

Claydon & Clattercote **Courier**

JUNE 2008

TOILET DEPOT SITE PLANS SUBMITTED

A planning application for the Astell Farm House site at the foot of Main Street was lodged with Cherwell District Council at the end of May.

The site, which at present has planning consent only for uses related to agriculture, has since last summer been let to a private company as a portable toilet cleaning and storage facility.

Villagers have only until 17 June to comment on the application, which proposes a change of use to allow all general commercial industrial and warehouse operations.

The council has already received objections to the site being used as it is currently from a number of villagers, due to noise, transport, odour and other issues.

The Parish Council has previously stated its objection to the current use and held a special meeting on June 10 specifically to formalise a response to the planning application.

More details next month.



POST OFFICE CLOSURE DUE THIS MONTH

As this month's issue of the *Courier* went to press it was announced that the post office in Church Lane, Cropredy will close on Thursday 26 June.



The closure was expected, due to the retirement of postmaster and mistress Gerald and Sylvia Rolph. Alternative locations for a post office in Cropredy have been suggested and we hope to have more details next issue.

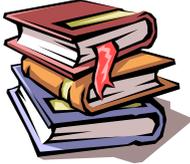
Joan Taylor

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- Villagers could get cheaper heating oil
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BOOKS ON WHEELS

Villagers may not be aware that Oxfordshire County Council's mobile library visits Claydon every other **Tuesday** between 12.40 and 12.55pm.



The van is parked on Main Street opposite the Churchyard. Next visit: **24 June**. Future dates will be carried on the Village Diary page. As well as loaning books, the library also sells stamps!

Joan Taylor

8th Chacombe Music Festival

5th & 6th July 2008

Our eighth Music Festival promises to be a true delight and the emphasis is on young professional musicians on the brink of international careers. These talented young musicians spend a week in Chacombe working together to give us superb performances in **Chacombe Church**. This year the programme includes works by: Mozart, Bernstein, Bartock, Bridge, Warlock and Brahms. Additional fringe events, including an art exhibition in Sophie's Barn.

Box Office:

Juliet Banks (01295) 750500



In aid of *Sophie's Silver Lining Fund*

www.chacombemusic.co.uk

COURIER DELIVERIES EXPLAINED

Each month's *Courier* is hand-delivered to every household in Claydon and Clattercote and some other places, too. All members of the team are volunteers, and although they always aim to deliver on the publication date (15th of the month) they may do their round two/three days later. For this reason some villagers may see the *Courier* before others. We'll detail who delivers to which streets in a future issue. **C**

CLERK NEEDED

Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council is still looking to fill the vacancy of Clerk. The position attracts a salary of £894 per annum, based on 2 hours per week. Advice and training from the previous clerk can be given, if required. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact Council chairman David Hill on 690452. **C**

NEW SPONSORS

The *Courier* is delighted to have sponsorship support from **Smith & Ronaldson** builders and **Barn Farm Plants** garden centre. **C**

SKYDIVE GIFT

The Jubilee Group has asked us to highlight that it donated £100 towards the total raised by Debbie Rolph in her charity skydive earlier this year (April *Courier*). **C**

ANY TAKERS FOR CHEAPER HEATING OIL?

It has been suggested that villagers club together to form a co-operative society to purchase heating oil. The process isn't particularly complicated and doesn't involve any commitment to buy - but the benefit is **significantly lower** heating oil prices.



A small scheme is already operating successfully in Claydon, so if you are interested in taking pounds off your fuel bills please email courier@claydonvillage.net or contact any member of the **Courier** team (details on back page). You will not be committed to anything and no salesman will call!

At this stage the plan is gain an idea of the potential number of households who might want to take advantage of such a scheme.

Sue O'Donovan

DRIVERS WANTED!

Claydon Car Service operates for the benefit of villagers who require transport for medical appointments, social gatherings, etc. Volunteers are needed who are willing to use their own vehicle (only occasionally) for this purpose. Please contact co-ordinator Thelma Tibbetts on 690574 if you can help. Thank you.



CHILDREN'S CLUB TO CLOSE DOORS

Sad news: the Children's Club is to close for the time being due to poor attendance. The idea of the club was to get children together from the village to play and do activities.

I think there has been some misunderstanding that it was a Sunday School, but this was not the original intention. We occasionally do activities related to the Church such as the Christmas play, but I really wanted children just to get together and have fun by playing games, Lego, crafts, etc and in the summer to go down to the Playing Field to play.

Unfortunately we have had just 3 or 4 children at the Club for a number of weeks (two of them mine!) and they play regularly together anyway. If you are new to the village or want to give Children's Club a go please contact me on 690015.

Karen Jackson

EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Hugo** and **Liberty Heaverman**. Both received Distinctions in their recent Trinity GuildHall exams: Hugo for Grade 5 Drums; Liberty for Grade 1 Classical Guitar. Liberty also received 'Excellent' level in achieving her Silver Medal Recorder qualification.



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FIRST AID TIPS: BURNS & SCALDS

If you burn or scald yourself we all know to run it under cold water but do we do it for long enough?

The recommended time, even for a small area, is **at least 10 minutes** to reduce the risk of tissue damage and prevent scarring. All burns and scalds to children should be seen by a doctor.



NEVER put butter on a burn. This is an old remedy when it was thought that the butter melting would draw out the heat. Now we know all it does is fry the burnt area, making it worse!

Karen Jackson

THE TALE OF A SKIP

I hired a skip on Main Street
For a not inconsiderable sum
Paid extra for a road licence
Everything was properly done.
Neighbours asked me could they help fill it
I said would they just wait and see
What space would be left when I'd finished
Which they could then fill with blessings from me!
That was too much to ask of some people
Who thinking I would be in bed
Chucked on their two wooden palettes

Then obviously turned round and fled.
As part of life's rich pattern
It wasn't much of a crime
But it was I thought so discourteous
When I'd asked them to wait for a time.
So if you are hiring a skip in the future
Just fill it as fast as you can
Or someone will come like a thief in the night
Fill it for you and not give a damn!

Margaret Atkins

It wasn't the crime of the century but someone doing what he wanted when he wanted with complete disregard for anyone else's feelings did make me feel a bit fed up at the time!! **MA**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

The last Parish Council took place on 13 May. Ten villagers attended. The main points raised were:

Glass recycling – a representative from Cherwell District attended to give the Council an insight of what was required and to suggest suitable sites. After lengthy discussion the Council voted to have a recycling bin in the village near to the Playing Field.

Playing Field – The Council endorsed the election of officials for the Playing Field Committee.

Church Room path – Christina Kennedy raised concerns re the cost of planning permission and the cost of resurfacing the path. The Parish Council agreed to apply for planning as this will halve the cost.

Roads and Planning – Comments were made re the state of the Blue Brick path and it was queried whether it was an adopted path.

Oxfordshire County Council confirmed that Crossing Lane is adopted all the way down to the railway line. OCC will now re-fill potholes as necessary.

A planning application for siting of caravans on land opposite the Claydon turn-off on the A423 has been made to Mollington parish. Our Council will object.

Portable toilet depot – Councillors hoped that the current operations would cease, but County Cllr George Reynolds warned that this still might take a long time.

Allotments – It was reported that all allotments are now being cultivated.

Competition – The Council voted not to enter Village of the Year since the closing date for applications was end May.

Village history – an application has been made to put a plaque dedicated to the clockmaker Knibb brothers in/on the Church.

Council finances – The annual financial report and an updated risk assessment were presented. Copies available by contacting me on 690015 or on the village website (www.claydonvillage.net)

Job vacancy – An appeal was made for a new clerk.

Horton appeal – Cllr Rob Jones thanked all villagers who helped to successfully campaign against cutbacks at the Horton hospital.

Next Parish Council meeting:
Tuesday 8 July, Church Room,
7.30pm.

Karen Jackson

Claydon Walks

In the third of a series of occasional features, **Tim Cozze-Young** describes an out-and-back walk to one of our neighbouring villages. If you would like to share your favourite walk with the village, please get in touch.

This month our featured walk takes you to Farnborough, where you could stroll around Farnborough Hall, the National Trust property, or perhaps enjoy lunch at The Inn, the award-winning pub mentioned in last month's issue.

Estimated time to walk: 45-60 minutes each way.

Please note: the public footpaths cross a railway track and busy main road, so proceed with extreme caution.

Starting from Claydon Church, walk North along Main Street then turn left down Crossing Lane. Follow the lane, over the railway crossing, and straight along the dirt track.

At the end of the fenced part of the track take the signposted footpath to your left (path cleared at this time of year), up the hilly field (with a view back to Claydon), through the gap in the hedge and then diagonally right, through the next field to a wooden gate.

Through this gate, keep straight, through a second gate, across the main road (cross with care), then through another gate at the bottom of Park Lodge drive.

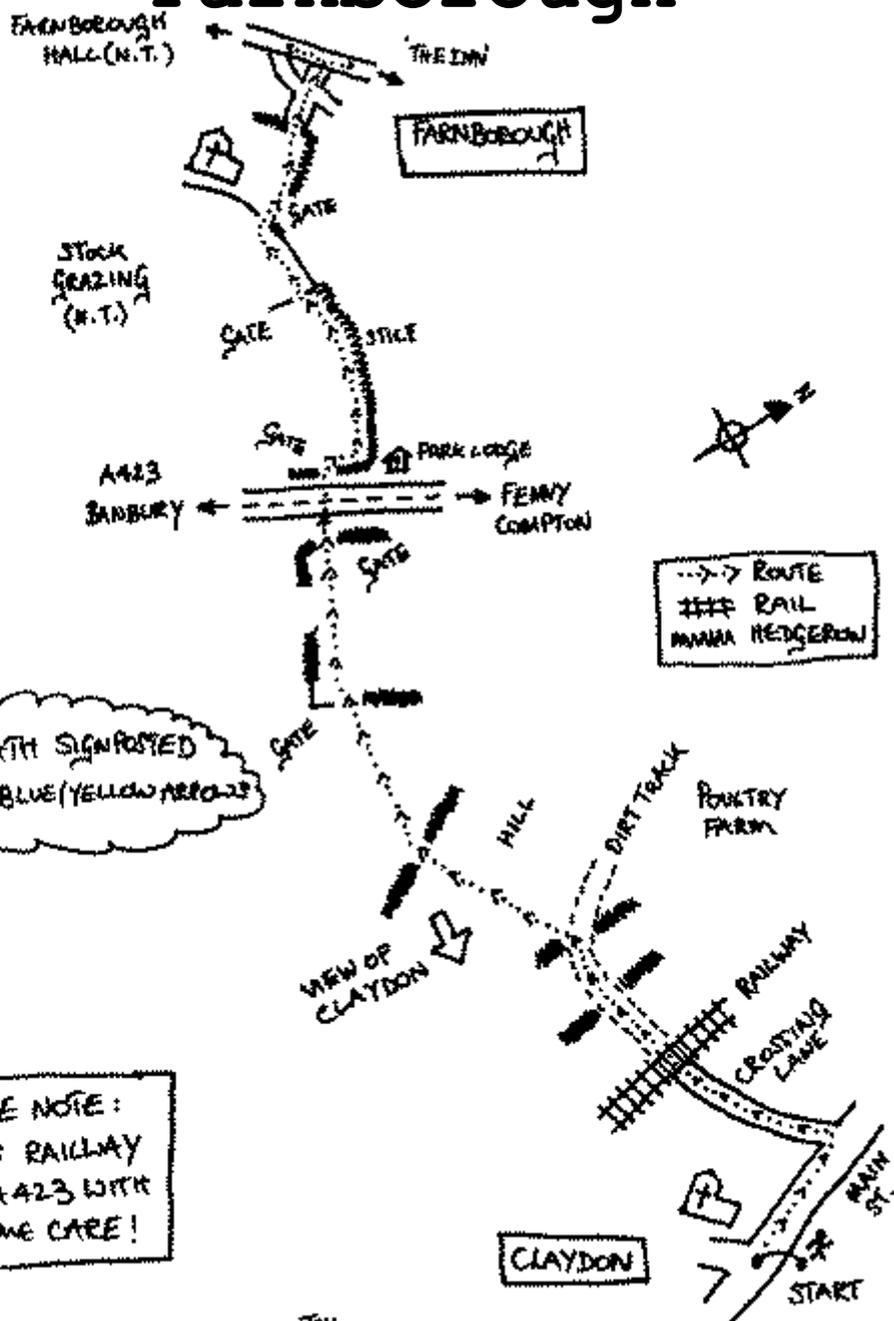
Follow the line of the hedge to your right, and then go through the gate marked "National Trust Stock Grazing". Straight for 50 yards, then into the churchyard on your right.

Through the churchyard to another gate, down the alleyway to Farnborough's main street. From here turn left to visit Farnborough Hall, or right to visit The Inn.

Retrace your steps to return to Claydon. There are alternative ways to return, and we will feature those in a future edition of the Courier.

Tim Cozze-Young

3. Claydon to Farnborough



Courier Classified

Classified adverts are FREE for villagers. Just give the text of your ad to any member of the *Courier* team or email it to courier@claydonvillage.net

AVON COSMETICS - To receive the latest catalogue and order from your local representative call Abbie on 690559. Your order delivered direct to your door!

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

GET FIT, STAY FIT
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Make that list!

To start a new exercise regime (or get back into an old one) after a slump, write a list of all the good things you associate with physical activity: being slim, toned, radiant, brimming with energy and feeling calm, happy, confident and gorgeous.



Put this list up where you'll see it daily (eg on the fridge door or the bathroom mirror) as a constant reminder of how good you'll feel if you develop an exercise habit.

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DOG & BONES -

This month we have a:

DOGGY DICTIONARY

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

DROOL: A liquid which, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food. To do this properly you sit as close as you can and get the drool on the human.

Everything you need to know about dogs and more!



SMIFF: A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly, then running in the opposite direction or lying down.

WELL PHRASED SIGNS:

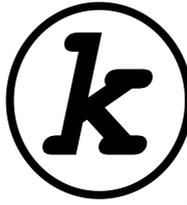


On a fence: "Salesmen welcome.
Dog food is expensive"

In a vet's waiting room: "Back in five minutes. Sit. Stay"

Sue O'Donovan

Kids' Kourier



Are you a budding Botham?!

JUNE 2008



Welcome!

Summer is just around the corner, and Euro 2008 starts this month.

With England sadly out of the competition, who will you be supporting?



Did you spot all the words from the April issue Word-search? There were 10 words in total all 'village' related:

1. Church room
2. Allotments
3. Clattercote
4. Reservoir
5. Bygones
6. Playing
7. Field
8. Churchroom
9. Oxford
10. Canal

Do you attend a club or activity? Fenny Compton Cricket Club (always looking out for new players) all ages welcome and practicing currently Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. For more details please phone 01295 770 874.

The picture to the right is of .. in the village. Now the weather is improving, why not get out and spot what the image is a part of... Prize for the correct answer....



The Old School in Claydon closed in 1948 (well done to all those who got that right last month). **Did you know** mains water (running water from taps!) did not arrive in the village until the 1950's!

Answers to the **May** issue Crossword were as follows:

- 1 Down - where all the best events happen (PLAYING FIELD)
- 2 Down - the oldest house in claydon (CORNER COTTAGE)
- 3 Across - the village museum (BYGONES MUSEUM)
- 4 Across - the big road through the village (MAIN STREET)
- 5 Across - our village church (ST JAMES THE GREAT)

ANIMAL FACTS: KITTENS

If you are thinking about getting a kitten it's better to get two if you can, so that they are company for each other.

They are ready to leave their mother from between six-eight weeks old.

Feed them kitten food up to nine months old. After that they should have either ordinary or dry cat food (whichever suits), plus cat biscuits.



Kittens and cats should have fresh water or milk.

At five months old females

should be spayed and males castrated so that you won't end up with stray kittens.

If you are going to keep a kitten/cat indoors (house cat) you'll need to have a dirt tray and change it twice a day.

Anne Hoggins

RECIPE OF THE MONTH Classic Greek Salad



Ingredients:

- 1 small aubergine (diced)
- 2 courgettes (sliced)
- 2 red peppers (diced)
- 2 red onions (diced)
- [All of the above roasted with olive oil, salt and pepper for 15 minutes]
- Rocket or other picked salad leaves
- Black olives (sliced)
- Feta cheese (diced)

Method:

Toss all together with lemon juice and olive oil.

BIN COLLECTIONS: JUNE/JULY

GREEN BIN
Fri 27 June
Fri 11 July
Fri 22 July



BLUE & BROWN BINS
Fri 20 June
Fri 4 July
Fri 18 July



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

Village Diary

June/July 2008



- **Tuesday 17 June** Mary Rose Trust Talk (in aid Cluster Care)
Cropredy Sports Pavilion, 10.30am
- **Wednesday 18 June** Jubilee Group Coffee Morning
Church Room, 10.30am - Midday
- **Tuesday 24 June** Mobile Library visits
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Saturday 28 June** Fun Dog Show & BBQ (in aid Playing Field)
Playing Field, Midday - 3.30pm
- **Wednesday 2 July** Beetle Drive
Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm
- **Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 July** Chacombe Music Festival
Chacombe (see www.chacombemusic.co.uk or call Juliet on 750500 for details)
- **Tuesday 8 July** Mobile Library visits
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Tuesday 8 July** Parish Council Meeting
Church Room, 7.30pm (Public meeting - all welcome)
- **Wednesday 16 July** Jubilee Group Coffee Morning
Church Room, 10.30am - Midday

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 at

22 June: 10.30am *Family Service*
29 June: 9.30am *Morning Worship*
6 July: No service. *Canal Service at Cropredy Wharf at 10am (all welcome)*

St. James Church, Claydon

13 July: No service. *Deanery Eucharist at Adderbury Church at 10.30am (all welcome)*
Wednesday mornings: 10am Holy Communion

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Courier Comment

For more
village info go to
www.claydonvillage.net

Going, going...?

It seems that every day we hear more and more about village services being cut or, worse, lost. Claydon has suffered casualties of its own: the shop, pub and post office are now all sadly resigned to history.

And now Cropredy's post office is to close later this month - fingers crossed that an alternative location can soon be found.

Also, sad news indeed that the worthwhile Children's Club in Claydon is closing - due to poor attendance. There are a number of new children in the village and this is a perfect way of making new friends.

Let's keep the community spirit alive and kicking in Claydon as it makes for a much nicer place to live.

Lisa Simmons

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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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Deadline for the next issue is July 1.