

# Claydon & Clattercote Courier

OCTOBER 2008

## VILLAGE ARTISTS' TALENTS SHINE THROUGH

For the talented artists of Claydon, preparations for this year's Art & Flower Festival felt a bit like déjà vu! The weather over the weekend of September 6th /7th was generally wet, and on the Friday before there was torrential rain making flower arranging and set-up a cold experience - just like the Claydon Festival weekend last year!



However, despite the unfavourable weather, the church looked beautiful with such colourful arrangements of flowers, including many grown by Marjorie Fox, and wonderful paintings exhibited by the Claydon Art Group.

There were many positive comments from visitors impressed by the high standard of work on display.

This was the 5th Art & Flower Festival and the Art Group has now been running for 6 years. Funds raised in support of St James the Great totaled £235.

**Chrisi Kennedy**



**DON'T FORGET!** The clocks *go back* one hour at 2am on Sunday 26 October.

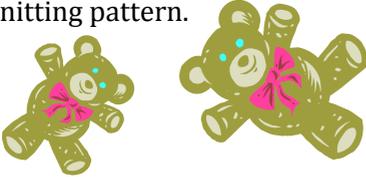


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## TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES

Do you have any double knitting wool you want to donate to be made into teddies? For many years Jayne Thornton has collected knitted teddies for deprived children. She now needs 50 teddies for Uganda, for which I will provide a knitting pattern.



In many parts of the world white represents mourning, so we cannot take donations of white wool I am afraid, but if you can help at all please call me on 690322.

**Dorothy Beckett**

## BREAKFASTS ARE BACK!

The first of the winter village breakfasts will be held on Sunday 26 October at 9.30am in the Church Room.

Piping hot tea, coffee, warm croissants with jam and delicious bacon butties are on offer.

Everyone, including visitors to the village, is welcome. There is no charge, but donations would be very much appreciated. 

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## SUNFLOWER SEEDS OF SUCCESS

The village Sunflower Competition entries (judged at the Art & Flower Festival) ranged from Anne Hoggins' spectacular roof-touching specimens, to Sylvia Ingram's Homebase-inspired submission and Pete Kearney's artistically presented dying stalk. Congratulations go to all entrants, especially to overall winners Matthew and Hannah Bryer for their beautifully-formed sunflowers. Thanks also to Chrisi Kennedy for organising the contest with proceeds to church funds.

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(Left): Anne Hoggins' sky scraper blooms opened early in the summer and were caught on camera

(Right): Joint winner (with brother Matthew) Hannah Bryer is dwarfed by their winning bloom and took home a bird feeder as their prize



### OIL SCHEME

#### DELIVERS BIG SAVINGS

Claydon's Oil-Buying Consortium, co-ordinated by Paul Gallagher, has attracted over 20 households.

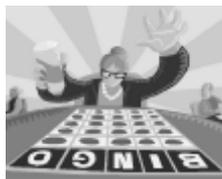
At the time of going to press the first order was due to be delivered, with savings of up to **£50** per household. In total, villagers will have saved nearly £430 - a discount of over 5p per litre!

Additional benefits include reduced tanker traffic with one company making a co-ordinated delivery to all properties on the same day.

To join this no-obligation, free-to-join, community scheme please contact Paul on 690119 or email him at [paul.gallagher@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.gallagher@hotmail.com)

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### *Not a Trick but a Treat* FAMILY Bingo Night



**Friday 31 October**  
**7.30pm - Church Room**  
**Entry £6 – Adults**  
**£4 Children to age 16**  
Includes a light snack  
*Halloween fancy dress - optional*

**Bring your own drinks**  
The evening will conclude with a Raffle

Funds raised in aid of the church and the playing field

## TOILET DEPOT UPDATE

Villagers helped score another victory in the dispute about the use of land at the bottom of the village, currently used as a depot for portable toilets.

At a Cherwell District Council meeting on 18 September, the council agreed to start legal action to remove the toilet operations from the site. They will be given 3 months to relocate. However, the landowner has already stated that he will appeal.

The company that leases the land has said that it has already found an alternative site, but needs to resolve lease issues before it will move out. Thanks to all villagers who have written to the council, some on more than one occasion. 

## TRICK OR TREAT?

Halloween (31 October) falls on a Friday this year. So that the tradition of children trick or treating is enjoyable for all it is suggested that both householders and trick or treaters adopt a Halloween Code:

### Halloween Code

A hollowed-out, lit, pumpkin placed in front of the house or on a front windowsill **or** a cardboard pumpkin shape on the front door says trick or treaters are welcome. Trick or treaters will visit only homes displaying a pumpkin. 

## CLAYDON BONFIRE



## NIGHT



Saturday 8 November

Playing Field, 6.30pm  
(Bring a guy!!)

6.30pm Lighting of bonfire  
BBQ food and bar

7pm Judging guy competition

7.15pm Firework display followed  
by entertainment in the Marquee

9pm Raffle draw

Entry is free, but donations are  
welcome

*Proceeds in aid of Claydon Playing Field  
Trust (Registered Charity)*

## HIDDEN BRITAIN

A representative from tourism support group *Hidden Britain* met villagers from Claydon and surrounding villages on 24 September to discuss the possibility of increasing tourism in this part of North Oxfordshire. Villages could benefit from increased heritage status and access to grant funding for restoration and other historic projects. Villagers will meet again on 22 October to review thoughts on what might be promoted and how it could be done. If you have any views please email them to [courier@claydonvillage.net](mailto:courier@claydonvillage.net) 

# Courier Contact



**From Martin Broughton, father to 2nd Lt Arron Broughton RM, Boddington Road:**

On behalf of Arron I would just like to thank everyone for their best wishes and support. The generosity and kindness of some people goes beyond what ever I imagined - you know who you are. I have only heard from him once so far and things are extremely tough but he is, so far, enjoying it. Many Thanks.

**From Sylvia Ingram, Fenny Compton Road:**

In response to Christine Pickering's article in the August edition of the *Courier* regarding car drivers and horses - now with the gloomy,

overcast days fast approaching, how about more horse riders getting into the habit of wearing yellow flashes or bands? Most horses being brown, most riders wearing brown or green, they *too easily blend in with tall hedges!*

November brings torment to many animals - as the 5<sup>th</sup> falls on a Wednesday this year, people will be having firework parties for at least a week, with animal owners not knowing when to keep pets indoors. Please, *please*, donate some money to the village function on the 8th where fireworks can be enjoyed and all animals can be put safely away for just one night. Thank you for your consideration.

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## FLU JABS DUE SOON

Cropredy surgery will be hosting its usual flu jab drop-in clinics from 8.30-12.30 and 14.30-16.30 during the week 27 - 31 October 2008.

If you are on the 'at risk' list you should already have had an invite. There's no need to book, just visit the surgery during the above times.

If you aren't able to come to the surgery during those times because, for example, you are on holiday, please let us know so that we can make other arrangements.

If you would like to have a flu jab but are not on the list and have not

had a letter from us, you may be able to have a jab if we have any left over. Our receptionists keep a list and we will call if there are any spare jabs available.

**Lynne Jones, Practice Manager**

## Village Bowling Evening

Saturday 1st November 7.30 pm



Lakeside Bowling in Banbury  
2 games & meal included  
Suitable for all ages

To book call Paul on 690119  
or email [paul.gallagher@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.gallagher@hotmail.com)

# Claydon Walks

In the fourth of a series of occasional features, **Tim Cozze-Young** describes a circular walk suggested by Manor Park residents. If you would like to share your favourite walk with the village, please get in touch.

This month's featured walk has been recommended by Pete & Stefi Kearney, appealingly following a 9-mile country lane and canal route that crosses the county lines of Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and then back into Oxfordshire.

If you want to build-in a stop for reviving lunch or refreshing drink, this circuit walk passes two Public Houses. *Estimated time to walk (excluding pub-stop): 3 hours.*

Starting from Claydon, Oxfordshire's most northerly village, walk South along Main Street and then down Appletree Road and over the canal. Keep following the road past the turning signposted to Appletree and continue towards Lower Boddington.

At the Lower Boddington crossroads (The Carpenters Arms is straight ahead of you) turn left, signposted Wormleighton/Fenny Compton.

Follow the road for 3-4 miles, passed the turns signposted to Upper Boddington and Priors Hardwick, then passing through the village of Wormleighton.

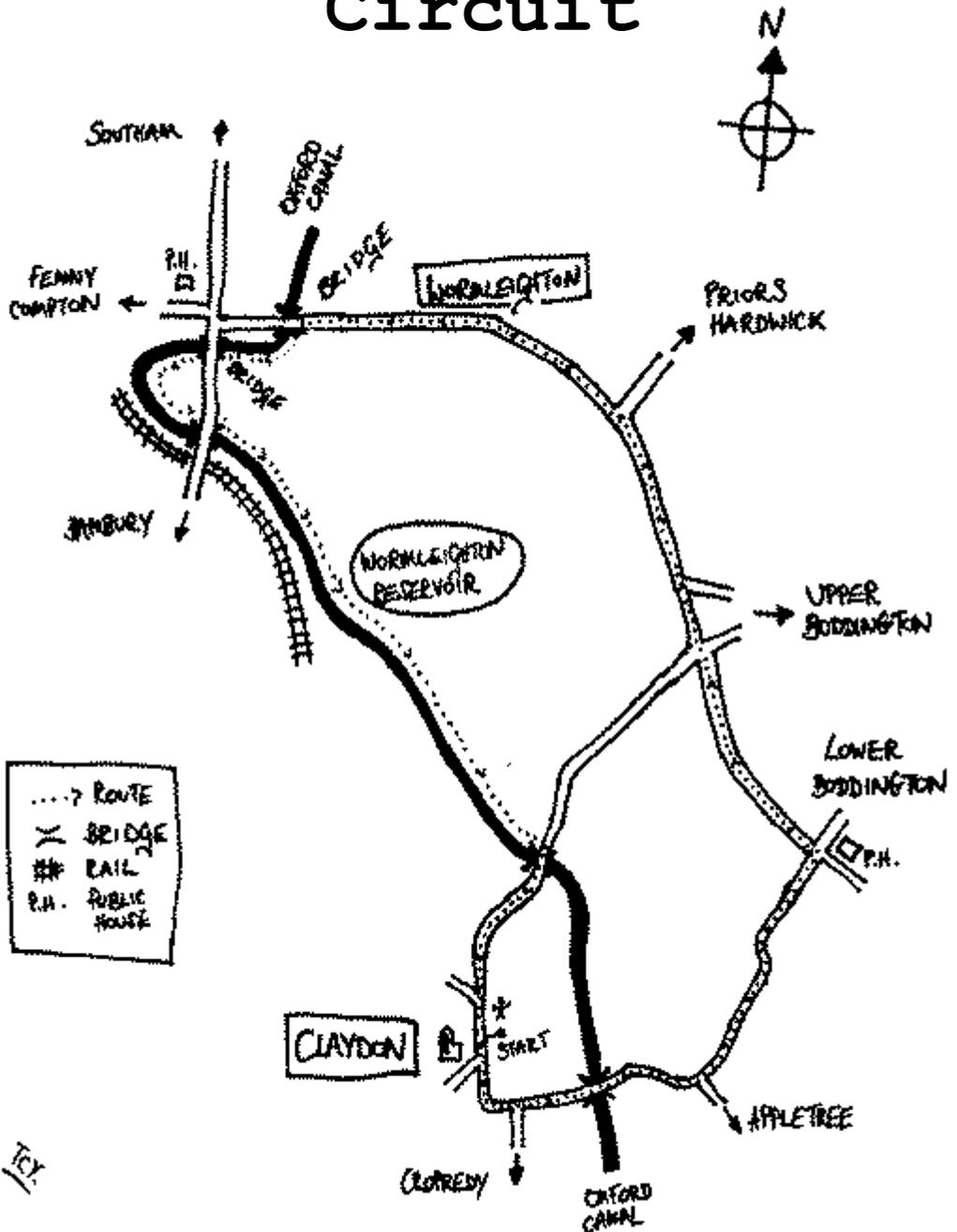
Approximately 1 mile after Wormleighton take the path down from the road bridge to the canal, and then follow the canal towpath South. The path goes under the A423 at Fenny Compton Wharf (The Wharf Inn is located at this road/canal intersection), passes a marina and then back under the same main road.

Continue along the towpath past the Wormleighton Reservoir until you reach the Boddington Road canal bridge. From here head up onto the road and back into Claydon.



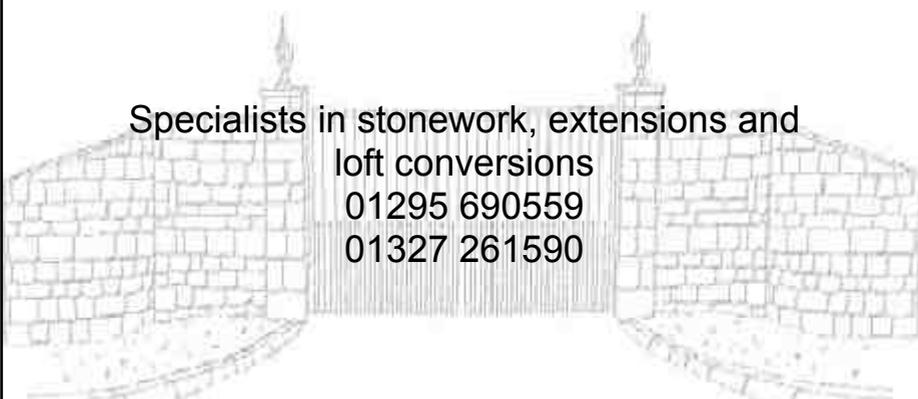
**Tim Cozze-Young**

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## XMAS EVENT RETURNS

I am delighted to confirm that the Claydon Christmas Tree Lighting and Remembrance event will go ahead again this year. It will be held on the afternoon of **Sunday 7 December** in - and next to - the Church Room.

Everyone is welcome to this village event, please feel free to come along and join in this special seasonal occasion which will celebrate and remember our family, friends and even special pets who are away or no longer with us. Do make a diary note now.

Golden stars to adorn the tree with your loved ones names on them will again be made available prior

to the event. All timings and further information will be confirmed in next month's issue.

A huge thank you goes to Adrian & Jo Taylor of Clattercote Priory Farm and Don Siviter who have again very kindly donated a Norwegian Spruce for the Remembrance Tree.

**Lisa Simmons**

## CLAYDON CONTACTS

Included in this month's *Courier* is *Claydon Contacts*, an A4 sheet with lots of useful local contact information in one place. The list is produced every 6 months. If you would like an extra copy or have a suggestion for an entry in the April 2009 listing please call Vicky Smith on 690192. 

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES - SEPTEMBER 2008

The last Parish Council meeting took place on 9 September. Six villagers attended. The main points raised were:

**Corner Main St/Church Lane** – Cllr Mutch had looked into proposed work to improve kerbing and reduce flooding and was told that it would be done in mid-September.

**Appletree Road** – This road will be closed for resurfacing for 5 days in week commencing 27 October.

**Blue brick path, Main St** – The condition of the path continues to deteriorate and has been referred to Oxfordshire County Council for action.

**Bus services** – Cherwell District is undertaking a review of local bus services. The review will be completed early November with an open forum following and final comments by 5th January 2009.



**Point to Point Farm** – an appeal by Mr & Mrs David Jeffries is in progress.

**Land near Otter Hollow** – An enforcement enquiry is in progress.

**Site at rear Astell Farm House** – A planning application from Geoff Wheeler was withdrawn. [See page 4 for an update on this site.]

**BT payphone, Main St** – The council noted that BT may seek to remove the phone and has stated that they believe the phone is a necessity in emergencies and also for visitors, especially canal users.

**Council finances** – The Parish Council bank balance stood at £937 in July. It was agreed to defer discussion about financial regulations to the next meeting. Regulations had been drafted and will be agreed at the next meeting.

**Job vacancy** – Two applications have been received for the post of Parish Clerk and will be interviewed shortly.

**Unauthorised business** – The council has been assured that the cars parked on a drive in Fenny Compton Road are there for hobby purposes, not a business.

**Bus shelter** – A councillor asked if there was a case for a bus shelter in Claydon. It was decided not to pursue as the service is stop & ride.

Next Parish Council meeting:  
Tuesday 11 November, Church Room, 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Karen Jackson**

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Oxtail Soup

#### Ingredients:

2kg of oxtail (chopped in 1 inch pieces)

3 carrots

½ sweet

½ leek

1 onion

3 cloves garlic

Sprig of fresh thyme and 2 bay leaves



#### Method:

Place oxtail in saucepan. Cover with water and bay leaves, thyme and a large pinch of salt. Lightly cook on hob for 1½ hours or until meat is tender.

Strain liquid and allow to cool. Meanwhile, pick the meat into thin stands and remove any fat. Place the oxtail stock in fridge until the next day.

The next day dice the vegetables. Take the oxtail stock out of the fridge and remove fat which has set on the top. Add stock to a pan, add meat and chopped vegetables, and cook for 4 minutes. To get perfect consistency, thicken with gravy granules. Add salt and pepper if needed.



Supplied by **Sam Hoggins**, *Hyltons at the Moon & Sixpence*, Hanwell, Telephone (01295) 730544

## ANIMAL FACTS:

### CATS



Indoor cats need a litter tray filled with cat litter that is changed every morning or evening, fresh water in a bowl and cat biscuits, cat food (moist or dry, whichever suits), plenty of toys and a scratch board.

Outdoor cats need a cat flap so they can go in or out as they like and a bowl of fresh water. They should be fed inside with cat biscuits and cat food (dry or moist, whichever they prefer). If you do not want kittens females should be spayed and males castrated.

If you have a stray cat in your garden, feed it at the same time every night (after dark) with scraps, cat food and cat biscuits. Also leave a fresh bowl of water - not milk, as in the winter this is bad for them. The stray will soon become friendly.

**Anne Hoggins**

## BIN COLLECTIONS: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

### GREEN BIN

Fri 17 October

Fri 31 October

Fri 14 November



### BLUE & BROWN BINS

Fri 24 October

Fri 7 November

Fri 21 November



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

# Village Diary



October/November 2008

- **Sunday 26 October** **Village Breakfast**  
Church Room, 9.30am
- **Tuesday 28 October** **Mobile Library visits**  
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Friday 31 October** **Village Bingo Evening**  
Church Room, 7.30pm
- **Saturday 1 November** **Village Bowling Evening**  
Lakeside Bowl, Banbury - *See page 5 for further details*
- **Wednesday 5 November** **Beetle Drive**  
Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm
- **Saturday 8 November** **Village Bonfire Event**  
Playing Field, 6.30pm onwards
- **Tuesday 11 November** **Mobile Library visits**  
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Tuesday 11 November** **Parish Council Meeting**  
Church Room, 7.30pm [Public meeting - all villagers welcome]
- **Wednesday 19 November** **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

19 October: No service. *United Benefice Service at Mollington, 10am*  
 26 October: 10.30am Family Service  
 2 November: 10.30am Communion by Extension

## St. James Church, Claydon

9 November: 10.50am Act of Remembrance  
 16 November: 10am *UB Service*  
 Wednesday mornings: 10am Holy Communion

### October

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### November

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# Courier Comment

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## Speak now or...

In case you missed it, the outer cover of the *Banbury Cake* dated 9 October was an important notice about Cherwell District Council's future housing policy called Options for Growth. The council is currently asking us where we think new houses should go.

It's a complex matter, but there is a real danger that the council will be tempted to use greenfield sites around Claydon for new houses. Those who don't want this to happen, and believe that rural communities should remain rural, need to say so **now**. To find out more go to [www.cherwell.gov.uk/localdevelopmentframework](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/localdevelopmentframework)  
The deadline for responses is 24 November.



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