



Clipston Courier

Your Village Newsletter

September 2022

Welcome!

We hope that, whether the summer-time saw you pottering about in the garden, seeking shade in the heatwave, or off soaking up new cultures and climates that you had a happy one.

In this 31st edition of the Clipston Courier we celebrate the brilliant and spirited summer festival, update you on the eclectic mix of events coming in the next few weeks and months and take a moment to reflect on this time of year, as well as our changing planet.

As always, these pages are fit-to-bursting with news, information and experiences to keep you entertained.

So let's dig in...

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Deadline for articles for Edition 32 is ? 2022

Greetings, Friends of Haddon Fields!

There has been a lot going on this summer and there is much more to come in the autumn and winter! Hopefully, you have made the most of the summer and enjoyed Haddon Fields for walks and maybe even a picnic? Talking about picnics, Friends of Haddon Fields held their own 'Platinum picnic' in June. Over 50 people attended the Sunday afternoon event and they listened to music from Clipston Folk band while enjoying their picnic together with Pimms or soft drinks provided in the Field Centre. The weather was warm and dry, but rather windy and folk band members were convinced that the wind instruments might have been able to play on their own!



Tree plantations

The fencing around the two plantation areas is now complete and ready for planting in the autumn or winter. Thanks to the Kelmarsh Wind Farm Community Benefit (KWCB) for a grant to enable us to complete this project and to Rodney Dexter for making such a great job on both areas.

Platinum plantation

We have ordered 7 specimen Oak trees (one each for the 7 corners of the heptagon), and some community sapling packs from the Woodland Trust.

Celebration plantation

As I write, twenty trees have been ordered by people in the village. Each one will be planted by the donor and a wooden tag with an inscribed dedication will be attached. Planting of both areas will take place in the winter period when the trees are dormant and there is plenty of moisture in the ground.

Water collection system

Thanks to donations of guttering and cash, Jim Tyson has been able to put guttering around the field centre.

We now have a water collection system to collect rain water and direct it into the pond. All we need now is rain!!

Stephen Woodgate,
Chairman Friends of Haddon Fields



WINTER EVENT



Watch out for information about an event in Haddon Fields with a Christmas theme, as we get closer to Christmas!

Telling the Tale of the Anne Frank of TikTok

Clipston villager, **David Granger**, has recently ghost-written the extraordinary story of a young Ukrainian refugee who sprang to international attention when she used social media to document her escape from her war-torn country. **Valeria Shashenok** was a 20-year-old photographer, used social media – mostly TikTok and Instagram - when Putin invaded her country in February.

Valeria's father ran a restaurant in Cherniev, a city outside Kyiv, and the basement he used as his office had to transform from a place where he ran his business into a bomb shelter. Living with him as the bombs landed around were his wife and his 20-year-old daughter. To pass the time they occasionally ventured out to see the damage wreaked by the bombs while Valeria made funny videos to combat boredom and fear.

One of these posts on TikTok was entitled '**Things That Only Make Sense in a Bomb Shelter**'. 'Things That Only Make Sense...' was a meme – a short film lots of people worldwide created along a theme, adding their own take on the title. For Valeria it was the catalyst for the world's media finding out about this accidental social media celebrity.

She was interviewed about the video - and the war - on the BBC and CNN in the United States. Journalists from Germany and reporters from France were keen to speak to the woman who had used social media to satirise the awful conditions she was living in. Her work led the Spanish website El Pais to dub her "the Anne Frank of TikTok" after the Jewish German-Dutch victim of the Holocaust who wrote '**The Diary of a Young Girl**'. One of the people who saw these reports was Austrian Hannes Steiner who runs an online platform, www.story.one, which publishes people's real-life stories online and as printed books.

Speaking of the moment David became involved in Valeria's tale, he said: "Hannes and I had worked together at Red Bull, we'd kept in touch and in March he told me Valeria's story, and asked if I could write the book of her life, evacuation and the tales of a country ravished by war... but I needed to do it in a weekend. I said yes without really thinking that one through. But a deadline's a deadline."



Using Google Translate to transcribe interviews with Valeria in Ukrainian as well as press cuttings, news reports and Wikipedia, the story of her unexpected and unlikely rise to fame, the war, her escape to Poland, Germany and finally Italy began to take shape.



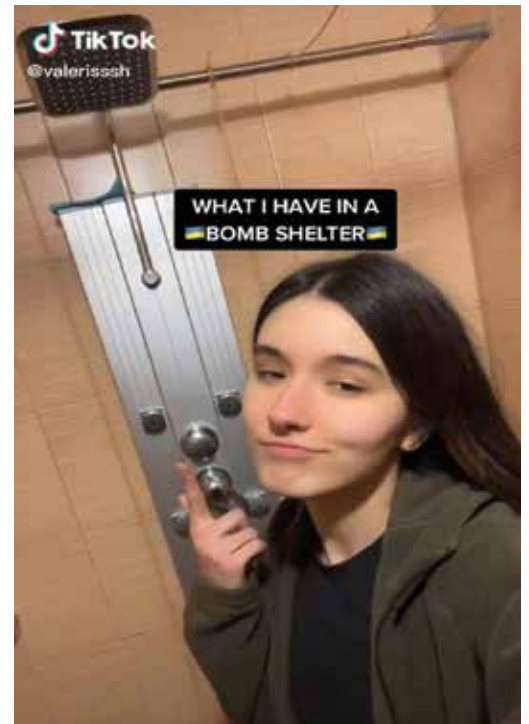
Telling the Tale of the Anne Frank of TikTok (continued)

"I also spoke to Valeria a lot, and her English was more than adequate to have some interesting debates about a word, phrase or description in the book. There are several interesting elements to this. There is the story itself - how one woman escaped war using friends, social media and some sharp elbows. There is the idea that social media can allow experiences to be shared globally in such a short-time and also the idea that Valeria, a Gen-Z internet influencer ended up writing a printed book."

The book was translated from David's text into German and has now been translated back into English for release in the UK and US. It depicts both the physical and psychological journey of a Ukrainian refugee, who is now in a position to use her popularity to help others in need. Through Valeria's support for the volunteer organisation Palyanytsia, (www.dopomoga.cn.ua) based in her hometown, Chernihiv, she has been able to help ensure civilians in bomb-shelters, hospitals and shelters for the elderly are provided with food and medicine.

"The book is Valeria's story," said David. "But we shaped it together to explain her pain, the loss, her anger at a foreign invader, love for her country and family. It boasts some optimism, hope, and a small dose of, occasionally black, humour."

The German-language version of Things That Just Make Sense in a Bombshelter has already made the best-seller lists in Europe and the English version is available from [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). David, his wife Maria and family live on Nether Green. David works for Cinch, having previously spent 13 years managing Red Bull's global websites.



Canine Partners

Do you remember Anni and her beautiful cards at our coffee and chat mornings? You may also remember she was raising money to sponsor a puppy and this she achieved thanks to your support in buying her cards.

I am pleased to say I will now have a box of her cards at home. If you would like to buy any of them to continue to raise funds for Canine Partners please leave a message on 0776 1754 888 or 525 746. I can then return your call to arrange to drop off the box.

Thank you for your donations. The village festival coincided with a national fundraising 36-hour live event where any monies raised would be match funded. Through generous donations from all over the country the total raised was £301,881 which is incredible!

Thank you also for used postage stamps and used small printer cartridges.

Jill



Knowing Me, Knowing You

Just before the pandemic I started a regular meeting at the pub which we called Knowing me – knowing you. The thinking was that the meetings looked at a variety of questions, some of which were serious and others not so and that everyone had an opportunity to express their views. In that way we got to know and understand each other better and in some cases even heard views that we hadn't thought about before.

The meetings were well attended and at the time we had to stop them we were considering splitting into two groups. The pub was an excellent venue as Tuesday evenings were quiet times and it was a warm and congenial place on a cold winter night. So, I was surprised when my attempt to revive the sessions recently resulted in just one person turning up. I wonder why that was. The venue was the same although with the pub now not opening on Tuesdays we had to go for a Wednesday instead and it was clear that it would not be possible to allocate a separate place for the meetings.

Because the previous sessions had been so successful and popular I intend trying again in the Autumn. Any thoughts or suggestions you might have about venue etc would be welcome.

Steve Carpenter

Friendship Club

Our get-togethers will be held on:

SEPT
Monday
12
in Hilarys garden at 2 pm

Then we take a break until 14th December when it's the end of year Christmas lunch. For more information please contact Jill on 525 746

OCT
Monday
10
Bingo in Clipston village hall at 2pm

Financial help available from Clipston Consolidated Charities

Shortly after I moved back to Clipston with my family, I was approached by Clipston Consolidated Charities to join them as a Trustee. I had heard of the charity, but had no idea what they did, where they got their money from or who they were. Nevertheless, I was flattered to be asked to join the small board of Trustees who were all 'Clipston, born and bred' too. I was made very welcome and set about learning what the charity was all about.

As I'm sure you all know, the charity was combined of the income from a 15 acre field (the first charity) and a monetary donation (the second charity) both by Matthew Brown. The third charity: a monetary donation by Ann Brown, his sister. Hence Clipston Consolidated Charities; it sounds grand but is actually very simple! In reality we rent out the land just outside Clipston, and the rent we are paid is given to people of the village who could do with a little extra cash.

We are all feeling the squeeze, financially, this year so we thought we would try to make applying to our charity easier and more accessible. The small amounts of money we give out at the end of each year are certainly not life changing, but just a helping hand. We would like to be able to help more people and last years' applications reminded us that we never do know what is going on in our neighbours' lives. Our donations can help cover transport and parking for hospital appointments, support for people who are sick – for example fuel, food and heating bills, buying books for college or equipment for apprentices (age 16-21 years) and in the very worst of times, the money can be used towards funeral costs.

It is not only the visibly old or frail who can apply. Lots of us need a little extra support occasionally and all applications will be handled confidentially. If you have applied in the past, please remember you can apply every year if you need to.

If you would like our help please email clipson.consolidatedcharities@gmail.com or write to me, **Mrs C. Rogers (Treasurer) at Lodge Farm, Kelmarsh Road, Clipston. LE16 9RX**. It would be great if you could tell us how you could use the money and, of course, don't forget all your contact details. The closing date for applications is Sunday 13th November 2022. We look forward to hearing from you.

Clare Rogers

The Tennis Club

It has been good to see the courts being used over the summer, especially during the decent weather and no doubt inspired by the TV coverage during Wimbledon. As you are hopefully aware the courts are free to use by anyone (but just for tennis so please do discourage anyone, especially youngsters, from using them for any other purpose), although Tennis Club members get priority on Thursdays to pre-book sessions, the Club has its "social night" on a Wednesday (5:00 – 7:30), some coaching takes place occasionally and – during the season – league matches take place.

We do try to put notices on the court when courts might not be available but please accept apologies if Club activities prevent you playing when you had hoped. Alternatively, perhaps you consider joining the Club? For your membership fee you get priority for booking on a Thursday, the chance to play competitively (should you wish) and a guarantee of an enjoyable evening of social tennis on a Wednesday.

Membership fees also go toward the upkeep of the courts (new net recently!) so if you are not a club member but you do use the courts please consider making a donation or taking out a "100 Club" membership. Please contact me on 525558 if you want further details.

Martin Clarke



Churchyard News



Since the last Courier there have been developments in the churchyard. The pond is now becoming well established and has inhabitants. It is looking much more natural now that the wildlife area is growing. Thank you for patience in getting this area established. There was always going to be a time when it looked really scruffy and now that the many grasses have seeded we will be able to do some management of it. There is no doubt that the wild area has been a real boon for butterflies, bees and small mammals and, together with the hedges, it will provide a route for small creatures to move around safely.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the two newly installed

benches are being well used and provide a welcome quiet place for reflection or meeting others. I would like to have reported some movement on the spire and clock repairs but the Diocese have still not responded to our latest request for planning permission. We are hoping to be able to maintain a full programme of services throughout the winter but the recent increases in fuel costs might mean that we will be unable to heat the church. You can imagine the cost of heating a large building like the church for just an hour on Sunday.

Keep your eyes open for different forms of worship coming soon, including Café church.

News from Clipston Primary School

It has been a wonderful end to a very busy school year, as we welcomed our new Reception cohort during their visits prior to them starting in September and also said goodbye to our outgoing Year 6 pupils as they leave for secondary school. The Upper Juniors put on a super production of Dream On, an ambitious, contemporary version of A Midsummers Night's Dream.

There have been many highlights this term. All the children thoroughly enjoyed our Sports Days. Kingfisher Class thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Holdenby House as part of their World War II Home Front studies. Mrs Jean Wilford was welcomed to school - she had lots to share with the children about her experiences as a WWII child. Jean was a member of school staff for many years and her husband's family were pupils here for generations. Jean also made the Fete Hoops used for the Parade about 30 years ago and was delighted to see that they were still being used!



On that note, the Summer Fete was a great success – a fun-packed day with glorious weather meant that all the supporters had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and over £1,870 was raised for the benefit of the children.

Earlier this term, as part of his 80th Birthday Celebrations, Mr Philip Hawkins popped back to Clipston and was joined by several past members of staff and supporters of the school. Many of you will remember Mr Hawkins as a previous Head

Teacher of the school for 27 years before his retirement - everyone thoroughly enjoyed a tour of the school.

In July, we were delighted to welcome back Mrs Judd, whose mother wrote and published her own poetry. Mrs Judd was thrilled to watch each class recite the poem they have learnt off by heart this year, and the Poetry Cup was awarded to Joshua in Year 6. It was lovely to have the Year 6 Leavers' Service in church after a three-year break. Each pupil spoke about their funniest, favourite and proudest memories of their time at Clipston School. It is lovely to know that being at Clipston School gives children life-long, happy memories. Trophies were awarded to Scarlett for English, Annabel for Maths, Brioni for Progress and Poppy for Sportsmanship, and the Bishop's Cup for Religious Education was awarded to Jensen.

Clipston School is open for all children aged 4 to 11 years old from 7.30am (Breakfast Club) and transport to After School and Holiday Care is available to Castle Lane Day Nursery in Market Harborough. Further information about the school is available on our website: www.clipstonprimaryschool.org and our Twitter page @ClipstonSchool.

Emma Mercer - Head Teacher



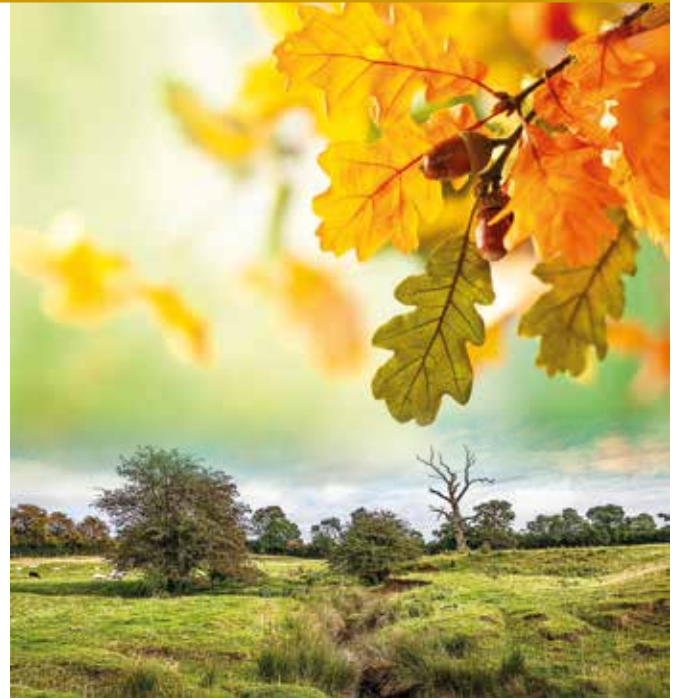
Autumn Reflections

Dear Friends,

I love autumn – that season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, as Keats so memorably puts it - and what a wonderful season it is to celebrate creation! It's the time of year when we rejoice in earth's bounty, thanking God for the Harvest, for the work of those involved in bringing it to our tables, and for the beauty of the natural world - and that really is something to delight in here.

It seems particularly appropriate, then, that in October we remember the great saint, St. Francis who is almost always portrayed surrounded by animals, and is renowned for his love of nature - I feel sure Francis would appreciate the new pond and wild area in the churchyard. I think he would have enjoyed our pet service earlier this year, too, and would understand the deep relationships we have with the animals that share our lives. He would also have been delighted that we wanted the service to take place in the open air – recognising this as a way, not only of enjoying worship in a new context, but of engaging with the wider community at the same time. He was, after all, someone who took the gospel joyfully out into the world, proclaiming it vividly and memorably in word and action, longing for others to share his passion for Christ, and encounter his living word

And that living word was everywhere: for Francis's love of nature was not one of simple emotion, but a profound response to the dynamic love out of which all creation is formed.



As today's Franciscans have it, "Francis entered into a fraternal and respectful communion with all that lives and all that is. For this supremely Christian soul, loving the works of God and loving God was the same."

Francis knew Jesus, the Word of God, to be love incarnate, to have given up His life for the whole world, but he also understood that "every creature is a word of God, because it speaks of God." What Francis saw when he looked at a man, a woman, a bird or a flower, was something that, simply by its existence, gave glory to God, and spoke of His constant presence – the very thing that Francis himself desired to do. Thus, he and all creation were engaged in the same work, brothers and sisters together, proclaiming the good news of God's love.*

It is this that I believe to be of timeless importance, and never more so than today: the understanding that there is an ongoing conversation taking place between God and the whole of his creation. For too long, humankind has understood this conversation to be a private one, between ourselves and (sometimes) God – could it be that the profound environmental concerns we are facing now are a result?

I believe that they are, and that we must, as individuals and as community, seek to follow Francis's example, recognising that there is a deep and indivisible bond not just with our creator, but with creation itself. It is surely time for us to join in, not dominate, the conversation God alone has initiated - we are the servants of His creation, not its master.

So, as we give heartfelt thanks to God for the bountiful harvest we enjoy, let us remember, too, the price our world is paying for so much of what we take for granted.

With every blessing,

Miranda

*See Francis's Canticle of Brother Sun



August saw the launch of **Café Church** at All Saints Clipston.

Café Church is a fresh approach to Christian worship. It's informal, relaxed and straightforward whilst aspiring to be engaging and inspirational.

Café Church is now scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Do come along if you can, and help us to 'shape' **Café Church** in Clipston for future months. We will start with coffee/tea, warm croissants and maybe some other breakfast choices, from 10.00am. We will aim to begin our activities at 10.30 and finish around 11.15am.

Whatever the topic, there'll be something to watch and something to sing, a Bible reading and time for prayer. We aim to include something for everyone whatever age so why not come as a family.

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

To find out more, contact **Val Carpenter** on 01858 525 120 or **Trevor Lake** on 07785 242904

Village Hall

Re-development update:

We have now submitted the plans for planning approval and await the council's decision. We were required to undertake a series of bat surveys and these are underway. In the meantime we are busy applying for grants to fund the project. The funding landscape is very different post-covid and the support for capital projects is much more restricted than it was with money being redirected to support covid recovery and to plug gaps in statutory funding. This means we may struggle to raise all the funds needed to complete the project in one go and may need to split it into stages. This is obviously not ideal as it will ultimately mean higher costs and much greater disruption for all the groups who regularly use the hall. Here's hoping we might have some positive news to share in the next edition...

Faye Tan

What's On:

Monday mornings	dance fitness and tai chi
Tuesday mornings	playgroup
Wednesday mornings	pilates
Thursday mornings	mobile shops
Saturday mornings	dancing school
Sundays	screen school

For more information on any of these classes/activities or to book the hall, please contact Faye on 525275/ 07725 427311 or faye@oldrectory.uk.net

Stepping Stones Pre-School



In July we said "Goodbye" to our children heading off to "big school". We wish all those children a healthy and happy future as they begin the next chapter of their adventure.

We are looking forward to starting the new academic year in September. Excited to see some familiar faces as well as welcoming lots of new children into the setting, and organising lots of fun activities and experiences for them.

We are holding our first fundraising event of the year very soon – On 16th September we are hosting a party with champagne and live music, which promises to be lots of fun at The Three Swans in Market Harborough – we would be delighted to see you there, please contact us by email: preschool1@clipston.northants.sch.uk or phone 01858 525113, or just pop in for your tickets.

If you are looking for a friendly local preschool with an excellent reputation, please visit our website www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk or call us on 01858 525113 for more information.

As a charity preschool, fundraising is an essential part of our business. Below are details of a great scheme that gives you the opportunity to support us without costing you a penny:

Amazon smile

When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as **amazon.co.uk**, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity. Visit the AmazonSmile Charity Stories Page to hear more from AmazonSmile charities about the work they are doing!

Here are 2 tools to make using AmazonSmile easier:

1. **Bookmark smile.amazon.co.uk in your browser.**
2. **Use AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App on iPhones or Android phones.** When you activate AmazonSmile in the app, every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for Stepping Stones Pre School Clipston.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT
STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL
7.30pm - Midnight
16th September 2022
Three Swans, Market Harborough
Canapés & bubbles on arrival
Band & DJ
Tickets £25 each
Buy now @ Stepping Stones or
Louise Gowling on 07540 577973

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Clipston Festival 2022

The festival committee would like to thank everyone who helped, before, during and after the event. The only way the festival continues is by the time and effort the volunteers put in and this year we were able to raise £3800 for the upkeep and maintenance of the playing fields, equipment and pavilion. Other village groups who take part also benefit e.g. Stepping Stones, CWI (Clipston WI) and the Tennis club - so if your group would like to raise money, consider having a stand next year, and all the proceeds will go to you.

So thanks again to everyone especially those people that came out in the rain for the afternoon, we're a hardy lot in Clipston!

The festival committee

(clipstonplayingfields@gmail.com).

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CADS present: Murder Mystery Evening

Saturday 26th November

It's Hollywood in the 1950s and excitement is in the air with the D.A.F.T.A. awards being televised for the first time. Stars of stage and screen are gathered excitedly together but the evening doesn't turn out quite as they had expected...

Join us for another fun evening of entertainment and sleuthing in the Village Hall. With delicious home-cooked food, Clipston Jazz Band and a bar, what more do you need to tempt you? Tickets are £12.50, payable in advance, available from Liz Clarke (lizandmartin@talktalk.net or 01858 540116). Profits to the Village Hall fund. First drink free to those dressed up for the occasion!

TICKETS
£12.50
from
Liz Clarke



Last year's Murder Mystery Night "Death on the Prom"

Image © Jim Tyson

A Celebration of Christmas

Bring the family and come and join us in All Saints Church, Clipston, to **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS** with your favourite carols.

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 5.30pm.

There will be Christmas readings and poems, read by our talented locals. Some of our Clipston children will also be singing as a group and as soloists. Back by popular request will be the Hand Bell ringers who will ring more Christmas Carols. The Benefice choir will be singing some carols, accompanied by a range of instrumentalists, but their MAIN role, is to lead the audience in the singing of well known favourite Christmas Carols. We are expecting the audience to be in good voice!

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 to the Church. If anyone would rather give a donation by BACS payment please contact me.

Any information required please contact Julie Connell.

Email: j.connell118@btinternet.com or
Telephone: 01858 525336





The past three Decembers have seen us unable to celebrate as a community, with restrictions and fears of infection rife. So, how about we make up for it this year with an extravaganza of music, food and cheer? As you can see, we have two musical celebrations taking place at the village church, one on **Sunday 4th December**, as supplied by the fantastic period musicians **The York Waits**, and the other a traditional festive celebration with carols on **Sunday 11th December**.

So how about further celebrations at the village pub, to help really get us in the festive spirit? This could consist of mulled wine, seasonal food, stalls, music etc, and all on our doorstep! If, like me, you'd like to extend the Christmas cheer this year, and help to support our lovely local pub in the process, please get in contact. Whether you have ideas to contribute or would be happy to help organise, any help is welcome!

In the first instance please email me at rachel.k.smith@hotmail.com, and from there we can hopefully get the ball moving on making this a Clipston Christmas to remember!

Rachel.



Musical date for your diary

The York Waits will be playing a concert of Christmas music in Clipston Church.

The proceeds are for the upkeep of the church.

The Waits will explore the rich tapestry of seasonal music from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century, sung and accompanied by the full array of period instruments – shawms, sackbuts, curtals, crumhorns, bagpipes, recorders, flutes, fiddles, rebec, guitar, hurdy gurdy and portative organ. The Waits perform regularly throughout the country and have frequently appeared at festivals and celebratory events at home and abroad.

There music has been described by one reviewer as '...a dazzling seasonal celebration...characteristically infectious and, as always, they brought the music of days gone by to vivid, brilliant life.' Alice Masterson, www.yorkpress.co.uk

Tickets are £12 for adults and school age children are free. You can purchase from Eventbrite or directly from **Andy Blake** andyblake4@hotmail.com or **Julie Connell** j.connell118@btinternet.com The concert will be followed by the switching on of the Christmas Tree on the Green lights. Come and join us for an afternoon to begin the seasonal celebrations!

Andy Blake

The York Waits

On December 4th at 2.30 p.m



The York Waits and Friends during the recording of their Xmas CD, August 2015

TICKETS
£12

CWI - Clipston WI

The CWI now has 32 members and we'd love to welcome more women from the village and surrounding areas to come and join the fun!

In the past few months we've been learning a lot together. In May we heard about the intention of the WI to campaign to increase awareness, diagnosis and support for women with attention deficit disorder and autistic spectrum disorder. More in 2023 about this.

We were amazed by demonstration of the power of hypnosis and heard a little of how Christina has used this with patients at LOROS Hospice to help with pain and stress.

In June we hosted an open meeting to hear Anna Wilson from the Council tell us more about what being a conservation area means. The rationale for this was interesting and the 122 page area appraisal and management plan is a super collation of significant buildings, architectural features and views in the village. There was also heated discussion as expected since this does impact significantly on many homeowners.

Victoria Bell joined us in July to tell us about the work of the local charity Teamwork Trust that supports adults with learning disabilities to have opportunities and choices and provides counselling and wellbeing services to an increasing number of people with mental health problems.

Dates for your diary:

September 28th

On national fitness day Roz Strachan will be helping us with our Musculoskeletal health.

November 23rd

Nila Lakhani will be leading us in a homemade curry night.

Guests are welcome for £5 to both of these. Join on the night and get this refunded!

We also have monthly walks and social events such as the recent visit to the glorious gardens at Cottesbrooke Hall. Take a look at www.clipston.org/wi for much more information.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN



A Note From the Editors

After a short illness Rose Anderson, who was president of the WI for many years and helped with the running of a variety of village organisations, has sadly died.

We hope to include a piece to celebrate her life and the contributions she made to the village in the next edition. Should you wish to contribute anything to this tribute, please let us know.

Sending love to her family, friends and all who knew her.

The Courier Team

Wonderful Walks

Northamptonshire Walks Website

Walk 116: Welford Reservoir Circular Walk

Distance: 7.7 miles (12.45km)

This local circular walk takes in Welford reservoir and Sibbertoft. It is a beautiful walk along paths, through fields and country roads.

We have walked this route at various times of year and it is always a lovely walk - but it can get muddy during the winter. We often start in Sibbertoft (13) taking the diagonal path over the fields at the bend in the road as it heads out of Sibbertoft towards the airfield. The walk is dog friendly but there are stiles at various points.

The complete route will take 2.5 hours but we often select a smaller part of the walk when time is short.

Enjoy!

Caroline Pemberton



THE ROAMING ARTISAN.

IS VISITING...

CLIPSTON

VILLAGE HALL / LE16 9RU

FRI 30.09.22 / 3-7PM

FRI 11.11.22 / 3-7PM

POP UP VILLAGE STORE SELLING LOCALLY PRODUCED;
CHEESE; BREAD; CHARCUTERIE; SAUCES;
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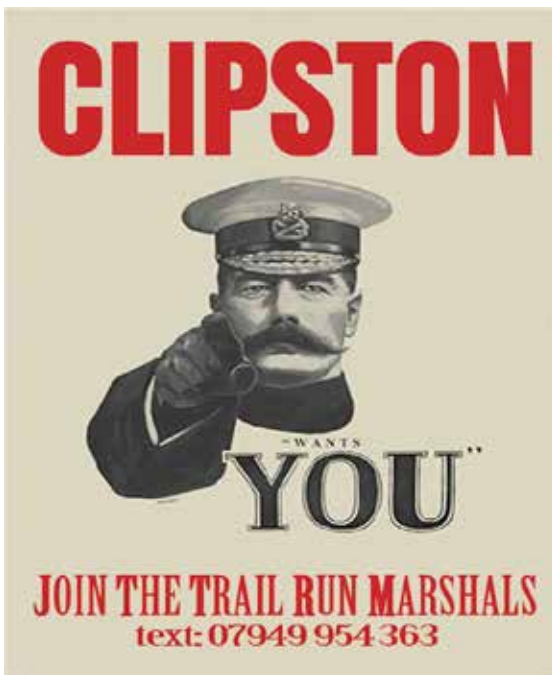
Clipston Trail Half Marathon & new for '22 Five Mile Trail

Start and finish at Clipston recreation ground LE16 9RN. Details including price, entry form etc. go to:

<https://raceharborough.co.uk/clipston-trail-half/>
You should expect to finish within 3½hours, and be 17 or over.

Medals and CWI cake at the finish! All profits to CRFT to help maintain the recreation field.

The trail run is now in its fourth year. The inaugural run in 2019 saw over 130 competitors from the local area and beyond descend upon Clipston Recreation Ground to battle against a half marathon distance course over the bridleways of Clipston, Kelmars and beyond. The event was acknowledged by both organisers and competitors alike as an unqualified success. The event has continued to grow and we were fortunate to be able to run the event in between the two lockdown periods of 2020. Paramount to the success of these events has been the number of willing volunteers and course marshals ensuring that the runners have a safe and enjoyable experience.



This year the event has been extended to include a new **5 mile Country Trail** as well as the original **Trail Run** - this will mean that we will require some more volunteer marshals.

As a marshal you will certainly feel part of the event encouraging runners as well as enjoying being out on the course amongst some of our spectacular scenery.

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact **Mark Ginns** on **07949 954 363**.

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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)

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

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Friends of Haddon Fields

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

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Is your group information up to date?
Please let us know if things have changed.
Email the editorial team on
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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

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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

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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

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All Saints Church

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

Baptist Chapel

Sundays at 10.45am. All welcome.

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