



# Clipston Courier

Your Village Newsletter

## December 2021

## Welcome!

Christmas Greetings Clipston! We're delighted to bring you another jam-packed issue with information on all the Christmas events taking place in the village (fingers crossed!) plus the usual updates from our village groups on what they've been up to! Reverend Miranda shares a Christmas message with us on page 3, and find out more about our Clipston Champion on page 7. From all of us on the Courier editorial team, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2022.

  
Liz Davies  
Editor

  
Liz Clarke  
Co-Editor

  
Jim Mcinulty  
Co-Editor

## Clipston this Christmas

As we reach December and race towards Christmas (how did it come around so quickly?) we're all really hoping this year will be significantly different to our experience in 2020! Finally we can get together to celebrate properly, so here's a round-up of all the Christmas events happening right on your doorstep...

Kicking off the festivities on Sunday 5 December is the swashbuckling **Treasure Island Panto** (see advert on page 6). Although we have no official Christmas Fayre event this year (see page 2), the **Christmas tree lights switch-on**, accompanied by some carols will be at 4.15pm on the same afternoon, so you can squeeze it in either before or after your panto performance! On Sunday 12 December, gather your families and your voices for carol singing with the Benefice Choir and child soloists at the **Celebration of Christmas** event held at the church, with Bubbly and mince pies served afterwards (see page 3), and on Saturday 18 December enjoy a **Christmas Market** complete with gift stalls, food and drink, and a raffle at the Village Hall (see page 6). Last but not least, don't miss the **Christmas services** at the church and chapel, which remind us all of the magic and true meaning of Christmas. Have a great festive season everyone!

## What's on

DEC  
Sun  
5

**Christmas Panto (Treasure Island)**  
Village Hall, 2pm & 5pm

**Christmas tree lights switch-on and carols**  
The Green, 4.15pm

DEC  
Sun  
12

**A Celebration of Christmas**  
All Saints Church  
5.30pm

DEC  
Thurs  
16

**Chapel Carol Service**  
Baptist Chapel  
7pm

DEC  
Sat  
18

**Christmas Market**  
Village Hall  
10am-1pm



Image © Jim Tyson

## HOW TO CONTACT US

[clipston.org@gmail.com](mailto:clipston.org@gmail.com)

Julia Blake (Distribution) 07880 700 699  
Liz Clarke 01858 525558  
Liz Davies 07525 640 477  
Rachel Smith 07749 471739  
Jim Mcinulty 0771 2623592

Deadline for articles for Edition 29 is  
February 8th 2022

The editors would like to make it clear that the views expressed in any article contained in these pages do not necessarily represent their own views or those of any advertisers.

## Christmas Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours.

**Maggie and John Oldershaw x**

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year from  
**Julia & Andy Blake**

Happy Christmas to all friends in Clipston.  
from **Jill Pick**

Wishing all our friends and neighbours in the village a very Merry Christmas, good health and every happiness in 2022. With love from  
**Faye, David, George and Joseph (Tan) x**

Wishing all our Clipston friends both 4 and 2 legged, a very Happy and safe Christmas.

**Greetings from Julie and Rumble**

**Peter and Linda Warren** wish all friends, neighbours and fellow Clipstonites a happy, healthy, safe Christmas and New Year.

With all good wishes for Christmas and a happy 2022 to all my village friends & neighbours –  
Feliz Navidad!  
**Rose Anderson x**

## Courier may go to two issues per year

**We wanted to announce the possibility that next year the Clipston Courier may be reduced to two issues per year instead of our usual four.**

We're keen to try and maintain a quarterly newsletter, but it's a big job collating all your news together every three months, and we're constantly struggling to get enough people to share the load. We're looking for anyone who is happy to be involved with organising an issue (our plan is for each editor to only do one issue a year), which mainly involves emailing and reminding contributors, and then planning the layout along with Jim McNulty, our wonderful designer who makes it look so good each time.

If you're interested in joining us please contact any of the team (details on front page).



**JOIN  
OUR TEAM**

## NHC Friendship Club

By the time you are reading this edition of the Courier we will hopefully have met in the village hall for a Reunion Afternoon Tea. This is the only meeting this year. It is proposed to have a break over the winter months and start again in the spring. Your Committee will be in touch with you nearer the time. In the meantime we hope you all have a peaceful time over Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone again in the spring.

**Jill and your Committee (525 746)**

## Canine Partners

Thank you everyone who has dropped off printer cartridges etc into my red box. The items are recycled and so far this year you have helped raise £144.40. This way of raising funds is even more important as many indoor events have been cancelled because of covid. So please save your Christmas stamps and printer cartridges etc and drop off at 2 Weskers Close (between the wheelie bins). If you visit caninepartners.org.uk and go to their Facebook page you will see a YouTube video of Fiona and Verlin. It shows what a difference these wonderful dogs make to people's lives. Best wishes for Christmas and 2022!

**Jill (525 746)**

## Christmas Fayre postponed this year

Regrettably this year's Christmas Fayre due to take place on 4th December has been cancelled for the second year running. Two reasons have led the committee to this decision – firstly the continuing covid situation with rising cases again, and secondly the unfortunate lack of support in the organisation of the event.

We hope the Christmas Fayre will return on Saturday 3 December 2022 and we will be asking for volunteers to join the committee - please save the date! A meeting will be held sometime in July/August 2022. This has been a traditional gathering for the past 20 years and we really hope it can continue, but your support is needed to make it happen. We hope to see you all for some festive cheer next year.

**The Fayre Committee**

## A Christmas Message from Reverend Miranda

As I write this there remains uncertainty as to the effect the pandemic will have on our celebrations, but I do hope that you will have a joyful Christmas, and be able to spend time with family and friends. Our Crib Service will be on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm, and our Festive Service on Christmas Day at 11am - it would be lovely to see you!



Before we get to that point, though, we have a journey to make through the season of Advent, that time of waiting, of expectation, of hope. But what is it we hope for, I wonder? What is it we expect? Is it bright lights, decorations, a new gadget to play with? Or could it be the gift of eternal love, seen in a baby, experienced in Jesus? It's so difficult to think about that when we are caught up in all the preparations: buying presents, decorating the house, planning the catering... the list goes on. And yet what we celebrate is an extraordinary world- and life-changing event: God born among us in vulnerability and weakness. As is every new-born child, he was utterly dependent upon those around him. God, flesh and blood – like you, like me.

God who made heaven and earth - all that is, was, and ever shall be - embraced in the love of an ordinary couple, Mary and Joseph. And that asks a serious question of us: do our hearts go out to him as did those of Mary and Joseph? Do we welcome him as they did, with joyful wonder, however troubling his arrival, or difficult the circumstances? Advent reminds us that this weak and helpless infant Christ will come again in power and glory; reminds us that Bethlehem was but a foretaste of the finale. Are we ready, I wonder? Do we want to be, in fact, or would we rather God put things off for a more convenient time?

May this Advent season give you the opportunity to prepare afresh for the coming of Christ. Only then can Christmas be a celebration that joyfully welcomes Christ, transforms relationships and brings new life. How much we need that sense of new beginnings! Do remember that you are always welcome at All Saints', and I would particularly love to see you on the day itself, so I can say face to face, Happy Christmas! With every blessing on you all, and may you experience the light and love of Christ this Christmas tide.

**Miranda**  
The Revd Canon Miranda Hayes, Rector

## A Celebration of Christmas

Bring the family and come and join us in All Saints Church, Clipston, to celebrate Christmas. We have four lovely Christmas readings and poems, and five local Clipston children will sing some carols as a group and as soloists. The Benefice choir will be singing some solo carols, but their main role is to lead the audience in the singing of many of your favourite well known Christmas carols. We are expecting the audience to be in good voice! Last year we had to cancel this event so we are hoping this year to make it bigger and better than 2019.

We will be following the music and readings with free Bubbly and mince pies (soft drinks and biscuits for the children). Admission is FREE but any donations left on the plates or in the jars will be most welcome and will go towards the cost of the evening.

Any information required please contact Julie Connell.

[j.connell118@btinternet.com](mailto:j.connell118@btinternet.com)  
01858 525336

## 2021 Sunflowers around Clipston

There has been a great display of sunflowers around Clipston this year, but it was not the best of growing seasons.

100 packets of seeds were given out in the spring and it seems that nearly everybody had a wonderful display, many thanks to everybody. There were 4/5 varieties in the seed packets which would grow from approx. 2.5ft up to about 8ft tall. It was good to see some of them 'peeking' over garden walls. Hope it was a lot of fun and great to see lovely flowers around Clipston! Should we try again next year?

**Stephen Woodgate & Jim Tyson**



# Clipston Recreation Field Trust



## Clipston Festival 2021

Thanks go to many people for the hugely successful festival this year. Firstly to all of you for coming; to Julia Blake, Nikki Bugla, Lucy Mayer and Adam Bugla for the organisation of the day and the music, and a special thanks to David Holmes who not only seemed to be playing all day but also was making the amplification system work, having supervised the creation of it in the first place! Thank you also to Martin Clarke and the tennis club for running the bar again. There were many, many volunteers without whom the event can't function - thank you. Over £2,000 was raised for CRFT funds and, with the trail run, the fund raising will cover about three quarters of our annual running costs.



## The 100 Club

The 100 club remains absolutely essential to our ability to keep the facilities fully maintained. If you'd like to join the 100 club please email [clipstonplayingfields@gmail.com](mailto:clipstonplayingfields@gmail.com) and we'll get you signed up!

## Trail Run

CRFT organised a very enjoyable and successful Clipston Trail Half marathon at the end of September with the help of many volunteers from the village and Clipston WI. Covid concerns continue to affect this type of event but we still had a good entry of 126 runners. The weather was great, the runners and marshals were cheerful and the cakes were lovely. Thank you to everyone involved, including our new sponsor, Radnor Water, who provided the bottles of water for the runners as they finished. This year the car parking and start/finish were in Colin and Alison Morley's fields for which CRFT are hugely grateful. Over £600 was raised for CRFT and Clipston WI (who provided the excellent cakes).

The pencilled-in plan for next year is Sunday 25th September 2022 with a NEW 9K run to take place at the same time. More details in due course. Entries will be available on the Race Harborough web site from December.

Andy Blake, Chairman – CRFT

## Trail Run 2021 results

|              |            |               |
|--------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Men</b>   | <b>1st</b> | Ian Conway    |
|              | <b>2nd</b> | Keith Mathews |
|              | <b>3rd</b> | Jason Lee     |
| <b>Women</b> | <b>1st</b> | Sarah Thorp   |
|              | <b>2nd</b> | Jo Hemmings   |
|              | <b>3rd</b> | Lily Canter   |

The first Clipston resident home was Neil Smith, who, despite being on the recovery from injury, still finished in the top 25.





# Relive the Clipston Festival at Band Night!

Saturday 29th January from 7.30pm

TICKETS

£5

from Faye Tan

Back for one night only, the magnificent Clipston Allstars and the fabulous Festival Singers will be performing at the village hall on Saturday 29th January from 7.30pm. Bar available. All proceeds to village hall refurbishment.

faye@oldrectory.uk.net

01858 525275 07725 427311



## Save the date!

Clipston Festival 2022 - Saturday 2 July



# Village Hall

## Help us with fundraising for rising costs and new improvements

It has been a welcome change to see the hall busy again with regular users and groups all now back and the diary for 2022 filling up nicely. We continue to operate with Covid guidelines in place and an enhanced cleaning regime. If you wish to hire the hall for a one-off or regular event, please use the contact details below. We're under growing pressure from the huge rise in electricity prices due to our reliance on electric heating and the need to continually ventilate the space, but we are determined to hold our hire fees as they are to encourage greater use of the hall. We are braced for annual electricity costs reaching a level that exceed our annual hire income, so we are seeking ways to plug that gap for this winter and hope to be able to overhaul the whole heating system before next winter. If you are coming to an evening event this winter we recommend you wrap up warmly!



Village Hall in 1970 before refurbishment

We are currently trying to raise as much money as possible to help cover these rising costs and also to make much-needed improvements. The community café that ran on Wednesdays between May and August raised £187 (thank you to Revds Miranda and Kris for this initiative) and the Saturday food and gift market in October raised £174 (thank you to Back-to-Basics and the team of helpers for the cakes and café service). Whist drives are back, running fortnightly on Thursday afternoons and a jumble sale is planned for April (thanks to Grace and Angela). We also have another Saturday food and gift market and the annual Pantomime to look forward to in December. All these events help raise money to keep the hall in good and improving order for the benefit of the whole community so please do support them however you can - whether by buying a ticket or coming along to the event, serving refreshments, donating a prize or simply helping to spread the word to friends. Please get in touch if you can help in any way with one of our forthcoming events.



As we head into the new year we reach the 50th anniversary of the village hall (1972-2022) and are planning a major overhaul of the facilities. We look forward to sharing those plans at an open day in the spring with more details to follow in the next issue.

### Village Hall dates for your diary:

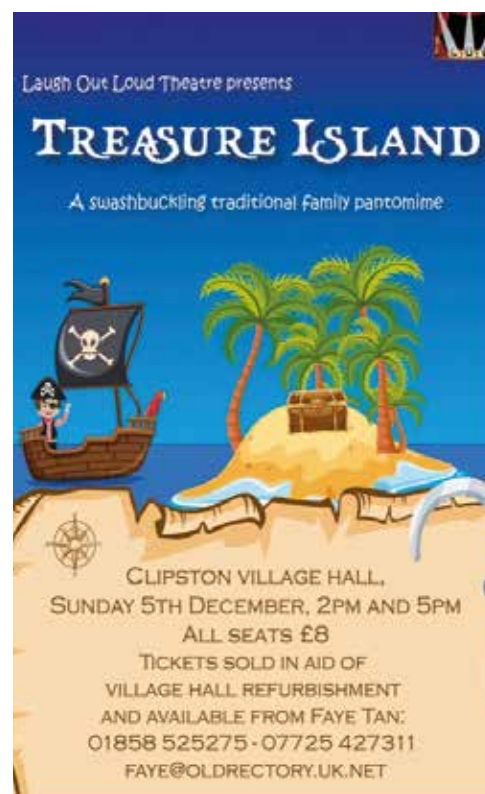
|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sun 5 Dec – 2pm and 5pm | Treasure Island Pantomime |
| Sat 18 Dec              | Food and gift market      |
| Sat 29 Jan 2022         | Band Night                |
| Thur 7 Apr 2022         | Jumble Sale               |

### Whist Drives

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| Thur 16 Dec – 1.30-3.30pm         |
| Thurs 13 and 27 Jan – 1.30-3.30pm |
| Thurs 10 and 24 Feb – 1.30-3.30pm |
| Thurs 10 and 24 Mar – 1.30-3.30pm |

### For all Village Hall bookings and events

Faye Tan – [faye@oldrectory.uk.net](mailto:faye@oldrectory.uk.net)  
01858 525275 – 07725 427311



# Three cheers for the Clipston Champion!

As many villagers are aware, we have a racing champion in our midst! Henry Main of Gold Street achieved a long-standing dream earlier this year, when on August 30th at the age of only 18, he won the Amateurs' Derby Handicap for Gentlemen Amateur Jockeys at Epsom Downs, one of the most prestigious amateur horse races in the country. Henry was riding Captain Haddock, who is trained by his aunt Heather Main, and owned by his parents Claire and Charlie, and friend Louisa Talbot, making this incredible win very much a family affair.

It was a fairytale experience for Henry, who grew up in Clipston and has been riding almost since he could walk. He first got on a pony at the age of two, and spent his early childhood riding daily with his dad (a former amateur jockey himself) and taking part in trail hunting and the pony club. "I've wanted to be a jockey all my life," he says "But I really got the bug when I started pony racing aged about 11. Every weekend we'd be travelling the country - from Musselborough in Scotland to Goodwood near the south coast. I think I had ten winners in that time."

It wasn't surprising then, that when Henry left school in June 2019, his next step was to get his amateur licence, which would allow him to race as an amateur jockey. He'd spent school holidays working for his racehorse trainer aunt, Heather, and her husband James in Oxfordshire, and so he began working for them full time, mucking

out, feeding, grooming and exercising their thirty horses, whilst working towards his licence with the British Racing School. "Getting your licence is a really hard process," he explains. "They've got to really make sure you're ready to race – if you can get through it, then you really can ride."

After six months of hard slog, Henry finally secured his licence in January 2020. But we all know what happened next. The coronavirus pandemic delayed any races until the summer, which frustratingly meant Henry's first race wasn't until the end of August.

He came 9th, but it felt great to be racing properly at last. He got his first win in June 2021 at Glasgow's Hamilton Park on Captain Haddock, followed swiftly by a second win at Wolverhampton on 17th August, this time on a horse called Polar Cloud.

And then almost exactly a year to the day after his very first amateur race at Goodwood, Henry Main pitched up at Epsom and ran the race of his life.

"It was a hell of a thrill! I didn't really think I had it in the bag until I crossed the finishing line. I've been so supported by my family – mum, dad and my aunt and uncle have had every faith in me."

Since his win in August, Henry also won at Leicester so he's very much on a roll! I'm sure everyone in the village wishes Henry enormous luck for his flourishing racing career.



**CAPTAIN HADDOCK**

Amateurs' Derby Handicap (For Gentleman Amateur Jockeys) - 30th August 2021

Ridden by: Mr Henry Main Trained by: Heather Main Owned by: Louisa Talbot And Charles Main

EPSON DOWNS

THE JOCKEY CLUB

# Forest Church gets kids back to nature

## FOREST CHURCH

Welcoming children (7+) and families from across the Benefice



Forest Church 3pm – 5pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at our site close to Harrington

New topics and challenges every Month  
Games/quiz with prizes  
Story and snacks around the campfire

Kids from Clipston and the surrounding villages are warmly invited to come along to monthly Forest Church sessions to learn about Christian messages whilst enjoying the great outdoors. The sessions are run by Father Kris Seward with help from parent volunteers and are held at a site between Harrington and Kelmash on the third Sunday every month from 3-5pm. Outdoor activities like hide and seek, French cricket, scavenger hunts and building campfires are all enjoyed in the two-hour gatherings, where families come along to experience nature together. Quizzes and refreshments are all part of the fun, especially toasting marshmallows round the fire!

If you're interested in joining in, please contact Father Kris at [curate@nasebygroup.org](mailto:curate@nasebygroup.org)



God – Creation – Faith – Friendship



[www.nasebygroup.org](http://www.nasebygroup.org)

Contact Fr.Kris for further details: [curate@nasebygroup.org](mailto:curate@nasebygroup.org)



## ZERO WASTE VILLAGE MOBILE SHOP

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
VILLAGE HALL CARPARK  
8.30am – 12.30pm

ECO-REFILLS, FRESH BAKES, SEASONAL FRUIT & VEGETABLES, PICKLES, PRESERVES & LOTS MORE  
BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS



Leicestershire Handmade Cheese – 18 month matured Red Leicester and Sparkenhoe Blue/ Lyburn Farm Handmade cheese  
Old Winchester Mature Cheddar and Award winning Stoney Cross



Serving the rural community and helping to save the planet



CHRISTMAS ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN  
VEG BOX, PORK PIES & CHEESE

[www.back2basics.shop](http://www.back2basics.shop)

Telephone: 07592173062

## Listen out for carols!

Clipston WI will be leading carol singing around the village on Tuesday 21 December, meeting on The Green at 6pm.

If you fancy joining in you are very welcome! All donations received will go to LOROS, Leicestershire's amazing hospice charity.







## Friends Of Haddon Fields

Welcome to Haddon Fields! I am pleased to say that the Open Day was a great success with lots of people attending, with many from Clipston but also several from surrounding villages.

During the Open Day, the Field Centre was officially 'opened' and a commemorative plaque was unveiled by pupils from Clipston school. Once again, Jules Howard inspired many children (and adults) to go to the stream to look for water life and fossils. In the afternoon he held a microscopy workshop, together with Alison Ball (a biology teacher) in the Field Centre. Also featured during the day, David Morley exhibited his experience of sheep shearing and answered questions about sheep and the importance of grazing on the grass in Haddon Fields.

Just before the Open Day we were extremely pleased to be awarded a grant from KWCB towards the cost of fencing an area around the Field Centre for the development of habitats for increasing biodiversity by building a bug hotel, planting a wild flower 'patch', and building a natural pond. To assist in our fundraising activities, Friends of Haddon Fields (FoHF) have produced a range of natural wooden products such as key rings, coasters and wooden discs to 'tag a tree'. Janet Alderson-Smith has also donated some of her unique artwork that we have designed into 'notelets'. All of these products are available if you want to buy them as a gift – for now or Christmas.



If you haven't yet become a 'friend' for 2021/2022 please think about joining. The cost is £5 for a single or £10 for a family. You will receive a Friends members card and a gift key ring. All funds will go towards maintaining the Field Centre and the surrounding wildlife area, as well as allowing further development in Haddon Fields.

We hope to organise presentations and workshops in and around the Field Centre in Spring 2022. Please look out for information on talks and workshops in the next edition of the Courier or on our FaceBook page.

In the meantime, please contact me if you want to become a Friend, buy any merchandise, find more about our activities or have ideas about how we can further enhance the Haddon Fields experience! My contact details are:

[stephenwoodgate@gmail.com](mailto:stephenwoodgate@gmail.com) or 07909535966

Stephen  
On behalf of Friends of Haddon Fields (FoHF)

# Doesn't it look great?

We're sure you've all been admiring the excellent job that has been done on the school stonework, after the scaffolding came down in late September. The project was led, managed and funded by the Council (not the school), who felt it was important to preserve our village's beautiful 350-year-old Grade II listed building. Works have been done mainly to the roof and masonry, plus the leaded windows and metal work (guttering etc). Additional redecoration has also been carried out on the clock and commemorative plaque. We think everyone will agree that it's a job very well done indeed.



## Stepping Stones Pre-School



We have had a very busy start this academic year with more and more families hearing about the great work we do and choosing to send their children to Stepping Stones Pre-school. We have continued to offer a fun and supportive learning environment, with children enjoying a wide range of toys, activities, and crafts. We continue to offer the Forest school experience on a Thursday for those children in their

preschool year and the new children have already enjoyed a scavenger hunt, bug hunting, chalk painting and more.

We have welcomed a new Committee and would like to send a special thank you to all those who have supported us by being members of the Committee, past and present.

We are looking forward to our planned Christmas activities which will conclude with The Nativity and Children's party.

Struggling to think of a gift for a child? Why not give them a book, giving the gift of reading is a great way to get children into books. It makes books feel extra special when they are wrapped as a present. There is such a huge range to choose from, fact or fiction, or there are some amazing books that you can have personalised, or you could choose a joke book!

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Christmas from All at Stepping Stones Pre-school.

## Come and join us!

If you are interested in your child starting at Stepping Stones Pre-school we have spaces available from January 2022.

[www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk](http://www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk)  
01858 525113  
[preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk](mailto:preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk)

What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?

Santa Pause



What did the cow get for Christmas?

A COWculator!



Why is it always cold at Christmas?

Because it's Decemberrrrrrrrrr!



What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.



What's Santa's favorite candy?

Jolly Ranchers!



What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

A cookie sheet!



What's red and white, red and white, red and white?

Santa Claus rolling down a hill.



What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle!



# News from Clipston Primary School

In September, we welcomed our cohort of new starters into Reception and they have all happily settled into primary school life and the daily routines in Owl Class. We have also welcomed the arrival of Miss Glascodine's son Ferris, to our extended school family; such lovely news with which to start the new school year.

The extensive refurbishment to the old building has finally been completed – the school really was quite a sight completely clad in scaffolding over the summer and into the autumn. We are delighted that our wonderful, historic building received this funding from the Council and that the school will continue to serve the families in our community for years to come. We have received many lovely comments from members of the community who are particularly pleased with the restoration of the clock and commemorative plaque.

Our annual Harvest Festival once again supported the Jubilee Foodbank in Market Harborough and our link school in Karisalpatti, India, for whom we raised over £200. It was wonderful to be able to be back in church after such a long time! The children have enjoyed a huge number of activities to enrich their learning this term, including a performance by the Northamptonshire and Performing Arts Trust "New Beats" Band. We have been awarded our Music Mark Badge in recognition of the value we place on music in the curriculum – there are more pupils than ever taking part in music lessons this year. Children in Year 3 & Year 4 have also been learning about Black History Month with a particular focus on local legend Walter Tull and also on Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE.



Children in Year 5 and Year 6 took their Bikeability Road Safety Course earlier this term and the children in Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed studying habitats, with an exciting visit from Mr Howard and his "mobile streams" which were teeming with all manner of wildlife! We are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations with a whole school trip to the Pantomime and our traditional Nativity Performance.



Clipston School is open for all children aged 4 to 11 years old from 7.30am (Breakfast Club). And we also offer After School and Holiday Care in liaison with Castle Lane Day Nursery in Market Harborough. Further information about the school is available on our website: [www.clipstonprimaryschool.org](http://www.clipstonprimaryschool.org) and our Twitter page [@ClipstonSchool](https://twitter.com/ClipstonSchool).

**Emma Mercer - Head Teacher**

# Neighbourhood Development Plan

As the Courier is due to be delivered at the start of December, events may well have overtaken all that we say in this article, so we kindly request your patience if this has indeed occurred.

The Examiner's report of the Plan has been received and he has approved the Plan proceeding to a village referendum, provided his recommended modifications are taken on board. Following his report, West Northamptonshire Council ("WNC") has also approved the amended form of the Plan and have arranged the referendum, which will be on Thursday 2nd December 2021 (7am – 10pm) at Clipston Village Hall.

At the referendum, Parishioners on the electoral roll can vote "yes" or "no" to the Plan and we hope as many as possible do vote. There is no minimum turnout for it to be valid. If more than 50 per cent vote "yes" then WNC is required to "make" the Plan. If this does not occur, then WNC takes no further action and the Clipston Parish Council would have to decide what it wishes to do. The one significant recommendation is the removal of the proposed residential site allocation off Naseby Road of 4 Affordable Homes and 6 market value houses.

A concise summary of the Plan incorporating the Examiner's recommendations, has been delivered to all households in the Parish, but for clarity, it is the full version of the Plan which is the actual subject of the referendum. The full version is available within the Neighbourhood Plan section of the WNC website. There is also a link to this page on the Parish Council website, within its Neighbourhood Plan sub folder.

The Examiner's Report (with all of his recommendations including why he removed the proposed allocated site) is also available on either of the above websites.

Finally (and most importantly) the Advisory Committee would like to thank all those many Parishioners who have contributed to the Plan process (2016 to 2021!). Without your participation the Plan would not have been able to reach this stage.

**NDP Advisory Committee**



## Royal British Legion

A very poignant short service took place in Sibbertoft church on Sunday 24 October – Laying Up of the Clipston and District Standard of the Royal British Legion. This means that the Clipston branch has now closed but the annual Poppy house to house collection will still continue, looked after by Paul Jervis of Naseby. Daryl Robinson, branch chairman, carried the standard to the chancel, Andy Blake sounded the Last Post as the standard was dipped and the 2 minutes silence observed.

Reveille sounded and Rupert Ellenborough committed the standard into the safe keeping of the vicar, Rev Canon Miranda Hayes, "in this holy place for evermore".

Sibbertoft church was chosen as the final resting place of the standard in honour of 2 ex service men who lived in the village

and represented the RBL – Basil Eckhard and Tony Elliott. Basil was a captain in the Royal East Kent Regiment, "The Buffs", and volunteered for special service with 2 SBS. He was mentioned in despatches for his work on Operation Torch and also given a King's Commendation. Lt. Col G A Elliott was awarded the Military Cross whilst on active duty in Borneo with the SAS in the early 60s and after leaving the Army served in his regiment's territorial unit.

Both very brave men.

Unfortunately we will not be marching down from the Bull's Head anymore but I would like to thank Steve and Helen for providing us with very welcome coffee over the years, and all village Poppy collectors – you will still be needed!

**Rose Anderson**  
(ex Poppy Appeal co-ordinator)



# Clipston WI

## So much happening: Join us in 2022?

Finally we were back together in September in the Village Hall. I'm sure that you can imagine the amount of chatter! Ian from the marvellous Ganders Goat in Cottingham gave an outstanding talk about the farm's development and his family's journey in self-sufficiency and sustainable business. The delicious ice cream samples may have influenced us a little I suspect!

In October we said a huge thank you for 18 years of Presidential service to Rose Anderson. Rose has been a wonderful and inspiring leader and hands over the custodianship to Julia Blake to continue the work of providing a vibrant and valuable group for women in the village.

After 100+ years we have changed the meeting night! From January 2022 we will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. (This will enable better use of the Village hall for weekly bookings.) Why not join us on



26 January for Feeling Good, Looking Great with Lesley Clarke? Lesley is a style advisor with over 20 years in the fashion business and will talk about ways to discover what clothes, styles and colours work best for you and sustainability in fashion." <https://lesley-clarke.co.uk/>.

Alongside our monthly meeting we have twice monthly walks together and a diverse social programme. Do take a look at <https://www.clipston.org/wi> for the full 2022 programme and much more information.



## Thank you Rose!

### WI bids farewell to president of 18 years

Rose has lived in Clipston for 35 years and was taken along to the WI many years ago by neighbours, Irene Allen & Heather Weston, (who may be remembered by some of you). The meetings proved to be a great way to get to know other villagers and before long she became secretary and then President of the group – a post held for 18 years.

Of the many memories she has of her time with the WI, the one that particularly stands out is the time that the ladies posed for a slightly 'risque' photograph for a Clipston village calendar. It's this willingness to get involved that has seen the WI participate in many a village occasion. In fact, they have kept the village fed with tea and cake at fetes, festivals and events – but the group has given so much more to the village. Under Rose's leadership they have provided trees and a bench on the playing fields, donated to the village hall and Playing Fields Trust, regularly provided a local hospice with cake and supported members during lockdown with phone calls and friendship.

Rose emphasised that the WI provides a "social and educational opportunity for women, some on their own, in a safe and friendly environment". The highlight for Rose was celebrating the centenary in 2015 with a program of special events, receiving a celebratory baton and handing it on to Naseby, travelling there in a decorated Citroen van.

There have been many happy memories as president and the future is just as interesting, Rose plans to continue as a WI member but will be free to enjoy travelling – spending time in Spain, visiting Canada and exploring the UK – some of it on the back of a motorbike!

# Farming Report

A dry late summer and autumn has helped arable farmers get the harvest in and sow next year's crop. There are some fields of oil seed rape reappearing as the technology to allow the seed to be put straight into the ground, with minimal cultivation, is becoming more widespread. You might see slits in last year's stubble where it's been done recently. By sowing earlier the rape plants can get big enough to withstand attacks from the flea beetle that used to have to be controlled using pesticides. It's a good example of how farming is constantly changing to improve the quality of food and reduce any adverse environmental effect.



Another example is the reduction of the amount of methane being produced by ruminant animals (cows and sheep are the main UK examples). Methane is seen as one of the gases causing global warming. It is produced by ruminant animals as they digest their food, especially grass, silage and hay.

They have evolved a digestive system that enables them to get nutrients from the fibrous plants that humans (and other mono gastric animals like pigs) cannot eat. Researchers are looking at things that can be added to the animals' food to reduce methane production as they digest. One solution that's being trialed is feeding them a very small amount of seaweed each day. Some seaweed naturally contains something that stops the bugs in the cow's gut from producing methane. Lots to research yet though, not least how to produce that much seaweed safely.



This is an example of the changes that we all face to reduce global warming. Ruminant animals also include deer, goats, giraffes, camels, antelope and many others. Without these animals, grass areas would need to be cultivated for other food where possible or would return to scrub land and eventually forest. Maybe that's the future but perhaps there's also a way of using new knowledge to enable some of these necessary changes to be less dramatic on our current way of life.

**Andy Blake**



# CLIPSTON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## ACCOMMODATION

**Naseby Old Post House - B&B & Holiday Let**  
Leah & Nigel Gardner  
01604 740 985 / 07850 624 128  
[oldposthouse56@btinternet.com](mailto:oldposthouse56@btinternet.com)  
[www.theoldposthousenaseby.co.uk](http://www.theoldposthousenaseby.co.uk)

## ACCOUNTANTS

**Contra Accounting Ltd**  
Accountancy and Taxation Services  
[www.contra-accounting.co.uk](http://www.contra-accounting.co.uk)  
Chris Partridge 01858 414210 / 07912 058 431  
[chris@contra-accounting.co.uk](mailto:chris@contra-accounting.co.uk)

## Grange Accounting

Alun Davies Chartered Accountant  
tel: 01858 437 430  
[www.grangeaccounting.co.uk](http://www.grangeaccounting.co.uk)

## ARCHITECTS/PLANNING

### JWA Architects

[apm@jwa-architects.co.uk](mailto:apm@jwa-architects.co.uk)  
Andy Morris 01858 525 343

### Vinter & Prentice Ltd

Domestic & commercial: new build, extensions  
tel: 01858 525 336  
[Lindsey@vinterandprentice.co.uk](mailto:Lindsey@vinterandprentice.co.uk)  
Lindsey Cuoghi-Jackson 07711 067018

## AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

### JS Fine Art Free Valuations

by George Archdale on all collectables  
Pictures, China, Silver, Books, Furniture,  
Jewellery, Medals, Sporting etc. Julie Connell  
01858 525336. [j.connell118@btinternet.com](mailto:j.connell118@btinternet.com)

## CABINETMAKER

### Jamie McAllister Cabinetmaker

Handmade furniture and kitchens,  
Antique restoration. 07970 584787  
[Facebook@jamie.Mcallister](mailto:Facebook@jamie.Mcallister)  
[handmade.furniture.and.kitchens](http://handmade.furniture.and.kitchens)

## CAMPING

**Buttercup Meadow Caravan and Motorhome site.** Jane Austin 07905 016 316  
Open from April until October. Adults only, off grid. [www.buttercup-meadows.co.uk](http://www.buttercup-meadows.co.uk)  
[Sjaneaustin@outlook.com](mailto:Sjaneaustin@outlook.com)

## CHILDMINDER

### Catherine Poynton Childminder

The Old Police House, Clipston  
Providing childcare for little people of all ages. OFSTED registered;  
tel: 07788 298 015

## COPYWRITING

### Freelance Copywriter

Writing services including websites,  
brochures, newsletters, email marketing etc.  
Liz Davies 07525 640 477  
[www.elizabethdaviescopywriter.co.uk](http://www.elizabethdaviescopywriter.co.uk)

## DIGITAL SCANNING SERVICES

**SCAN AND SHARE your old/new**  
photos, negatives, slides, docs etc.

with a local trustworthy service  
Call to discuss 07801 388 007  
[jim.tyson101@outlook.com](mailto:jim.tyson101@outlook.com)

## DOG & PET SERVICES

### Nik Nack's - Dog Grooming

[niknacksdogs@hotmail.com](mailto:niknacksdogs@hotmail.com)  
Nikita McCauley  
07544 107 817

### The Dog House - Beth Wakefield

Dog walking, puppy visits, cat & small animal feeding.  
01858 525 556 / 07710 988 218  
[bethwakefield41@gmail.com](mailto:bethwakefield41@gmail.com)

### The Paddocks Doggy Daycare

Husbands Bosworth. Indoor and outdoor facility. Full days, part days and ad hoc places  
T: 07715 682377 Find us on Facebook  
[thepaddocksddc@yahoo.com](mailto:thepaddocksddc@yahoo.com)

## EGG DELIVERY

### Clipston Egg Company

[Free.range.eggs.delivered.or.collection](http://Free.range.eggs.delivered.or.collection)  
Mrs A. Essen 07709 411 262

## ENVIRONMENTAL ENERGY

### Environmental Energies

Installers of Solar PV for Domestic,  
Agricultural and Commercial Properties  
Zara Glew 01858 525 407  
[www.environmentalenergies.co.uk](http://www.environmentalenergies.co.uk)

## FURNITURE & INTERIORS

**Very Vintage** Cote Hill Farm LE17 6JN  
Antique, Vintage, French, Country & Salvage  
Furniture barn Open Sundays 10am -1pm  
Teas and home-made cakes also served  
[www.veryvintage.co](http://www.veryvintage.co) 07973 295 168

## GARDENING

### Great Little Garden Company

Clipston garden maintenance  
Contact Dan Martin Tel. 07920 853 933  
[hello@greatlittlegardencompany.com](mailto:hello@greatlittlegardencompany.com)

## HANDYMAN

### Stefan the Handyman

Quality woodwork, tiling, decorating,  
repairs and more. 01858 881 775  
[stefanthehandyman@outlook.com](mailto:stefanthehandyman@outlook.com)  
Facebook: @StefantheHandyman

## HOME, GARDEN & GIFTS

**Wren & Moss** Home and garden accessories, gifts and seasonal decorations. Free local delivery. Home parties.  
[sarah@wrenandmoss.co.uk](mailto:sarah@wrenandmoss.co.uk)  
[www.wrenandmoss.co.uk](http://www.wrenandmoss.co.uk) 07768 415 968

## JEWELLERY

**T J Thornton** - 01858 468 858  
Repairs, Design, Antique & Modern.  
[www.tjthornton.com](http://www.tjthornton.com)  
[tim@tjthornton.com](mailto:tim@tjthornton.com)  
Find us on Instagram

## MUSIC LESSONS

### Julie Connell

Piano, Flute, Recorder and Theory of Music Lessons. Beginners to Grade 8. Seldom too young and never too old to start learning!  
01858 525 336 [j.connell118@btinternet.com](mailto:j.connell118@btinternet.com)

## PLUMBERS

### C.K. & O. Spokes

Plumbing & Heating Engineer  
Gas Safe Registered and OFTEC  
07773 288 686

## QUALITY USED CARS

### Bob Millington Ltd

Quality Used Cars & Personal Service  
[www.bobmillington.co.uk](http://www.bobmillington.co.uk)  
[r.j.millington@btinternet.com](mailto:r.j.millington@btinternet.com)  
01858 525138 / 07860 323 194

## FOOD SHOPPING

### Back to Basics Mobile Village Shop

Clipston Village Hall Wed 8.30am - 12.30pm  
Plastic free, quality fresh fruit & vegetables,  
bakery, refills, handmade cheese and more  
[www.back2basics.shop](http://www.back2basics.shop) 07592 173 062

## THERAPY SERVICES

### Nila Lakhani

Experienced Harley Street consultant  
Paediatric and Adult Physiotherapy  
0774 789 6740  
[nilalakhani@childrentherapyservices.co.uk](mailto:nilalakhani@childrentherapyservices.co.uk)

### Tania Richards

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist  
[www.figureofspeechandlanguage.co.uk](http://www.figureofspeechandlanguage.co.uk)  
Tel. 07759 327 039  
[taniaisl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:taniaisl@yahoo.co.uk)

### Jane Trent Counselling Therapist

Adults and Children. Experienced working in NHS, Schools, Private. Bereavement, Trauma, General and Creative therapy. Confidential text 07901732156 [janetrent@gmail.com](mailto:janetrent@gmail.com)

## TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS

### Travel Counsellors - 01858 897 150

Your Local Personal Travel Expert - affordable, bespoke holidays to just about everywhere.  
[www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/abi.prescott](http://www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/abi.prescott)  
[abi.prescott@travelcounsellors.com](mailto:abi.prescott@travelcounsellors.com)

## TREE SURGERY

### James Stevenson - 07541 253 869

Operating since 2003. Fully qualified & insured  
All aspects of tree care. Free quotations  
Facebook: jamesstevensontreesurgery  
[jamesryanstevenson@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesryanstevenson@hotmail.com)

## TUTORING

### Rachel Smith

English tutoring in Clipston  
Language/Literature tutoring of KS3-5  
11 years experience 07749 471 739  
[rachel.k.smith@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel.k.smith@hotmail.com)

Advertise your business here for just £20 a year!

Email [clipston.org@gmail.com](mailto:clipston.org@gmail.com)

# 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)

A friendly group who enjoy putting on productions or supporting events on an 'as and when' basis! New members always welcome for both acting and supporting roles.

*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 fourth Wednesday in the month in the village hall at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

*Christina Faull 07714 470 452*

## 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*

## Kelmarsh Windfarm Community Benefit

A charity that allocates funds from the wind farm to charitable projects. Applications for grants can be from village groups or individuals. Please contact Andy Blake or Ian May for more information.

*andyblake4@hotmail.com*

*ianmay231@hotmail.co.uk*

## Kelmarsh Windfarm Community Benefit

A charity that allocates funds from the wind farm to charitable projects. Applications for grants can be from village groups or individuals. Please contact Andy Blake or Ian May for more information.

*andyblake4@hotmail.com*

*ianmay231@hotmail.co.uk*

## 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, and £1 for additional children.

Includes refreshments.

*Catherine Poynton 07788 298 015*

## 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*

## Forest Church

Welcoming children (7+) and families from across the Benefice at our site near Hannington, monthly on the 3rd Sunday. New topics and challenges every week. Games/quiz with prizes, stories and snacks around the campfire. Contact Fr. Kris.

*curate@nasebygroup.org*

## Tennis Club

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 5ish at the tennis courts from the end of March to October (weather dependent!). The group is very social and all levels are very welcome.

*Martin Clarke 01858 525558*

## United Benefice Choir

We get together and practise to perform at local church services and special church events. New members welcome. We meet on alternate Thursdays at 6pm.

*Julie Connell 01858 525336*

## Whist Drive

A group of us meets on alternate Thursdays from September to May, 1.30pm at the village hall. Come and join us.

*Grace Burnham 01858 525327*

## Church & Chapel Services

### All Saints Church

Services on Sundays, times vary. Please see [www.nasebygroup.org](http://www.nasebygroup.org) Forest Church for children is every 3rd Sunday in the month (see information in Groups section)

### Baptist Chapel

Sundays at 10.45am. 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

### Clipston School Governors (Chair)

Helen Bellamy 01858 525261

### Clipston Village Hall & Hire

Faye Tan 01858 525275 / 07725 427311

[faye@oldrectory.uk.net](mailto:faye@oldrectory.uk.net)

### Flood Warden

Ann Essen 07709 411 262

### Footpath Warden

Julia Blake 07880 700 699

### Orbell Room at the church

Val Carpenter 01858 525120

### Parish Council (Clerk)

Felicity Ryan 01604 740429

Meets on the 1st 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 101

### Recreation Field Trust & Pavilion Hire

Andy Blake 07768 554 395

### Stepping Stones Pre-School

Sam Frape 01858 525113

### Tree Warden

Mick Higgins 01858 525302

## Charities

### Almshouse Charity

Peter Goodchild 01858 525532

### Clipston Consolidated Charities

Colin Morley 01858 525337

### Clipston School Charity

Peter Goodchild 01858 525532

### Kelmarsh Wind Farm

Community Benefit

[clipston@kwcb.co.uk](mailto:clipston@kwcb.co.uk)

## Bus Service to Harborough

Clipston to Harborough return on Tuesdays and Fridays only

Departs Clipston 10.10 > 10.35      Departs Harborough 12.50 > 13.17