
CLAYDON IS TRAINING GROUND FOR CHARITY PUPPY WINNIE

I have always loved animals, especially dogs. Moving to Claydon gave us the chance to have two lovely Labradors, and I found that I really enjoyed training them, from



Winnie models her green 'work' coat . If she is wearing it when you see her around the village please don't approach her - sorry!

basic puppy classes through to advanced skills and agility exercises. In turn, this led me to becoming involved with Dogs for the Disabled.

Dogs for the Disabled is a pioneering charity, based in Banbury, that trains specially selected dogs to assist disabled children and adults to achieve greater independence. Each dog is

trained to carry out practical tasks such as opening and closing doors, helping a person undress, even emptying the washing machine. In addition they provide confidence, companionship and help break down barriers to the outside world.

I have volunteered to be a Puppy Socialiser and Winnie, an 8 week old black Labrador, has just arrived to live with us for the next 12 months! Unlike pet dogs, we will take her to a wider variety of places such as shopping centres, train stations, supermarkets, the local school and even the hairdressers!

By introducing her to all these different environments >>>

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<<< at an early age Winnie will become confident and used to the many different sights, smells and sounds she will encounter as a working dog.

While Winnie is out working she will be wearing a green “Puppy In Training” coat. She will have to wear this while she is out-and-about, and will need to associate the wearing of the coat with “being on work duty”.

So, if you see Winnie with her coat on, please do not make a fuss of her or talk to her as she may become distracted and lose concentration from her training.

After a year Winnie then goes to the National Training Centre near Banbury where she will develop her abilities in areas like Obedience, Retrieving, Pushing and Pulling, and Speaking On Command. Using these skills Winnie will be able to help a disabled person in a variety of ways, including picking up letters and keys, pushing pedestrian crossing buttons, and barking to raise an alarm in an emergency.

Making a donation to Dogs for the Disabled can help to change the lives of disabled adults and children. Dogs for the Disabled receive no government funding so relies on voluntary contributions to further its work.

If you would like to make a donation, sponsor a puppy or attend a Training Centre Open Day please do let me know (690139) or read more details at www.dogsforthedisabled.org

Julie Cozze-Young

DIVERSE MUSIC

I’m Tom. I live on Main Street and I’ve been a bit of a musician for about 7 years now - since I was 10! I’m in a band called *Diverse*, which has been together for about 4 years and lead guitars are my thing.

Having the ability to play drums and bass as well means that the band could change around and play a range of different songs on different instruments. This is where the name *Diverse* came from and we were pretty different from other bands!

We have played gigs at many local places, such as clubs, pubs, village halls and charity concerts, showing off classic rock tunes.

Tom Williams



HOUSEHUNTERS TAKEN IN

This house (The Old Shop, Mollington Road) went on to the market on 1st April 2008. Sorry - April Fool!

Anne Hoggins



STAMPS WANTED

We recently found out by chance that used postage stamps are still collected and of use to charity. We collect them for this purpose so would be happy if anybody wants to contribute (with today's bias towards electronic communication and pre-printed envelopes fewer stamps arrive) we would be glad of any stamps through our letter box at 11 Manor Park.

Alternatively, if anybody wants to collect stamps and send them directly the address is:
Postage Stamps for Charities,
Education Distribution Service,
FREEPOST FPN 772, Castle Road,
Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3RL.

Paul & Marion

HOT SUMMER DIARY DATE

Two village events are planned for the end of June, both of which will give people of all ages an opportunity to meet other villagers in a fun and friendly environment.

On **Saturday 28 June** there will be a **Fun Dog Show** (open to local and visiting dogs) on the Playing Field from 1.30pm - 3.30pm, preceded by a BBQ lunch and licensed bar in the Village Marquees.

In the evening there will be a **Supper & Dance** event in the Village Marquees, with BBQ food available and a licensed bar.

Both events will raise funds for the development of facilities on the Playing Field. More details will be posted on the village noticeboard and website later this month.

John Bryer

THEY'LL BE BACK...

Claydon friends and neighbours bid farewell this month to **Maxine and Andy Hey** of Main Street. After six years in the village the couple are moving to pastures new in Everdon, near Daventry. Having been active and popular members of our community, the couple and their dogs promise not to forget us and plan to keep visiting Claydon regularly.



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BABYSITTING - Responsible 15 year old available to sit on Friday or Saturday. Please call Abbie on 690559. Village only.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



This is the first of a regular column on things to do and see in our local area. This month.....

The Mill Arts Centre

There's something for everyone at the Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, near Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury. Whether you are interested in theatre, music, dance, exhibitions or arts classes why not call the Box Office on 01295 252050 or view the website at www.themillartscentre.co.uk to check out the wide variety of forthcoming events.

Vicky Smith

DOUBLE CHRISTENING

St James the Great church in Claydon witnessed the christening of not one, but two children on Sunday 27 April. In a short and accessible service vicar Pat Freeth christened Matthew (7) and Hannah (4) Bryer. The last christening to take place in the church was in 2006.



SUNFLOWER UPDATE



There's still time to enter this year's Sunflower Competition. It's open to anyone in the village and the 50p entry fee includes 2 free seeds. Flowers will be judged at the Art and Flower Festival the weekend of 6/7 September. To enter contact me at Walnut House (690818).

Chrisi Kennedy

VILLAGE TRIP GOES BACK IN TIME

A group of 14 villagers travelled on the Claydon Fox to Long Wittenham, Oxon, on Saturday 26 April for a private tour of Pendon Museum. The centrepiece, a work still in progress, is an indoor model landscape depicting the Vale of White Horse in the 1930's, complete with working model railway layout. The group marvelled at the intricacy and

attention to detail of the models. The museum is open most weekend afternoons and some mornings, too; for more details go to www.pendonmuseum.com or call (01865) 407365. Thanks to Simon Kennedy for organising the trip, which included a welcome pub lunch on the return leg. It is hoped that further village outings will take place later this year.



Villagers bask in the sunshine at Pendon before heading back to Claydon

CHACOMBE CLASSICS

For those with a classical music leaning, an evening of chamber music will take place at Sophie's Barn, 17 Silver Street, Chacombe, on **Thursday 29 May** at 7.30pm.

The performers are four leading chamber musicians from across Europe, coming together to form a new ensemble.

Programme:

Mozart Piano Quartet in E min K.493
Brahms Piano Quartet in A maj op.26

There is no entry charge, but seats **must** be reserved in advance by calling 711155.

There will be a retiring collection for Sophie's Silver Lining Fund.

Lisa Simmons

Courier SUMMER COMPETITION

Photography & Art Competition – Theme: Pets and Wildlife

Calling all photographers and painters! With summer just around the corner and the days getting longer and brighter it's time to dust down your cameras and art sets .

From photographers, whether you are an accomplished veteran or a keen beginner, we're looking for pictures that have good composition, sharp focus and that will catch the eye.

However, if drawing or painting is more your thing, then we are looking for art work using any media that makes good use of contrast, tones, textures and conveys the essence of the subject.



All we ask is that all submissions are original and that the subject matter is local to Claydon – either in the village or its surrounds.



There will be a prize for the best photograph and the best art work in both adult and junior (under 16) categories. The deadline for entries is **Monday 23 June** and all submissions will be displayed in the Village Marquees at the Playing Field Summer Events on 28 June.

There is a nominal entry fee (£1 per photo/art work entered). To enter just call competition co-ordinator Lisa Simmons on 690155 or send an email to courier@claydonvillage.net

Full competition rules will be posted on the village noticeboard and the village website www.claydonvillage.net

Happy snapping/drawing/painting!

CLAYDON CUISINE

We recently had the pleasure of dining at the *Inn at Farnborough*.

The Inn is a beautiful little place; calm, cosy, and subtly classy. In the cooler months there is a log fire burning, and for the summer there's a lovely garden area.

The reason for being at the Inn for this particular meal dates back to the Claydon Bonfire night. We won first prize in the raffle - a meal for two at The Inn!! We like dining out now and then so were really pleased with the prize. We arrived to a warm welcome and had a quiet drink before going through to the restaurant. The restaurant is nicely decorated with a lovely intimate feel, and our waitress, Charlotte, took great care of us. The meal was excellent. We will certainly be going back again, and I'd recommend anyone else to check it out for themselves.

Russ Jackson

The new *Deli Delicious* at The Green in Cropredy is now open. Classing itself as cafe, delicatessen, patisserie and sandwich bar it's really very good ! Open Tues to Sun (closed Mon). Recommended.

Tim Cozze-Young

If you have a favourite place to eat and/or drink please pass on a short write-up to any of the **Courier** team.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mushroom Velouté



Ingredients:

1 kg button (or any other type) mushrooms (sliced)
1 onion (finely diced)
1 leek
100g potato (grated)
1½ litres chicken OR vegetable stock OR just water
1 litre double cream

Method:

Saute mushrooms, onion, leek and potato.

Boil cream and stock/water together, then add to mushroom dry mix.

Simmer for 10 minutes, then blitz with liquidizer or blender until smooth.

Add salt and pepper to taste.



Claydon *Groups* :

I act as a volunteer for the Cluster Care Group. This is a day centre which meets every Tuesday from 10am - 3pm at Cropredy Sports Pavilion.



The purpose of Cluster Care is to give an enjoyable day out, once a week, to elderly people, in the cluster catchment area of 9 villages, who are lonely, have limited mobility or for health reasons cannot easily leave their homes. The villages involved in addition to Claydon are: Cropredy, Great Bourton, Hanwell, Hornton, Horley, Little Bourton, Mollington and Wardington.

At the day centre are two professional staff and experienced volunteers who provide support and transport to and from the centre for every member.

A variety of activities and events take place throughout the day and a hot lunch is supplied by the local pub. Outings and meals out are also organised and an enjoyable time is

had by both members and volunteers.

There are a few vacancies at Cluster Care at the moment, so if you are an older person who would enjoy joining us or know someone who would benefit from coming along please contact our coordinator Moya Reed (758351) or our chairman Mary Ennis (750522) for an informal chat.

There have been instances where friends from years ago have met up again at Cluster Care and this has led to great reunions!

We also welcome new volunteers.



Oxford City Council's social and community service provides about three quarters of the necessary finances to run Cluster Care. The rest of the money has to be found by fundraising events and donations.

Cluster Care

The next fundraising event is a concert of music and words taking place in Mollington Village Hall on Saturday 7 June at 7.30pm. Tickets and information can be obtained from Hazel Paxton (722599), Mary Ennis (750522) or Anne Holdom (758300). We are hoping that this event will be well supported.

On Tuesday 17 June at 10.30am Bob Foster from the Mary Rose Trust will come to Cluster Care at the Sports Pavilion in Cropredy to talk about the Mary Rose.

Anyone who is interested is very welcome to come along. A donation of £1 - to include coffee - will be gratefully received and go towards Cluster Care funds.

Margaret Atkins

Cluster Care Group
Every Tuesday
Cropredy Sports Pavilion
10.30am - 3pm



ECO TIPS



Although, at present, we don't have kerbside glass recycling in Claydon you can recycle glass bottles, jars, etc, locally at:

Cropredy: Sports Pavilion car park

Banbury: Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrison's, B&Q and Gala Bingo

Southam: Wood Street car park

ECO TIP: Reuse jars yourself for storage, washing those paintbrushes or for filling with scrumptious homemade jams and pickles. Wine bottles can make funky candle holders or even vases.

If you have any ECO TIPS to share please contact me on 690192.

Vicky Smith



Remember to wash out bottles and jars, remove caps and corks before recycling. You can avoid wasting water by using your washing-up water to clean them.

JUBILEE GROUP

Last month the Jubilee Group held a successful Supper Evening, as well as its regular monthly coffee morning.

We hope to print more details about the group's activities in a Claydon Groups feature in a future issue of the *Courier*.





Courier Contact

Hello,

I am a former resident of Claydon. I was brought up there as a child and my family left the village in the late 1970's.

My parents moved to Claydon from Wardington in the late 1950's and lived in Boddington Road. In recent years I have been tracing my family history and was stunned to discover that my maternal grandfather, Edward Butler, was born in Hay Farm cottages in Claydon, as were many generations of his mother's family, the Paxtons. I have managed to trace them back to about the mid 1700's. My late mother would have been astounded to know that her father was a 'Claydonian' after all the years we lived there without ever knowing this.

The family name was Paxton and from what I've seen of the parish records there were many interlinked families, mostly farm labourers and canal and railway workers. I have tried in vain to trace any current Paxtons still in the village and my siblings and I cannot remember any families of that name when we lived there. *Any help or information would be most appreciated.*

My late father Edward Echlin was a member of the parish council in the early 1960's and I am trying to trace any records of the meetings such as minutes or notes. My father died in 1969 when I was 11 and my memories of him are fading fast sadly, so anything that I could discover that he had some part of would help me to learn more about the kind of man he was as well as finding out more fascinating facts about Claydon. He had a strong sense of community, (including enjoying the Sun Rising I understand) according to Mum and enjoyed his time on the council. I have had not success in tracing any records, even though I have visited the Oxfordshire record office at Cowley and spoken to the archivist at Banbury library. *Again, any thoughts or help anyone could offer would be great.*

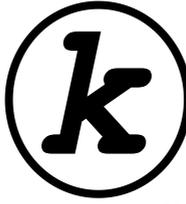
I would of course deal with any information on any of the above matters with sensitivity.

It's great to see such a thriving community in Claydon. Looking at your website makes me feel quite nostalgic for the village. Keep up the good work!

Many thanks for your time.

Ann Ramsey (née Echlin)
ann.ramsey@btinternet.com

Kids' Kourier



MAY 2008

May is a busy time of year, we have two bank holidays (where traditionally - since 1871, banks and shops are shut and we all have a rest!), but it is also exam season. Good luck to all the young villagers who are sitting their GCSE's and SAT's exams this month.

The Claydon Crossword

All the clues are in the village - answers next month

ACROSS

3 The village museum

4 The big road through the village

5 Our village church

DOWN

1 Where all the best village events happen

2 The oldest house in Claydon

Local Ballet Lessons make twinkle-toed young residents twirl!

Ballet lessons for girls & boys of all ages take place in Upper Boddington, Southam and Daventry throughout the week and on Saturdays. Isabella Wicks (3 & $\frac{3}{4}$) who attends the class says: "I like ballet because I get to dress up like a princess and I'm very good at it". Do you have a story from a local class? Then why not write in and tell us...



Q: What dog loves to take bubble baths?

A: A shampoodle!

Don't forget the village fun dog show on 28 June

Did you know?...

Electricity did not arrive in Claydon until 1948!!



Brainteaser!! "When did the Old School in Claydon close?" Prize for first correct answer drawn from those received by 1 June.. (Answer in next month's issue)

Kate Wicks

Claydon Walks

In the second of a series of occasional features, **Tim Cozze-Young** describes a slightly longer circular walk than last month. If you would like to share your favourite walk with the village, please get in touch.

We hope that many of you have had a chance to enjoy the Oxford Canal Circuit walk that we featured in the April edition of the *Courier*.

For this month's edition we would like to share a walk to the south-east of Claydon that combines the exploration of a different section of the Oxford Canal towpath with the tranquility of the surrounding countryside.

This walk requires appropriate footwear and takes a couple of hours to cover.

Starting from the Church, walk South along Main Street and then down Appletree Road to the canal where you join the towpath and follow the canal heading South (in the Banbury/Cropredy direction).

You will walk past the Lower Claydon Locks, followed by a lovely straight stretch of water after which the canal gently twists and turns before you pass Clattercote Wharf and a farm to your right.

Carry on along the towpath, under a stone bridge and past Varney's Lock until you reach Broadmoor Lock & Bridge. For a shorter walk you can simply re-trace your steps back up the canal.

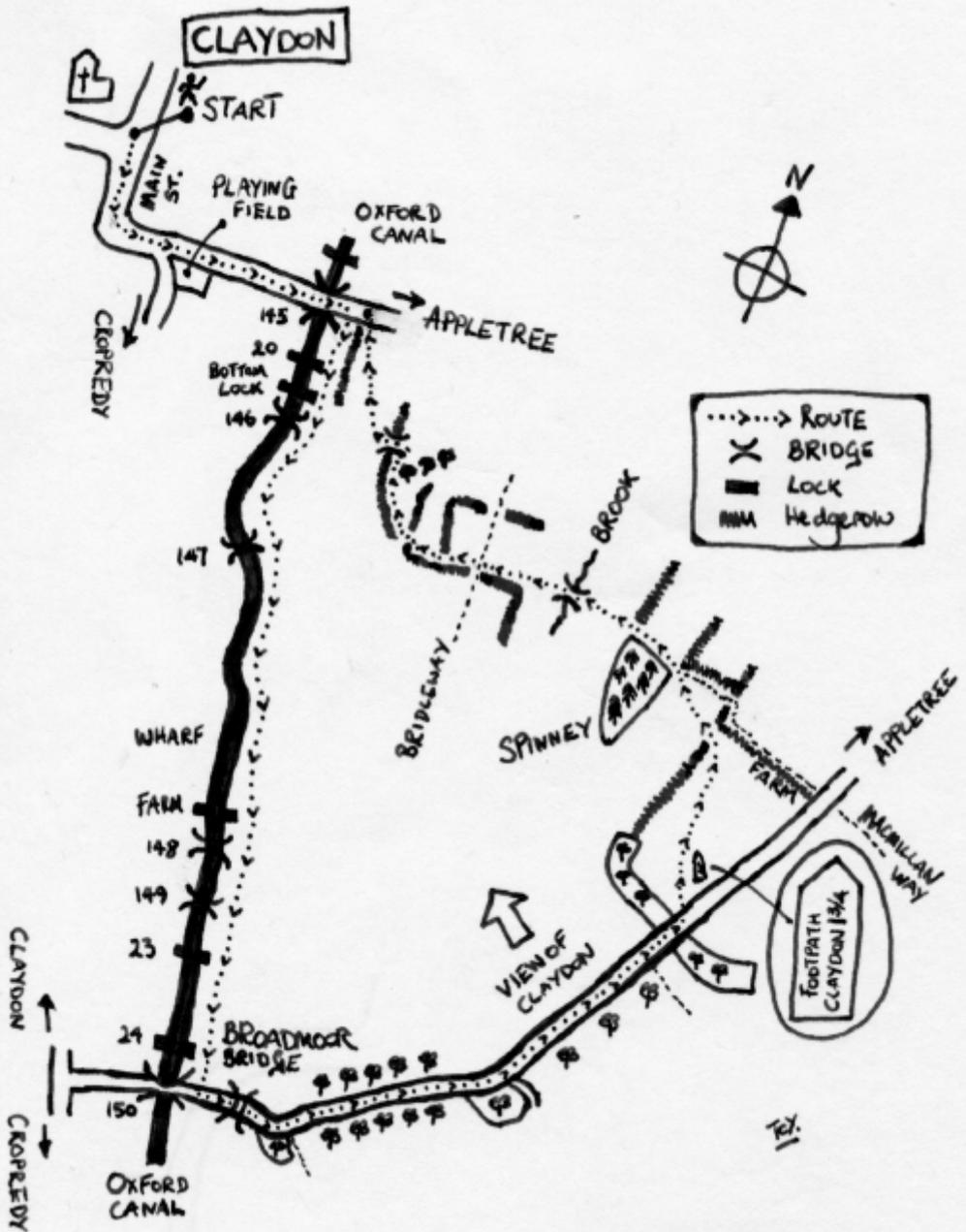
For a longer walk, take the road heading left and follow it up the hill towards Appletree (with lovely views to Claydon village) until you see a Public Footpath sign in the hedge on your left.

Go diagonally across the field to the far corner, then follow the track to the edge of the spinney ahead, at which point you will join up with the Macmillan Way. Follow the path around the spinney and down the hill.

Stay on this footpath now through multiple fields, crossing a small brook, a bridleway, another brook and then diagonally across the last field to be back at Appletree Road. From here head up the road to your left to return to Claydon.

Tim Cozze-Young

2. Broadmoor Bridge Circuit



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

MAY/JUNE

May is a time for weeding and generally tidying the flower garden. Although I don't like using chemicals, I recommend that you use slug pellets if you want a good show of flowers this year.

I have tried alternate remedies such as beer traps and crushed egg shells but I reckon most of the country's slugs live in Claydon and nothing has been as successful as pellets. I use organic ones and these are good but more expensive. If anyone has a really good deterrent do please let me know.

Some perennial plants may need splitting, such as cranesbill - the perennial geraniums. You can do these now, by digging up the clump, splitting in two by fork or spade, and replanting each part.



If you are reusing plant pots for potting on seedlings wash them before use in water with a disinfectant such as Jeyes Fluid.

Chrisi Kennedy

ANIMAL FACTS: CHICKS

The chicks pictured below are one week old. The mother laid her eggs (clutch) in one of the stables. Seven of the 13 eggs hatched. Hens' eggs take 3 weeks to hatch and duck eggs take 4 weeks.

The chicks feed on chick crumbs, bread & water, milk, fresh water and corn (after 6 weeks).

When they are about 3 months old they can mix with the other hens.

Anne Hoggins



BIN COLLECTIONS: MAY/JUNE

GREEN BIN
Sat 31 May
Fri 13 June
Fri 27 June



BLUE & BROWN BINS
Fri 23 May
Fri 6 June
Fri 20 June



Tear out this page and pin to your fridge, noticeboard, etc.

Village Diary



May/June 2008

- **Saturday 17 May**
St Mary's Church, Banbury, 7.30pm
 - **Sunday 18 May**
Church Room, 10am - 11am
 - **Wednesday 21 May**
Church Room, 10.30am - Midday
 - **Monday 26 May**
 - **Thursday 29 May**
Sophie's Barn, Chacombe, 7.30pm
 - **Wednesday 4 June**
Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm
 - **Saturday 7 June**
Mollington Village Hall, 7.30pm
 - **Sunday 15 June**
Church Room, 10am - 11am
 - **Tuesday 17 June**
Cropyedy Sports Pavilion, 10.30am
 - **Saturday 28 June**
Playing Field, Midday - 3.30pm
 - **Saturday 28 June**
Playing Field Marquees, 7pm - 11pm
- **Banbury Operatic Society Charity Concert: HMS Pinafore - Dress up in period costume!**
 - **Children's Club**
 - **Jubilee Group Coffee Morning**
 - **Spring Bank Holiday Chamber Concert**
Please call 711155 to reserve seats
 - **Beetle Drive**
 - **Concert of Music & Words (in aid Cluster Care)**
 - **Children's Club**
 - **Mary Rose Trust Talk (in aid Cluster Care)**
 - **Fun Dog Show & BBQ (in aid Playing Field)**
 - **BBQ & Dance Night (in aid Playing Field)**

If you would like an item included in Village Diary please pass on details to any member of the *Courier* team (see overleaf)

Weekly Church Services

18 May: 10am *United Benefice Service, Great Bourton*

25 May: 10.30am *Family Service*

1 June: 9.30am

St. James Church

8 June: 8.30am

15 June: 10am *UBS Service, Cropyedy*

Wednesday mornings: 10am

Holy Communion

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Courier Comment

For more
village info go to
www.claydonvillage.net

Summer Sun

As the weather finally gets more summery, many of us start thinking about trips away or abroad and it's easy to forget that we have a rich variety of attractions on our doorsteps.

For those of us newer to the village (or simply less well informed!) we may be unaware of where those attractions are, so the *Courier* aims to feature a selection of these

in the coming months. If you have a favourite place to visit please let one of the team know.

Even closer to home, we have some events in June to support the Cluster Care Group and the Playing Field (see inside). These are good local causes that benefit many of us in Claydon. Whatever the weather, I'm sure that the organisers will be most appreciative of our support.

Mark Simmons, Editor

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Claydon & Clattercote Courier

Be part of your *Courier*! Write, draw, sketch, paint, photograph - we will always try to publish material received and will return original items to you.

Drop contributions in to 5 Bignolds Close, (tel 690155), email them to courier@claydonvillage.net or pass them on to any member of the *Courier* team.

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For further details please contact Russ Jackson on 690015.

Deadline for the next issue is June 1.