
VILLAGERS RALLY BEHIND CHURCH APPEAL

There was strong support from the village for the Cheese and Wine Evening hosted by Reverend Pat Freeth in the Church Room on April 21st on behalf of Claydon's Parochial Church Council (PCC).

As well as thanking a number of villagers for their energetic help, encouragement and enthusiasm, Revd. Freeth took the opportunity to facilitate an open discussion on the future of the Church in Claydon.

A variety of aspects of the Church were robustly discussed, including the ongoing challenge to meet the Church's base operating costs (to allow services to continue to take place) as well as the required funding to maintain and improve the fabric of the Church building.

Revd. Freeth shared her vision of the Church as a true "community building", whilst highlighting that, unless the operating costs are met (over £9,000 this year), the building itself may not remain open for existing services, let alone any additional activities, whether church-related or not.

Service collections and existing fund-raising activities are ongoing, but it is recognised that there is an annual shortfall. The discussion led to volunteers agreeing to create new fund-raisers (including the 'Church Chance-of-100' - see page 3 - Gift Aid and Safari Suppers) with more ideas and Friends of the Church still required.



A number of villagers were also keen to help the PCC develop a longer-term vision and strategy, and a work group will form to define a more structured approach.

It was most encouraging that four new members joined the PCC the following weekend, and it is hoped that the village will pull together to make key decisions that will affect the future of our historic Church. 

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- Joy Cardew remembered
- Corner Meadow planning update
- Post Office consultation
- Art Group starts new term

CORNER MEADOW - PLANNING GRANTED

February's *Courier* reported on the planning application for the change of use of land at Corner Meadow, Mollington and subsequent appeal against the enforcement notice.

Following a planning inquiry, Planning Inspector Susan Heywood has ruled in favour of the Traveller site, with improved access and improved driveway also granted permission. The approved space is

currently for one Traveller family and three caravans, which could be followed by a future planning application to increase the space to accommodate an additional family with three caravans.

The planning inquiry determined that issues of effect on the landscape and potential traffic impact on the A423 were not significant.



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ST JAMES' CHURCH CHANCE-OF-100 DRAW

Over the next few weeks there will be a chance to enter the new "Church Chance Of 100 draw" which will be in aid of St. James the Great Church.



This is a new draw similar to the current Claydon Playing Field '100 club' which I also organise (as Treasurer of this charity), with a top prize of £100 and each entry number costing £5. The initial draw will take place in early June with tickets available in the very near future.

At the recent Village Church meeting it was recognised how desperately funds are needed to keep the Church open. Whilst personally I am not religious, I do see the Church as a beautiful part of our village and would be devastated to see it boarded up. It is clear that many villagers feel the same way, and I believe this new draw is one way to start to help.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.
And remember - you have to be in it to win it!

Mike Smith

RETURN OF THE P.O.

As reported in last month's *Courier*, a Post Office counter is set to re-open in Cropredy this month (Thurs 21st) at the Bridge Stores.



The Post Office has opened a consultation on this relocation of its services, which runs until 2 June.

Anyone who wants to comment should contact Dave Shotton, c/o National Consultation Team, Post Office Ltd, PO Box 2060, Watford, WD18 8ZW or email him at

consultation@postoffice.co.uk



WINNIE ADVANCES

Winnie, the Dogs for the Disabled puppy, has left Claydon and returned to the Charity's Centre for her Advanced Training and final assessment.



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From Keith Hamilton, Crossing Lane:

I have always been a great lover of architecture, old and new, and once took on board a wonderful piece of advice. Bill Bryson said in one of his books, that if you want to see a town in all its glory, go upstairs on a double-decker bus. We all go around our towns looking in shop windows, building society frontages and travel agencies. They do look all the same. If only we spent a few moments looking up at the next storey of the buildings.

I have spent a lot of my working life in towns around Britain and have to say many are nondescript. However Banbury has such a wealth of wonderful architecture from a mix of periods. We are so lucky to have such a town on our door step.



The next time you are walking up Parsons Street, the Market Square or the High Street - just look up a little. You might then think, thank goodness Banbury managed to escape the seventies' town planning and be proud of our little Oxfordshire town. I know I am!

From Kath Pieteron, Manor Park:

It was interesting to read Lisa Simmons' entry in April's *Courier* on her re-introduction to the world of drawing and painting at The Mill, Banbury. That's where I also began to realise that I could (with the right tuition) produce something like a painting after years of discouragement at school. However, to anyone else who is tempted to make a start or to revive past skills with paint brush, pencil & pastel, we have a thriving group in Claydon, meeting in the Church Room from 7-9pm each Wednesday in term time.

The Claydon Art Group was formed 6-7 years ago with Chrissie Borland (a tutor at The Mill) guiding and encouraging us through our early years. She persuaded us to hold our first Art and Flower Festival which was a great success - enabling a generous donation to the Church of St. James the Great where our art was displayed. We continue to make regular donations including a percentage of the sales of our paintings.

We have always been self-funded and are lucky to have found a very good Tutor, with entry fees of £30 per term of 6 lessons (only £5 per lesson - very reasonable). What we need now is an increase in membership.

Why not come along to the Church Room one Wednesday at 7pm - the first lesson will be free (equipment supplied), so you can sample the class. We really need your support so that this successful group can continue to raise funds for Claydon village organisations.

In memory: Joy Cardew

1926-2009

Joy was born 15th August 1926 in Leytonstone (Essex) later to become part of Greater London.

had been an active worshiper and had also run the Sunday School.

She had two older brothers and a sister from her father's first marriage but she was the only child of her father's 2nd marriage with her mother Elizabeth.



When the Second World war broke out, Joy was 13 and was evacuated to Peranporth in Cornwall, living with the Beringer Family who had two children, Nick & Jennifer, who remained in contact with Joy throughout her life.

She returned to Leytonstone before the end of the war and started work with her father George, as a secretary at the British United Shoe Company.

Joy met her husband Sid when going out as a foursome. Her friend was Sid's date and she was Derek's. They swapped boyfriends in the course of the evening.

Joy and Sid were married on the 6th September 1952 in the parish church of Leytonstone, where Joy

They returned early from their honeymoon because it was so cold and they moved into their new home in Woodstock Road, Alperton where they stayed for the next 19 years.

Joy's daughter Hilary was born a year after the move to Alperton and her son Howard

followed 4 ½ years later.

She spent the children's formative years as a housewife, eventually returning to work part-time as a secretary.

In 1971 Sid was offered a new job, working for Avondale laboratories when it relocated to Banbury and so the Family moved from what had become a busy suburb of London, to the quiet and peace of an Oxfordshire village and a new house known as 'Holly Ridge' where they would spend the rest of their lives.

Joy loved village life in Claydon and became active in the community making many new friends. She cherished her special friendship

with Marjorie Fox and Diana Lambert who remained close to her, right to the end.

She was active in the local community and also worked part-time until her retirement as a secretary for Dr. Yassin in the Cropredy Surgery.

Joy helped set up the Womens Institute in the Village, worshipped in this church, eventually becoming a church warden along with her friend, Marjorie's husband, Andrew.

In 1980, shortly after the birth of her 2nd grandson, Joy had a brain haemorrhage and was not expected to survive, but her faith and strong spirit pulled her through.

She was a wonderful caring mother who adored both of her children, her four grandchildren, Andrew, Duncan, Adam & Jessica and relished baby sitting as they grew up.

She also had three great grandchildren: Isabel, who she was able to spend time with, and Isaac and Alex who, born within the last 15 months, she was not able to enjoy to the same degree due to her hospitalisation and failing health, but she enjoyed what little time she had with them.

Maria, Joy's daughter-in-law, was able to spend time with her most days when at home. In between her periods of hospitalisation, Joy loved to reminisce with her over old family stories.

Her health began to deteriorate shortly after her beloved Sid died in 2002.

Diabetes robbed her of her sight and her physical strength, but at no time did she ever complain, always having a sunny and positive disposition.

Her name described her: **Joy**
You will be missed by all.

Eulogy reproduced by kind permission, Tony Barrington-Hill

From Hilary Barrington-Hill (nee Cardew) & Howard Cardew:

On behalf of both of our families, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend Joy's funeral and also for the donations given in support of St. James Church and Diabetics Uk.

Joy loved the village and everything to do with it, and now has a final resting place with her husband Sid, within the churchyard of St. James Claydon, which had over the past 40 years played such an important part in her life. Once again we would also wish to thank all those who remained good friends to her over the last 40 years and during her prolonged illness.

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CLUSTER CARE GROUP TO HOST AGM IN CLAYDON

Cluster Care is a day care centre meeting every Tuesday in the Sports Pavilion in Cropredy. It provides a day out for elderly people living in the cluster catchment villages of Claydon, Cropredy, Hanwell, Horley, Hornton, Great Bourton, Little Bourton, Mollington and Wardington.

Cluster Care will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 11th June 2009 at 7.30pm in Claydon's Church Room.

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Claydon *FAMILY*

This month our regular column heads for the water...

April seemed to whizz by with the two week Easter break for the children. It was fun for all, too, as we headed off to a much needed break at our caravan on the coast of West Wales.

The van, I must say, is 30 years old and has seen better days and we have toyed with the idea of getting rid of it for a while now (selling would not be an option!) But... there is something quite magical about getting away from it all and days spent on beautiful National Trust beaches (whatever the weather).

Indeed, on Easter Sunday the children donned wetsuits and went surfing, whilst I watched from a safe distance in my fleece!

The highlight of the break was when we went rock pooling (yes, families still do this despite the invention of the computer game!) when Jess happened to find a baby octopus! It was a crowd drawer for some time and attracted adults and children alike.

On our return to Claydon the holiday was not quite over, as we had a good afternoon at nearby Draycote Water reservoir when hubby and the kids had an afternoon taster sailing session.



It was a windy day, but a bit chilly, and, to be honest, when I found out that you had to strip down to a wetsuit I was quite glad there was only room for 3 in the boat!

The children were very excited, but Tom has decided he didn't really like it as there was nowhere to run about (his decision,

I fear, was made after he forgot to "DUCK!" when told to and landed a quick bop on the head from the sail).

Jess, on the other hand, loved it and wants to go back!!

Draycote Water is only a 20 minute drive from Claydon and is a lovely place to go sailing, cycling, picnicking and walking. Great for a family day out.

Karen Jackson



ANIMALS FACTS: URBAN FOXES

Following-on from last month's article on country foxes, a new resident to Claydon has asked the **Courier** to clarify if urban foxes differ from their country cousins.

In fact about 13% of the fox population live in urban areas, and they are often the same animals, moving between urban and rural areas.

Mainly active at night, they tend to make dens on wasteland, in overgrown gardens or even under garden sheds.

They do not go hungry. For comparison, a recent study in Bristol found that each fox's territory contained at least 150 times as much food available as was needed by each fox.

Anne Hoggins

BIN COLLECTIONS: MAY/JUNE 2009

GREEN BIN
Fri 15 May
Fri 29 May
Fri 12 June



BLUE & BROWN BINS
Fri 22 May
Fri 5 June
Fri 19 June



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Strawberry &
Vanilla Mousse

Ingredients:

500 ml cream
500 ml whipped cream
8 egg yolks
200 g caster sugar
5 gelatine leaves, soaked in water
20 chopped strawberries
2 vanilla pods

Serves 12-16



Method:

Boil the cream with the vanilla pods to infuse the flavour.

Beat the egg yolks and caster sugar together, then pour the cream mix (minus the pods) onto the eggs.

Whisk fast then return to the pan to cook slowly so they eggs don't scramble.

Remove from the heat, add the gelatine and leave to cool.

When cool, add the whipped cream.

Place the chopped strawberries in a mould, pour over the cream mix and leave in the fridge for 3 hours.

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

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Village Diary



May/June 2009

- Wednesday 20 May** **Jubilee Group Coffee Morning**
 Church Room, 10.30am - Midday
- Tuesday 26 May** **Mobile Library visits**
 Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- Wednesday 3 June** **Beetle Drive**
 Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm
- Tuesday 9 June** **Mobile Library visits**
 Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- Thursday 11 June** **Cluster Care Group AGM**
 Church Room, 7.30pm
- Friday 26 June** **Dirty Voice - Live Music Gig**
 St James the Great Church, time to be confirmed next month

ADVANCED NOTICE!

Wednesdays in term time (not 10 and 17 June)
 Claydon Art Group, Church Room, 7pm-9pm
 See page 7 for more details

If you would like an item included in Village Diary please pass on details to any member of the *Courier* team (see p12)

Weekly Church Services at St. James Church, Claydon

17 May: 10am United Benefice Service	7 June: 9.30am Holy Communion
24 May: 10am Family Service	14 June: 8.30am Holy Communion
31 May: 8.30am Holy Communion	Wednesday mornings: 10am Holy Communion

May

June

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Courier Comment

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Account(y)able?

Last month we started a new Council Tax year and most of us saw our bills rise.

This happened in spite of the actions of our Parish Council, who took the retrograde step of reducing the precept (the share of Council Tax that comes directly back to Claydon) at exactly the time it is needed most by the village.

Yet what seemed to have eluded our elected representatives is that a massive 76% (ie three-quarters) of our Council Tax goes straight to Oxfordshire County Council.

And what do we in Claydon get in return? Not a lot, it would seem. It would be good to see our parish councillors knocking on the door at county hall, demanding a better deal for all of us. But will they?

Mark Simmons

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