

Haddon Fields View by Katy Dynes

# Clipston Courier

Your Village Newsletter

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It's been 4 years since the last Christmas tree festival in 2015 and a number of villagers think it's time for another one! If there is wide support for another tree festival with enough groups willing to get involved we will look to do that 6th -8th December (at All Saints Church). Past festivals have been a marvellous celebration of village life and involvement and a wonderful way to start the seasonal festivities. Please get in touch if your group would like to be involved by emailing [faye@oldrectory.uk.net](mailto:faye@oldrectory.uk.net) or calling 01858 525275.

Faye Tan

## Welcome

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Courier! It's already that time of year when harvest is being gathered in and there is a change in the air. Another 'Haddon Fields Open Day' is a wonderful opportunity to explore our open area with experts on hand to learn from. Children and adults all welcome. Add to this all the usual updates from across the village, and we once again have a packed Courier for you. Have a great autumn!

**Jim Tyson**  
Editor of this edition

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## 'Diamonds are Forever'



Four Clipston couples have just celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversaries – that's 60 years of wedded bliss folks – what an achievement! First to be married in March 1959 in Coventry were Malcom and Margaret Teesdale, closely followed by Bryan and Jean Wilford, June 6 in Clipston and Arthur and Jean Butlin, 3 August at St Dionysius, Market Harborough. Bryan

and Arthur went to school together and Jean Martin, as she was then, was bridesmaid to Bryan and Jean, and Bryan best man for Arthur. Celebrations have been family and friends affairs with Arthur and Jean holding a tea party. The photo shows them with Bryan and Jean, both couples holding their celebratory cards from the Queen.

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I am so pleased to know that you are celebrating your Diamond Wedding anniversary on 3rd August, 2019. I send my congratulations and best wishes to you on such a special occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Butlin

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## 'Diamonds...

from p.1 ...Arthur says he had to ask Jean to marry him as he needed someone to iron his shirts! Jean says that Arthur has always been very generous. Although memories of the wedding are a bit vague they remember having difficulties cutting the cake – the knife wouldn't go in as there was cardboard underneath supporting the pillars. After a reception at The Angel Hotel Arthur had to return to his mother's on Naseby Road as he hadn't thought to pack any of his clothes for moving into their married home on Kelmars Road. Obviously too nervous! These couples have enjoyed a close married life, with Arthur and Jean looking forward to still enjoying caravanning. When asked what had helped make a lasting relationship, Arthur replied that never going to bed on a quarrel was a good rule to follow. The remaining couple, Cyril and Betty Noble were married on 8 August in Clipston, unfortunately both now suffer with ill health.

These couples have certainly lived up to their marriage vows, "for better for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish," We join with the Queen to offer them many congratulations and all good wishes for the future.

**Rose Anderson**

## Village Hall Car Park

The footpath to the village hall car park, on the right hand side, was almost overgrown by the ivy which had grown to an enormous size and attached itself to the ancient 'cob wall'. Cob (or cobb) is a natural building material made from subsoil, water, fibrous organic material (typically straw), and sometimes lime. A working party worked carefully to remove the ivy from the wall.



It was very hot and dusty work, and the cut vegetation pile was extremely large at the end of the working session..

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to tackle the ivy at the village hall, especially as it was also the hottest day of the year!

**Faye Tan**

**Latest News:** Since the very productive working party in July, we have met with the owner of the adjoining property for his views on protecting the wall. We have agreed to continue removing the front weight of growth whilst leaving the heavy knots which are firmly attached to the wall. There will be another working party on **Thursday 10th October from 9am** and would very much appreciate any help you can offer on that morning.

**Faye Tan**

## Clipston WI



I can't believe we are fast approaching the end of our year, with the Annual Meeting due in October when it will be time to elect the committee.

Thank you to visitors who came along to the Asian Food Tasting evening – we were treated to some delicious, if quite spicy food. Members enjoyed a garden afternoon in August (see photo) where we looked through a photographic record to mark our centenary year, compiled by Jean Wilford and Dorothy Judd. A big thank



WI Garden Party

you to both of them. September's talk takes us on a trip through the Industrial Revolution.

you to

second Tuesday of the month, please come and try us out, you are most welcome.

**Rose Anderson President 525481**

## Knowing Me – Knowing You (Table Talk)

What do we really know about fellow villagers, friends, people we meet down the pub?

We talk about the weather, sport, TV and village news but what about some of the things that are important to you and would be interesting to other people that somehow never come up in conversation.

How often have we heard in a eulogy at a funeral about some amazing things that the person who died and was known to you had done in their lives and you hadn't heard about?

Knowing me – Knowing you will be regular sessions to be held at the pub where a small group of people will get together in a private corner and, using a set of questions from a product called Table Talk will get the opportunity to choose from a wide ranging selection of questions and start a group discussion with everyone giving their thoughts on that topic.

Some of the questions we will be looking at include;

- If there were an extra hour every day, how would you spend it?
- What do you want to be remembered for?
- If you had one superpower, what would it be?

### • What did you want to be when you grew up?

The questions are loosely grouped into topics and the aim will be to choose a different topic every week.

There are no winners or losers and people can contribute as little or as much as they want.

Please feel free to come along to the first of the meetings which will be on in late September and keep an eye on posters and social media for date and time details

You will be able to drop out at any time and the nature of the sessions means that you could also join at any time.

All views will be respected and the important thing is that we enjoy ourselves. So what do you get out of Knowing me – Knowing you?

If nothing else it is a good excuse for coming out and meeting people over a friendly drink.

If you would like to know any more about **KM-KY**, give Steve Carpenter a call on 01858 525120 or collar him in the pub on a Friday evening.

**Steve Carpenter 01858 525120**

## Harvest Celebration

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 11:00 am

This year our Harvest Festival is being held on a farm just outside Sibbertoft at 'The Wrongs, on the Welford Road (LE16 9UJ)' entrance is on the right when heading towards the Gliding Centre and a little before Avalanche Adventure.



It will be for all the villages of our new 7 Parish benefice and will be held outside unless weather forces us under cover. There will be a Harvest Service followed by a picnic lunch. Please bring harvest gifts if you can – any non-perishables will be donated to the Jubilee foodbank in Market Harborough and the remainder will be auctioned.

There will be animals around, some farm machinery on display and children's activities – so come along and join this celebration of the harvest.

**Trevor Lake**

## Tennis Club

"By the time you're reading this the tennis season will be nearly over and the result of the Tennis Club Tournament, being played on August 11th, will be known. However I am writing this in late July so I cannot predict who might have come out victorious, but I thought I could maybe hand out some other Awards? Young Player of the Season : Duncan Barber – as one of only two players under the age of 40, the competition was not too great, but Duncan's commitment to playing after a long days graft and cycling home from Desborough and his enthusiasm would have made him a worthy winner had there been many candidates!

Best Club Member : Rosemary Tyson – In addition to being one of the best players in the club, and someone who keeps improving, Rosemary also is the Club Treasurer and she (and Jim) hosted the post tournament BBQ which I can predict with certainty was a success!

Least Active Member : Martin Clarke – Whilst keen and attending whenever possible, work commitments prevented

Martin playing much this season. However this Award is actually focussed more on his "on court" activity...!! Player of the Season : Too many to mention! – Once again the Tuesday night regulars have enjoyed a season full of close games, played in a sporting manner, with some amazing shots (some of which were actually intentional!) and plenty of laughs. So thanks to all for contributing to another enjoyable and successful season, lets hope the weather allows us to play on into the autumn before we hang up our rackets ready for spring again."

If you want to be part of this very welcoming and inclusive bunch...please pop down to the playing fields one Tuesday evening from about 5.00pm or contact Martin Clarke on 525558 for more info and join us!

**Martin Clarke**



Club Members after the 2019 Tournament  
The winner this year was Peter Hartley (holding cup)

### TENNIS NEWS FLASH

This year's tournament took place in the dome at the Market Harborough Leisure Centre due to persistent rain, and a very enjoyable and fun afternoon was had by all with some excellent tennis being played.

**Rosemary Tyson**



# Focus on Farming

## Andy Blake gives us an insight into what is going on in the fields all around us as we move through the harvest time farming year.

At the time of writing harvest has just begun with some crops of winter barley and rape being combined. While cereal crops look good in general it's too early to say how they will yield.

Average beef prices are down and costs are up which has led to farmers being reported to be losing as much as £1/kg – £450/animal for an average

finished steer. This is concerning news when allied to the continuing Brexit uncertainty over our food exports. This uncertainty is worse for lamb with a higher proportion of our lamb being exported to continental Europe. Farm management continues to change and two news stories have caught my eye.

Ocado (the food logistics business) is investing in high-tech farming with the aim of growing herbs and other produce alongside its robot-run distribution centres around the world. Crops will be



grown inside so making the growing environment much easier to control and reducing the need for pesticides. It will be interesting to see whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantage of artificially replacing the sun and rain! A robot has been developed to pick raspberries. Each robot will be able to pick more than 25,000 raspberries a day,

outpacing human workers who manage about 15,000 in an eight-hour shift, according to Fieldwork Robotics. The robot has gone on trial in the

UK, as the farming industry battles rising labour costs and Brexit-related shortages of seasonal workers.

For many years now farming has not been seen by young people as an exciting place to develop a career and recruitment on farms is therefore very difficult, however it's difficult to see why given this summary of a recent survey of jobs in agriculture.

1. **Great employment rates:** 96% of graduates leaving Harper Adams University are employed within six months.

2. **Labour shortage:** The industry reckons it needs 60,000 new people to work in the sector by 2020.
3. **The "office" is nice:** Working in agriculture involves living and working in some of the most beautiful parts of the countryside.
4. **People like it:** A Farmers Weekly survey found 88% of those who work in the supply trade would recommend agriculture as a long-term career choice.
5. **Good long-term prospects:** People are always going to need to eat and the global population is growing.
6. **Pay is better than you think:** Average salaries in agriculture exceed the national average.
7. **You'll live longer:** The Office for National Statistics found people who live in the countryside live longer than people who are based in urban areas.
8. **You don't need to come from a farm:** There are thousands of jobs that don't require you to come from a farming background.

Andy Blake

## Diary Dates

- 5th Sep. Jumble Sale, Village Hall (p.7)
- 15th Sep. Haddon Fields Open Day (p.6)
- 29th Sep. Harvest Festival (p.3)
- 6th Oct. Clipston Trail Half Marathon (p.9)
- 10/11th Oct. Sulby Two Day Apple Event (p.6)
- 14th Oct. Life Behind the Camera (p.7)
- 9th Nov. 'Escape Room' (p.10)
- 10th Nov. Remembrance Sunday (p.7)
- 11th Nov. Local movies in Village Hall (p.7)
- 16th Nov. Tombola - Coffee & Chat (p.4)

## Coffee & Chat Canine Partners



Here he is again! Clipston has settled in well with his puppy parents and is enjoying family life. He has been on some visits to the park and recently went to the farm where he is learning to not be bothered by other animals. Next update in next issue..

You raised £132 in July for Anne Pridmore's paragliding event for Canine Partners. It's Anne's 80th birthday this year and she wanted to do something special as Casey (her second assistance dog) "...means the absolute world to me " We all wish her safe landings. The coffee mornings are on 3rd Saturday each month Clipston village hall 10.30 to noon.

From the Coffee and Chat team.

## Christmas Coffee and Chat - 16th November Help please!

We will be running a tombola at this coffee morning and would be very grateful for any donations of suitable prizes.

They can be brought to the coffee mornings on 21st September and 19th October or we can collect. Many thanks.

Jill Pick 525746

## Catherine Poynton

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# LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS - CLIPSTON STYLE

Clipston Church hosted a world class 'Last Night of the PROMS - Clipston Style' concert on 6<sup>th</sup> July, and if it somehow passed you by, you missed a sensational night of high quality music. Combined with the social parts of the evening both before and after the show made this a fantastic evening of entertainment for all.

Featuring Simon Over and a group of talented world class musicians, together with the Clipston Choir, the 'Last night of the Proms' was a triumph! The music programme, planned by Simon Over and Julie Connell was a composite of individual pieces woven together with traditional "Last night" pieces. The Fantasia on British Sea Songs was a particular delight as all of the performers were able to play their parts, together with full audience participation!



Part of the 'Over Family'

Simon Over, Katherine Manley, Theo Kennedy, Erika Curbelo and Eugene Lee



The Benefice Choir

trumpeter Erika Curbelo both perform on the world stage, we all agreed that we were very fortunate that they agreed to show case their talents in Clipston!

A big thank you should be given to Julie Connell for the conception, planning and execution of the concert with a special thanks to Kim Bowman for providing the delicious supper and to Steven Troop for donating the strawberries and cream. Over £3,000 was raised which will be donated to the ongoing Church upkeep programme. But the final word must go to Julie. *"its not all about the money raised, it's all about putting on brilliant concerts with such eminent musicians which all of Clipston can enjoy!"*

**Roger Wallett & Stephen Woodgate**

The finale (and encore) was, of course, a tremendous rendition of 'Jerusalem' at full volume!

There were several highlights that must be mentioned. Violinist Eugene Lee played both of his solo's with great sensitivity, holding the audience spellbound by his sublime playing. Organist Simon Over played Widor's 'Toccata', with a masterful touch and this majestic piece played at full volume allowed the Church acoustics to be shown off at their very best. Up and coming teenager Theo Kennedy, on percussion, played 'The Strings of Habana' with great skill and panache. Finally, as soprano Katherine Manley and



Audience Flag Waving in 'Rule Britannia'



# Haddon Fields - Open Day 15 September 2.00pm

Welcome to news of the third annual open day at Haddon Fields! This year we will be doing some new activities as well as looking for fossils & water life with Jules Howard and butterflies & insects with Nigel Lingley. Katy Dynes will be hosting a 'hands on' drawing and creating workshop under her gazebo, just inside the entrance gate on Kelmarsh Road. Also new will be a family quiz featuring part of the "Woodland Walk". Look out for animals, birds and bugs and fill in a quiz sheet to spell out 'HADDON FIELDS'.

The open day starts at 2 pm and you can then explore Haddon Fields with guidance from expert naturalists and get involved with all the activities: maybe bring a picnic too so you can sit down and enjoy the countryside!

An illustrated leaflet with the map by Katy Dynes (see above) in the centrefold will be available in limited numbers. We will be installing a 'What did you see?' feature in Haddon fields soon. We have produced a map of Haddon Fields divided into grids (Letters on one axis and numbers on the other) and will place it in a cabinet near to the seat in Great Hill as soon as possible. The idea is that if you see something interesting, that you record it by reference to the grid reference. For example, if you see a Muntjac,



refer to the grid map and write down Muntjac and the date seen. In the meantime, If you have seen anything interesting this year and can remember the date and where you saw it please email Jill Pick on; [jilltrudypick@btinternet.com](mailto:jilltrudypick@btinternet.com) or Jim Tyson on; [jim.tyson@btconnect.com](mailto:jim.tyson@btconnect.com)

Finally, we have exciting news about a new development. On your *Open day* walk from the entrance gate to the fossil bank in Great Hill you will pass by the

proposed site of our **Education Field Centre**. The aim of the Field Centre is to give an opportunity for children (and adults) to learn more about the natural world using Haddon Fields as a great platform.

This new project is in the planning stages and if all goes well with funding, we hope that we will be able to open this for use by all, in early 2020.

**Stephen Woodgate**

## Sulby Gardens

Sulby Gardens two day Apple Event - don't miss it!

Thursday 10 October 1 - 4pm and Friday 11 October 11am - 4pm - huge apple display, apple themed cakes for tea and the launch of 2019 Sulby Gardens Apple Juice.

Homemade teas available, plants for sale, also The Story of Sulby Gardens - booklet on the history of Sulby Hall, Husbands Bosworth Aerodrome, the Polish resettlement Camp, and of course Sulby Gardens itself.

And a return visit from Jacky on Thursday selling her beautiful Sulby Gardens leaf-moulded ceramic dishes.

Entry £4 per head, children free Stout footwear recommended.

**Sulby Gardens,**

**Sulby**

**Northants NN6 6EZ**

**Between Welford, Sibbertoft and Husbands Bosworth.**

<https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/30087/>

**Alison Lowe**

## Haddon Fields Sightings!



Bees in Tree

Recently sighted; Bees in a tree (see picture) perhaps the tree is hollow and there are thousands more inside?

One morning I saw an owl, I couldn't make out which sort as it just flew across in front of me but it was large!

**Julia Blake**

If you see anything interesting, please add it to the Sights Board (available shortly) in Great Hill near to the seat.

**Jim Tyson**

## Flower Club

Our September meeting is a workshop where we will have a visiting tutor Lee Berrill.



Hopefully he will be able to show us some new ideas. October we welcome Alison

Suffolk who is demonstrating "Woodstock". Come along and see how easy the experts make it look! All the arrangements are raffled off so you may be lucky and go home with some beautiful flowers.

At the moment Hydrangeas are flowering beautifully in our gardens, all different colours depending on your soil, but did you know that they dry very easily to use later on in the year?

Pick the flowers when they are fully mature otherwise they will droop. Put them in a vase with a few centimetres of water and when they have drunk this, leave them in the vase to dry off but out of direct sunlight to protect the colour. Once dry they can be cut into smaller pieces and are very useful in wreaths, garlands and winter arrangements. Have a go at drying some and see what you can make with them or just leave them in a vase, they also take well to being sprayed different colours.

Everyone is welcome no matter what interest you have in flowers so join us for tea and cakes at one of our meetings in the village hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you.

If you would like more details or a chat about what we do, ring me.

**Heather Weston, on 525598**

## Royal British Legion

We are fast approaching the 2019 Poppy Appeal – time to order supplies! Moving with the times a biodegradable Poppy and Wreath are being trialled but not available yet.

The motto for this year's appeal is, "**Remember Together**" – an apt title for the 75th anniversary of some of the most extraordinary battles in history – D-Day, Monte Casino, Kohima. "**Remember Together**" acknowledges the role of the Secret Services such as the Special Operations Executive and the team at Bletchley Park, as well as the British

Commonwealth and Allied Armed Forces, the Resistance, and all the civilian support.

The 2018 National Appeal total currently stands at a staggering £50M, with the Clipston and District total at an all-time high of just over £2,700.

This is an amazing sum and a huge thanks goes to our District Poppy Appeal collectors – hope you are refreshing your batteries over the summer for this year's appeal.

Let us all "**Remember Together**" in November – this year's service will be in the church – **Sunday 10 November.**

**Rose Anderson**

## Village Hall

First I must thank the many people for their cards and good wishes for my recovery from the accident I had and thanks to all those people who came and visited me. It seems to be a long drawn out affair getting it all sorted out.

Village Hall events;

### Jumble Sale

Will be on Thursday September 5th 2019 at 7.00pm. Usual goods will be gladly accepted; cakes; bric-a-bac; clothes, shoes, books & raffle.

Anybody willing to help on a stand please let Angela know on 01858 525612.

The Air Ambulance will be collecting whatever is left over.

### Whist Drives

Time for them to start again, Thursday 1.00pm in the Clipston Village Hall on Sept. 12th & 26th, Oct. 10th & 24th, Nov. 7th & 21st.

The one on Dec. 5th will be in aid of Cancer Research UK.

We will start again on Jan. 20th.

**Grace Burnham**

## Friendship Club

Clipston village hall - meetings 2.30 pm start unless stated otherwise.

Dates for your calendar;

- \* 14th October - Life behind the camera. Rob Leveritt.
- \* 11th November - Market Harborough Movie Makers showing selection of local interest films.
- \* 11th December (Wednesday) - Christmas lunch Bulls Head 12.30 for 1 pm.
- \* 13th January 2020 - bingo & bring and buy.

**Jill Pick**

## Hot Day in Clipston

Although I have 'officially' retired as the Courier's weather reporter, I think it is worthwhile

mentioning the very hot spell we experienced towards the end of July.

It has been reported nationally that Thursday 25th July was the hottest day recorded in the U.K. as 38.7°C at Cambridge University Botanic Garden. Fortunately, I have kept my thermometers set up in their screen (but do not note daily figures) and they recorded a **maximum of 35.5°C**. This is the highest temperature I have recorded in Clipston; the previous highest being 35°C on 1st July 2015.



**Peter Wilford**

## Clipston Development Plan

"Following on from the last update, the negotiations with the site owner whose site has the most realistic potential of the Neighbourhood Plan's housing requirements for the next 10 years, are all but concluded.

The working draft version of the Plan has been informally sent to the Daventry District Council's neighbourhood plan liaison officer for Clipston, asking for her views. Due to the relatively complex nature of the Plan, the Committee felt it sensible to receive the District Council's

initial comments before commencing the statutory consultation process, which will include the local community.

The liaison officer has been impressed by the work put into the Plan: she has raised some points which are being addressed and, following resolution of these it is hoped that the timetable of the events leading up to completion of the Plan can be made available."

**Clipston NDP Advisory Committee**



# Clipston Festival

Another year another festival, this time it was hot! A disaster for the dog show - too hot for dogs, even too hot for the stalls, great for ice-creams (well done Stepping Stones for getting a load more) and water pistols – they all sold! The evening went on and on, no wind, not cold, only warmth, music and friends. Around £2500 was raised for the recreation field and pavilion maintenance. So much help from so many people, what a community spirit - many thanks to everyone. Nikki, Jim & Julia



with Timmy, and earlier on seeing Kev come onto the stage and going onto one knee to propose to Jess.

Brilliant festival yet again, thanks to all who contributed and organised. Have always loved the community spirit, and now it's stronger than ever!

## Villagers quotes about the day:

*"Really enjoyed sitting with the breeze drifting through the marquee, with friends dropping by for a leisurely chat; loved the Clipston AllStars and the Knobbly Knees competition – some great laughs that day!"*



The vicar took the biscuit at the dog show. Even after she'd fallen, the egg and spoon were still intact off the ground!

**It is a great village event which everyone loves and I think I can speak for us all by saying that the amount of work that it takes to organise is massively appreciated**

We feel very lucky to be living and raising



**Bar staff:** Let's see, we've got Becks, Carlsberg, Bud, Peroni, Stella....  
**Customer:** Any Corona?  
**Bar staff:** Sorry, no  
**Customer:** I'll have a cider then!



My two main memories -the final encore bouncing on the new stage extension

Kev proposes to Jess

**Smooth and supple, knobbly and gnarly, hairy, muscly, young, old...what a diverse range of knees Clipston festival provided me with to judge. A fantastic effort and, from the opinion of a "professional judge", what a competition! Can you see anything through that hairband? (Over her eyes) Knobbly Knees judge: A bit but I've got my eyes shut! (She didn't even recognise her husband or brother) 'As always it was a fabulous occasion to play at - I drank a pint of water on stage and a pint of Prosecco afterwards!'**



Knobbly Knees Competition

our child in such a fantastic and beautiful village with such great community spirit - thanks again to you all

Lots of work by so many for our enjoyment. Thanks everyone!

Well done and thank you. Love our village. It's the best. Xxxxx

**Nikki, Julia & Editor**



# Clipston Recreation Fields

Our new mowing contractor continues to do a great job and the bank is now beginning to look great and part of the field.

Trees continue to grow!

Some people have expressed concern about the memorial oaks bending over. I've discussed with Mike Cresswell, Chartered Forester from the Institute of Chartered Foresters and he has sent me the following information

'The oak trees are currently developing. When they were in the nursery they were developing height and due to being supported with canes they didn't have to worry about girth. Trees have what is called a 'juvenile core' when they are mature. This is the very centre at the bottom of the trunk and this is caused by this very young development we are seeing at the moment. Even though currently they are not completely straight, using canes will prevent them from causing damage to themselves whilst also encouraging them to add girth and strength to their trunks. Over time they will naturally straighten up on their own accord as they chase after the light (phototropic). This is quite natural for developing trees and in a few years they

should be lovely and straight to grow into mature trees .



## Clipston Trail Half Marathon

**When: Sun 6th Oct**  
**Where: Recreation Ground, Clipston LE16 9RN**  
**Entry: [www.raceharborough.co.uk](http://www.raceharborough.co.uk)**  
**Price: £22.50**  
**Max Entries: 250**  
**Entry Includes: Signed route, Medal, Cake!!**

### Clipston Trail Half Marathon

October 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 9.00 a.m.

CRFT will be organising, with Race Harborough, the first Clipston based trail half marathon on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. The

proceeds will go to help maintain the Recreation Field. The course will follow bridle ways and footpaths from the playing fields towards Haselbech and then Maidwell and back. You can enter on the Race Harborough web site. ([raceharborough.co.uk/clipston-trail-half/](http://raceharborough.co.uk/clipston-trail-half/)).

Entry is open to everyone and there will be people marshalling around the whole course. There'll be no cut off time but I guess you should feel you can complete the race in around 3 ½ hours or less.

There will also be a spectator's walk of around 4 miles. This will be free but you may feel like making a donation to CRFT on the day. Entry can be made on the day

We will also need marshals. No previous experience needed as a full briefing will be provided. Please Contact Mark Ginns on 0949 954363 or [markginns@btinternet.com](mailto:markginns@btinternet.com)

**Andy Blake**  
 Chairman CRFT



# Arts & Crafts Week



The arts and crafts week was a huge success with more than 60 children from all over the area taking part across the 5 morning sessions. Activities included painting, collage, creating dreamcatchers and wind charms, clay work, sewing and textiles. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and went away with some beautiful creations.

The week was supported by Daventry District Council through a Community

Event Grant and thanks to additional support from a corporate donor has raised over £14,00 for the village hall. The village hall running costs currently exceed it's income from hire fees so events like this will help to keep the hall running and allow for

some maintenance. Thanks to all those who helped to run and supervise the sessions without whom the event could not have gone ahead.

**Faye Tan**





# Stepping Stones Pre-School

## A new term is just around the corner and there are some changes happening at Stepping Stones

Firstly, a quick catch up. We had a lovely summer term packed with trips, shows, long sunny days at forest school, parents enjoyed the first ever Summer Ball and we all had a great time at the Clipston Festival too. In July, we waved goodbye to our pre-schoolers as they went off to start a new chapter at 'big school'. We wish them all the best of luck and hope that those going on to Clipston School will give the staff a wave over the fence sometime!

Now for the new term, we have some developments to share with you....

Most importantly, we have a lovely new manager coming to join us – Elaina Camenzuli. Elaina has recently moved to Northamptonshire from Hertfordshire, where she managed a large day nursery for over 5 years. We hope you will join us in welcoming Elaina to the team.

After a fantastic year of fundraising (thank you everyone for your amazing, continued support!), we have been able to decorate the entire setting so when you return in September, Stepping Stones will look all shiny and new! We are very excited and can't wait to share it with you all.

The other big news is that from September, we will now be opening **every day** – that's Monday – Friday 8.45am – 3.15pm. We do have some vacancies, so if you are looking for a wonderful, local preschool, contact us on **01858 525113**, email [preschool1@clipston.northants.sc.h.uk](mailto:preschool1@clipston.northants.sc.h.uk) for an informal chat and to arrange

a visit or request a registration pack on our shiny new **website**

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### Dates to remember:

\* 9<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30pm at Clipston Village Hall – Miss Glascodine (Reception Teacher at Clipston School) will be joining us for an informal chat about 'Getting School Ready' and will be able to answer any questions you may have about your little ones progressing to Primary School.

Following on from the meeting, we will be holding our **AGM** - Stepping Stones is a charity, run not-for-profit and has a committee of parent volunteers to aid long term planning and finances. We have several committee members stepping down this year so please come along to hear about what we do and see if you would like to join us.

Please find us on Facebook  
**@SteppingStonesPreschoolClipston**  
and [www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk](http://www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk)

Chloe Petty – Chair (525191)

# Clipston 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 is applicable as follows;

- 1) Contribution towards travelling expenses of patients to and from hospital
  - 2) Contribution towards entering a trade or profession or study as a student for all persons under 21 years of age in further education.
  - 3) Relief in sickness for food, fuel or clothing.
  - 4) Gifts of money in case of emergency.
  - 5) Contribution towards funeral expenses.
  - 6) No applicant may receive money entitling them to recurrent benefits.
- Applicants wishing to be considered by the Trustees please apply in writing to either the Secretary or Treasurer by no later than 30th November .

**Colin Morley, Hon. Secretary**  
2 Church Close Clipston  
LE16 9RN

**Jean E Wilford, Hon. Treasurer**  
6 Chapel Lane Clipston  
LE16 9RL

## Escape Room Fun

**9th November** - 'escape room' fun and home-made curry and pizza at the village hall. More details to follow on the village website and Facebook.

Liz Clarke

# Adult Learning Courses

We are looking to add to the range of activities offered at the Village Hall and have been in contact with the Neighbourhood Learning Scheme run by Public Health Northamptonshire. They offer free-of-charge courses to improve skills and wellbeing in rural communities and would run a course in Clipston if there was sufficient interest.

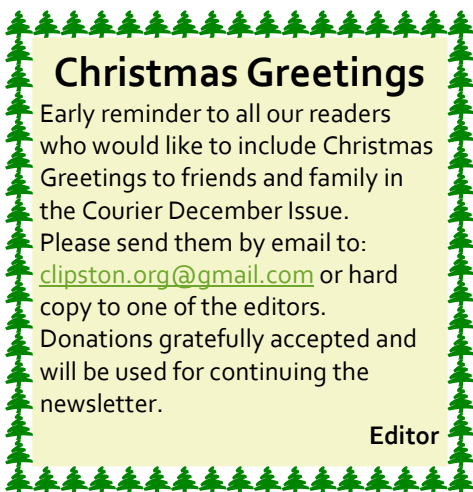
The types of courses offered include languages and maths, skills-based (beginners IT, first aid), interests-based (arts and crafts, cookery, gardening) and self care (mindfulness, wellbeing). These could be daytime or evening courses, so suit the majority and could start after the October half term. Individ-

ual sessions are usually 2 hours long and courses typically run in 6 week blocks.

If you are interested in a particular course, please get in touch by emailing [faye@oldrectory.uk.net](mailto:faye@oldrectory.uk.net) or calling 01858 525275.

We would need a minimum of 6-8 people to go ahead with any particular course (I already have 2 people interested in a Spanish language course so if you want to add to their number please get in touch!)

**Faye Tan**  
01858 525275



## Christmas Greetings

Early reminder to all our readers who would like to include Christmas Greetings to friends and family in the Courier December Issue. Please send them by email to: [clipston.org@gmail.com](mailto:clipston.org@gmail.com) or hard copy to one of the editors. Donations gratefully accepted and will be used for continuing the newsletter.

Editor

### Clipston School

Sorry that you missed our request for copy, hope you had a great summer break and we can include you in our next edition.

Editor



# Clipston Business Directory

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# Clipston Groups & Organisations

## 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.

**Lydie Melvin 07866 622063**

## 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 525120**

## Clipston Homeworkers' Lunch

We are a group of people who all work from home and we meet at the pub on the last Friday of the month for a social lunch. To join the WhatsApp group contact Sam [samandamit@yahoo.com](mailto:samandamit@yahoo.com)

## 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 playing at Clipston Recreation Field Sundays at 10.30am. Minimum age 16 years.

**Adam 07870 235 966**

## Friendship Club

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the village hall at 2.10pm unless otherwise stated. Following the speakers, we enjoy

afternoon tea and 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 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. 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**

## All Saints Church

Services on Sundays, times vary. Please see [www.allsaintsclipston.org](http://www.allsaintsclipston.org) The Sunday Club for children is every second Sunday in the month (see information in Groups section).

## Bus Service to Harborough

Centrebus service to Harborough (No 59) running on weekdays.  
Clipston 10.10 > Harborough 10.40  
Harborough 12.55 > Clipston 13.22

## Church & Chapel Services

### All Saints Church

Harvest Celebration see p.9 for details)  
Sunday 29th September 11:00 am  
Remembrance Day, Sunday 10th  
November 11.00am at War Memorial  
**Christian Life Church, Clipston**  
Sundays at 10.45am. Morning Worship  
All welcome.

## Useful Contacts

### All Saints Church

Trevor Lake 01858 525422

### Baptist Chapel

Rob Thompsett 01858 466370

### Bus Service (Centrebus)

[www.centrebus/info](http://www.centrebus/info)

### Clipston School (office)

Helen Rhodes 01858 525261

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Poppy Michael 07977 211423

### Clipston School Governors (Chair)

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### Clipston Village Hall & Hire

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### Flood Warden

Ann Essen 07709 411 262

### Footpath Warden

Julia Blake 01858 525760

### Orbell Room at the church

Val Carpenter 01858 525120

### Parish Council (Clerk)

Felicity Ryan 01604 740429

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at village hall at 7.30pm.

[clerk@clipstonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@clipstonparishcouncil.org)

[www.clipstonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.clipstonparishcouncil.org.uk)  
**Police non-emergency contact number**  
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01858 525113

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