

CLAWTON CLARION



November 2025

Its blowing a hooley through the village today. I think this means we have seen the last bushel of apples and mast of acorns. And when they are not blocking drains or causing people to slip over, the leaves create a crunchy carpet of gorgeousness. My favourite tree at the moment (yes, I am aware of how that sounds) is the liquidambar. They have maple like leaves which are in a beautiful red at the moment. If you crush one of the leaves in your hand, you will find it has an amazing fruity aroma.

When not sniffing leaves, there are many other activities in the village to occupy us. Please see below.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email or have a contribution for the next edition, please get in touch by midday on the 20th of the month, to clawtonclarion@gmail.com Views expressed by our contributors are their own, and not those of the Parish Council.

Alison

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 5th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Remembrance Service Revd. Dr Paul Fitzpatrick	2:30pm	Sunday 9th November	War Memorial and St Leonard's Church
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 12th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30 —12:00	Friday 14th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 14th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Café Church - with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 23rd November	St Leonard's Church
Craft/Plant/Food Fayre	9:30 –12pm	Sunday 30th November	Clawton Parish Hall

CLAWTON PARISH HALL

When this edition hits your doormat, the clocks will have altered and we will all be counting down to Christmas, unbelievable.

Is it age that makes time go so fast?

The last craft fayre for 2025 will be on Sunday 30th November. We will have plenty of crafters, and Christmas goodies on display for you all, don't forget the new timings of 9.30 to 12 noon. Bacon, Sausage and egg baps will be served as usual with teas and coffees, and perhaps a slice of cake!!

The hall is hosting a Christmas wreath or table decoration workshop on Thursday 11th December. Space is limited so do text a message on Maralyn's phone, please see main poster on page 7 for all details.

Later in the month the Christmas tree will arrive, many thanks to Nigel and Edwina Stacey, who donate a tree every year. Please do try and support our local growers, selling cut and rooted trees, along with a vast array of Christmas decorations, all at very attractive prices.

Maralyn

The poppy box is available at the hall and church.



CREAM TEA BINGO
FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

The Longhouse, Dobles Lane, Holsworthy EX22 6GH

£12 to include 10 games of bingo and a cream tea.

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CLAWTON THROUGH THE YEARS

The photographs we shared last month proved very popular. Let's make this a regular feature. Please enjoy the images below. Thank you to Henry and Sue Westlake.



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The UK's landlines are getting an upgrade and soon most phone calls will be made over a broadband line. Don't worry, your landline is here to stay. Your phone number won't change, and over 99% of handsets work with the new system.

For most customers, the move to Digital Voice - BT's new home phone service - is as simple as plugging your phone into a router rather than the phone socket on the wall.

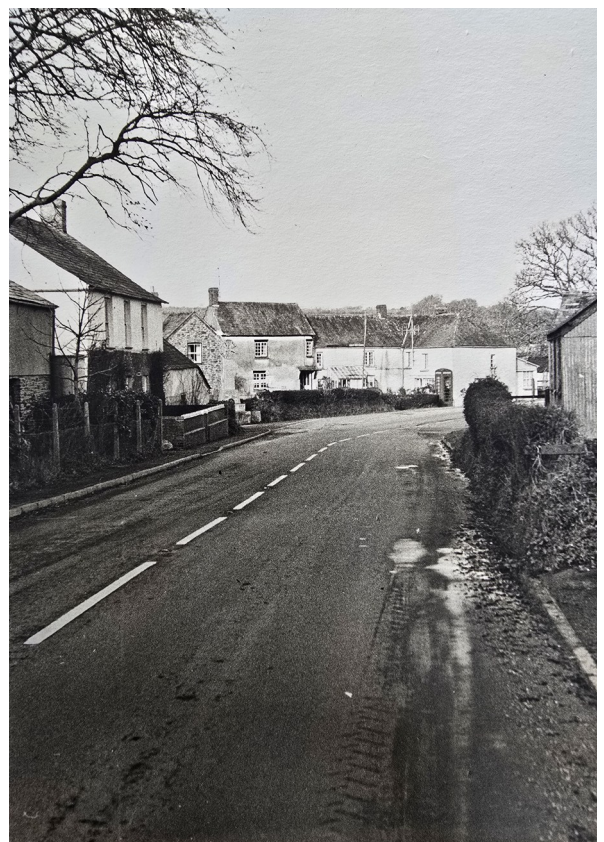
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For more information about Digital Voice, visit: bt.com/digitalvoice



HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

A lovely autumn morning last month welcomed our Level 3 group to Duckpool, near Bude with the sun shining and an iridescent sea. We set out back up the access road and out over King William's Bridge which was built by Parson Hawker of Morwenstow in 1836. Parson Hawker was a colourful character and is well known for his writing of poems and letters from 'Hawkers Hut'. He was also known for his compassion by giving Christian burials to shipwrecked seamen washed up on the shore of his parish. A steep climb then took us through some woodland and ancient tracks and out to Stowe Barton, an historic walled property currently owned by The National Trust. There is said to be archaeological evidence of a Tudor Mansion on the site, superseded by a house built by the Grenville family which was subsequently demolished in the 18th century following the death of the last Grenville. Our walk continued through fields and woodland coming out into the tranquil hamlet of Coombe complete with ford and convenient foot-bridge.

If you would like to join us on any of our walks to visit local places, meet new people and enjoy the benefits of walking our current programme of walks is available. Walks start at 10.30 and are **FREE**. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk.

Our website has lots of up to date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below.

Gillian

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CHURCH NOTICES

Church Contacts

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Churchwarden: Lorna Bowden 01409 271384

Secretary/Treasurer: Paul Grafton 01409 271456 paul@devonholidays.org

Services at St Leonards:

- Remembrance Sunday 9th November at 2:30pm in the village, followed by a service in the church.
- Sunday 23rd November: Café Church with Lorna at 11:00am.

The poppy box is available at the hall and church.



THE HEDGE FAIRY

There are so many berries and wild fruits this year
The woodlands are donning their Autumn regalia
And garden trees are simply carpeting the lawns
Conker finals have all but been played out
Time to give the supplier of kindling and logs a shout

The witches and vampires have had their fun for this year
Some early Frosts have already delayed morning departures
The Clocks have now have taken their extra hour in bed
Yet the lawns are still growing despite short daylight and chill
Too much rain saps the mowing determination and will.

Christmas planning is nudging the backs of our minds
Who to see when? Are venues booked up?
Shall I make my own wreath? Is mulled wine served in a cup?
Do I visit the out-laws or invite them to me?
Shall I self indulge in Christmas all secretly?



Creative Lives

Creative Lives has provided funding so we can arrange a few workshops in November, these will be in Holsworthy – if anyone is feeling lonely or isolated and would enjoy taking part in a workshop where they can meet some new people and maybe enjoy a new hobby, drop me an email or leave me a message and I will contact them with further information.

Places are fully funded so are limited and by invitation.

Email: alisons@ttvs.org.uk

Phone: 01237 420131

MUM'S THE WORD

When I first moved to Devon, over 20 years ago, I took a job with Age Concern. It entailed visiting a list of clients and helping with household chores. I was working around Bude and it was a good opportunity to get to see areas that I wouldn't necessarily visit otherwise, in addition to getting to help some lovely characters.

On one occasion, I was sent to the home of a couple in their eighties. The door opened slightly as I walked up the path and I introduced myself. I saw through the narrow gap, the man of the house assessing me and then he curiously asked "What are your limitations?"

"I can't play the piano" I replied.

"We haven't got a piano" he said as his eyes widened. To which I assured him I would then fit the criteria. The door then opened wide and I was invited in.

I visited them every week for the two years that I was with the company and I never did learn to play piano!



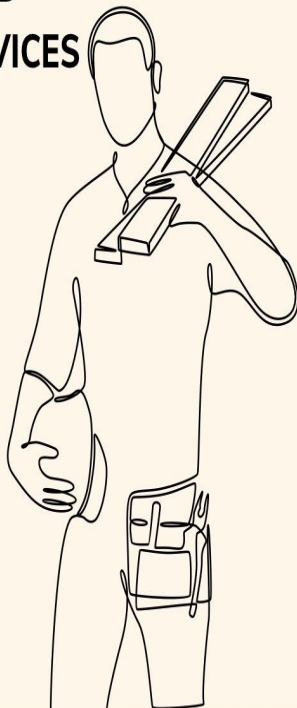
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‘Women on Wednesday’

The next meeting will be held in

Clawton Village Hall

On Wednesday 5th November

at 7.30 p.m.

Our speaker will be from Living History.

Visitors welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting to be held Monday 1st December at 7:30pm at Clawton Parish Hall.

If you have an item you would like to be discussed or would like to attend, please contact clawtonpcclerk@outlook.com

BE SEEN

Now we have darker evenings please consider wearing some form of reflective clothing when walking on any road where there are no street lights.

A simple hi-vis belt is showing for £2.40 plus £1.65 delivery on eBay.

The cheapest hi-vis vest is showing at £2.99 including postage. You can even get one for your dog from about £5!



GARDENING SERVICES

Do you need a hand in the garden?

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- Holiday let maintenance
- Flower arranging

Happy to work with you to plan and style your garden

Please note that I garden responsibly and use peat free compost, no herbicides or pesticides and natural fertilisers.

Give me a call or email:

Kate Cook

07508955884 Kate.cook1103@gmail.com

Clawton Parish Hall
Community Christmas Event

Make your own
Door Wreath & Table Decoration

Thursday 11th December
9.30 - 11.30
Followed by home made soup and dessert
£8 per person

Oasis Rings, Oasis, Trays, Candles, Baubles and Trims
Available to purchase on the day

*You are welcome to bring your own greenery,
trims and ribbons should you wish*

Festive Raffle

Limited Numbers
Please text Maralyn 07368621009 to book a place

Enjoy a relaxed morning with friends and neighbours

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EVELYN'S WALK

On Monday 13th October, we met in the Parish Hall car park at Clawton. I was grateful to Maralyn Bailey for confirming that we wouldn't be causing any inconvenience as I know how well used the hall is for all sorts of community events. We repeated the route that we did in October last year as it's well liked and there's always somebody who hasn't done it previously, even residents of the parish.



We turned left down the road and joined the footpath that's clearly marked on the right. The route was well marked taking us through a couple of lush grassy fields. We reminisced how the series of six galvanised self-closing gates used to be a series of challenging stiles until DCC improved the situation. We also reminisced about walking along the edge of fields planted with maize. That added a whole new dimension to a footpath walk.

When we reached Higher Sellick, the footpath took us through a gap in the hedge. If you blink, you will miss it and end up back on the road. We were greeted by a herd of inquisitive cows but they soon lost interest as they were actually more interested in following the leader of the herd into the adjacent field than us. We followed the footpath through a couple more lush green fields heading towards Hole Park. We did some more reminiscing about the beautiful hanging baskets that Joy Allin used to have every year. They were an absolute joy to behold.

When we reached the road, we turned right and then right again which brought us back to the Parish Hall. Along the way, we had an opportunity to talk to the landowner across whose fields we had been walking and say how much we had enjoyed our walk. It's a lovely circular route taking about 1.5 hours.

The next walk will be on Monday 10th November. We will be setting off from Higher Larkworthy Farm near Ashwater, EX21 5DE at 10am with kind permission of the Kirk family.

Please car share if possible. If you would like any information, you are welcome to contact me.

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Saturdays 10.30pm - 4pm Sundays 10.30am-3.30pm.

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