



Clipston Courier

Your Village Newsletter

June 2022

Welcome

And so the summer comes round again, and with it our village festival season! Take a look at our souvenir photos of the recent **Jubilee celebrations** on pages 8-9, and see page 5 for the full programme of events for this year's **Clipston Festival**. Discover why it's all change at the **Village Hall** over the next year or so on pages 2-3, and take some inspiration from our new '**Wonderful Walks**' feature on page 4, which we hope will become a regular fixture. Don't miss the **Haddon Fields Platinum Jubilee Picnic** in June on page 7, and visit page 11 to find out how you can **plant your very own commemorative tree** at Haddon Fields as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. We hope you enjoy all the community events over the coming weeks and we wish everyone a wonderful summer.

Caroline 

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All the fun of the FESTIVAL

Saturday 2 July
2.30pm til 10pm



Hot on the heels of the Jubilee Street Party comes yet another village event to once again gather our community together as we make up for lost time. Yes, on Saturday 2 July the Clipston Festival is making its annual comeback, bringing more delicious food, family activities and a fantastic array of music from local musicians and performers as Clipstonians get ready to party long into the evening.

Afternoon highlights include the return of the **Dog Show** and another **Great Clipston Cake Bake Off**, plus art activities, welly wanging, hair braiding, face painting, target shooting, raffle, tombo-la, bouncy castle and much more!

Every household will be given a festival programme, and the festival organisers would like to thank the local businesses who advertised and hope you will support them. Please let advertisers know if you've seen their products in the programme as it will encourage them to advertise again!

As usual, all proceeds from the festival go towards the maintenance of our playing field and its fine facilities, so it's a very worthy cause. Bring your families along to eat, drink, dance and be merry!

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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.

LOOK AT THE PLANS FOR OUR...

THE DESIGN INCLUDES:

- Two small extensions at rear to create a lounge room and store room
- Resurfacing at front and rear, creating inviting, usable and safe outdoor areas
- Reorganisation and refit of kitchen
- Remodelling of entrance hall, refit of toilets and creation of ground-level store cupboard
- Replace flat roof felt with fibre-glass covering and redirect rainwater
- Addition of insulation, solar panels with battery storage and a new heating using an air source heat pump
- Rewire and replumb
- Replace all light fittings, taps and appliances with energy saving models
- Redecorate throughout
- Purchase of new seating for main hall and comfy seating for lounge



THE BENEFITS ARE:

- Improve appeal and comfort for existing user groups
- Enable new and multi-purpose functionality to attract new user groups
- Reduce electrical/heating running costs
- Low maintenance future
- Meet or exceed modern safety standards
- Improve energy efficiency and lower environmental impacts
- Energy self-sufficiency
- Improve storage and accessibility
- Retain heritage
- Breathe new life into a historical and well-used community building

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISERS!

Please support any fundraising events we run as this will help to pay for the cost of the project. Grants will only cover so much, so your contributions will make a big difference to what we can do!

VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY PROGRAMME

DAY	MORNINGS	AFTERNOONS / EVENINGS
MON	Fitness for over 50s	
TUES	Playgroup for babies & pre-schoolers	
WEDS	Pilates class Mobile shops 'Back to Basics' and 'D&S Gardening' visit	
THURS	Mum & baby fitness class Farrell's Fish Van visits	Whist Drives resume in September Latin & Ballroom classes in evening
FRI		
SAT	Dance School for children	Curry Wagon visits (alternate Sats)

For more information, please see posters at the bottom of the village hall driveway or call Faye on 525275

Jumble Sale raised £410

The April Jumble sale made £410 for the village hall funds.. Thank you to all who helped, whether donating or coming to shop for a bargain. The Air Ambulance came to collect all that was left over - they were extremely grateful. The next Jumble sale is on Thursday 1st September - 7pm. Do keep us in mind when having a clear out! Thank you, Grace

WHIST DRIVES are due to start again in the village hall on Thursday 8th September - 1.30pm

...NEW LOOK VILLAGE HALL!



Clipston Village Hall - View 1

It's hoped work will start on a £350K new look Village Hall this autumn, thanks to the huge efforts of Faye Tan and the Village Hall committee. Here Faye explains how the plans were finalised and what they hope to achieve.

At our March open day we presented plans for extending and renovating the hall. These received unanimous support from all those who came but we are aware that some people were unable to attend that day. The full slide pack is available at Clipston.org and we have included some images here to give you an impression of how it might look.

The village hall committee have since reviewed the proposal and all the comments made at the open day and have decided to proceed by preparing more detailed plans to submit for planning

permission (this will include reviewing the wood cladding proposal). If planning permission is granted and we are able to secure the necessary funding, we hope to begin some external works in the autumn with the major internal works in early 2023.

There is still plenty of detail to be worked on, especially around the heating and lighting arrangements and there will be a huge workload to run a tender process and seek grant funding - if you feel able to help with this in any way, please get in touch.

The plans you see came about from

comments received at the January 2020 open day, input from regular user groups and research with other village halls. Whilst usage of the space and accessibility were prime considerations, so too were heritage and environmental factors as well as the future costs of running and maintaining the building.

The costs of redevelopment are likely to be in the region of £300-350k. We have raised and saved about 10% of this already and will be looking to secure external funding for the majority, seeking grants aimed at improving community buildings and energy efficiency.

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

To book for meetings,
parties and events
please contact
Faye Tan 525275
faye@oldrectory.uk.net



Clipston Village Hall - View 3

Wonderful Walks

The Langtons from Stonton Wyville

Grade - easy/mod

Length - 6.8 miles / 11 km

Time - 4 hours

Ascent - 550 feet / 167 metres

Start - OS grid reference SP736950

Lat 52.547884 // Long -0.91605

Postcode LE16 7UG (approx. only)

What3words [defend.wink.watchdogs](#)



Welcome to our new feature!

The Courier team love to walk and are keen to share 'wonderful walks' in the local area. This is a personal favourite and one to enjoy in all seasons.

The walk starts from Stonton Wyville and uses sections of the Leicestershire Round footpath to explore the

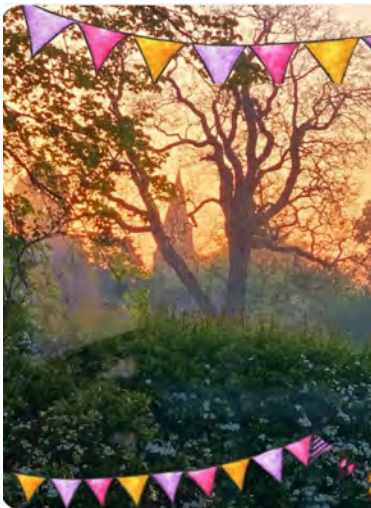
'Langtons'. It passes through three villages, all with lovely pubs – *The Crown* at Tur Langton, *The Langton Arms* at Church Langton and *The Bell Inn* at East Langton serving food and drinks. The walk is dog friendly but there are a few stiles to navigate along the way. We often walk smaller sections of this walk and have discovered some beautiful

countryside and views along the way. A full route description and map can be found on the Walking Britain website – walk 3438.

Caroline Pemberton

If you have a favourite local walk please let us know! Email your ideas to us at clipston.org@gmail.com

Help us create a Clipston artwork



Hello Clipston!

A group of us in the village are hoping to create a collaboration art piece that is 'by the village for the village' to be displayed in the new Village Hall. The artwork will commemorate the Queen's Jubilee: Her 70 year reign, and the villagers' vision and hopes for the next 70 years! We would like to integrate your thoughts and comments into the artwork so we ask that you consider the following two questions:

1. What are your fondest memories of life in Clipston over the last 70 years?
2. How would you like to see village life develop over the coming 70 years?

Please email your responses to **Caroline Pemberton** at clipston.org@gmail.com

In addition there will be an exciting collaborative art workshop for children and adults at the Village Festival in July. This will also form part of the final artwork.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Caroline, Andrew & Natasha

USE THEM or LOSE THEM!

Clipston is lucky to have no less than FOUR mobile shops and food vans visiting the village at the moment, but they need your support!

They park in the village hall car park at the times below, so please pop down and take a look if you haven't already. They post regularly on the Clipston Village Facebook page, so you can keep up to date with visits.

WEDNESDAYS 8.30—12.30 Groceries, fresh bread, pastries, fruit & veg from Back to Basics village shop. Every alternate Wednesday you can also get plants from D&L Gardening.

THURSDAYS 10.15-10.45 Fresh fish from Farrell's Fish Van (soon to be moving to Wednesday mornings)

ALTERNATE SATURDAYS Curry Wagon selling take away curries.





Clipston Festival - What's On?

ACTIVITIES

2.30-5.30pm

Afternoon Fete

Welly wanging, Wheel of Fortune, art workshop, face painting, hair braiding, football target shooting, bouncy castle, stalls (including RSPCA, Finishing Touches, Plant stall, Very Vintage) and more...

2.45-3.30pm

The Great Clipston Bake Off

Come to the WI stand and pay £1 to sample a slice of your favourite entry!

2.45-4pm

Fun Dog show

Novelty dog show judged by a local ringcraft club judge Edwina Chown.

FOOD & DRINK

2.30-10pm

Cash bar beer, wine, prosecco served up by the Tennis Club

2.30-6pm

Homemade Teas, Cakes, Ice creams in the Pavilion run by Stepping Stones

4.30-7pm

Jon Tedd's Sausage BBQ with veggie options

5-9pm

Lena's Hot Stuff burgers and more
Wah Gwaan Jamaican cuisine Curries, jerks and stews (includes vegan options)

MUSIC & MAIN STAGE

2.30-2.45pm

Folk in the bar to play you in

4-4.35pm

Ragged Enz Jazz classics

4.35-5pm

A Blast from the Past—70s Dances

Family fun with local dance Instructor Teresa Osborn—learn some easy dances to Waterloo, YMCA, Don't Stop Me Now and more

5pm

Prizes & Announcements Clipston school children's' art display prize presentation, and Bake Off Winners, plus raffle draw and other prizes

5.30-9.30pm

Festival Singers to get everyone singing along.

The Variants: New teenage 3-piece rock with grunge influences

Parasite Teenagers returning to rock Clipston for a second year.

Acoustic/Open Mike

Hub Cap classic blues/rock.

Kelmarsh Choir Back again for lots of energy and singalong fun.

Clipston Allstars Mix of genres and singers to finish the festival and get everyone dancing.

10pm

Finish



THE GREAT CLIPSTON JUBILEE BAKE OFF!

How to enter

Bake a cake (or a minimum of 6 small cakes) inspired by the Jubilee theme and bring to the WI stand for 2.30pm with the form found on the tombola slip (this is in the festival programme delivered to your door).

There are three classes

Under 11, Under 18 and Adults

How are they judged?

Your cake will be partly cut up for tastings and the rest will be judged on how it looks. Festival goers will pay £1 for a slice of cake and a vote for their favourite. Winners will be announced at 5pm on the main stage. Any left over cake will be given to the tea stand in the pavilion for sale (or frozen for the Trail Run)

Don't forget...

Make sure you have your name on the bottom of any plates or containers and collect them afterwards at 5.30pm.

DOG SHOW CLASSES

2.45-4pm

Best Sausage Catcher
Best Rescue
Child's Best Friend
Best Trick
Waggiest Tail

Handsomest Dog
Prettiest Bitch
Best in Show
Entry:
50p per class

Clipston WI

It has been an exciting and varied few months for members of CWI and our many guests.

We had a **visit from Dave Gardener**, an expert of agriculture and the environment. His talk *Adapting to the future* gave us much food for thought. He discussed challenging topics - energy and transport of the future and why we need to farm and eat differently. It is hoped that we can dispense with being individual car owners and travel in electric pods - I'm definitely looking forward to the driverless electric 'pod' that I can call upon to taxi me to the electric tram! We all also got to try some new sources of protein: roaches and worms! Not as bad as 'Bush tucker Challenge', we were all really surprised at how palatable they were.

March was a month of new experiences.

The preview of the World's Women's Gliding Championship at the gliding club was inspiring with the Championship organiser Liz Sparrow from Southampton giving a motivational talk. Tasty food, great company, and new horizons for many sitting in the gliding simulator. We had a laughter-filled evening with **Sally Wilson from Knot Sew Simple Macrame** and we all came away with a wonderful new skill.

A more relaxed event in April led by **local therapist Jane Trent** guided us through a visual journey to deep relaxation and unburdening of stresses in the Hug Tree. We enjoyed the creative draw-and-chat session and went away feeling much lighter in spirit, thank you Jane.



The preview of the World's Women's Gliding Championship, which takes place at the Gliding Club near Sibbertoft in August

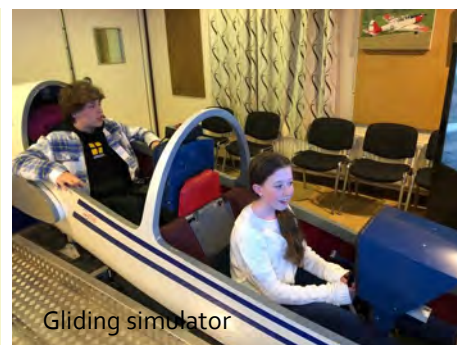
Dates for your diary:

June 22nd 7.30pm Open meeting - all welcome, to hear Heritage Policy assistant Anna Wilson from West Northants Council. What does Clipston being a conservation village mean? Find out the answers to your questions.

July 27th: Victoria Bell of Teamwork Trust. A local charity that supports adults with autism.

Guest fee is £5. Join on the night and get this refunded.

We also have monthly walks and social events. For more information visit www.clipston.org/wi



Gliding simulator



The WI 'Bushtucker Challenge'?

Find out about the Clipston Conservation Area

WI Open Meeting

June 22nd 7.30pm Village Hall

With **Anna Wilson**
Heritage Policy Assistant
West Northamptonshire Council

Why have we become a conservation area?
What does this mean for our village and for us?
Ask the questions you need to know...

All villagers welcome £5 inc. refreshments

Canine Partners:

We want your stamps & used printer cartridges

Thank you everyone for your used postage stamps and printer cartridges (small ones only please). The last lot sent in raised £22.10 and saved 18.96 kg from landfill. A great result.

Please drop off at 2 Weskers Close in red box between wheelie bins (if they won't go through my door). Thank you!

Jill Pick

Haddon Fields

Welcome to Friends of Haddon Fields. I would like to highlight some activities just completed and those coming up in the next few months.

In March, a working party of volunteers, led by Jules Howard built a **new pond** in the wildlife area surrounding the Field Centre. Everybody who came along seemed to enjoy getting involved getting muddy and wet to complete the pond and fill it with water from the stream. A great community success!

By the time you read this, we should have completed the **installation of a rainwater collection system**. The main aim of the installation is to collect rain water to ensure that we can keep enough water in the pond. Thanks to those who contributed a spare water butt, guttering and pipe work, or who funded the purchase of new materials.

As part of the **Queens Green Canopy initiative** to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be playing our part by planting more trees in Haddon Fields. The Platinum Jubilee enclosure will be planted with 7 specimen Oak trees - with one in each corner of the heptagon shape - and then 'infilled' with more saplings, probably in November-December.

The dedications enclosure will be planted with specimen trees purchased by individuals, again later in the year, when the climate is more suitable for planting trees. Please see page 11 for details of how to get involved in this exciting village initiative.

As mentioned in the last edition, we made an application to the Kelmarsh Wind Farm Community Benefit (KWCB)



to help fund the installation of stock proof fencing around the two new plantation areas. I am pleased to say that our application was successful and as a result, we plan to install the fencing as soon as possible! If all goes to plan, we hope to officially 'open' the new plantation areas, although planting itself will not take place until later in the year.

If you are interested in getting more involved with Friends of Haddon Fields, in any capacity, please get in touch or **visit our gazebo at the village Festival on July 2nd**, and say hello to some of the committee members.

Stephen Woodgate
Chairman



**JUBILEE PICNIC AT
HADDON FIELDS
SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2pm**

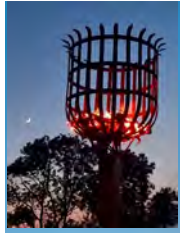
We are pleased to announce we'll be holding a Platinum Jubilee Picnic with Pimms and Music in Haddon Fields on Sunday 26th June. Come along to Haddon Fields from 2pm onwards. Bring a picnic and enjoy the Clipston Folk band playing in the Field Centre. Pimms (and soft drinks) will be available too, so please bring your own drinking vessel!



**TURN TO PAGE 11 TO FIND OUT
HOW TO PLANT YOUR OWN
TREE AT HADDON FIELDS!**



QUEEN'S PLATINUM J



So, it may not have been what we'd hoped for, but in good old Clipston's spirit, we celebrated the rain! Three days of rain, Andy Blake played the trumpet before then lighting the fireworks for thousands simultaneously lit thanks to everyone who used the Jubilee jolly good knees and astonishing



UBILEE 2-5 JUNE 2022



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Clipston Church News

As the pandemic appears to be drawing to a close, at the church we are looking at how we can return to 'normal' – whatever that is! We are still doing monthly Zoom meetings for those who are unable or unwilling to attend actual services and the benefice resources are stretched over seven parishes.

Finances have been severely hit with very few people actually able to attend services for some time. Fund raising has been difficult as we have not been able to organise events in the church as we had in the past. At the same time we have had to do some urgent work on drainage to avoid flooding of adjacent properties and fuel costs rising will mean that we will have to look carefully at opening the church in the coming Winter.

However, all is not gloom and doom. The wildlife area in the churchyard is now complete and already we are seeing some plants coming through in the uncut areas that have not been seen before.



The lovely pond is starting to bed in well and we are eagerly awaiting our first residents. The two sponsored benches near the pond provide excellent places to sit and reflect.

The Orbell café goes from strength to strength and we now have a team of willing helpers who run the café on a rota

basis which has removed much of the pressure on Linda and Valerie who started the facility.

Our weekly house group continues to flourish where we meet at one of the groups houses and discuss our faith, the Bible, the world and the village. The eating of cake is generally involved.

Unfortunately the saga of the church spire and our battle with the Diocese to get authority to undertake the repair work continues.

We are trying to make sure that people know what is going on at the church and many of you will have seen that the village Facebook site is regularly updated with details of services and events. As always, everyone is welcome to our services and the house group meetings. If you think it might be for you, give me a call to talk about it.

Steve Carpenter, Churchwarden



Carolyn nominated for third Olivier

Sound designer and Olivier Award winner Carolyn Downing was nominated for her *third* Olivier award this year, and attended the prestigious event with proud dad Peter at the Albert Hall in April. The nomination was for her work on the production of *Life of Pi*, currently showing at the Wyndham Theatre in London's West End. Although Carolyn didn't win this time, she was delighted that her fellow cast and crew members racked up an impressive 5 Olivier Awards between them, including Best New Play. Carolyn won her previous Olivier Award for *Chimerica* back in 2014, and had a second nomination for *Summer & Smoke* in 2019. We'll keep you posted on her next one!

For tickets and details of *Life of Pi* visit www.lifeofpionstage.co.uk



Oz the Wonderdog

Oz the lurcher was catapulted into the limelight in May, when he featured in The Guardian to promote *Wonderdog* a new book written by his owner, Clipston author and Zoologist Jules Howard.

It took Jules, a regular Guardian columnist, three years to write and research *Wonderdog*, which explores the story of how scientists came to understand what dogs think, feel and know about the world. Oz joined Jules and his family part way through writing the book, and gave Jules a much more personal insight into the special bond between dog and man. In his Guardian article, Jules revealed his conviction that dogs can feel actual love rather than the more scientific description of 'attachment' towards their human companions.

For a community like Clipston where dogs seem to almost outnumber people, we feel Jules' book may be very popular! Published by Bloomsbury Sigma it's available from Amazon and in all the usual bookshops (£17.99).



CLIPSTON



JOIN THE TRAIL RUN MARSHALS
text: 07949 954 363

CLIPSTON TRAIL RUN
SAT 25 SEPTEMBER

The 4th Clipston Trail run is on Sunday 25th September and includes a new 5 miles Country Trail as well as the original Trail Run - If you would like to help as a marshal please contact Mark Ginns on 07949 954 363. If you are interested in the run itself, visit <https://raceharborough.co.uk/clipston-trail-half/>

Dedicate a Tree In Haddon Fields



Plant a tree* to commemorate a loved one, to mark a special event or just to show that you love trees!



Sessile Oak
£36



Field Maple
£27



Downy Birch
£34

These UK grown trees are shown at cost price, so if you would like to add a donation towards the upkeep of the area, please let us know.

*In the dedications area in Haddon Fields.

The specimen trees will be 1.5 - 2.0 m high and will be ready for planting between November 2022 & February 2023

To order a tree or for more information, please contact:
Stephen Woodgate 525566 stephenwoodgate@gmail.com
Jim Tyson 525697 jim.tyson101@outlook.com

Stepping Stones Pre-School

At Stepping Stones Pre-school the children have been enjoying the spring weather, especially at Forest School, where they have been exploring the outdoors, building dens, making stick men, and lighting a fire.

We also have some guests – three tiny caterpillars! The children are very excited and enjoy watching them grow and have been creating artwork based on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Hopefully we will see our own caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies very soon.

In preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we have been making collages of the Queen.

It has been a very fun and busy term!



Jubilee collages



Forest School fun

Friendship Club

We restarted our meetings in April with an informal AGM. After discussions the members decided to alter how they want the club to run. It was decided to reduce the months we meet to April to October inclusive. Still on the second Monday in the month and the dates this year will be: June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th (garden meeting) and October 10th. Christmas lunch 14th December. Start time will be 2pm and not 2.30pm. Subscription to remain at £5 pa with guests still £2. If you would like more information please contact me.

Jill 525 746

Tennis Club

The 2022 Tennis season has started, although at the time of writing we are still waiting to experience the pleasant spring weather that makes tennis so enjoyable. Instead the early weeks of the season have seen us dealing with rain, strong winds and freezing temperatures - not ideal! However a new season brings with it some new developments for the Tennis Club, **our club nights are now on a Wednesday** rather than our traditional Tuesday. Evenings start around 5pm and new members are always welcome, irrespective of ability. Once again we have entered a Men's Doubles team in the league and have high hopes to improve upon last year's record,

we are confident that we will certainly not do any worse - as actually that would be pretty much impossible! Unfortunately we have not entered a mixed doubles team this year.

Martin Clarke

Polite reminder on the use of the courts

Club members still have priority for using the courts on Thursdays and some coaching is taking place on Friday mornings (there may also be junior coaching on Saturdays) but outside these times the courts are free to use for anyone in the community. Please respect the fact that the courts are purely for tennis, not football or skateboarding or other activities that might damage the court surface. If anyone sees the courts being used for the wrong purpose please have a word, and maybe let me know?



SAVE THE DATE!
**Murder
Mystery**
SAT 26 NOV

Following last year's Murder Mystery Evening, and by popular demand, members of CADS are hoping to present another such entertainment on Saturday 26th November. More details to follow in the next edition.

Liz Clarke

Clipston Primary School

It has been a busy end to spring at Clipston School. Our Easter Service was a joyous and uplifting celebration and it was so lovely to be back in church - the first time in three years!

The children have been learning about all sorts of interesting events and discussing topical issues including the discovery of Shackleton's ship Endurance, 107 years after it became trapped in Antarctica, and Earth Day, when they thoughtfully discussed the origins of this annual event and its influence on modern day Climate Emergency activists. For charity work, the School and Eco Council organised a Cake Bake and raised over £265 for Red Nose Day and on the sporting front, younger children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Superhero Sports Festival with other schools.

All the children have enjoyed hearing from authors during virtual "Meet the Author" sessions this term and four pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 represented the school in the East Midland's Heat of the National Literacy Trust's Reading Champion's Quiz. The event was open to children aged 10 to 16 and as such they were competing against teams with much older students, so we were even more proud of their achievement as the second highest scoring primary school! Older pupils were very excited to take part in the Young Voices concert at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham in May, singing their hearts out alongside hundreds of other children at this huge event, billed as the The Largest School Choir Concert in the World. Finally, and by no means least, we are absolutely delighted and very proud of our OfSTED



Above: Clipston pupils enjoy being part of the enormous choir at Young Voices in Birmingham in May

Below : our Reading Champions in Yr6

outcome, following the inspection in early March. Staff, governors, parents and pupils together made for a fantastic team effort and we are very pleased that Clipston continues to be formally recognised as a Good School.

As the term ends, we are all looking forward to celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with a morning of arts and crafts followed by our Street Party. We will also be planting a tree at the end of the school drive for everyone to enjoy - a reminder for years to come of this momentous event in our history. Clipston School is open for all children aged 4 to 11 years old from 7.30am each morning (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 at www.clipstonprimaryschool.org and our Twitter page @ClipstonSchool.

Emma Mercer - Head Teacher



A message from Reverend Miranda

Dear Friends,

What a lot has been going on in Clipston! From the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to the Pet Service and blessing of the new churchyard wildlife area. This is looking really lovely, and there are two new benches to sit on, as well. I am very grateful to the Earnshaws for allowing us to use their paddock for the pet service.

There is, of course, much more still to come with the Clipston Festival arriving soon—how wonderful to see the community flourishing and coming together in so many different ways after all the restrictions we have had over the last two years.

However, we remain challenged – if not by Covid, then by economic difficulties and the devastating war in Ukraine. Many of us will have done what we can to support those affected by Russia's actions; I know that some have welcomed refugees into their homes, demonstrating generous compassion. May those who have been uprooted from their homes be made welcome by all. I hope and pray that peace will come, that families will be reunited, and that each and every one of you, too, will be able to reconnect with those from whom you have been separated by the pandemic.

May God bless you richly in all that you do this summer.

With my love and prayers, Miranda

Cakes for Ukraine



Three Clipston girls spent two days during their Easter holidays planning and then running a cake stall to raise money for Ukraine. Milly Davies and twins Freya and Teigan Day (all aged 11) came up with the idea of baking biscuits and cupcakes to sell on a stall they decorated in Ukraine colours and set up on Chapel Lane. They designed posters and flyers which they distributed around the village to generate interest, along with a post on the Clipston facebook page, and were soon forced to replenish their baking when they quickly sold out! They would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported them and generously gave donations. Their efforts raised an impressive £290 which has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.



De Mowbray Music

De Mowbray Music, who performed in All Saints Church on 26th April, gave us a real treat. We were regaled with some wonderful music that would have been common-place around the 16th century.

All sorts of instruments were played, authentic to the time, from bag-pipes to guitar to a variety of woodwind, and each was explained in an informal and interesting way. Interspersed with songs and dances it was an evening full of variety. The 'goody-bags' organised by church members, which provided some delicious snacks for the interval, was an extra bonus. (Yes, that is Andy Blake in the photo. He is their most recent member and this was his De Mowbray debut).

Liz Clarke

Are you struggling to pay for food or fuel?

Grants are available to support local families and individuals currently undergoing hardship due to the rising cost of living, from the Kelmarsh Windfarm Community Benefit Fund (supported by Cubico Sustainable Investments & GLIL Infrastructure). Applications will be treated in confidence and processed as fast as possible. Financial information will be required.

For an application form and further details, please contact Andy andyblake4@hotmail.com or Ian ianmay231@hotmail.co.uk

66-year old's 2000 mile charity trek

Kemal Chetintah from Naseby is currently walking 2040 miles from Canterbury to Rome to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. The 66 year old began his epic journey on 16 May and plans to be on the road for around three months, passing through five countries and three major mountain ranges on his quest to reach the Vatican City entirely on foot. He is hoping to raise over £8000 by the time he completes his punishing schedule at the beginning of August, in honour of his father and brother who have both suffered from the disease. If you would like to support Kemal's incredible fundraiser, you can donate online at www.collectionpot.com/pot/kemal



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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 of people 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 a few times a year for a social lunch. To join the WhatsApp group contact Sam 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 07714470 452

Forest Church

Family gatherings and nature walks for kids aged 7+ which take place outdoors, usually on the third Sunday of the month. New families extremely welcome.

Email Alun Davies

alundavies@ventreaccounting.co.uk

Friends of Haddon Fields

Come and join a group of volunteers maintaining and improving Haddon Fields as a community asset. Everyone is welcome.

Stephen Woodgate 07909 535966

Stephenwoodgate@gmail.com

Is your group information up to date?

Please let us know if things have changed.

Email the editorial team on

clipston.org@gmail.com

Friendship Club

Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the second Monday of each month at 2pm, from April to October inclusive. 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, £1 for each additional child. 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

Tennis Club

We meet on Wednesday 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

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Grace Burnham 01858 525327

Church & Chapel Services

All Saints Church

Services on Sundays, times vary. Please see www.allsaintsclipston.org

Baptist Chapel

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Useful Contacts

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