

CLAWTON CLARION



September 2025

Welcome to this September edition. As we move into a new season, suntans disappear under long sleeves. I was lucky enough to spend some time away in Greece last month, yet unlucky to suffer a few days with sunstroke. To cheer me up, George told me he had a ring waiting for me for when I felt better. It's a big wedding anniversary for us this month so I was thrilled by this unprompted gift. I dragged my hot, sweaty and somewhat delirious self out of bed, only to find that the ring he presented me with was an inflatable swim ring to take to the pool. How romantic! I'm not convinced he has remembered the anniversary. I won't dwell on it any longer as there are lots of other events going on this month, please see below.

If you would like to see your items published in the next edition, please send them in by midday on the 20th 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 3rd September	Clawton Parish Hall
Live Music from Crazy Mamas	7:45pm	Friday 5th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 10th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30—12:00	Friday 12th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 12th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Harvest Festival with Dr.Revd. Paul Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 14th September	St Leonard's Church
Wine and Wisdom	7:30pm	Friday 26th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Craft Fair	9:30am	Sunday 28th September	Clawton Parish Hall
Café Church with Lorna	11:00am	Sunday 28th September	St Leonard's Church

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

BY GILLIAN ASTON



A very warm Friday morning last month found both Level 2 and Level 3 walkers meeting at Kilkhampton Football Club. A total of 39 walkers set off alongside the A39 main road to Kilkhampton Church, which is dedicated to St James the Great and has many Norman features, although some parts of the Church are thought to date back 1000 years – the south doorway is the only Norman part now remaining. It was substantially rebuilt by the Granville family in the late 15th century. The tower, which is 90 feet high, houses a peel of 8 bells and was completed in 1948 in thankfulness for victory in WWII.

We walked through the well-kept Churchyard and took West Street, towards Kilkhampton Common where the Level 2 walkers continued their walk. Level 3 walkers carried on a short way and took a route through a field leading to the remains of a 'motte and bailey' type castle, thought to date back to Norman times with excavations dating it to mid-12th century. The castle had two wooden towers rather than just one, which was the usual and which would indicate that the castle would have been of strategic importance at the time, probably due to its location on a trade route.

Our Monday Level 1 Walk in the Park had 20 participants one week in August. With Stanhope Park having several seats along the circuit around the Park, it is ideal for those who only wish or feel able to walk a short distance, take a rest and then either carry on to the next seat, complete the circuit or head back to the Youth Centre for coffee and biscuits. It is an ideal opportunity for anyone wanting to resume activity following injury or illness or indeed formerly active people looking for the opportunity to socialise in a friendly, supportive environment.

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.

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THE HEDGE FAIRY

The Hedge Fairy is really busy at the moment filling up her store cupboards, all the warm weather that we have had this year has made the hedgerows really fruitful, even the cob nuts are ready to pick (if the squirrels haven't beaten me to it). The plentiful blackberries will have to be frozen until the apples have swollen a bit more. Mush-rooms may well be a bit later because there has definitely been less rain than usual. Does all this wild bounty indicate a hard winter ahead for us? Yet, there does seem to be some magic afoot. This last month received sightings of a white stag in the local woods, and sunrises with godlight splaying across the skies.



Hedge Fairy

PARISH COUNCIL

Village Tidy-up

Many thanks to everyone who turned out and helped tidy up the village centre. And thanks to Roger for organising it and to Ann Goodspeed for providing hot drinks and bacon rolls to the workers.

Paul



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

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Flower Festival

The church held a very successful 3-day flower festival based on the theme of the Four Seasons, organised by Lorna. There were some imaginative and beautiful displays. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed a variety of cakes with their tea or coffee. Many thanks to all who contributed flower displays, those who helped set up, who served refreshments, to Christine March for her organ recital and to the Stowford Meadow Singers who performed at the service which ended the festival. Finally, thanks to all who came to enjoy the flowers and refreshments and who made generous donations towards church funds.

Message from Lorna:

On behalf of Clawton Church I would like to thank you all for helping with a very successful Flower Festival - the donations raised totalled £800 which helps with the maintenance of the Church and the Graveyard, so thank you everyone.

Our Harvest Festival is in the Church on 14th September at 11am with Holy Communion led by Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick. It will be followed by a 'Soup & Sweet' Lunch in the HALL at £8.00pp.

If any one would like to come to the Lunch at 1pm all would be welcome - could you please let me know by Thursday 11th September on 01409 271384.

The service on 28th September will be Morning Worship Cafe Church.

Lorna



CLAWTON PARISH HALL

We have arranged a music evening with our own local Crazy Mamas band for Friday 5th September. We will be selling our Holsworthy Ales beer, cider and wine plus soft drinks too. Also available, will be burgers from J&J at North Tamerton - it's great to support our local businesses. The music will start at 7.45 - all welcome, and will finish around 11pm.

Our monthly coffee mornings have a donation pot which over the years has raised: £425.02 for Cancer Research in 2022, £430.00 in 2023 for Devon Air Ambulance and £567.62 in 2024 for Bude RNLI. This year's charity pot is dedicated to Alzheimer's/Dementia organisations.

We are a small band of volunteers who supply the monthly coffee morning refreshments. If there is anyone in the community who feels they could host one month's get together, please contact either Anne Mitchell or any member of the committee.

Our next Craft morning will be Sunday 28th September with new times of 9.30 to 12 noon.

Come and enjoy a chat with a coffee & bacon or sausage bap.

Maralyn



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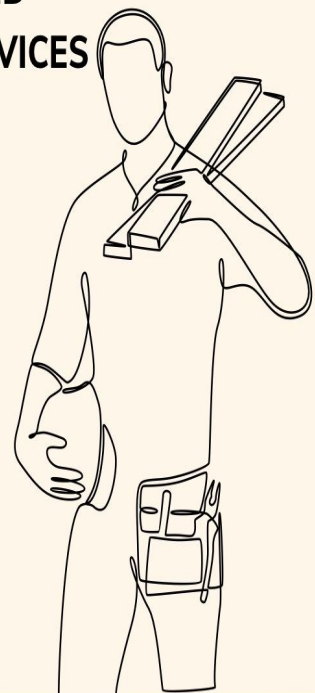
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COMMUNITY NEWS

I'm Kerry Smith and I own the Hat Shop, now located in West Clawton and for the third year running, I organised a charity day. With the help and support of my Mum Maralyn, Carol Palmer, Linda Goodman, Karen Dodd from Weddings and Events by Karen and many wonderful helpers and customers, we hosted a third Royal Ascot Ladies Day event.

Our local parish hall in Clawton was decorated to look like the bandstand, which takes centre stage at the end of the day at Royal Ascot. Along with seating for our guests, all co ordinated in yellow and blue and featuring a home made gin bar, winners table and gold floral hoop for photo opportunities, it was the perfect setting.

We encouraged everyone to dress in Ascot style outfits and hats and greeted them with fizz and Pimms. We then provided a light lunch, with desserts donated by all the guests, followed by a 'Gold Cup' cream tea, with scones, jam and cream.

The live racing was shown on a big screen with betting for each race. Each race had a winners rosette and gold cup and the major race of the day had a gold cup to keep. This was presented in memory of Fanny Cole, one of our 'Ascot gang' who sadly passed away. We also awarded rosettes to the 'best dressed' lady and gentleman of the day.

After all the races had finished and the prizes had been awarded, we 'sang around the bandstand' and waved our flags, a tradition that brings everyone together at the end of the racing day.

A draw took place with lots of prizes kindly donated by guests, friends and family. We raised an incredible £750 for The Alzheimer's Society and I cannot thank everyone enough for this. The kind donations and generosity towards the day was amazing.

I chose the Alzheimer's Society, as our community has been touched by it recently, and several guests have been on personal journeys. It is such a worthwhile cause. We truly hope our fundraising has made a difference. *Kerry*



MUM'S THE WORD

Apparently we are in for a bumper acorn year. Whoopi doo!
With two huge oak trees outside the house, we are in for some fun.

The first winter we spent here, we were inundated with them. It was like something out of a cartoon walking across the yard with them rolling under foot. We searched the Internet for ways we could use them. Hoping that fuel would be top of the list, we were sadly disappointed, it was not the case. The only ones to benefit are squirrels..... and pigs apparently.

So if anyone has a contact for a local Rent a Pig we'd be very grateful. Just for a couple of months!

Ann



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Wednesday

The next meeting will be
held in Clawton Village Hall

on

Wednesday 3rd September
at 7.30 p.m.

We will be learning about
bats and then enjoy refresh-
ments and chats.

Visitors are welcome

EVELYN'S WALK

On Monday 11th August, we parked at the Village Hall in Bratton Clovelly. We followed Irene who had kindly agreed to lead the way. We set off down the hill & turned right opposite the Clovelly Inn. We then turned left along the lane which



took us down a very steep hill. We stopped at the bottom where the road crosses a stream to admire what would have been the original Mill on one side & The Manor on the other. Apparently, The Manor dates back to the end of the 18th century. The former stables & barns have been beautifully converted into guest accommodation. We set off up the hill which thankfully wasn't quite as steep as the hill that we had descended. I had wondered about walking the route in the opposite direction BUT we all agreed for future reference that it wasn't a good idea!! We turned left onto a bridleway which is also the access for Manor Cottages & Lower Voaden. The route took us through the farm yard & having bore left, we joined a footpath on our left rather than continue to follow the bridleway. We were reminded by Irene that this was the original packhorse trail & she brought one of the wooden plaques to our attention. It's a beautiful tranquil route & very accessible with self-closing galvanised gates & a wooden footbridge across a stream. No stiles. When we rejoined the lane, we turned left which brought us back to the centre of the village. Some headed for welcome refreshment at Clovelly Inn which looked very inviting & others headed for the cool of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. It dates back to medieval times & has some fascinating features including faded wall paintings from the 17th century. I would recommend looking at the web site for Bratton Clovelly prior to making a visit. The circular route was approx. 2.75 miles & took less than two hours.

The next walk will be on Monday 8th September.

We'll meet at the Church in Halwill NOT Halwill Junction. If you would like further information, you are welcome to contact me.

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Wine & Wisdom

Friday 26th September

Questionmaster Revd. Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick

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!