the village life/buildings. However, after 18 years of weathering and despite refurbishment by Bim Fowler about 10 years ago, they are now in a bad



state and need some TLC! We would like to get a small group of enthusiastic volunteers to restore the signs to their former glory. Any DIYers / practical hands-on/ wood workers and perhaps someone with the skills to re-paint the scenes to bring the signs alive again would be most useful – all help would be welcomed. Jim

Jim Tyson

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CLIPSTON GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

Bell Ringers

Please watch this space for future news.

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

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**

Football Club-Sunday

Welland Valley Panthers (est 2006) playing at Clipston Recreation Field Sundays at 10.30. Minimum age 16yrs. Please call **Adam on 07870235966** if interested in playing on Sundays.

Friendship Club

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month in the village hall at 2.10 pm unless otherwise stated. Following speakers, we enjoy afternoon tea and have a raffle to enhance club funds. Guests welcome, fee £2.

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, Includes refreshments.

Chloe Wright 07977 529 859

Please notify Editors if any of these details change

Royal British Legion

Providing help and support to service men and women and their families since 1921 Village Poppy collection and Remembrance service

Rupert Ellenborough 525 380

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, 1.30pm at the village hall. Come and join us. **Grace Burnham 01858 525327**

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A Centrebus from Clipston Green to Market Harborough is now running (**No 59**) on weekdays. It is funded until March 2019 (will then be reviewed).

Clipston 10.10 > Harborough 10.40
Harborough 12.55 > Clipston 13.22

Church & Chapel Services

All Saints Church

Sundays at 11am. All welcome. Sunday club see separate entry www.allsaintsclipston.org

Baptist Chapel

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Also see www.clipston.org

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