

Clipston Courier

Your Village Newsletter
December 2020

Welcome!

Welcome to the December edition of the Courier. You will see from this issue, that although many village groups have been unable to meet as in "normal times" due to the continuing Coronavirus restrictions, Clipston residents have still managed to have fun and take part in many activities in a 'Covid' safe way. We hope you enjoy reading about them and wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Stay safe and well.

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Clipston School 1964 - Christmas Card

Each year the Market Harborough corset and swimwear company, R. & W. H. Symington & Co. Ltd. produced a Christmas card to send to their clients. In 1964 they commissioned a Northampton artist, Frank Morgan, to paint a picture for their card of Clipston School as it could have looked soon after it was completed in 1673. When I first saw the card, I thought the artist had made a mistake in showing the old bell turret as a circular structure, rather than square, as seen on the earliest photographs of about 1900. However, I later found a copy of an old engraving of a drawing believed to be about 1720. This shows a circular turret and proves the artist got it right. (Ed: Today, there is no turret on the school).

Peter Wilford



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Mobile Eco Shop - Village Hall Car Park

The mobile eco shop visits the village hall car park on Wednesdays from 8.30 - 12.30.

Except;
Christmas Week – MONDAY 21st December
8.30am – 12.30pm.

It is ideal for those on the school run, a mid week top-up or something fresh and tasty for lunch. It offers convenience, excellent quality fresh foods as well as dry goods and eco refills (which helps to reduce plastic waste). Both cash and card payments are accepted.

The village hall also reaps a small benefit, so check out their website for the click-and-collect service, or just turn up with your empty containers and support this excellent service.




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Christmas Greetings



- Stephen and Anne Woodgate wish a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year to all our friends in Clipston.
- Julie Connell and Rumble wish all our Clipston friends and neighbours, both two and four legged, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- With all good wishes for Christmas and a happy and Covid free 2021 to all my village friends & neighbours. Rose Anderson x
- Friendship Club - Season's greetings and here's wishing that the New Year will bring better things.
- Sending warmest Christmas greetings from our house to yours and wishing all our friends and neighbours in the village a happy and healthy new year in 2021. With love from the Tan family. Faye, David, George and Joseph.
- Wishing all our friends and neighbours in the village a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year From Maggie & John Oldershaw xxxx
- Peter and Linda Warren wish all villagers a peaceful, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year
- Philip and Heather Weston wish all friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and hopefully a normal and healthy New Year.
- Merry Christmas and a 'Happy New Year' to all our friends and neighbours, Jim & Rosemary Tyson
- Happy Christmas to all our friends in Clipston. From Andy and Julia Blake



Clipston Recreation Field Trust

100 Club Update

Thank you to everyone who continue to support us through the CRFT 100 club. This is especially important for us as opportunities for fund raising remain challenging.

For list of 100 Club winners, go to village web site Clipston.Org/Clubs & Societies/Clipston – 100 Club

Link: <https://www.clipston.org/clipston-recreation-ground-100-club>

In other news...

We have had another successful year with the 'Clipston Half Trail' with 150 runners, see the feature article on this for a full write-up (Page 12) The Chris Blake virtual concert will have taken place by the time you

read this. We're planning for a live version in May 2021. If you missed it you can still donate to the fund raising and get an online link to the concert.

Please contact Faye Tan – faye@oldrectory.uk.net

And please keep following all government regulations when you use the Recreation Field. Thank you for your support

Andy Blake - Chairman CRFT



Stepping Stones Pre-school



Since returning from the summer break we have been continuing to provide a wonderful service for our local Pre-school children, and we have all

settled in to a 'new normal' routine in accordance with Covid guidelines. The children have been enjoying lots of outdoor play, seasonal craft activities to mark Halloween and Bonfire Night, as well as playing with our lovely toys.

We have started up our weekly Forest School sessions again down at the playing fields and this has been really well received by the children, they have loved the

climbing log and trying to find our Forest School squirrel, Sidney! We have some festive treats lined up for our little ones despite the fact that sadly we cannot hold our usual Christmas play at the village hall.

Stepping Stones relies on a volunteer Committee and we would like to extend a special thanks to the parents from past years and also to the new parents who have joined the Committee this year.

As you can imagine, it has been a difficult year for us with having to close for an extended period due to the pandemic. We are also limited in the ways we can fundraise, due to ongoing restrictions. Stepping Stones Pre-school provides an invaluable service to local

children and families and without local fundraising and support the business would be unsustainable. If you are thinking of giving to a charity this Christmas please consider Stepping Stones as your charity of choice, you can donate via our new "just giving" page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steppingstones-pre-school>

Any donations are gratefully received and much appreciated. Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year from all at Stepping Stones Pre-school.

Sam Frape (Pre-school Manager)

Wildlife Sanctuary

One of the few areas of land left in the country that hasn't been built on or farmed are our churchyards. As a result, much of our native flora and fauna has disappeared and more is under threat. Increased use of chemicals for farming, whilst increasing yields and benefiting us, has meant that old natural meadowland is rare. By their very nature, churchyards have not been affected by such chemicals and, although most of them are managed and mowed regularly, could support native plants and creatures. Here in Clipston we are looking at the possibility of allocating a section of the

churchyard as a nature reserve which would be managed so that wild flowers, native creatures such as butterflies, moths and insects etc would be encouraged.



We already have an area in mind and would like to hear from any individuals or groups who might like to be involved with the planning and implementation of this project. We will need to prepare a detailed plan, conduct surveys of what is already there. Please contact Steve Carpenter if you would like more information or would like to be involved.

Steve Carpenter
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British Legion – Clipston Poppy Appeal

Saturday 24th Oct. 2020 and the weather was not great – but still they were there! Due to COVID restrictions, volunteers were unable to sell poppies door to door this year. As an alternative, there was a stall on the village green, near the war memorial, from 10am to 2pm, despite the inclement weather. They had poppies, pencils, badges, reflectors, zip tags, crosses and car badges. We hope you picked up your poppy to support the Poppy Appeal.

Rose Anderson & Chloe Petty



Rose Anderson & Chloe Petty - Smiling in the Rain!

Clipston School Association

It has been wonderful to hear the laughter of children back in school after so long away. We are very grateful to Mrs. Mercer and all the fantastic staff for creating such a warm and welcoming environment to return to in what has been a strange and uncertain year.

The School Association aims to involve the whole community in a variety of activities, to get to know one another better, to welcome new families, and to raise money for the school. This money supports the school by providing resources and activities that would otherwise not be possible, such as:

- Transport (and interval ice creams) for the whole-school Christmas pantomime trip
- Bedtime Reading Bags for every class
- Large Clipston school sail flag for sporting competitions
- Year 6 leavers' trophies
- Whole-school enrichment day with cooking and creating Clarice Cliff-inspired paintings

Due to the restrictions, we weren't able to hold the much-loved Summer Fete

in May. A true community-based event, enjoyed by many former pupils, relatives, governors and villagers, it is not only a fun day for all but also provides a significant amount of our annual fundraising monies. Sadly, the same holds true for our usual Christmas festivities (including the Bazaar). However, determined not to allow the virus to ruin all the fun, we are busy planning alternatives to still create as much Christmas magic as possible and have organised fun activities for the children to enjoy in their class bubbles.

(Look out for an update in the New Year!) This year, school resources we are funding include new art supplies, a teachers'



subscription to an exciting online activity planner and an online pantomime performance (with ice creams of course!) streamed to each class bubble. We have set ourselves



a target of £1500 this academic year to ensure we can carry forward our commitments to next year.

We very much hope we can hold some traditional fundraising events in 2021, but until then we are exploring new ways we can support the school and benefit the children. With this in mind we have set up a Just Giving donations page. If you feel you can help, in any small way, <https://www.justgiving.com/clipstonsa>

We would like to wish all in the Clipston village community a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Find us on Facebook: Clipston School Association or email: clipstonsa@gmail.com

The School Association

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Accompanying the last issue of the Clipston Courier was the Summary of the pre-submission Clipston Neighbourhood Plan which, amongst other things, invited comments on that Plan to be submitted within the consultation period which ended on 30th October 2020.

33 sets of comments have now been received raising a wide variety of matters. The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee are, with the help of the appointed consultants, considering all of the comments and making the appropriate amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan.

That amended Plan will then be issued to Daventry District Council who will proceed with a separate 6 week consultation process. This will include publication on the Daventry District Council web-site of the amended Plan, together with the comments that have been received by us and how they have

been considered and, if appropriate, incorporated in the Plan. Once again further comments can again be made on the amended Plan but on this occasion to the Daventry District Council.

Following receipt by the Daventry District Council of the final comments the Plan will be sent to an independent inspector appointed by the Council for his/her approval. Upon receipt of the approval the Plan will then be put to the residents of Clipston for the yes/no referendum.

Tony Price



Cafe Society

Before COVID-19 hit us there was a thriving community café every Wednesday morning in the Orbell Room at the Church. When it became necessary to stop these regular meetings quite a few people said that they missed the chance to meet up and catch up so we started online Zoom café meetings every Wednesday morning instead. These have been very popular and are looked forward to by a number of people. As the actual meetings attracted men as well as women, we decided to hold separate Zoom sessions each week for men and women. The ladies section starts at 10.00 and the men's meeting follows on at 11.00. People are able to drop in and out as they wish and the meetings last for 40 minutes max.

If you would like to drop in yourself or would like to find out a bit more, contact Steve or Valerie Carpenter on 525120 who can give you the login details.

Steve Carpenter

Angels of Comfort & Joy

As I write this I'm aware that the nation is approaching a second lockdown which we were hoping to avoid. Inevitably this may cause some apprehension and anxiety within our communities. This year has been one where so much has changed, as a nation we have experienced great loss and hardship, yet there has been real hope and light as we have grown closer together, supported one another, and reconnected with family and friends.

As we approach Advent and look forward to celebrating Christ's birth at Christmas, I am reminded of the uncertainty and hardship that Mary and Joseph experienced much as we are now. I am thankful for the hope that the Christ child brought and continues to bring to a world that is weary and hurting. It was the Angels that heralded Christ's coming into the world and gave that message of comfort and joy to Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds. As a Church serving Clipston, we would love to continue to spread this message of comfort and joy to all.

We have put together three activities that we would love your help with to spread a little comfort and Joy. Throughout advent, we are asking that you display an Angel of Comfort and Joy in your window to show your support, love and prayers for those around you. If you do not want to create your own angel you can download one from our website www.nasebygroup.org.



Secondly, you will notice a frame of the 'Christmas Stable' appear in the Church Yard at Clipston (we'll also be doing this in Naseby & Welford). The stable will include a nativity scene window that will change daily. We need 24 windows and would love you to create some of these which will be displayed in All Saints Church Yard. The artwork should be on 4 x A4 sheets arranged in a rectangle and landscape format. For further information including deadlines please see our

website www.nasebygroup.org.

Finally, would you be able to paint some advent stones? We need Mary & Joseph, Baby Jesus, Angels, Shepherds, Sheep, and the Three Kings. Once painted we would encourage you to place them around the village for others to find as a bit of fun. If you find one bring it along to the churchyard and place it where the rest of the stones are gathering.

Our hope is that you find some comfort and joy in these activities. I join in the prayer of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and pray that through this Christmas season you will know that Jesus journeys with you. May you know God's comfort and, in whatever your circumstances, be surprised by God's joy.

With every blessing
The Rev. Kris Seward



'What do you think these sheep are looking at?'

to find out...go to page 8



Alex Pegram Tribute

Alex Pegram was born in Kelmarsh Road in Clipston on 6 February 1932, and died just round the corner, in his home in Bassett Way on 12 August 2020, aged eighty-eight. The fact that Alex lived in Clipston almost his entire life meant he was a fountain of local knowledge and his prolific writings from his childhood, Clipston during WWII, his time in National Service, and of the changes he saw in Clipston over eight decades are invaluable to the history of our village. In later years, there was nothing Alex enjoyed more than recounting tales of growing up in the village that meant the world to him, and where he lived, happily, with his family and friends for so many years, and it was always an absolute pleasure to listen to his incredible memories of bygone days, and browse the hundreds of photos he'd collected.

We featured Alex in our Clipston Profile back in 2016, and his writings have been published extensively in the Courier, but we on the editorial team knew Alex as a friend, as well as a neighbour and fellow villager, and we just wanted to pay tribute here to the fascinating, kind, passionate, determined man that he was, who always had a story to tell with a twinkle in his eye.



Alex and Mary Pegram - September 2017

There was nothing he enjoyed more than delivering the Courier to all the houses in Kelmarsh Road, and he looked forward to it as a chance to catch up and chat to people while taking his daily exercise.

From burning the village pigsty down as a teenager after a sneaky cigarette with his mates to walking to Harrington to help the American GIs there clean their boots, Alex's tales were full of fun and laughter, and he brought to life what it was like to grow up in Clipston during the war years and beyond. Many of his photographs can be seen on the Parish Council website, clipstonparishcouncil.org.uk and it is well worth the time and effort to browse through as they give a truly fascinating insight to a period of village life that would otherwise be lost. And there may be more to come! Alex insisted that his extensive archive of Clipston information should be catalogued and published, so in time, we will endeavour to honour his wishes.

But it wasn't just his incredible memory for detail that made Alex such a wonderful character – he was warm and generous and was always ready to chat over the fence, invite you in for a cuppa,

and, if you were lucky, a home-baked cherry bun that, right up until only a few months before he died, he would bake himself, along with all his own bread. He wanted to share his love for Clipston with all, so he set about organising a surprise for his wife Mary to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. His idea was to purchase a commemorative bench and place it in Haddon Fields for all to enjoy. As Alex said himself, he wanted the bench to face towards the church, so you could see the village spread out before you.

Sadly, Alex's funeral could only be attended by very close family and friends due to Covid restrictions, but Karen, his daughter, has said that as soon as they are able, there will be a 'proper knees-up which is what Dad wanted' in the village hall for all those in Clipston and beyond who knew and loved Alex.

Alex will be sorely missed in the village but the stories he has left will, I hope, be enjoyed for generations to come and will help to keep Clipston's history, and indeed, the memory of Alex Pegram himself, very much alive for us all.

Hannah and Stephen

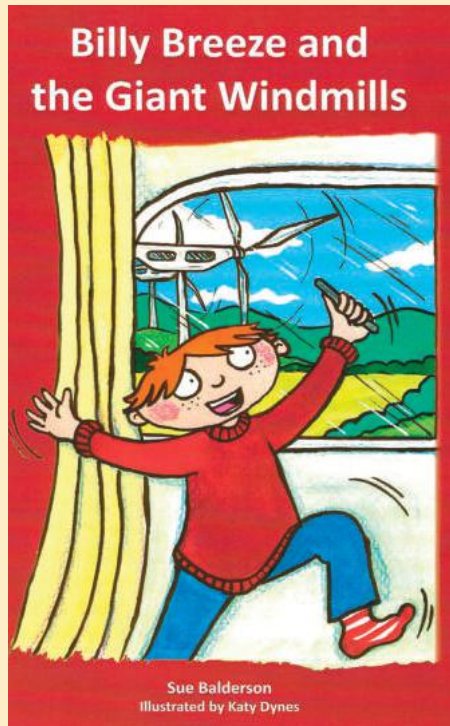


Billy Breeze

East Farndon children's author (and Clipston tennis club member) Sue Balderson has just launched her book, "Billy Breeze and the Giant Windmills". Sue was delighted to team up with Clipston's talented artist Katy Dynes who brought the characters to life with her wonderful illustrations.

The stories imagine what it must be like to live at the top of a giant wind turbine and is aimed towards primary school age children. Sue got the inspiration for the stories while riding her horse around Clipston and observing the wind farm being constructed. Whilst on their countryside adventures Billy and his friends learn some fun facts as well. If anyone would like to purchase a copy (or two) of Billy Breeze and the Giant Windmills, please email Sue at sue.balderson@btinternet.com. The book costs £6.99. You can also let Sue know if you would like the book signed with a message.

Sue Balderson



Kelmarsh Windfarm Community Benefit

The fund passed on around £30,000 to charitable causes in the 4 local villages including Clipston last year. Roger Wallett and Rob Davidson have been our two Clipston Trustees. Roger has decided to step down and I'm sure you'll join me in thanking him for getting this initiative off the ground from a Clipston point of view. I've now joined the Trust to help Rob with any Clipston applications.

We have £7,000 per year to apply for so I encourage you to think, as an individual or an organisation, of charitable initiatives that you might like grant funding to help you with. Recent examples are the new live Christmas tree on the Green, an Electric piano for any Clipston keyboard player to use, funding towards the Haddon Fields learning Centre, funding for a Clipston WI event and a contribution towards the library at the school.

Details of how to apply and what's possible are on the KWCB web site (<https://www.kwcb.co.uk/>) but please don't be put off by the bureaucracy! Rob and I are very happy to take you through the application process and help with filling in the form.

Please contact me on **07768554395** or andyblake4@hotmail.com for a chat about your idea.

Andy Blake - KWCB

The Hygiene Bank

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone in Clipston for your support for The Hygiene Bank! Just to give a bit of a background, a donation box was put in the church porch in August (thanks goes to Tess Wilford for the suggestion & to Faye Tan for getting the go ahead!) We have been overwhelmed by the support from the village, the amount of donations we have received has been so incredibly generous, it is a true reflection of what a lovely community Clipston is & makes me very proud to live here!

The Hygiene Bank was founded in 2018 due to the hidden "hygiene poverty" crisis in the UK. Over 14 million people in the UK live in poverty. We know that long before people go to a food bank they stop buying toiletries; hygiene essentials and personal care products quickly become out of reach luxuries. Sadly, with the current pandemic this is becoming a reality for more & more people. Recognising the need in our area, Judy Rowley made the decision to set up The Harborough Hygiene Bank in July this year. We are gradually building up partnerships with local charities who will distribute the donations to those in need. So far donations from Clipston have been distributed to The Well in Kibworth & Home-Start South Leicestershire who then deliver them to places where they will be appreciated more than we may ever know. If you are thinking of making a donation there is currently a pressing need for household cleaning products such as washing detergent & kitchen surface sprays etc.

If you would like to get involved or would like to know more about how you can help please contact us at thbharborough@gmail.com Thank you again from all of us at the Harborough Hygiene Bank.

Liz Carr



Friends of Haddon Fields – Education Centre

At long last!! Hopefully many of you will have seen the Education Centre in-situ by now. It seems like a really long time since the idea was floated among the Friends of Haddon Fields (FoHF) committee. Well, through a great deal of perseverance, some great financial support from the Kelmarsh Wind Farm Benefit (KWCB) and work by a group of the FoHF volunteers, we have made it happen. Progress with the installation started with preparing the base (photo 1) followed by delivery of the wooden gazebo structure (photo 2). The delivery of the gazebo to site was 'observed' by the flock of sheep in Little Hill. (*photo on Page 5*).



The professional fitters installed the structure within a day and the completed Education Centre can be seen on photo 3. Finally, some handmade gates (courtesy of Mick Higgins) were fitted mainly to stop the sheep using it as a 'cosy sheep pen' to shelter from the wind and rain! Since the installation, there have been

many positive comments made about the facility. We really hope that it will be used by as many people as possible, not only for its educational purpose, which might include use as an outside classroom or a base for field studies or bird watching, but also for people to stop and rest or shelter when walking. We intend to install interpretive displays and a blackboard where sightings can be noted. Several groups, including school, Stepping Stones and a Sunday forest school have all expressed interest and we hope that more individuals or groups will come to recognise the value as the word spreads. When things improve and Covid restrictions are lifted, we hope to have some topical talks by our very own village naturalist, Jules Howard.

In the meantime, and in these uncertain times, please use Haddon Fields as much as you can and enjoy the space to exercise both your body and mind!

Stephen Woodgate (Chairman FoHF)

Become a 'Friend of Haddon Fields'!

It is fantastic news that Haddon Fields now has the Education Field Centre sitting so majestically in Great Hill with the location providing a wonderful and expansive view over the fields.

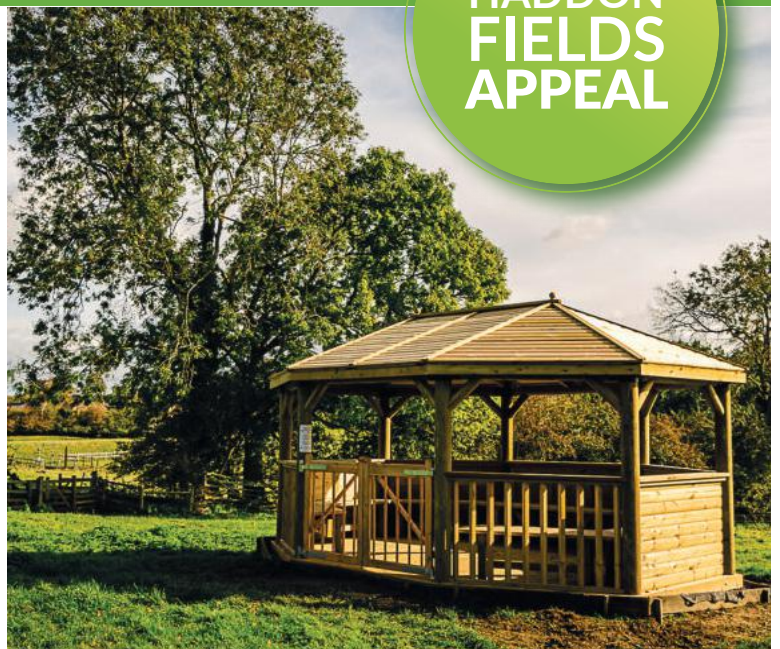
Great news of course, but we now estimate that the cost of maintaining the Friends of Haddon Fields Education Centre and the surrounding area will be up to £500 every year. Over 2/3rds of this amount is the cost of the insurance that we are required to have in order to allow public use of the centre. In addition, we will also incur costs for the upkeep or repairs required in future.

Plus of course we want to develop the site further to encourage more interest in wildlife and biodiversity - vital aspects for our future of all. We had hoped that we could hold fundraising events during the year, but clearly this is not possible under the current Covid-19 regulations.

So how can you help?

One way is to make a donation, or another way is to become a 'Friend of Haddon Fields' yourself. The suggested cost is £5 per person or £10 per family. What would you get in return? Becoming a "friend" would let you to have a say about the future and be able to support the developments and community activities in and around Haddon Fields. If you would like to learn more or become a Friend of Haddon Fields or make a donation, please get in touch with me or any of the committee listed opposite.

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Stephen Woodgate, Chairman (07909 535966)
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Jim Tyson (07801 388007)
Jill Pick (07761754888)
Sue Marshall (525479)
Robert Burnham (525626 or 07729 861943)

Clipston Remembrance

This year Clipston marked Remembrance with a virtual service live stream from All Saints Church. At 11:00am after the church bells marked the hour, Andy Blake sounded the Last Post from his garden, at the end of which the 2 minutes silence was observed, Andy concluded with the Reveille.

Jim Tyson



Village Hall update

With no sign of government advice and guidelines around the number of people who can safely meet indoors changing any time soon, the hall will remain closed until the end of the year at least. All our user groups have either cancelled their meetings or moved online or outdoors where possible. We are grateful for government support through a grant which recognised that our forced closure would mean a complete loss of income but ongoing overheads to meet. Reopening will take a great deal of effort, not least the cleaning after prolonged closure, but we will start preparing for this as soon as the tide turns in favour of indoor gatherings.

Although the hall remains closed, the car park is becoming a popular venue on Mondays when the mobile eco shop 'Back to Basics' visits (see Page 2 for details). Behind the scenes we are continuing to refine the plans for developing the hall. We had hoped to have an open day in the autumn to share the latest plans but that hasn't been possible so instead we've been canvassing opinion via email, focusing on the regular user groups. There wasn't space in this issue but in the next issue we are hoping to show you two alternative options – one which retains the current footprint but upgrades the heating, electrics, toilets and kitchen and a second option which involves front and rear extensions to reorganize the internal space and create desirable outdoor areas. We have already used the feedback gathered from the previous two open days to arrive at these options and, following a further consultation and decision in the spring, we plan to progress with grant applications and other fundraising in 2021 to enable the re-development in 2022.

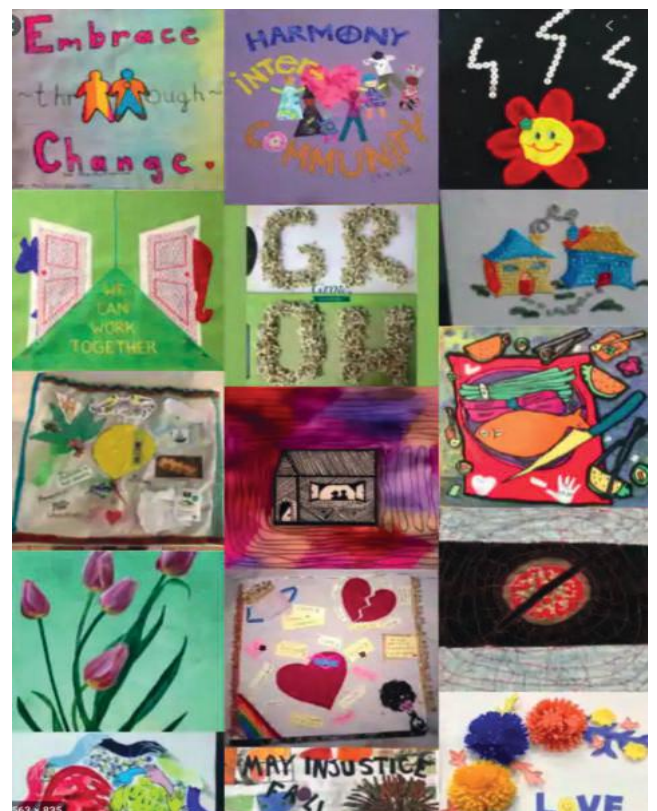
Thanks to a KWCB grant, the village hall now owns an electric piano and amplifier. It is available for performances, rehearsals, or to be borrowed personally by any competent keyboard player in the village for up to two weeks at a time. There is no charge to hire the equipment but you must have adequate insurance to cover its transportation, storage and any accidental damage. To arrange a hire or for any further details, please contact David Holmes on 525647.

Faye Tan

Clipston Covid Quilt

Would you like to get involved in making a community wall hanging that will tell our story of the COVID times? No experience necessary. Just let your imagination shine through. What would you like to say? High points, low points, funny points. It's up to you! We'll provide the basic background and instructions: You bring the ideas and design an 8 inch/20cm square. You can crochet, quilt, embroider, knit, collage, draw, appliqué. Anything you choose! Start in January and we will need your square by the end of February. For more information/instructions contact Christina.

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Thrill of a Lifetime

Jo and I have been married for 60 years our anniversary falling on the 24th September. Jo's gift to me was a flight in a Spitfire! Astonishing. The aircraft was based at Sywell, it was built in time to take part as air cover during the D-day landings and was credited with a kill, when shooting down an enemy aircraft over Omaha beach. After the war it was completely restored by Supermarine Swift and later bought by an enthusiast who added a second cockpit to this magnificent single seater fighter.

I arrived at Sywell to be briefed on the major do's and don'ts for the flight. Was fitted out with a flying suit and a helmet which had a radio link to the pilot. Later I was fitted out with my parachute having been shown a short film clip on how and when to use it. I was introduced to my pilot and taken to the Spitfire, and with a little help from the ground crew climbed into my own cockpit - a tight fit with a parachute strapped to my back. The pilot having asked me where I lived fired up the Rolls Royce Merlin engine in a cloud of smoke and we taxied round to the runway. My pilot asked if I was okay to go, and then said 'right, let's make some noise' and I was amazed how fast we were in the air! We were over Clipston in two minutes and then went on to Market Harborough and took a large loop to the southwest before flying in over the wind turbines back to Clipston to complete a victory roll over the village. I was very moved to see so many people turn out and wave as we made our second pass over the village.

Peter Butler



All Creatures Great & Small

When a child wants a pet, you'd normally expect a kitten or a puppy to be top of their list. So, when Auden Tedd was asked what he wanted for his ninth birthday last year, his parent were not expecting to hear him say "Pigeons!" "I liked the idea of pigeons because they are unusual" he said.



Auden & Peggy

Slightly surprised, but recognising he was quite serious, his parents bought him two baby homing pigeons, which Auden named Sven and Peggy.

Since then the pigeons have decided to stay, and happily return to their nest every night. They've even raised a family. Pebble and Petal hatched early in lockdown, and Auden found it fascinating watching them grow bigger. "They kept jumping out of the nest to try and fly, but each time would fall onto the floor of the cage, so we'd have to scoop them up and put them back. They eventually got the hang of it though."

These days Sven, Peggy and their offspring have become so used to living with the Tedds that they spend most of their time sitting around in their garden. Auden is delighted with his four feathered friends and enjoys the fact they have their freedom and that they've chosen to stay with him.

Liz Davies

Coffee and Chat and Canine Partners

Some people have been asking if Canine Partners still need stamps and the answer is; yes please. I will not be handling them to trim them so please cut away any excess paper to about 1 cm. However, perhaps you can keep them until the New Year as no staff are visiting Bedford but hope I may be able to take them over in the Spring. Your stamps are collected and processed by a company who pay CP £12 per kilo for UK stamps and £20 per kilo for foreign stamps. If 1st day covers, collections or albums are donated, these are sent to a local specialist who provides a valuation to the charity, sells them at auction and makes a donation to CP.

Some of you have bought masks from me that were made by Gwyneira who has one of our dogs Nikki. However no more are available from me for the moment as she is very busy fulfilling orders made on her online shop. If you would like a mask please visit; www.etsy.com/shop/HandmadeByWonkyDog all proceeds from orders there go to CP but not our "Todd fund" as that is separate. The remaining balance needed to complete our £5,000 for "Todd" now stands at under £600. Thank you everyone who has given donations or bought masks.

Todd has at last gone to Fields Farm for advanced training (19th October) and we all wish him well that he progresses and goes on to change and help someone in their life. It is a shame he was unable to come to Clipston before he left Marian. The coffee and chat team are missing seeing you each month. We do hope you are all keeping safe and well. Let us wish that the New Year brings hope that events like our coffee morning can be held again.

Anne, Jenny and Jill (525746)

Farewell photo of Todd with his puppy parent Marian



News from Clipston Primary School – November 2020

It has been so lovely to have all our staff and children returning to school for the start of the new academic year and to hear the sounds of fun and laughter drifting through the corridors once more. School life is obviously a little different, yet it also feels very much the same as usual, with a hubbub of excitement and lots of happy children enjoying their learning and being with each other once again. We have kept our autumn traditions alive despite the restrictions and our annual Harvest Festival supported our link school in Karisalpatti, India and the Jubilee Foodbank in Market Harborough. All the children contributed to our Harvest Festival Video, which delighted many, and you can watch it on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/gTpBMY8IF64>

The children have been very busy in their Class Bubbles. The oldest children in



Woodpecker Class have been learning about the First World War and thoroughly enjoyed a visit from World War I Living History. The Lower Juniors in Kingfisher Class have been studying Volcanoes, Tsunamis, Hurricanes, Earthquakes and Tornadoes in their Extreme Weather topic. The children in Key Stage 1 in Owl and Robin Class have been enjoying learning about the world around them, using atlases and maps to locate continents and oceans. Our new Reception children have explored the changes in the seasons with exciting summer-autumn-winter themed activities. Extra-curricular music has continued with more children than ever taking up music lessons on string, woodwind and brass instruments. Sport has also continued with a variety of Physical Activity Events such as the Intra-School

Games Badminton Competition and Orienteering in addition to the weekly PE Lessons. We are looking forward to end of term Christmas activities and although it won't be quite the same this year, we very much hope to keep the magic alive with a Nativity celebration towards the end of term. Everyone, even those without a Twitter account, can see daily updates about everyday life at school by searching online for "Clipston School Twitter" (@ClipstonSchool). The school is open for all children aged 4 to 11 years old from 7.30am (Breakfast Club). Further information about the school is available on our website: www.clipstonprimaryschool.org. We wish all our supporters a peaceful and safe end to 2020.

Mrs Emma Mercer - Head Teacher



Clipston Half Trail



With the 2019 trail run having been successful and a lot of lessons learned it seemed that in putting on the event in 2020 we would be able to draw on the same plans those we had devised for the 2019 event. Of course as we all know the COVID-19 pandemic and the surrounding uncertainty made life much more difficult. Fortunately most of the marshals we had in place in 2019 came forward again and were willing to marshal in the same post as the previous year. Those marshals we had lost had become poacher turned gamekeeper and were now running in this year's event. As well as marshalling the course we had to contend with the problem of being able to arrange a start for 150 runners whilst operating within the social distancing guidelines. Race Harborough in conjunction with Public Health Northampton had determined that the start needed to be in waves and wave marshals and car parking marshals would be needed to ensure that everyone got off safely. A two car park strategy and a carefully choreographed

system of waves of 5 runners was put in place with the runners being shepherded to the start where they would receive an electronic tag and be started off at 10 second intervals. All of this worked very well with the runners being highly respectful of the efforts of the both the start marshals and of the social distancing measures. Recruiting the marshals in 2019 was an interesting task given that the majority of those approached or those who came forward had little no experience of a running event and were in effect being asked to go and stand in the middle of a field for a long period of time. The reality is that by being a marshal you are very much part of the event, giving words of encouragement and applause to the runners as well drinks (in 2019) and any number of other little things that make the grueling 13 mile race that little but more pleasant for the runner, the runners in turn express their gratitude as they pass by. This I'm sure led to those marshals from 2019 being happy to marshal again this year. We were witness to some fantastic performances from the runners with the winning time being a very impressive 1hour 25 minutes but no less impressive was the sight of all the runners each trying to achieve their own goals. As the final runner crossed line and the gazebos, signage and tables started to be packed away we had to conclude that regardless of the COVID-19 restrictions it had been another successful event and plans were already being discussed for a 2021 event.

Mark Ginns



Ian Hendry-Adams

Clipston WI

We did meet on the playing field for our pic-nic on a hot afternoon in August – it was so good to chat and catch up with each other face to face. The sun also came out for us on our recent walk round Ravensthorpe reservoir, followed by delicious tea and cake in the courtyard at Coton Manor.

Meetings in the village hall still seem a long way off – thanks to Steve and Helen we have been holding committee meetings in the pub's marquee! Each year WI members have the opportunity to put forward a campaign they are passionate about - this year Ruth Butler, from Devon, put forward a proposition to, **"Increase Potential Stem Cell Donor Registration"**

After her husband's experience of blood disease, for which a stem cell transplant was the only cure. It's something perhaps not many people, thankfully, know about. Here are a few facts:



- Every 20 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with blood cancer
- Siblings are the most likely match for tissue but around 65-75% of people are unable to find such a match
- Donating cells can be just like donating blood
- Currently only 2% of people are registered as stem cell donors (upper age limit 55-60yrs). So more people are urgently needed to join the registry.

If you would like to find out more contact NHS Blood and Transplant, DKMS or Anthony Nolan. Ruth signed up as a donor, her husband found a match on the international donor base and is recovering.

On a lighter note we have an exciting programme for 2021 with extra social events on the fourth Wednesday of the month, such as a book discussion, relaxing exercise and local garden visit – COVID willing of course. If you would like to try a taster of the WI 6 months membership is on offer for £10.75. So if recent events have made you want to engage more with your community why not give us a try? You will be most welcome.

Rose Anderson (President)



Clipston Profile: Jude Wilford



Jude Wilford with Opinado

"I just love sheep," says Jude Wilford, somewhat surprisingly considering she's the owner of Clipston Riding School and spends most of her days with horses. In the short time I was chatting to Jude about her life, it became clear that this is a woman who lives for animals - of all sorts - not just the horses she also clearly adores.

A familiar face around the village (usually leading a horse or two), Jude is a great example of someone who lives her life guided by her passions. Growing up in Little Oxendon as part of the Gowling farming family, it is easy to see where this passion has come from. The eldest of three children, Jude led a very happy, outdoorsy childhood, surrounded by animals, helping her mother with the rearing of caddis lambs, and the calves that were part of the family's dairy herd. "I was always very animal obsessed" she says "I'm not sure what the teachers made of me at Clipston School. I spent most of my time dreaming about being on the farm with the cows and sheep. I always knew I'd do something to do with animals, so school wasn't a big priority for me!" Her love of horses was also nurtured as a child – she has fond memories of "riding all day, every day" with a friend from East Farndon, exploring the villages, lanes and bridleways of this area. With her farming background and a huge love of animals, it was therefore not surprising that Jude ended up as a smallholder. In 1994, she came to Naseby Road and the land which is now her paddocks and riding school. "It was just arable land at the time. I'd always fancied dairy farming, but Naseby Road wasn't the place for that, so beef cattle, sheep and horses it was!"

Jude had already spent a lot of time working with horses and had a young pony she'd broken in and was training. "Someone asked me if I could teach their child to ride. My pony was the right size, so I said yes and soon word spread that I was giving lessons." It was the beginning of the riding school that has been the backbone of Jude's life ever since. "I really enjoy helping people to understand animals and build relationships with them" she says. "It's the loveliest thing to see kids who I've taught, go on to buy their own horses and compete, or take up veterinary careers."

Jude's ability to train young horses is still a big part of her life. She may still have a love of sheep (she always has between 50-200 in her fields), but she's definitely a horse whisperer. Her relationship with horses is so intuitive and seeing her with 8-year-old Inopinado, it was easy to recognise a very close bond. As she predicted when she was at school, she's built just the kind of life she wanted for herself; surrounded by animals and close to her family. She's exactly where she wants to be. "I'm very lucky" she says.

Liz Davies

Clipston Tennis Club

Well, 2020 was a strange tennis season! Tennis playing resumed in June and in fact the courts saw more activity than in normal years. The Tennis Club's new booking system has proved enormously successful and so will continue next season. Although we were unable to get together as a club for our usual "social" tennis, we did hold our annual tournament in September (just before the "rule of 6" was introduced!). Congratulations to Jack & Sue Balderson who carried off the Men's & Women's titles respectively.



Dave with Tournament champions Jack and Sue

Their trophy was awarded by the newly created Life President, Dave Bates, given this honorary title in recognition of all he did to create and maintain the Tennis Club. We are delighted to announce that next season in addition to Tuesday evenings and Thursdays being reserved for the Tennis Club, the courts will also be reserved at other times for coaching for anyone in the village who is interested. We have partnered with a professional coach, Laura Mineards, who will offer adult and junior coaching and individual lessons. We hope this will appeal to many of you, and details of times and costs can be obtained from Laura (lauramineards@yahoo.co.uk). Both the Tennis Club and the Recreation Fields Trust appreciate that reserving times does reduce court availability for the whole community but hopefully you will agree that this proposal is both fair and proportionate and will see an increase in court usage ...and maybe even an improvement of the standard!

For 2021 the Tennis Club is investigating the possibility of playing competitive matches in a local league. This might lead to a further reduction in court availability for the general public but if tennis appeals to you why not join the Club and enjoy the above benefits? More details available from Martin Clarke (01858 525558).

Martin

Flower Club

If asked, 'Which is your favourite flower?' I would say, 'This is as ridiculous a question as asking which is your favourite child?' There are numerous flowers which fill my heart with joy and the glorious Hellebores with their show of delicate blooms in the winter months does this in spades. I was a novice gardener when we came to Clipston in 1979. Margaret Tear, who many of you will remember, was an enthusiastic gardener with a love for Hellebores, and when she gifted me a couple of her plants, I was off with my collection.

Hellebores, originating from Europe and Asia, are herbaceous perennials and flower from mid-winter to early spring. The variety of flower colour and form is wide, some have single-petalled blooms, and others are deeply cupped or ruffled, with flowers in shades of pink, yellow/cream, white, green and purple. They provide an invaluable supply of nectar and pollen to honey bees and other insects foraging on sunny winter days.



Cultivation and Care

Best planted in early spring, Hellebores grow well in most aspects - shade or semi shade, and I have some growing successfully in full sun. They are mostly trouble free but some varieties are prone to leaf spot, controlled by cutting off the affected leaves which should not be added to the compost heap.



Cut back the leathery leaves when flowers and new foliage begin to emerge, and mulch with well-rotted compost or manure each year. They eventually grow into beautiful large clumps but do not like being split or moved once established. Hellebores have a difficult time standing up in water. To help towards success with your arrangements, before cutting it is important to wait until the flowers have been pollinated, the stamens shed, seeds pods developed and the flowers beginning to mature. To condition before arranging, first strip off any leaves which would be beneath the water in your container. Place around 2cm of each cut stem into boiling water for 30 seconds, then plunge into cold water for a few hours or overnight in a cool place. Alternative to boiling is to hold the cut end in a candle flame for 30 seconds before the water treatment.

I recently read this simple and apparently successful recipe for the conditioning water for Hellebore flowers, which I will try this winter. Proportions are... 2 tablespoons of alcohol and a packet of flower food per 1 litre of cold water. Another way to admire the flowers is 'floating'. Cut the stems very short and float them en masse in a shallow bowl of cold water. To avoid the blooms becoming waterlogged, cut circles of fine bubble wrap smaller than the heads, pierce the wrap centrally and post the flower stem through before floating them on the water. I hope I have inspired you to grow these brilliant winter beauties and use them to decorate your home. With very best wishes to everyone on behalf of The Flower Club.

Linda Warren

Thrills of the open road!!

Clipston Racing and Performance Club has eight members who enjoy driving in open top cars that have a bit of go and good looks. Lyn and Brian Townend, Rosemary and Jim Tyson, Maggie and John Oldershaw and Sue and Jack Balderson. During lockdown through a series of zoom meetings it was decided that a trip down to Suffolk would be very welcome once restrictions were eased. Therefore on a fine sunny morning early in September four cars with roofs down set off for Woodbridge. Sue and Jack in the lead car were given the task of getting us there without going on the A14 or major roads. They did an admirable job although their sat nav and phone maps decided enough was enough and went on strike as the navigators were determined to ignore their routes. I think "make a u turn" is now imprinted on Sue's phone screen. We did make the hotel! The next morning found us visiting the wonderful Sutton Hoo centre near to Woodbridge. What a truly amazing place it is, first unearthed in the late 1930's. Principally the burial site of seven century local Anglo Saxon king Raedwald and his family. Not just your ordinary grave



for Raedwald, he was interred in his 27 meter Viking style longship! complete with all the kit he would need for the next 1000 years such as food, horse and chariot, you name it...he took it. The visitor centre has unbelievable treasures that give a real insight into life at this Royal settlement with the star exhibit being a reconstruction of his ornate helmet that may have doubled up as a Crown. Not to mention the 37 meter longship outside! Next day we made our way home via Aldborough and Thorpness where we took refreshment by the boating lake. Sue and Jack still were not on speaking terms with their navigation equipment but found a spectacular route back through Suffolk and Cambridgeshire where the cars could stretch their legs and exercise their suspensions. Back in Clipston on the Wednesday evening, just in time, for a celebration 'Pie Night' meal with wine at the Bulls Head! A great trip and Sutton Hoo worth a visit for anyone

John Oldershaw

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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

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

Dog Training

Monday mornings at 9.15am at Clipston Playing Field. Very informal, free, please bring your own treats and poo bags!

Rachel Wilford 07788 475129

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 2.30pm 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

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Services on Sundays, times vary. Please see www.nasebygroup.org The Sunday Club for children is every second Sunday in the month (see information in Groups section)

Baptist Chapel

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