

MUM'S THE WORD

Wise and wherefores!

I've had a number of questions buzzing in my head this week caused by things I've been doing during the hot spell.

Why don't the people who make mattresses also make sheets to fit? Putting a fitted sheet on a mattress is like trying to put a hairnet on a fridge freezer. And why can't the sheet makers clearly, in big grown up letters, mark the sheets with the size in a sensible way? As in single, double, king size etc. Putting 200cm x something or other means nothing when your bedding cupboard has an assortment of various shades of similar coloured bottom sheets.

I think I've asked this one before but just in case, why don't slugs eat weeds? This is a particularly irritating design fault. How perfect life would be. Particularly bindweed. Even just the roots. I could happily troll around the garden gathering up any dead bindweed without having to scramble through undergrowth.

Why don't manufacturers of bras come up with a better way of fastening them? It is a novelty in your teens, and when your in your twenties, thirties and forties you grow used to it. It may still be possible to put it around your waist back to front, do it up and then swivel it around and into position BUT there comes a time when being a contortionist is no longer attractive or necessary. There must be a better way. Where are the people who design space suits? They surely don't use primitive hooks and eyes!

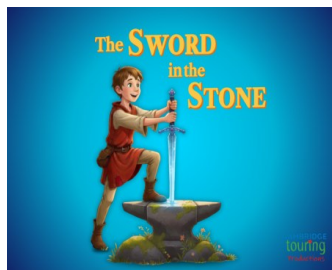
The Cambridge Touring Production present

The Sword In The Stone at Badock Gardens
Holsworthy on Saturday 22/8/26 at 4pm .

Tickets available from Plough Theatre, Torrington box office 01805624624 or on the day at the gate. Under 4's go free..

Bring a picnic to enjoy the play in the lovely location of Badock Gardens on Bodmin Street, Holsworthy.

Please bring own seating . Tea /coffee and squash will be available.



Clawton Clarion

Happy August folks!

August 2026

We have updated the events diary to include a contact where possible. If you'd like to join any of the event/activities/meetings and would like further information, do not hesitate to give them a call first—we are incredibly lucky to have such a friendly community here in Clawton.

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
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 5th	Parish Hall	Ann 01409 259972
Village Clean Up	9am	Saturday 8th	Village Car Park	Paul 01409 271456
United Communion with Rev Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 9th	St Leonard's Church	01409 254667
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 12th	Parish Hall	Anne Mitchell 01409 253679
Coffee Morning	10:30am	Friday 14th	Parish Hall	Community Run Pop in for info
Railway Club	7pm	Friday 14th	Parish Hall	TBC
Singing for Fun	7:30pm	Wednesday 19th	Parish Hall	Ann 01409 259972
United Service Café Church	11am	Sunday 23rd	St Leonard's Church	Lorna Bowden 01409 271384
Village BBQ	5:30pm	Saturday 29th	Holsworthy Ales	07879 401073

PARISH HALL

Maralyn Bailey

I have a belated thank you to give to Trevor & Sandra Stacey and the craftsman Morley for the magnificent gate at the side of the hall. Having been out of circulation for the past months, I need to say how much I appreciate the support the community showed John and I during his last months. I am truly blessed with our family and great friends. The hall will be hosting the annual BBQ at the brewery on the last Saturday in August. There will be the usual salads, burgers etc, topped off with a variety of homemade sweets.

We will be serving from 5.30 and very much hope to see you there.



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Broadband

I have at last received via Sir Geoffrey Cox's office a list of premises in Clawton which are NOT in the latest FTTP (Fibre To The Premises) rollout due for completion I understand by Autumn 2027.

However – it makes no sense to me. For example, premises near the road are on the list (so not included) but those further away down the same bridleway are not on the list (so ARE included).

I've put the list on the village website (BROADBAND button on the Parish Council tab).

It is possible that premises on Airband's existing FWA (Fixed Wireless Access) may be excluded on the basis that they already have 30mpbs broadband – but as they will know, it doesn't work in heavy rain so isn't a substitute for a fixed line.

I also don't believe that Airband will connect some of the outlying properties which are not on the exceptions list. Airband told me today that right now they are not doing any installations anyway.

There is a voucher scheme which anyone not on the list can apply for but looking at the relevant website it needs more than one premises and a scheme which we can't really set up until we can understand why the exceptions aren't included. But the scheme ends at the end of August so since neither Connecting Devon & Somerset nor Airband (nor anyone else in spite of the efforts of Sir Geoffrey Cox) can give us any hard information we're rather stuck. I don't really think Britain's broken but this farce does make one wonder.....

So once again it looks like Starlink might be the best option for decent reliable broadband.

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Fly Tipping

At a recent meeting of the parish council, Torridge District Councillor Gibson informed us of issues our neighbouring villages are facing with fly tipping.

It seems that fly tippers are using back lanes around our villages to tip what looks like, domestic household and builders waste onto road sides, pull in areas and field entrances.

The offence of fly-tipping is enforceable by the Environment Agency, local authorities and the Police with penalties that can include an unlimited fine and a prison sentence. However, it is often difficult to identify the culprits in rural areas.

Everyone who produces waste has a legal duty of care to ensure it is disposed of properly. A person or business may be guilty of a fly-tipping offence if their waste is found to have been dumped, even if the dumping was carried out by someone else. If you employ someone to take your waste away, always check they have a proper waste carriers licence and take their name, address and vehicle details. Failing to do so could result in you being prosecuted if your waste is fly-tipped.

We ask that residents please stay vigilant in order to keep our beautiful village and surroundings free from unsightly and dangerous waste.

For more information on waste crime and reporting, visit the website: <https://orlo.uk/L1scV>



ST LEONARDS CHURCH

Church Contacts

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Baptism, Wedding or Funeral: rubycountry.beneficeadmin@btinternet.com

Churchwarden: Lorna Bowden 01409 271384

Secretary/Treasurer: Paul Grafton 01409 271456

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

To book, text or call 07967 525769



**Women
On**

Wednesday

**We will be
meeting on**

**Wednesday
5th August**

7:30pm

**Bring and
Share**

**Summer
Supper**

THE HEDGE FAIRY

Lots of 1st's

I cannot recall a similar Summer except 1976, and apparently that record has now been broken.

- It is the first time that I have used the air conditioning in my car.
- It's the first time that I have put ice packs in my insulated shopping bag so that the ice cream I buy will get home safely.
- It is the first time I have seen sea fog, I assume that is what it was as I couldn't see the sea!

- It is the first time that I have spotted several cars parked up in Morrisons filled to the gills with holiday clothes, children, father and equipment, whilst other parent I assume, is stocking up for the self catering holiday. Note to self - move shopping trips to Launceston for the next couple of trips at least.

- It's the first time that I have been introduced to mosquito bands- much nicer than trying to find ancient insect repellent cream.

- It's the first time that I have a pond in my garden with a paddle patch to cool my feet- yes it is nearly finished, and many thanks for all the donations.



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Evelyn's walk

The next walk will be on Monday 10th August. We'll be setting off from East Vognacott Farm near Chilsworthy at 10am with kind permission of the owners. You are very welcome to contact me if you need any information. Please share transport if you can.

Everyone welcome.

For more information:

Evelyn Sharman

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Tetcott and Luffincott Horticultural show

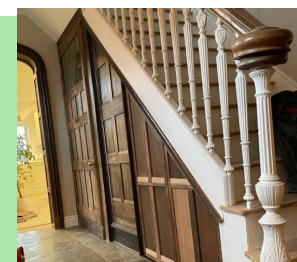
Saturday 1st August

Opening at 4pm with cream teas and children's games.

At Tetcott village hall

7pm Barbecue Bar and Quiz

for more info email mitchell900@btinternet.com or phone 07917826457



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