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Welcome

Welcome to our December newsletter, 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!

Jim Tyson

Editor of this edition

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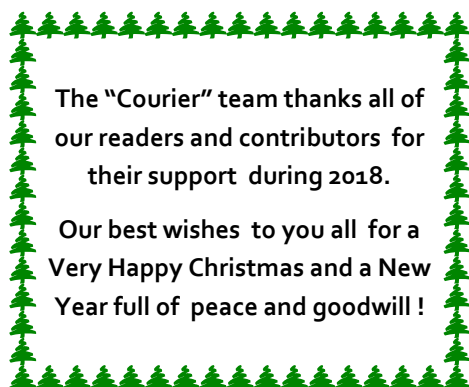
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The "Courier" team thanks all of our readers and contributors for their support during 2018.

Our best wishes to you all for a Very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of peace and goodwill!

Candlelight Procession For Clipston Tree on the Green

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th



Christmas Tree on the Green

3pm Start
in the Village Hall

- Santas Grotto • Hamper Raffle Draw •
- Christmas Disco • Free Mulled Wine • Gift Stalls •
- Free Mince Pies • Hot Dogs • Christmas Carols •

Candlelight procession to the
village green for the tree lighting

*See p.2 for more details

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Tennis Club

What better way to start 2019?

The Tennis Club and Stepping Stones are delighted to present another pantomime for 2019... Aladdin!

Performed by the same troupe that brought us Treasure Island, Beauty & The Beast and Little Red Riding Hood in previous years, they will once again be "treading the boards" on Saturday Jan. 5th 2019 and, in recognition of feedback from last year, there will be 2 performances, both of which are, in effect, matinees, with one starting at 1:00pm and the other at 5:00pm... hopefully early enough for ALL children (and grown-ups!)

In view of the timings, there will not be a bar this year but there will be refreshments available before and during both performances. (We suggest you arrive early to secure the best seats and enjoy a hot-dog lunch/tea before the performance!)

Tickets are available from any member of the Tennis Club, but especially Martin (525558) and Faye (07725 427311) at the ridiculously generous price of just £5 per child and £10 for adults... in part the cost is low as we have again received support from Daventry District Council to subsidise the show. Monies raised will be shared between Stepping Stones and the Tennis Club.

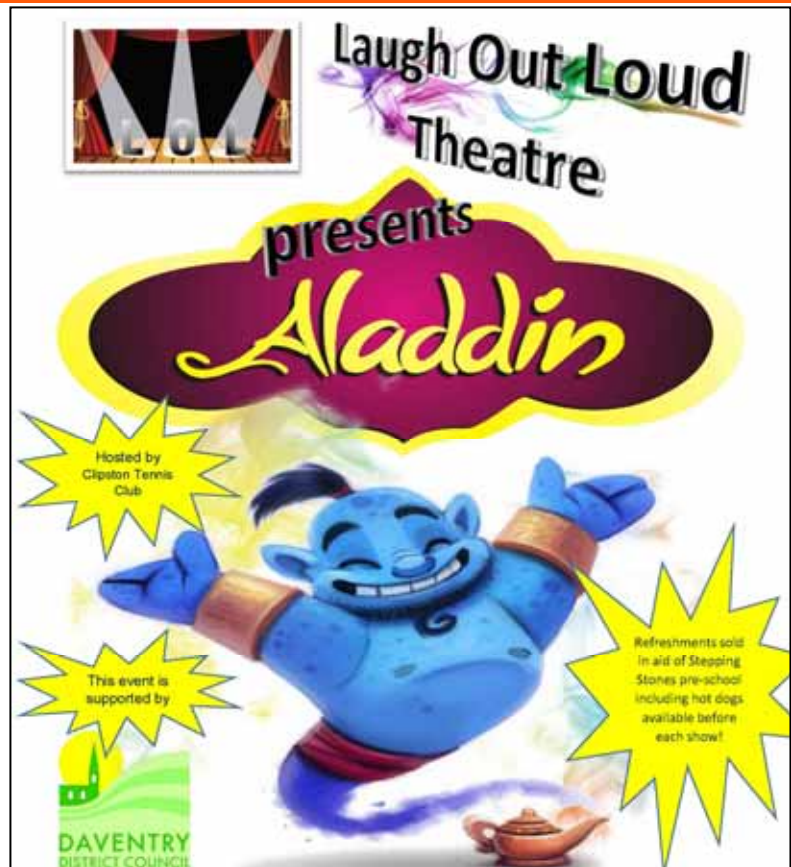
We look forward to seeing you after your Christmas festivities.

Now all together...

"Oh No We Won't, - OH YES WE WILL!"

Martin Clarke (525558)

Pantomime 5th Jan. 2019



Aladdin Comes to Clipston - Saturday 5th Jan. 2019 ~ 1.00pm and 5.00pm
Clipston Village Hall

Tickets: £5.00 children ; £10.00 adults available from Faye Tan 07725 427311

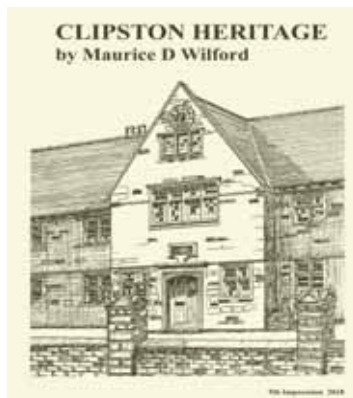
A new look for 'Tree on the Green'

- ◇ 3.00pm meet at the Village Hall for Christmas activities as above.
- ◇ Candlelight procession to the green
- ◇ 5.30pm after the lighting of the Christmas tree lights on the village green there will be a Celebration of Christmas in All Saints Church.
- ◇ You will be welcomed in the church by the Clipston Folk Band.
- ◇ Carols with the choir and soloists and well-known carols for all to sing followed by a glass of bubbly and mince pies.

Annie Towers

Anne and Stephen would like to express their sincere thanks to all friends and neighbours in Clipston for their very kind words, cards and messages of sympathy following the passing of Annie, aged 96. We are also very grateful for the donations to Air Ambulance and the Farming Community Network in memory of Annie. Thank you also to Reverend Angela Hughes for her kindness and support.

Anne & Stephen Woodgate



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



As we go to press, the RBL Poppy District collection stands at just over £2,700, our highest ever!

So thanks to all, especially village collectors.

Rose Anderson

Dates for your diary 2018

- *6-8th Dec. Christmas Carol p.7
- *9th Dec. Tree on the Green p.1
- *5th Jan. Aladdin p.2
- * 9th Feb. Quiz + Fish & Chip Supper

Clipston WI

As we approach the end of our centenary programme members have been reflecting on all the activities we have enjoyed – from a visit in February to a snowdrop garden, to playing bowls in Welland Park, not to mention 2 birthday party celebrations and some extra special speakers.



Our programme for 2019 is now complete and includes speakers on Nefertiti, beekeeping and the life of Amy Johnson. For foodies next July, anyone is welcome to come along to our Asian Food Tasting evening.

When the WI was founded in 1918 there were 77 members; currently there are 20 ladies. Some new blood, particularly from ladies who may be interested in taking an active part in the running of the WI would be most welcome.

So please come along as a guest to one of our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm in the village hall. You will be most welcome.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

Rose Anderson, President 525481

C.A.D.S. & Friends
presents
A Christmas Carol
by Charles Dickens
6th – 8th December
All Saints Church
Clipston
7 p.m.
Tickets (£6.00) available from
Linda Warren tel: 01858 525463
Mob: 07900081502

Another great CADS production.

Tickets selling out fast!

Clipston's Got Talent : Clipston Junior Football Team

If you have ever wandered past the playing fields on a Saturday morning, you'll probably have seen this bunch on the football pitch, running circles around the mums and dads in tow. This weekly gathering of children and parents has been happening for the last four years, and was begun by Alun Davies in 2014 as an informal kick around, inspired by the fact that his son Thomas (then six) was becoming more than a little obsessed with the game.

"I'm actually more of a rugby player myself," Al admits "but Tommy was constantly kicking a football and asking me to play with him. I thought it would be nice to get a few of his friends together with their parents, and make it more of a social thing. I had no idea that it would last for as long as it has, but here we still are, four years later!"

The children in the group have grown up together, and the majority are at Clipston School in Year 6, their final year of primary school. When they began they were still infants, and their enthusiasm made up for the skills they were yet to learn. At first they didn't even have a pitch or goals – they just marked out a space on the field with cones and made do. "One of the dads – Andy Cleary - generously paid for goals to be fixed permanently, which has marked out a junior size pitch, so

children of all ages can use it whenever they like. Andy's company, Dimension, has also bought our smart new kit this year".



Coach Al is assisted every week by Tim Chambers, Malcolm Northover and James Wingham who are the stalwarts of the group – "Rain or shine, the four of us will be there – we've even turned up in the snow. It can get rather bitter down there in the depths of winter, but we've never cancelled because of the weather." Although they are not an official club, they have played the odd friendly match against local clubs and schools, which has given the children a taste of competition. "They really have come on in leaps and bounds since we began – it's great to see them progressing and getting stronger. The only downside is that it won't be long until they are quicker than the parents – we're just about keeping up with them at the moment, but it's only a matter of time!"

Liz Davies

Clipston Map

STOP PRESS...

Ideal Christmas present. Only a very few Clipston maps available, size A2, cost £25.

Go to www.clipston.org for more information;
or contact: **Faye Tan (07725 427311)**,
Email: faye@oldrectory.uk.net



Haddon Fields Open Day - 2018

On a glorious early autumn day over 60 adults and children flocked to Haddon Fields for the open day on September 16th. This year, our own Katy Dynes acted as a focal point for the open day. Children were encouraged to decorate Katy's 'bugs, bunnies and butterflies', which they were able to take home with them. Jules Howard once again led expeditions to the stream and the



fossil bank, although the stream this year had virtually dried up due to the summer drought. Nonetheless, in the one or two areas where the stream had turned into ponds, there was still plenty of water life to be investigated.

One positive result of the dry conditions was the greater opportunity to find large fossils, and two pieces of a large ammonite were found in the dry stream bed.



Jules was ably assisted by two local naturalists, Nigel Lingley and Alison Ball, who led the bug and butterfly hunting expeditions in the grasses.

Overall, a great success and one that we hope will be repeated again in future years. (For more photos of the day)...

www.clipston.org/2018-haddon-fields-open-day

Since the open day, the planned foot-bridge was installed in Great Hill, close to the Longhold Road end of the field.



When other access gates are in place, we hope that a circular walk will be possible without the need to walk on Longhold Road which is rather dangerous to pedestrians.

Finally for now, some 'hedge management' working parties are planned for the coming winter. The working parties are planned for Sundays, 20th Jan, 3rd Feb 17th Feb. Each one will start at 9.30 am (probably lasting for about 3 hours). All help will be most welcome. More details on www.clipston.org and on Clipston Village Facebook nearer the time.

Stephen Woodgate tel. 525566

Chairman Friends of Haddon Fields

Choir

As many of you will know, I started up the United Benefice Choir 3 years ago with the view of singing at the United Benefice services on the 5th Sunday of a month: just four services a year held in Clipston, Naseby, Kelmarsh and Haselbech churches. The choir is now made up solely of Clipston members from all denominations, who enjoy singing good music. We hope that when our church benefice becomes 7 parish's we will perhaps gain some new members.

Sunday 9th December at 5.30. We will again be organising the popular evening to celebrate Christmas, after the lighting of the Christmas tree lights on the green. This will be Christmas readings and poems and the choir will lead the singing with favourite Christmas carols and songs, and solos & descants sung by choir members.

You will be welcomed into the church by the Clipston Folk Band. The evening will finish with free bubbly and mince pies.

The choir members are a varied lot; the majority cannot read music, some cannot sing in tune, some are very experienced, but the one thing everyone has in common is that they enjoy singing good music as a group. We really would welcome anyone else, of any age and ability who would like to join us from the surrounding villages.

We rehearse alternate Thursdays at my house.

Please contact me;

Julie Connell. Tel: 01858 525336

E-mail: j.connell118@btinternet.com

Clipston NDP Update

The work continues with the Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan. In particular the Environmental and Health Theme Group, appointed by the plan's committee, is nearing completion of its part of the process with a view to completing its report by the end of this November.

The Housing Theme Group, having determined the estimated type and number of new houses during the life of the plan (i.e. up to 2029) and also now having received details of prospective sites

for such houses, is currently formally considering these sites. This process is a detailed one involving the appointed consultants YourLocale, and once approved by the plan's committee, a public consultation will be arranged in the village hall where the village will be able to comment and express their views.



Clipston NDP Advisory Committee

REMINDER - DOG OWNERS



CLEAN IT UP

Clipston School

It has been an incredibly busy autumn term and it is always lovely to reflect back on all the exciting learning experiences in which the children have had the opportunity to take part. The children at Clipston are very lucky to be immersed in a broad and balanced curriculum – school is not just about English and maths!

Our Harvest Festival in All Saints Church was a wonderfully uplifting event. Our families raised over £220 for our link school, Karisalpatti in India. We also brought our gifts of tins and packets to be blessed before donating them to the Jubilee Food Bank in Market Harborough. Afterwards, Rev. Angela Hughes enjoyed a leaving event with the children and staff. We continue to keep her in our prayers and hope that she is settling happily into her new post.

On the sporting front, Year 3 and Year 4 played in the Guilsborough Mixed Football Festival, Year 5 and Year 6 competed in the Daventry Tag Rugby Festival and nineteen runners took part in the Leicestershire Cross Country Competition. We would like to thank all our volunteers for their support, without which our clubs wouldn't be able to run. Well done to all the participants for their good behaviour and sportsmanship.

Just before the October half-term break, Mr Tyson visited to tell the children all about the village plans to commemorate WW1. During Enrichment Day, the Fallen Of Clipston were in our thoughts and the children made and decorated poppies in remembrance of the dozen men from the village who made the ultimate sacrifice. You will be able to see the results of their efforts in the edition of

the 'Clipston Connections. No.2' Supplement.

During Enrichment Day, the children also learnt about the history of quilts and each child contributed to the whole school patchwork quilt, which is on display in the hall. Finally, the children learnt about healthy eating and the names of vegetables before making a delicious vegetable soup.

In addition to Enrichment Day, the children have enjoyed lots of learning outside the classroom. Trips and visits include Robins to the Newarke Museum as part of their toys topic, Owls to the Farm Shop as part of their farming topic and Sparrows to the Space Centre. Sparrow Class also enjoyed a super trip to Haddon Fields to hunt for fossils with Mr Jules Howard. Woodpecker Class enjoyed a fascinating visit from Living History as part of their WW1 topic. Everyone in Key Stage 2 worked hard to solve problems "Crystal Maze Style" during their Escape Room Day – "solve the problems, find the key and unlock the room".

In November, we all enjoyed a visit from



Mrs Sunita Prasad who came to support the children's learning about Diwali as part of their whole school RE topic on Hinduism.

Towards the end of term, as well as our traditional infant Nativity and junior carol service, the choir will be performing for the Friendship Club and we also have the Christmas Bazaar and whole school panto trip to Aladdin to look forward to.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to support the school this term; we really appreciate your time. Visitors are always welcome and if you would like to see more of what the children get up to on a daily basis, please look at our Twitter page (you do not have to have a Twitter account)

@ClipstonSchool. Happy Christmas!

Emma Mercer
(Executive Head teacher)

Book Review - Local Author

The story "More than just a star," written by Liz Clarke and illustrated by Katy Dynes has opened a refreshingly interesting surprise on the meaning of the star, leading up to Christmas Celebrations this year, that we are all familiar with regarding the birth of Jesus.

The story that unfolds answers the question that Liz poses, "I wonder if you've ever really thought about the star itself?"



The story is beautifully illustrated with colourful scenes on every page, which helps youngsters to engage with the characters that appear, as well as reading or listening to the text as the tale unfolds. It is indeed a thoughtful story

which brings out the qualities that are central to our Christmas celebrations and will be popular with younger readers or listeners.

Roger Wallett

Clipston Chapel

Please join us for our

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

at the Christian Life Baptist Chapel on Thursday 20th December at 7.00pm

We look forward to seeing you all.

Robin Thompsett (01858 466370)

Clipston Remembrance - 12 Oak Trees **WW100**



Clipston decided to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 by planting 12 oak trees in memory of the 12 Clipston soldiers who gave their lives during the war.

An appeal was launched and thanks to the generosity of Clipston villagers, together with donations from the Clipston branch of the Royal British Legion, Clipston School, the WI and the Recreation Field Trust, enough money was raised to buy the trees, together with a commemorative plaque.



Remembrance Plaque

On Sunday 11 November the dedication of the oak trees was held on the recreation field. It was lovely to see so



many villagers there; prayers were led by Trevor Lake, and Rupert Ellenborough read out the names of the fallen soldiers, while Andy Blake played the Last Post and Reveille on his beautiful bugle. Villager Dorothy Judd read a very moving poem, 'Remembrance', written by her mother, Dora Tebbutt, about the Clipston soldiers who sadly lost their lives, and wreaths were laid by Clipston



Ruby and Melody Croft
Unveiling the Remembrance Plaque

children with the new plaque unveiled by Ruby and Melody Croft.

Their great-great-grandfather, Frank Croft, fought alongside his brothers Alfred and Frederick in WW1 and Frederick Croft was one of the Clipston soldiers who was killed at Neuve Chappelle in France in 1915.

Stephen Woodgate

News from All Saints Clipston

Christmas is of course a busy time in the church calendar and below are some of the special Christmas events.

On Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December, we will hold our popular **Crib Service at 4:30 pm** with a media presentation of the Christmas story and involvement with the children in assembling the crib. Carol singing at the Bulls Head will follow.

Many like to attend a **Christmas Eve midnight communion service** and this year the benefice service will be at **Haselbech at 11:30 pm**.

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December, brings the climax of Christmas and our **Family Holy Communion** service will be at 11:00 am.

Our last service of the year will be on **Sunday 30th December at 10:00 am**, a benefice service to which we have invited not only our four parishes of Clipston, Naseby, Haselbech and Kelmarsch but the three parishes of Welford, Sibbertoft and Marston Trussell with whom we amalgamate in 2019.

Talking of 2019, our new vicar, the Revd Canon Miranda Hayes, currently the vicar at Earls Barton will take up residence here in Clipston in February and will be licensed at Welford Church on Thursday 7th February by the newly appointed Honorary Assistant Bishop of Peterborough Right Revd Edward Condry. Revd Miranda will conduct her first Sunday service in the new benefice here in Clipston on **Sunday 10th February at 10:00 am** and we hope many will come to welcome her into the village.

Have a blessed Christmas

Trevor Lake

Quiz Night / Fish & Chip Supper

By popular demand there will be another Fish & Chip Supper with Fun Quiz on Saturday 9th February at Clipston Village Hall from 6 for 6.30 start.

Teams of up to 8.

Only 60 places so book early.

Tickets available in the new year from;
**Ruth Wallett 525346 &
Alan Skinner 525237**

Christmas Greetings 2018



The staff and committee at Stepping Stones Pre-School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a big thank you to the whole community for all the support, fundraising help, donations and volunteers we have had in 2018.

Maggie and John Oldershaw would like to wish all their friends, neighbours and villagers a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Philip and Heather Weston wish all friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year



Peter and Linda Warren wish all our neighbours, friends and village residents a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Stephen & Anne Woodgate wish a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our friends in Clipston



Wishing all our friends and neighbours in the village a Christmas filled with love, warmth and sparkle. And hoping the New Year brings good health, good times and good fortune.

From Faye, David, George and Joseph Tan xxxxx

Shambala 2018

This year saw a number of new people from the village getting involved and we hope that you all had a positive and interesting time.

The weather wasn't quite as kind to us as the previous year but it didn't seem to dampen people's spirits or ability to enjoy the many and varied live performances, parades and other recreational activities that took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

This year's profits amounted to £9000, which will be divided between the 3 villages involved i.e. Clipston, Great Oxendon and Arthingworth.

For Clipston, it will bring £3000 into the village to be divided amongst the organisations involved in managing and delivering the project.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way and particularly to the WI for contributing so many wonderful cakes!

If you are interested in volunteering for next year's Shambala Festival or feel you are able to contribute in any other way, please do have a word with one of the Clipston project team.

Val Carpenter 525 120

Andy Blake 525 760

Jim Tyson 525 697

Chris Partridge 079 120 58431 (Treasurer)

Clipston Weather



August 2018

The dry weather we had experienced during the previous two months continued into August with the first rain on the 9th. The total rainfall was 38mm – about 57% of average – with 18 dry days.

Temperatures during the 1st week were well above normal for August, but overall were about average for the month. The max. was 29°C on both the 5th and 6th, and the min. 5.5° on the night of the 30th.

September 2018

Rainfall only about 57% of my average with the first five days, and the last seven, totally dry. Measurable rain on only 8 days. The total was 35.7mm. The first visible ground frost in this part of the village (Chapel Lane) was early on the morning of the 25th although the minimum air temperature was 2.5°.

October 2018

Well below average rainfall and 18 dry days. The nine days from the 17th were totally dry.

Day and night temperatures for the month were average with five warm days in the 2nd week reaching 20°C or above. In contrast, the max. day temperature on the 27th was a cold 4.5°C. Recorded the first air frost in the screen on the night of the 26th with the lowest of minus 2.5°C on the 30th.

Peter Wilford

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

Friendship Club

Dates for your diaries:

- 19th Dec. – Christmas lunch at the Bulls Head, Clipston. 12.30 for 1 pm
- 14th Jan. 2019 – Bingo and bring and buy.
- 11th Feb. – "Life behind the camera" Rob Leveritt.
- 11th March – "Keep on moving" Jason.

Contact Jill Pick (525 746)

Stepping Stones Pre-School



Stepping Stones - Oak Tree Planting

A key topic for us during the middle of the term was Remembrance and on Thursday 8th November, the pre-school children who attend Forest School were able to join in and help plant the 12 oak trees dedicated to those men of Clipston who never returned from

the battlefields in WW1. It was lovely for the children to be part of such a special event.

As part of our AGM in early October, we were pleased to once again have Miss Glascodine (Reception/Year1 teacher at Clipston School) join us to talk about children being 'school-ready' and what parents can do to help their children prepare. It was great to hear from her that the practices implemented at Stepping Stones are really aiding the children's transition to 'big school'.

The end of the first term already!...

Well, we have had a fantastic start to this school year with lots of lovely topics covered; we have been looking at autumn, including some seasonal baking (apple and blackberry muffins, yum!), Halloween, Bonfire Night and celebrations including Diwali. We have now moved on to looking at Christmas and why and how we celebrate. As you can imagine, the children are very excited – we will be hosting our traditional Nativity before we break up (more details below).

We have now voted in our committee for 2018/19. We were sad to see a few of our members leave but very grateful to them for all the hard work they have put in during their time on the committee. We would like to say welcome to our three new members and look forward to an exciting year ahead. We have plenty of events coming up, please keep an eye out on Facebook;

@SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston and on our website:

www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk for details, for photos, updates and information.

Date to remember:

- Nativity and Christmas Party - Friday 14th December 10am – 12.30pm – Clipston Village Hall.

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. They would love to see you!

Chloe Petty – Chair (525191)

Dog Training : Clipston Recreation Field

For the last two years, Caroline Burton and Jo Cooper have been running a dog training class at the recreation field in Clipston. It starts at 9.15 am on Monday mornings,

is very informal, and best of all, is absolutely free!

Caroline realised her dog, Fern, was getting anxious around other dogs and felt she needed to socialise her more. A former veterinary nurse and owner of many dogs over the years, Caroline had some experience with dog training and behaviour and having spoken to good friend, Jo, who had recently taken her own dog to puppy training, they decided to combine their knowledge and set up a very informal training class. Two years on, and Fern is as happy as Larry as she obediently sits at Caroline's feet, her new friends, Finn, Daisy, Pockets, Nellie, Lily,



Mabel and Ruby sitting alongside, having spent the last hour learning basic obedience and retrieving and recalling skills, all from being on the lead.

'We have no formal

training ourselves,' says Jo, 'but we know enough to do the basics, the dogs seem to love it and all have shown a definite improvement in behaviour since coming along.'

Caroline and Jo welcome any non-aggressive dogs, whatever their age ('It's not just for puppies!'), and they point out that they train whatever the weather (unless it is unbelievably hot!). They ask that you bring your own treats and poo bags, and in school holidays, kids are welcome as the added distraction is good for the dogs' concentration skills.

If you are interested (and as I look at my extremely scruffy, 6-yr-old lead-averse

Coffee & Chat for Canine Partners

Christmas coffee & chat held for Canine Partners on 17th November raised £981. We have now raised the £5,000 needed to buy & name a puppy. Thank you everyone for your wonderful support.

Next coffee morning dates:

- * 15th Dec. 2018
- * 19th Jan. 2019
- * 16th Feb. 2019
- * 16th March 2019

10.30 to 12 in Clipston Village Hall.

Jenny, Anne and Jill (525 746)

springer spaniel, I definitely am!) then contact Caroline Burton (07793 935929) or Jo Cooper on Facebook, or just turn up on a Monday morning at 9.15am and be prepared to don your best Barbara Woodhouse voice and shout 'sit', 'heel' and 'fetch' like a true pro!

Hannah Eveleigh

Clipston Profile: Adam Gilmore

Gliding instructor and amateur radio enthusiast, Adam Gilmore, has lived in Clipston for two years since he adopted his five-year-old son Leland as a single parent. He works as an IT project manager, but his real interests have always been gliding and 'ham' radio – both hobbies he has had since he was a child.



once chatted for an hour to a guy in Dubrovnik, talking all about where he lived and what his life was like, and describing mine. And another guy, an Israeli, who was worried what his parents thought about his Palestinian girlfriend. I've managed to contact Australia a few times, including a chat with a farmer in Melbourne. I love learning about someone else's life.

"I was Leland's age when I first went up in a glider" Adam explains. "My Uncle Sid is an instructor at Husbands Bosworth Gliding Club. He had no kids, so he was delighted when I showed an interest and took me flying one day. That was it – I loved it." He began lessons in his teens and by 16 Adam had passed the exam, which allowed him to fly solo. He went on to become an instructor and has taught at Husbands Bosworth for 13 years. When asked if he has had any dramatic moments he mentions a time when he was living in the South of France. "I was flying near the mountains one day when I experienced something called convergence, which is where two air masses meet. It basically flipped my glider round like a spinning-top, ending up flying in the opposite direction. All was fine, but it was a bit of a shock!" He reveals he is also a PADI Advanced scuba diver. "I love being above and below

ground level; not so sure on it!"

Adam may be an expert in the air, but being on-the-air is another fascination for him. His late father used a CB radio, and a decision to do an amateur radio course when he was 16 led to developing another big interest in his life. Adam has a simple long-wire antenna held up by a 12-metre-high mast attached to the roof of his house, which connects to his radio equipment indoors. Depending on the atmospheric conditions he can get signals strong enough to reach across the globe. "I spoke to the King of Spain once," he laughs. "It wasn't a long conversation and I didn't know it was him until afterwards. We all have call signs that you can look-up, and when I checked his, I discovered I'd been in touch with royalty!" His favourite exchanges are chats with people who come from totally different cultures. "I

It's fascinating and broadens my understanding of the world."

These days Adam's hobbies have taken a bit of a back seat as he embraces the world of parenting. Taking the decision to adopt alone is not one he took lightly, and his commitment to his son is evident when you meet him. Leland was adopted at the age of three and Adam was keen to bring him up in the countryside, and to also introduce him to his love of flying. "He's been up in a plane, but he's not really old enough for a glider just yet. He seems to enjoy flying though." One thing is certain, Leland is going to have his pick of hobbies as he grows up, with a great teacher to lead him through these, as well as to guide him through his life.

Liz Davies

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Community Spirit for Enid

Enid Hardaker had lived on Pegs Lane in Clipston for 57 years when she sadly died in September. She was a familiar sight in the village, especially around Gold Street and Chapel Lane, always accompanied by a Jack Russell terrier, and leaning on her thumb stick (a forked walking stick she carried with her). I remember meeting her nearly eight years ago when I first came to the village, and she



immediately struck me as lively company; full of great conversation, with a love of animals and the countryside that I found fascinating. She would always stop and chat, and we would sometimes have coffee together. I discovered her passion for horses – despite growing up in urban Bradford, she was obsessed with horses as a child – and (much to her father's frustration) became a girl groom as soon as she could after she left school. It was this that brought her to the Midlands, where she worked for race horse trainers and produced show ponies.

Arriving in Clipston in 1961 she worked for Kemp Spokes at Nobold Farm, and became known as a fearless horsewoman – apparently she would jump anything, which didn't surprise me. Enid had what I would describe as real spirit, even in her eighties. Her groom career was followed by a new career in the civil service (she worked for the Ministry of Defence for many years) and then she embraced retirement and threw herself into her numerous hobbies. Gardening, baking (her legendary prize-

winning Victoria sponge was mentioned several times although sadly I never tasted one); she was an excellent bridge player, she read music, played the piano and sang in the village choir. Oh, and she was sports-mad too – cricket, tennis, snooker, rugby... she loved all of them.

In Enid's last months, when she knew she was very ill, it was my privilege to become part of a group of people who rallied round and cared for her as she became more frail. A mix of old and new friends and neighbours formed a WhatsApp group to ensure Enid was never alone, had meals in her freezer, was kept company overnight, got the medical care she needed and did all that was necessary to help her to die peacefully in her own home, which was exactly what she wanted. I was just a very small part of this, but I would like to pay tribute to these lovely women who really couldn't do enough for Enid in her last weeks. It was testament to Enid that so many people wanted to help her, but it was also the best example of community spirit that I have seen. She must have felt that too, I'm sure.

Liz Davies

Village Hall

Result of the Jumble Sale held on 6th Sept. raised £340.00. Many thanks to all who came & gave goods to be sold.

Without your generosity there would not be a sale & many people would not get a bargain.

Thanks to those people who set the stalls

Flower Club

What can you do with some flexi sticks, wire and wool?



Well, this is what we learnt in our October workshop with Richard Twistleton. We didn't quite get to produce such lovely creations as in the photo and with the time allowed but we learnt the technique and promised to go home and finish off. Richard created these structures so as to avoid using the green oasis that all flower arrangers use. A water container with chicken wire or pebbles can be placed within the framework and then flowers and foliage can be arranged inside it. Demonstrators and arrangers are increasingly aware that the green oasis is not environmentally friendly. Richard told us that it normally takes 80 years to biodegrade and even the "new" oasis takes 35 years so it is back to the old-fashioned ways with chicken wire and pin holders although I think it will be a long time before we stop using the green foam.

The club is looking forward to 2019 with a very interesting and varied programme starting off in January with our AGM, cream tea and a speaker.

Come along to any of our meetings, you will be very welcome and we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Linda 525463 or Heather 525598

up & manned them and helped clear up at the end of the sale. All raffle prizes were claimed.

Next Jumble Sale will be held on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.00pm.

Grace Burnham 525327

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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 2.30 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*

Clipston Bus

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

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All Saints Church

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

Baptist Chapel

Sundays at 10.45am. All welcome.

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