

# CLAWTON CLARION



**November 2024**

The windy weather is not only playing havoc with my hair, its causing more litter to be blown around the parish than usual. I think our recycling containers (boxes and bags) were designed to be used in Brazil or Chile—places with very low rainfall and only gentle breezes. Putting a lidless box of light-weight plastic items, and a plastic sack containing cardboard on the roadside, may seem a little ridiculous, but this is what we must do if we wish our recycling to be collected. I’m avidly watching Dragons’ Den for an entrepreneur to solve this first world problem. The food caddy seems at least to be more robust as ours has defeated the local wildlife. Village dog walkers have reported spotting lots of sandwich cartons, takeaway coffee cups and heaps of disposable vapes on their walks. Thank you to all who have picked these up and disposed of them. I’m no Sherlock Holmes, but I guess these are left by those driving through and having lunch on the go and not our residents.

If you would like to see your items published in the December edition, please send them in by midday on the earlier date due to Christmas, of 14th, to [clawtonclarion@gmail.com](mailto: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 6th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30—12:00	Friday 8th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 8th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Remembrance Sunday Rev’d Dr Paul Fitzpatrick	2:30pm	Sunday 10th November	Clawton War Memorial and St Leonard's Church
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 13th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Wine and Wisdom	7:30pm (start)	Friday 15th November	Clawton Parish Hall
Café Church with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 24th November	St Leonard's Church
Christmas Bingo	6:30pm (doors open)	Friday 29th November	Clawton Village Hall

# HOLSWORTHY WALK

## AND TALK

BY

GILLIAN ASTON



A new walk on our programme usually generates a good turnout and our latest addition was no exception. Twenty walkers met at Duckpool, Bude on a lovely sunny, clear day. After leaving the car park we walked up a narrow steep path through Coombe Woods to a clearing with lovely views over fields and the coast. Having passed the very grand Stowe Barton House, a 17th century two storey building now offering B and B accommodation we descended through Stowe Woods to the Coombe Valley surrounded by lovely trees displaying their autumn colours. We then entered Coombe Village which has many thatched cottages, including Hawkers Cottage named after the writer and poet, the Reverend Hawker who lived there in the 1820s before moving to Morwenstowe. The house which has one of the upstairs windows in the shape of a cross is now owned by the Landmark Trust and offers holiday accommodation. In the small hamlet of Coombe we came across a ford which, although it does boast a very good bridge, several of the walkers, especially those wearing wellies decided to wade and splash their way through!

This Duckpool Walk is classed as a Level 3 walk which means that it may have steep sections, possibly stiles and would be 3 miles minimum in length. Our Level 2 walks have no stiles, more level terrain and would be shorter than 3 miles. Our Level 1 walk in Holsworthy Park is a very short, level walk with the emphasis being on socialising with refreshments served afterwards. As we go through life we have times of being more active than others but by offering the variety of walks it gives everyone the opportunity to choose the level they feel comfortable with on a particular day.

If you would like to join us, we walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am 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.



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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Planning

Conversion of stables at Holly Farm (south of Court Barn Hotel). Details can be found on Torridge Planning website.

Torridge District Council have approved the Clawford Lakes application to which we objected. A copy of the Decision and Delegated Report can also be found on Torridge Planning website.

<https://www.torridge.gov.uk/planning>

**Women**

**on**

**Wednesday**

The next meeting is in  
Clawton Village Hall

**on**

**Wednesday**

**6th**

**November**

**at 7.30 p.m.**

**When members will hear**

**From Ray Barclay**

**About Bowen Therapy.**

**Visitors welcome.**



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# CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

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**Secretary/Treasurer -** Paul Grafton - 01409 271456 [paul@devonholidays.org](mailto:paul@devonholidays.org)

### Church services:

10/11/2024	Sun	1430	Remembrance Service	Revd Paul
24/11/2024	Sun	1100	United Service	Lorna Bowden

Remembrance Sunday: The Remembrance service starts at the War Memorial in the village centre at 2.30pm and finishes in the church.

**Church news:** By the time this edition hits your doormat the slope up to the entrance to the church should have been concreted and textured to make it as non-slip as possible.

### Halloween

A Halloween event is being held in the church on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> for all local under-12s (accompanied by a responsible adult) from 6pm to 8pm.



There will be activities including a demonstration of bellringing (and the opportunity to have a go), quiz, a treasure hunt, a film and refreshments, including coffee and tea for adults. Fancy dress is optional.

To book please contact Lorna on 01409 271384.

## *Wine & Wisdom*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**7.30pm start, Clawton Parish Hall**

**Book your team's table now –**

**call or text Paul on 07794 913757**

*There is now a limit on the numbers we can accept to avoid overcrowding the hall so*

***booking is essential!***

# CLAWTON PARISH HALL

November will be poppy time. Following Covid, The Royal British Legion does not want house to house collections, so in line with previous years, poppies will be available at the hall when events are happening and in church for their services. I am sorry that we cannot cover the whole area as before, as I have carried out house to house for over 40 years Western side of the village.

The hall committee want to thank Anne & Roger for their continued organisation of the whist evenings. These evenings have given the hall funds £1,000 over the past two years. It is a fun evening, no one takes it seriously, so do come and join us on the second Wednesday each month.

The book swap area has been tidied up by the addition of a strong bookcase, donated by Fran Beech, thank you. I am sure the jigsaws will also be more popular too now that the winter is approaching.

Has anyone seen a small white china mug that was dedicated to the school for 2000? It seems to have gone missing from the display of commemorative mugs and we would love to see it returned.

The October Wine and Wisdom will have taken place by the time this reaches everyone. We are now limiting the tables to 16 due to fire and safety regulations, so book now for the November event.

The last Sunday in October we will be hosting the Craft/food fayre, the November one will now be held on December 1st so it does not clash with other pre-Christmas events in the area.

Friday 29th November brings the annual hall Christmas bingo, with Kev Vile as our caller.

Doors open from 6.30 ready for a 7.15 start. We have great prizes and a raffle, so come and get into the Christmas spirit early, with an evening of eyes down!

Finally, I would like to thank Adrian and George for trimming the overhanging branches from the car park area, this will improve the safety of car drivers. Also, thanks for the extra trimming of the hall perimeter after Callum cut the field side hedges. The clearance of the leaves will be an endless task over the next weeks, so bear with us, I know it doesn't look the tidiest at present, but there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to keep the hall as pristine as possible.

*Maralyn*





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## MUM'S THE WORD

I remember the first advent calendar I ever received. In fact, it was the first one I'd ever seen! It was sent to me by a relative in New Zealand. I was 7 and totally mesmerised. It sparkled and glistened in the light, and searching out the doors in the correct order aided the discovery of the variety of tiny animals in the snow scene. As it had arrived 3 days into December, I was able to immediately open three of the tiny doors to discover the picture behind each one. I took it to school to show the class and my teacher put it up on the wall.

After lunch on returning to the classroom it was quickly discovered that someone had opened up every door. I was devastated. I bravely kept my sadness to myself but cried all the way home.

This memory came back to me this week having been targeted by adverts for Advent Calendar beauty boxes at unbelievable prices.

BOOTS - £175, LIBERTY - (worth £1205) £260 and JO MALONE at an eye watering...£360. It goes up and up.

This is just the run up to Christmas. What do these people expect to receive on the big day? For a long time it's been compulsory for children's calendars to have a chocolate reward each day but now there's a whole array of collectibles contained in them.

I can't believe though, that any of them will ever seem as magical as that one I got in 1957.

Ann



## BREWERY NEWS



We will be open on:

7, 14 and 21 December between  
3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Beers, Christmas gifts and mince  
pies are on offer.

Come down and have a beer/cider/  
wine/cup of tea and enjoy a chat  
with your friends and neighbours.

Christmas  
CHILDREN'S  
CRAFTS

*Come make decorations for your home and help  
decorate the church*

November 30th | At Tetcott church  
10am until 12pm

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

# EVELYN'S WALK

It was somewhat unfortunate that the ground had started to dry a bit and then it rained heavily on the day before the walk on Monday 14th October. We parked at the Parish Hall in Clawton and we were most grateful to Maralyn Bailey for letting us use the facilities. There are various options for routes from the Hall but we chose the one that we last walked in January'23 and it was a completely new route for three of the group.



From the Hall, we turned left down the hill and joined the clearly marked footpath on the right. It was a bit soggy underfoot but not too bad. The route was well-marked taking us through lovely grassy fields with sheep grazing contentedly. We also met a group of five rams who were obviously disappointed that we hadn't brought their breakfast. I informed everyone that there used to be a series of six stiles to negotiate on this route. The six galvanised self-closing gates supplied by DCC that have replaced them were much appreciated. One of the grassy fields that we walked through used to have a maize crop which made the route challenging with its dense foliage so close to the hedgerow. Walking along the edge of the grassy field was much easier going. When we reached Higher Sellick, the footpath took us through a gap in the hedge which had been trimmed recently. It wasn't very clearly marked but it's visible if you look hard. The route then took us along the edge of several grassy fields with some inquisitive cows. They soon lost interest and returned to grazing. The footpath ends at Hole Park and in turning right and right again the lane brought us back to the Parish Hall. It's a very nice circular route which took us about 1.5 hours.

The next walk will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will be setting off from Higher Larkworthy Farm near Ashwater, EX21 5DE at 10am with very kind permission of the Kirk family. Please car share if possible. You are welcome to contact me if you need any information.

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Father Christmas will visit us weekends: 30th November/1st December  
and 7th/8th December Saturdays 10am - 4pm and Sunday 11am - 3.30pm.

There's no charge and receive a small gift.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Mental Health Awareness

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This Level 1 award course is for people who want to know more about mental health and wellbeing, or who are working with or thinking about working with people experiencing difficulties with their mental health.

Mondays  
4 Nov 2024 - 9 Dec 2024  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
in the Methodist Church, Holsworthy

Course code SDE009

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