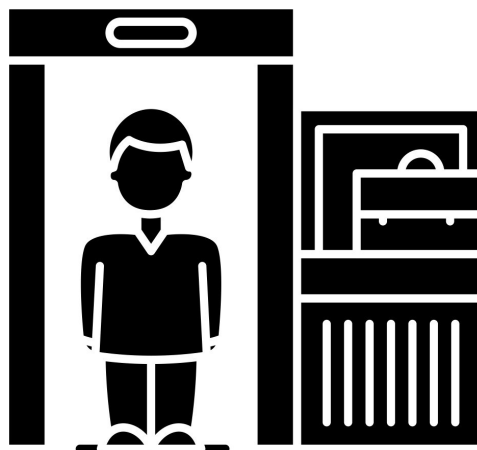


MUM'S THE WORD

As some of you will know, we have recently been out to Greece for a family wedding. The only part of the trip that was not so enjoyable was, as always, the flights. It begins with the journey to and from the airport, then the check in, the queues, the waiting around and the eye watering cost of the food, sweets and soft drinks. However there was some light entertainment for those of us lucky enough to be onlookers.

Steve, whose passport photo makes him look like he's on a wanted list, was



pulled out of line going out, for a 'Random Search'. Arms stretched, legs apart, shoes off and hands scanned. All was fine and we moved on. On the way home he was taken to one side once again for a 'Random Search' What a coincidence. The same procedures followed as we all looked on laughing. Imagine our shock and the volume of our laughter as the greek security woman then started to put on a pair of disposable gloves!

Fortunately she turned away from Steve and he was free to go through to departure.

It was some time before the colour returned to his cheeks and we ran out of jokes.



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Clawton Clarion

October 2026

I'll keep this short as the list of events is taking over this month. If you have an item/event you'd like to see published next month, please send it via email by the 20th of the month to: clawtonclarion@gmail.com. As always, views expressed by our contributors are their own, and not those of the Parish Council. **Alison**

Event	Time	Date	Place	Contact
Tractor Run	10:15am	Sunday 4th	Parish Hall	07967 525769
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 7th	Parish Hall	Ann 01409 259972
Coffee Morning	10:30am	Thursday 8th	Parish Hall	Community Run Pop in
Railway Club	7pm	Friday 9th	Parish Hall	Community Run Pop in
with Rev Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 11th	St Leonard's Church	01409 254667
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 14th	Parish Hall	Anne 01409 253679
Singing for Fun	7:30pm	Wednesday 21st	Parish Hall	Ann 01409 259972
Craft Fayre	9:30 -12	Sunday 25th	Parish Hall	Maralyn 01409 271315
United Service Café Church	11am	Sunday 25th	St Leonard's Church	Lorna Bowden 01409 271384
Line Dancing	7:15pm	Wednesday 28th	Parish Hall	Ann 01409 259972
Wine and Wisdom	7pm for 7:30pm	Friday 30th	Parish Hall	Fully Booked

PARISH COUNCIL

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Brief Summary of Meeting Monday 14th September 2026

Unauthorised building works in woodland: Cllr Gibson (our Torridge District Councillor) will request an update on enforcement action.

Proposed Solar Farm: A site of 38 hectares at Ratherton Farm EX22 6NB (opposite Southcott Garage) is being considered for solar panels. Although not within the parish, it is very close. Clerk will put an article in the Clarion.

VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed signs): Cllr Hames reported the theft of the solar panel only weeks after installation. Thieves would have needed a ladder and tools to steal the item and it will cost £576 to replace. Councillors agreed that it had slowed traffic through the village. The items are insured, but considering the possibility of it happening again and the impact on insurance premiums following a claim, Cllr Hames suggested buying a second set of batteries and offered to charge and change them when required. He felt this would be cheaper in the long run and the unit would be less attractive to thieves. Cllr Hames also requested a quote for a second unit for the other end of the village, as without the use of a solar kit, the unit and batteries may be within budget.

Road Warden Scheme: Information packs have been sent to residents who have requested further information. Training can now be completed online and equipment can be stored locally, rather than having to trek to Okehampton for supplies.

Horslett Hill: Work is being carried out to repair potholes.

Finance: Clerk reported income and expenditure since the last meeting. Payments signed off for Clerk Wages, Clarion Printing (August and September) and Data Storage device for Parish Council documents backup.

AOB Cllr Rowsell (Devon CC Councillor for Holsworthy Rural) provided a written report to be shared in her absence. Key points included LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) in which the proposed re-organisation of Devon has been paused; a description of the work she will be doing on Domestic abuse and sexual violence, and an invitation to consider submitting a request for project funding from the locality budget.

Drip Drip Tamar contacted Clerk to offer a 25-minute presentation on the issues and opportunities to help protect the River Tamar. It was suggested that the information be sent to WOW as a possible speaker for the future.

Highway Community Enhancement Fund: Cllr Gibson (TDC) provided information of available funding and will forward any further funding information to Clerk as projects can include village halls.

Rural Rewards: A leaflet was passed around which offers free service for young farmers. Clerk will post on notice board and in the Clarion.

Village Maintenance: Cllr Mitchell described the enormous amount of work which went into the upkeep of hedges in the area and the taking down of two dead trees which were close to the road. A letter of thanks will be sent to the two families involved.

Remembrance Sunday: A wreath will be ordered.

Next Meeting: Monday 23rd November 2026.

Evelyn's walk

The next walk will be on **Monday 12th October**. We'll be setting off from the **Village Hall in Clawton** at **10am**. You are very welcome to contact me if you need any information.

Tel: **01409 259 848**

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Ruby Country Benefice

Letting Go,
Holding On

remembering our children

11th October 2026
5pm
The church of St. Peter & St. James, Halwill
EX21 5UH

With an introduction from The Right Rev'd Moira Astin, Bishop of Crediton

A service to remember for those of any religion or none - all are welcome.

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**Women
On
Wednesday**

**No meeting
this month,
as we will be
on an outing
to Biddacott
Farm**

THE HEDGE FAIRY

The nights are really drawing in, some stars have started to sprinkle the night sky again, and aurora hunters will sneak out in their dressing-gowns with smart phones to see if they can capture images of the ethereal curtains of coloured light. I think Autumn will be early as the trees are already dropping their leaves, and the evenings have cooled to cardigan temperature, but it also means that sleep is easier to find. At the end of this month will be the school half term, and Halloween opportunities to don costumes, start building bonfires, and getting pet sedatives in preparation for Guy Fawkes night.

Enjoy the last kisses of sunshine from a fabulous summer and get ready to snuggle down and possibly hibernate through the Winter months.

Line Dancing

**begins at 7.15pm
on 28th October.**

Sessions will usually be once a month at 7.30 but the first week will involve enrolment prior to starting.

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ILOS New Energy UK LTD communicated their consideration to a neighbouring parish council, of Ratherton Farm as a possible site for a solar project.

The company plans to keep the community informed and will be arranging a public drop-in session to evaluate the community's comments and suggestions.

The proposed site of 38 hectares is outlined in red in the map below and the company state that it would generate enough energy to meet the needs of around 7,500 homes.

The planning application that will be applied for is temporary and the site must be returned to agricultural use at the end of the 40 year term.

Construction period and consequent traffic will last approximately 8-10 months. If necessary, a traffic management plan will be created.

Kate Covill, the Managing Director, can be contacted via Bridget Lawson: lawson@ilos-energy.com for further information. A copy of the full letter is available by email (address at top of page).



PARISH HALL

Maralyn Bailey

Our local toddler group has lost their meeting venue at Clawton School due to a change in the school's daily routine. The group wishes to meet at the hall every Friday during the school term, therefore our coffee mornings will have to be shifted to a Thursday. Our next coffee morning will be now be hold on Thursday 8th October with the same 10:30am start.

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 15th at 7pm. All organisations are invited to attend so we can show you the improved ladies' toilet area and also explain the layout of the container. A general meeting will follow so we intend the AGM to last approx 30 minutes.

Our craft fayre will be held on Sunday 25th 9.30 to noon. Our Halloween Quiz on Friday 30th October was fully booked from the last quiz. If there are any cancellations I will advertise it on Facebook page. We look forward to an evening of fun with Ian Parker as our quiz master. We would love it if you could attend in fancy dress.

Lastly, we are organising two days for wreath making and table decorations for Christmas. Funds will go to Holsworthy Flower Club and Crisis at Christmas. Dates

Tuesday 24th November for wreaths and Tuesday 22nd December for table decorations. We supply a light lunch—soup and sweet at a cost of £10 per person. Limited places, so please text a booking to 07368 621009.

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MARTIN REDWOOD MEMORIAL TRACTOR RUN



NEW DATE!

Sunday 4th October

**9am at Clawton Village Hall
for 10.15 start**

£10 per tractor £5 per passenger

in aid of the Alzheimer's Society and Clawton Churchyard

Refreshments available before and after run

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