

CLAWTON

CLARION



February 2026

Thanks go to Mum (Annie G) for the cover photo taken here of Aurora Borealis last week. I was catching up on Traitors and missed the real drama actually taking place above our heads. What a sight!

I have opted for a pink theme this month to set the mood for Valentines. I couldn't go with red as I don't have the gossip which usually accompanies a red topped newspaper. For those who celebrate Valentines Day, you can fold this in half and pop it in an envelope and save on a card.

HAPPY VALENTINES TO YOU.

If you have an item or event you'd like to see published in the next edition, please send by email on, or before 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.

Best wishes for the month, *Alison*

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 4th February	Clawton Parish Hall
United Service with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 8th February	St Leonard's Church
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 11th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30—12:00	Friday 13th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 13th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Valentine/Friendship Lunch	12:45pm	Sunday 15th February	Clawton Parish Hall
Café Church with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 22nd February	St Leonard's Church
Wine and Wisdom	6:30pm (doors open)	Friday 27th February	Clawton Village Hall

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

BY GILLIAN ASTON



At this time of the year we are grateful to have a choice of forestry tracks and well-maintained paths such as Tamar Lake and Roadford Lake as many of the walks which involve fields tend to be very wet and muddy. However, having checked out Holsworthy Woods and Witherdon Woods, we found that forestry works are being carried out at both locations. Our Level 2 group did walk a section of Holsworthy Woods which was not being cleared although the main track was quite muddy caused by large machinery. We will need to change some of the scheduled walks due to these works so, if in doubt, please check our website for up to date changes or contact the designated Walk Leader for a particular day.

Photograph above was taken at Holsworthy woods.

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.

Contacts:

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<https://holsworthywalkandtalk.co.uk>

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THE HEDGE FAIRY

The Hedge Fairy is definitely feeling rather chilly, so I have decided to share one of my winter warmer recipes with you:-

Pretend Vegetable Pilaff — enough Comfort Food for 2-4 people

Base Vegetable Ingredients

1 x red pepper (sliced)
1 x green pepper (sliced)
1 x yellow /orange pepper (sliced)
1 large or 2 small red onions (sliced)
1 large or 2 small normal onions (sliced)
3 cloves of garlic (sliced/ squashed/sliced) or large spoon of garlic paste

All the above to be mixed together and fried gently in a frying pan or roasted in an oven.

Rice

1 x cup long grain rice

2 x cups water

1 stock cube (whatever flavour takes your fancy) or 1/2 teaspoon Marmite/Bovril

Put all this in a saucepan, bring to the boil, cover with a lid and turn the heat off and forget about it for at least 10 minutes.

Finishing ingredients

Approximately 2 ounces of cheese (cheddar/ fresh parmesan grated) optional

A large squirt of tomato paste

If you want a wider variety of veg, then peas and sweetcorn can be cooked off separately.

Put the cooked rice in a large bowl and fluff up. Add the roasted vegetables, any other vegetables, tomato paste and cheese and mix it all together. Cosy up and eat - any leftovers can be frozen.

Hedge Fairy



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CLAWTON PARISH HALL

Firstly, I would like to thank Nigel & Edwina for the wonderful outdoor Christmas tree for the hall's use. Good to see Clawton lit up this year.

As many will know sadly, we had two gas bottles taken from the hall. As we said at the time, if someone was in real "need" we would have helped them out, there was no need to take this action. Within hours, my faith in human nature had been restored, with the offer of empty cylinders, and two of our families offering to cover the cost of the refills. Thank you everyone.

Our Friendship/Valentine meal is now fully booked, including helpers we will be providing the three course meal for over 70 people.

On Friday February 27th, the hall is hosting our spring quiz. Ian is our QM, the theme being children's tv programmes and characters! Dressing in character is being encouraged but not essential!

Booking please on my mobile only and leave a message if I don't pick up. 07368 621009.

After the Christmas celebrations we will be moving forward with the installation of CCTV to ensure the security of the hall and surrounding area. The side gate will be reinstated to limit the accessibility to the rear car park area.

Our first Sunday "craft/food" fayre in March will be on the 29th but be limited to plants and food only, the craft themed days will return in April, May, & June, not in July or August, and resuming in September, October and November.

Maralyn

NEWS FROM HOLSWORTHY ALES

**The brewery will be
open on
Fridays
in February
2026
from
5pm to 8pm**

ST LEONARDS CHURCH

Please see the events section on the front page for details of this month's services.

Church Contacts

Rector: Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick 01409 254667 vicar-rubycountry@outlook.com

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

Churchwarden: Lorna Bowden 01409 271384

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

MEMORIES OF CLAWTON

Remember the snowdrops photograph in the January edition? Well here is a later picture as they were cut and sent from South Beer Farm on the 7:30pm train from Holsworthy, to arrive and on sale in Covent Garden, London the next morning.

Below: A party held in the hall during the 1970s,

Snow on Beer Hill



Thanks go to Henry and Sue Westlake for this month's pictures.

Above is a photograph, believed to be taken around 1970, of their public address van which was used throughout the South West.

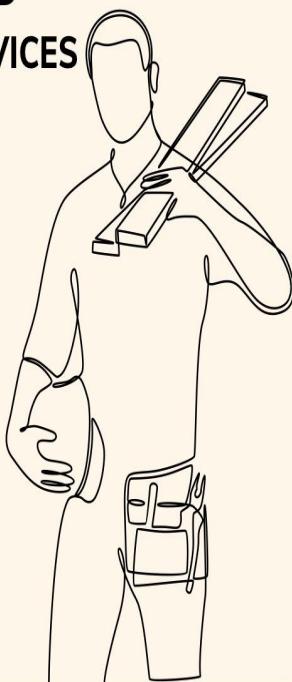
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Clawton Community History Project as school celebrates 150 years.

Clawton Primary School is preparing to celebrate a remarkable milestone as it approaches its 150th anniversary in 2026. To mark this special occasion, among other festivities the school's PTA and teaching staff are working together to create a commemorative book charting the history of Clawton Primary School and local communities like Clawton and Tetcott from 1876 through to the present day. The book will capture the memories, stories and images that reflect the community and school's rich heritage and the many lives it has touched over the years.

Former pupils, past and present members of staff and the wider community are warmly invited to contribute. The team is seeking photographs of memorable moments, as well as written recollections and anecdotes that can be included in the publication. Whether it is a fond memory of school days, a photograph of a school play or sports event, or a story that highlights village life, all contributions will help bring the school's history in the community to life. The committee is also keen to get in touch with history enthusiasts who would like to contribute by researching and writing about the history of rural education in England and village life. It will be a credit to the book if local stories and events can be related to these changes in society events in history, as you will understand that 150 years starts in the Victorian age where 'Empire Day' was still celebrated and the roads were often made of dirt, and schooling was not common and scarlet fever or whooping cough outbreaks were regular events. Some decades later the school log books make note of donations to the soldiers at the front in WW1, followed by the welcoming of evacuee children at the school in WW2 to the present day with all its technological advancements.

An open invitation has been extended for people to bring along any materials on **Monday 9th February** when all are welcome to visit the school **from 3:45-5pm**. They can then learn more about the project in a relaxed setting with tea and coffee provided. This will be an opportunity to meet those involved, share stories, and find out how contributions will be used in the anniversary book.

For anyone unable to attend on the day, contributions are still very welcome. Please contact the PTA at Clawtonpta@gmail.com or speak directly with **Wendy Ward** for further information.

As Clawton Primary School looks ahead to its 150th year, this project aims to honour the past, celebrate the present, and preserve cherished memories for future generations.

Photograph on the right shows some of the Tetcott school children when this school joined the school in Clawton



EVELYN'S WALK

Confirming that there wasn't a walk in January, so the next one will be the first one of 2026.

We will set off at 10am from Devon Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve (Dunsdon Nature Reserve) in Pancrasweek on Monday 9th February. You are very welcome to contact me if you need directions or would like any information about the route. I'll look forward to walking with anyone who would like to join me on any of the walks that I have planned for this year. They are on the second Monday of the month starting at 10am.

The meeting points are announced in the Parish magazine each month.

Evelyn

Tel: 01409 259 848



Women

on

Wednesday

This month's WoW meeting is
on 4th Feb at 7.30pm

in Clawton Village Hall

Guest speaker, local author

Liz Shakespeare, will be

talking about her writing life.

New members always

welcome

Please contact

Annie 01409 259972

for further information

Public consultation - submit your response!



Stand up for the future of your home heating – respond by 10th February

The government is currently consulting on how homes like yours will be heated in the future, and this is your chance to make sure your voice is heard. The government's view is that low temperature heat pumps will be the primary low carbon technology for decarbonising most homes, but it recognises they may not be suitable for everyone. This is particularly true for homes off the gas grid that rely on oil heating.

The consultation seeks views on a range of alternative options. The problem with the majority of these is that it involves replacing your existing heating system, and in most cases, this is extremely costly. The data in the consultation also suggests these alternative options are no cheaper to use than existing oil heating systems.

However, the consultation also says that liquid biofuels may play a role. The big advantage of this approach is that homeowners using oil already do not need to change their heating system – the renewable liquid fuel can be used in any existing or new oil heating system. The industry is ready to begin introducing this option but needs the support of government to make this happen.

It's crucial that households have access to a range of viable choices, including renewable liquid heating fuels. Sharing your views through the consultation is the most important way to ensure this happens and, to make it easy, the Future Ready Fuel campaign has created an automated platform to enable you to submit a pre-prepared response – it only takes a minute.

To respond, simply visit the Future Ready Fuel website (futurereadyfuel.info/consultation/), add your details and press send – it's that easy!

If you would like to edit the response first, you can download a copy here: <https://futurereadyfuel.info/consultation-letter-hh>, amend as needed and email it to alternativecleanheatsolutions@energysecurity.gov.uk

Full details of the consultation can be found on the .gov website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exploring-the-role-of-alternative-clean-heating-solutions>

Please don't miss this opportunity – the consultation closes on 10th February.

Malcolm Farrow
Director of Marketing and External Affairs OFTEC