

CLAWTON CLARION December 2021



Welcome to the December 2021 edition of the Clawton Clarion.

We are all looking forward to a Christmas with our families and friends after the difficult times throughout the last 18 months. Please remember that Covid is still with us and take care to protect yourselves and our community as we come together for some joyous events over this festive season.

Don't forget, the Clawton Clarion is your voice, so keep those contributions and any feedback coming!

***PLEASE NOTE*:**

Contributions for the next edition must be received by midday on **Sunday 12th December** to ensure printing and delivery before Christmas to graham.jw@btinternet.com or call me, Judi Graham: 01409 271265

If you would like to receive the Clarion electronically, send me your e mail address

Dates for your Diary

1st December	Women on Wednesday	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall – <i>see further details. Visitors Welcome</i>
4th December	Christmas Fayre	10.00-2.00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
4th December	Bingo	6.00pm	Clawton Parish Hall
4th December	Make mince pies at Tetcott	10.30-12.00	Tetcott Village hall - <i>see further details</i>
10th December	Home from Home Coffee Morning	10.30-12.00	Clawton Parish Hall – <i>hosted by Elaine</i>
11th December	Christmas Wine and Wisdom	7.30pm	Clawton Parish Hall - <i>see further details</i>
12th December	Methodist Service led by John Guy	11.00am	St Leonard's Church
13th December	Evelyn's walk	10.00am	Higher Larkworthy Farm – <i>see further details</i>
19th December	Christmas Carol Service	7.00pm	St Leonard's Church - <i>see further details</i>
24th December	Tetcott Christmas Carols	5.00pm	Tetcott Church Note change of time

Holsworthy Ales

The brewery will be open on **Saturday 11th December** and **Saturday 18th December** 3.30pm - 6.30pm as a bar and for beer sales. Amongst the beers on offer will be our Christmas beers - a perfect gift for beer lovers for Christmas!

We are doing free home deliveries within 25 miles of the brewery for orders over £20. Deliveries will be done on Tuesday or Wednesday each week. To place an order, please contact Dave by telephone/text on **07879 401073** or email dave@holsworthyales.co.uk. Ideally place your orders by the weekend for delivery the following week.

St Leonard's Church

Services for December:

Sunday 12th December at 11.00am - Methodist Service led by John Guy

Sunday 19th December at 7.00pm – Carol Service with mulled wine and mince pies



***Christmas
Wine & Wisdom***

**Saturday 11th December
starting 7.30pm**

Clawton Parish Hall

Questionmaster: Rev. Stephen Skinner

Book your table now –

call Paul (or text or leave a message) on 07794 913757

£6 per person - proceeds to St Leonard's church.

For any church related concerns or queries please contact:

Rev Stephen Skinner (Priest in charge) Tel: 07554 142264
email- sjmskinners@btinternet.com
Irene Ellis (Church warden)
Tel:01409 271371



Christmas Carols

With mulled wine and mince pies

St. Leonard's Church

Sunday 19th December at 7pm

Clawton Parish Council News - from Paul Grafton

Woodland Encampment

You may well have noticed that someone has purchased an area of woodland to the west of the A388 about a quarter of a mile south of the Holsworthy Forest. A gap in the roadside bank has been made into an entrance and deliveries of building materials have been seen. A fence and gate have been erected which means what is being done can no longer be seen from the road.

The Planning Officer from Torridge District Council has visited the site and informed the owner that planning permission is needed. No application has been submitted to date.

The Parish Council is very concerned to have received several reports of near collisions with vehicles using the entrance. It is understood that Devon Highways have taken the view that since there has always been a gap in the bank it is not a new entrance, and (presumably on the usual grounds that no-one has yet been killed or injured) may not object to use of the entrance if retrospective planning permission were granted.

This is especially puzzling as there seems to be an alternative entrance available which would not give rise to the same hazards.

Please could you let the Parish Council know of any 'close encounters' at that entrance and of any other relevant information you may have. If retrospective planning permission is sought it would be helpful to know your views regarding whether the Parish Council should oppose it.

Please eMail the Parish Clerk Sally Whitehead at clawtonpcclerk@outlook.com

Torrige District Council in partnership with [Devon County Council](#) launch new Household Support Fund for Residents affected by the pandemic and experiencing hardship.

As part of the nationwide efforts to recover following the pandemic, Devon and District Councils have been provided with some funding from the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF). Funding has been distributed to councils across England, who know their local areas best, to directly help those who need it most, including for example, through small grants to meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities.

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SUPPORT

- > Over 16 years old
- > Torrige district resident
- > Struggling financially

>>> [TORRIDGE.GOV.UK/HOUSEHOLDSUPPORTFUND](https://torridge.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

To find out more about eligibility and to apply go to <https://torridge.gov.uk/household-support-fund-grants>

Further information on what financial support is available for individuals and families in Devon can be found at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/support-for-people-and-families>

Congratulations.....



To Roger and Anne Mitchell who celebrate their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** on December 11th and to Avril Siddell who celebrates a special Birthday on the same day!
Love and good celebrations to you all!

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AIRBAND FIBRE BROADBAND IS NEARLY HERE!

As we announced some time ago, Airband won the Government contract (through the Connecting Devon & Somerset project) for providing FTTP (Fibre To The Premises) connectivity for large areas of Devon and Somerset. The roll-out has now reached the Clawton area. Airband engineers have carried out a survey to determine the infrastructure of which (mainly BT's) poles and ducts can be used as part of this fibre roll out and to reach those "In Contract" premises listed under this contract. Many other premises along the fibre route or close by will also be able to get connected (subject to survey). New additional poles may need to be erected where those existing cannot be used. Airband are now asking people to register interest to determine whether they are on or near the fibre route. The proposed build complete date is Spring 2022.

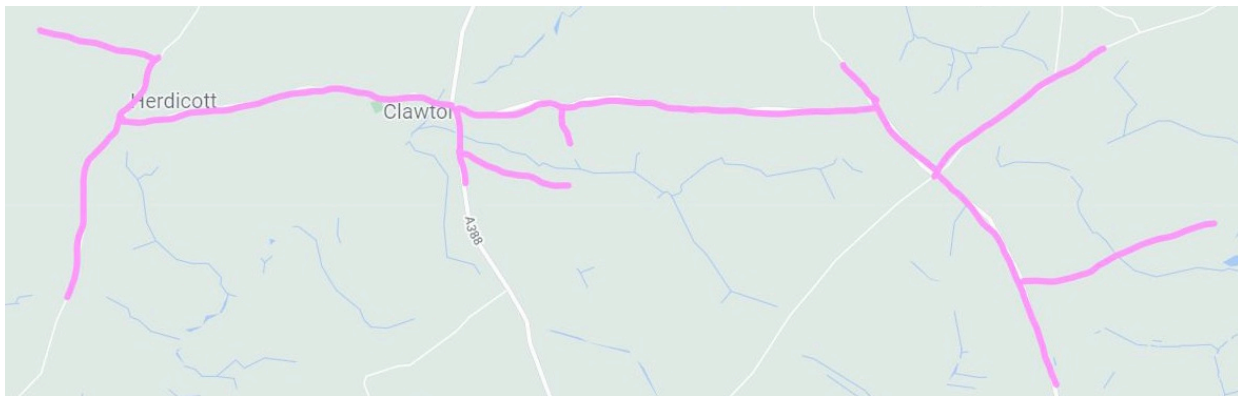
They will be laying fibre-optic cable, using the current infrastructure where possible and usually alongside existing BT copper telephone wiring. Homes and businesses to be connected will usually have a hole drilled through the outside wall with a fibre-optic terminal installed inside. This will be linked to an Airband router. If your house is listed you will need to provide a Listed Building Consent Form.



What does FTTP stand for?

FTTP stands for Fibre To The Premises (as opposed to FTTC – Fibre To The Cabinet – which used existing copper telephone cabling from the cabinet (where the fibre-optic cable terminates) to each house. There's no line rental or phone line required, and you could end your landline contract if you wish. If you still need a landline telephone you can arrange a VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) service with a specialist provider such as Vonage which will provide a landline telephone service over the Airband system.

The map below shows the planned route of the network.



In Contract Premises

These are those premises which Airband undertook to connect under the contract. If you live next to or near any of these you're likely to be able to be connected.

1, MEMORIAL HOUSES, ROAD FROM WHIMBLE CROSS TO MEMORIAL HOUSES, CLAWTON	HOLE FARM, ROAD FROM CRAWFORD CROSS TO SPRYS SHOP CROSS, CLAWTON
2, MEMORIAL HOUSES, ROAD FROM WHIMBLE CROSS TO MEMORIAL HOUSES, CLAWTON	HOLLY FARM, ROAD FROM HERDICOTT CROSS TO CHURCHTOWN, CLAWTON
8, CLAW PARK, CLAWTON	LITTLE HAWKES, HORSLETT HILL, CLAWTON
BEER HILL HOUSE, ROAD FROM CHURCH COTTAGES TO KENNACOTT CROSS, CLAWTON	LOWER SELLICK, ROAD FROM HERDICOTT CROSS PAST HIGHER SELLICK, CLAWTON
BEER MILL FARM, LANE PAST OLD SOUTH BEER FARM, CLAWTON	MILLPOND STABLE, ROAD FROM CLAWTON CROSS TO SPRYS SHOP CROSS, CLAWTON
CLEMATIS COTTAGE, ROAD FROM CHURCH COTTAGES TO KENNACOTT CROSS, CLAWTON	NORTH BEER COTTAGE, ROAD TO NORTH BEER FARM, CLAWTON
COMMONS GATE COTTAGE, ROAD FROM DEER BRIDGE TO HORSLETT HILL, CLAWTON	NORTH BEER FARM, ROAD TO NORTH BEER FARM, CLAWTON
ELM COTTAGE, ROAD FROM CHURCH COTTAGES TO KENNACOTT CROSS, CLAWTON	OLD SOUTH BEER FARM, LANE PAST OLD SOUTH BEER FARM, CLAWTON
FORDA MILL, ROAD FROM LONGLANDS CROSS PAST AFFALAND MOOR, CLAWTON	PENPOL, HORSLETT HILL, CLAWTON
HAWKS PLACE, HORSLETT HILL, CLAWTON	TAMAR COTTAGE, HORSLETT HILL, CLAWTON
HEGGADON BARN, ROAD FROM CLAWTON CROSS TO SPRYS SHOP CROSS, CLAWTON	THE OLD POST OFFICE, ROAD FROM WHIMBLE CROSS TO MEMORIAL HOUSES, CLAWTON
HILLCOT, HORSLETT HILL, CLAWTON	TUDOR ROSE, ROAD FROM CHURCH COTTAGES TO KENNACOTT CROSS, CLAWTON
	WHITE CLOSE, HORSLETT HILL, CLAWTON

Prices and packages

These will be confirmed once the network is working and ready to connect users, but as a guideline, sample residential packages would be £99 to be connected (Subject to survey – Includes Twistport unit and Router) and £30 per month for a 100mbps line (100mbps download, 25mbps upload) and £37 per month for a 250mbps line (250mbps download and 50mbps upload), both on an 18-month contract. Connection fees are subject to survey – Extra connections costs (ECC's) may incur if additional work is needed to get the property connected or where they are unable to use the current infrastructure.

Residential lines come with an SLA (Service Level Agreement) of 5 days, being the time within which they contractually commit to fix a fault. Enhanced SLAs are available at extra cost, and Business packages are also available

How to get connected (Fibre)

- Check your postcode at www.airband.co.uk and use the drop-down address bar – Those “In Contract” are able to register through this process
- Those premises “Not in Contract” register your interest using the ‘Contact Us – General Enquiry’ stating you interest to connect to the fibre network. Alternatively, email paul.nethercott@airband.co.uk (Airband Community Liaison Executive) . Note that the range of packages available to Clawton residents is not yet on the website.
- You will then get regular updates on progress regarding the fibre roll out for this area.
- You’ll get a free survey to check there are no issues then an Airband engineer and where possible, using the current infrastructure, will connect you up to the fibre network.
- If you are already contracted to another supplier Airband may be prepared to buy you out of the contract.
- If you are not close to the red line on the map but are part of a hamlet with a number of separate premises it’s worth checking with Airband if they can connect you. There are other options available (BDUK Government Voucher Scheme – Wireless -4G)

If Airband can’t connect me or it’s too expensive

A separate Government scheme called BDUK can provide vouchers to be set against connection charges – see <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk> or call **0808 274 6008**. Should you have any further questions regarding the Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) fibre roll out for this area please contact Paul Nethercott (Airband Community Liaison Executive) paul.nethercott@airband.co.uk



Lending with Heart and Mind

Torridge District Council fund a not-for-profit loan scheme for homeowners and landlords*.

We understand the expense of maintaining your home and we work with you to take the stress out of funding repairs, improvements or adaptations.

We see you as an individual, not a credit score. Our knowledgeable team of advisers will guide you through the process of applying for a home improvement loan.

For a no-obligation assessment or more information visit www.lendology.org.uk or call **01823 461099**

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*subject to eligibility



Clawton Parish Hall Report – from Maralyn Bailey

December is on our horizon, a busy time for everyone. At the hall have just a few things planned for the early part of the month.

The Committee has applied for a year-round alcohol licence which will mean individual licences will not be required for events.

Saturday 4th December 10-2pm will bring our second Christmas Craft Fayre, and I am delighted to say we are fully booked again- even a little over subscribed, but we will find room for everyone. Our local crafters have a wealth of talent please do call in and have a look. We will be serving tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. There will be plants, wreaths, Body Shop, jewellery, novelty items, knitted hats, scarves, painted miniature items, wood craft, tree decorations, corn dollies, and a wonderful display of Casa glass, cards, pickles & jams, many in baskets ready to give as gifts. We will be setting up between 2 and 4 on Friday. Ready to open the doors on Saturday at 10. By six in the evening we will be opening our doors for the very popular **BINGO** evening, Gloria will be our caller. Wonderful prizes with the Christmas theme. Refreshments will be served at the interval.

The Christmas tree (once again donated by Nigel & Edwina) has been decorated ready for the next few weeks. I send my grateful thanks to Stacey's Christmas Trees, we wish them success for the coming weeks, with their display of great trees, wonderful lights and decorations.

The committee have plans afoot for more improvements to the facilities at the hall, we will publish information in the New Year.

At the end of another unusual year, we have been pleased to have hosted many events in the hall, bringing our parishioners back together in a safe environment.

The total of the Poppy Collection I will be forwarding to headquarters was £56-50. Thanks to everyone who left a donation.

On behalf of the Committee and helpers we wish you all a happy time at Christmas and a healthy new year.



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Stacey's Christmas Tree Farm

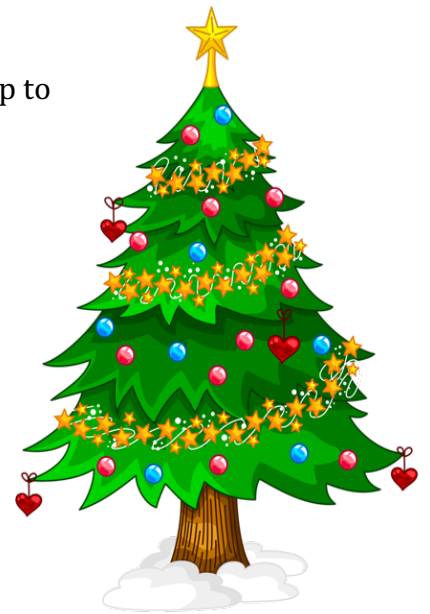
We will be open from **9am to 5.30pm** every day from 20th November up to Christmas Eve.

Shop open selling lots of decorations for the tree and your home.

Father Christmas will be here at the weekends of **27th-28th November and 4th-5th December**
Saturday 10.30am - 4pm and Sundays 11am-3.30pm.
No charge and a small gift.
We look forward to seeing you.

Women on Wednesday

The next meeting is in Clawton Parish Hall on **Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.30p.m.** when members will enjoy a talk by Simon Dell on Women and the Police Force
Visitors welcome.
We look forward to seeing you there.



Tetcott Events

Saturday 4th December from 10.00-12.00 – drop in to Tetcott Hall to make mince pies for senior residents in the village, and take a few home!

Sunday 5th December at 5.30pm – drop in to church for tea and biscuits before an informal service at **6.00pm**

Friday 24th December at 5.00pm - Christmas Carols at the church with mince pies and mulled wine – **please note the change of time**

Rest In Peace

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Stella Endersby, the mother of Sally Whitehead on Sunday 14th November after a short illness. We will all miss Stella's sharp wit and joy of life and send our love and condolences to Sally and all the family. Remember her in your thoughts and prayers – with a glass in hand!



Holsworthy Walk and Talk – from Gill Aston

As a slight deviation from our usual Coles Mill route we parked by the Anvil Corner War Memorial, walked down the road then bearing left to Hollacombe. Many thanks go to Margaret, the Organist of the lovely Church of St Petroc in Hollacombe for showing us round. In the porch is a lintel dating from the 12th century and the church had various architectural additions in the 13th century followed by significant restoration in the 1880s.

This time of year is often an opportunity for reflection on the past 12 months and we are feeling a little self-congratulatory! We have navigated the various Government Guidelines to provide our FREE weekly walks at Levels 1, 2 and 3, promoting physical and psychological health to our local community. We have risen to the challenge of becoming an independent walking group following Ramblers' announcement last December to make significant changes to groups who wished to remain associated to them. We have also launched our own website, <http://holsworthywalkandtalk.co.uk> We would like to thank all those who have helped us during these challenges and also take this opportunity to say Thank You to the editors of the local Parish Newsletters. They do a wonderful job of keeping their parishes informed and entertained but sadly their efforts can sometimes be

unappreciated. During the last few months we have lost several local publications due to the difficulties they encounter.

It just remains for us to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and good health for the coming year. Our new walk programme is available with a variety of walks on offer. Whether you are already a member, or want to walk off some of those seasonal calories, or make a New Year's resolution to get out and about and be a little more active and increase your social life then please do come along.

Walk programmes and further information are available from:

holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com

Gillian Aston 01409 254642 or Mike Jackson 01409 261196 or Paul Davies 01409 253250

Monthly Walks from Evelyn Sharman

On Monday 8th November, I led a walk from Tetcott Village Hall. This was never included on the programme of Inter Parish walks so I was very keen to introduce the route to anyone who wanted to join me. There were eleven of us in all which included four people that I hadn't walked with since before the start of the COVID pandemic. It was especially nice to see them after such a long time.

We set off along the lane towards Luffincott. The sign said it was a 12% hill & it had been a conscious decision to walk down it as Gill & I had walked this route in the opposite direction previously. I had tried to kid her into believing that I had stopped to admire the view when in fact I had needed to catch my breath!! One of our group pointed out that a new road bridge had been built in 1931 to replace the original track which was still very evident amongst the trees on the left. We took a turning on the right which took us to Luffincott Barton. Along the way, one of our group pointed out where the Rectory had once stood until it burnt to the ground in 1911. Next to Luffincott Barton is St. James' Church. It



is a Grade I listed building & is maintained by The Churches Conservation Trust. It is well worth a visit in order to admire its simplicity but also a beautiful barrel vaulted roof, a 14th century font & beautiful stained glass windows. There is much to admire externally too. From here we followed the footpath which took us across the Tetcott Estate. We enjoyed a most glorious mixture of tranquil park land, woodland sporting autumnal colours & following the course of a stream. We even discovered a derelict cottage that used to be inhabited by a music teacher. It would appear that it had a telephone line but I believe water would have come from a well & electricity from a generator. The footpath brought us to Tetcott Manor which we all admired. We enjoyed the walk past the Church, something to be visited another day, & across the park land to rejoin the road. It was only a short stroll back to our cars making a walk of approx. four miles. It took us two & a half hours but it definitely wasn't a walk to be hurried with so much of interest to take on board along the way.

The next walk will be on Monday 13th December. We will set off at 10am from Higher Larkworthy Farm with very kind permission from the Kirk family. I would be grateful if you could let me know in advance if you would like to join me so that I can tell you in advance about the route. Parking is also limited.

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