
FLUSHED WITH SUCCESS

In mid-July the portable toilet depot, based on the Astell Farm site at the bottom of the village, closed and all toilets were moved out of Claydon.



appealed, the operation was allowed to continue. It is understood that the appeal process is still on-going, even though the portable toilet firm has moved out.

The future of the land, owned by Cropredy mechanic Geoff Wheeler, is unknown.

Thanks to all those who have spent so much time and effort protecting the special and rural nature of our village. **C**

This is a welcome relief for the many villagers who have campaigned for nearly two years to have the operation moved to a more suitable location.

Over 50 villagers have written to the planning authorities, many more than once, expressing their concerns about noise, smells, unsightly appearance and dangerous traffic movements. They were supported by the Parish Council, as well as district and county councillors Ken Attack and George Reynolds.

Last year Cherwell District Council ruled that this use of the land was illegal, but, as the decision was

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Fun Dog Show is barkingly good - see centre pages for more details

- Local art duo exhibit in Banbury
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FREE TRAINING FOR VILLAGERS

The *Shires Edge Project*, part of the Hidden Britain programme to provide benefits for local communities through tourism (see last month's *Courier*), is organising a local training day for anyone interested in improving their local marketing skills. The training will be provided free of charge and is likely to take place on a weekday in October or November 2009. Please contact SEP secretary Mark on 690155 for more details. 

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VILLAGE SHARES ITS VIEWS

Thanks to everyone for a fantastic response to the recent consultation conducted in Claydon for the Village SOS project (www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos).



We had 109 completed questionnaires returned. In my experience as a Research Director this represents an outstanding response.

The survey was put together so that the working party decisions could be informed by village opinion. I volunteered to put the questionnaire together and analyse the results to provide an independent perspective on the whole community's view of the project. The full results will be published in next month's *Courier*.

Please be reassured that all responses were anonymous unless the interviewee volunteered their name.

Special thanks go to the interviewing team (Marie & Robin Aston, Steff & Pete Kearney, Emma Clifford & Paul Gallagher, David Wicks, Graham & Jenny Reeves, Phoebe Shaft, Lisa & Mark Simmons, Vicky & Mike Smith, Thelma Tibbetts and Graham Page) and obviously to all of you who completed the survey.

Chris Page

DID YOU KNOW?...

MANOR PARK was built on land that used to be an orchard. 28 houses - all bungalows - were completed between 1972 and 1973. 

SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR TIM

Brave Tim Cozze-Young will be taking on a 10,000 ft tandem sky dive in October to raise funds for local charity Dogs for the Disabled.

To sponsor him (or even join him - places are still available!) please call him on 690139. 

CLAYDON CHANCE OF 100 WINNERS DRAWN

The first Chance of 100 draw in aid of Claydon's St James The Great Church took place on July 14 at the Parish Council meeting. The winners were:

£100 Paul Marsden (Manor Park)

£50 Chrisi Kennedy (Walnut Gardens)

£25 Mark Webster (Crossing Lane)

The draw was a huge success and raised net proceeds of £360 for the Church. Thank you to all those who bought numbers and also to the collectors who did a fantastic job.

The draw will be repeated for the Church in the winter.

Mike Smith

CHURCH GETS A SPRUCE UP AND MORE...

Latest news from St James the Great Church:

Patronal Service - took place on Sunday, July 26th in St. James The Great Church, followed by tea and a raffle held in the Church Room. Many thanks for all donations, resulting in a collection of £137.

Church artefacts blessed and dedicated – during the Patronal Service, including refurbished altar linen, Hadland Bible, wooden storage chest and eagle. With thanks to the volunteers who made these tremendous improvements, including Clive Mutch, Dorothy Beckett and Thelma Tibbets.

A touch of sparkle – to the church windows and surrounds, as well as new paint on several walls. The difference is clear to see. With thanks to Keith Hamilton, Michael O'Donovan and Spencer Prestidge.

Church Chance of 100 Draw – congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who took part. Sincere thanks to draw organiser, Mike Smith. The draw raised £360 (see p3). After additional donations, the total raised was £460 - a terrific achievement.

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Working Weekend

August 22 & 23, 10am-4pm, Church & Church Room

If you can spare an hour or more please be a friend and help us, including clearing church grounds, painting and cleaning and general maintenance

Art & History Festival

August 30 & 31, 10.30am(Sun)/10am(Mon)-4pm,
Church & Church Room

Celebrate your local church and support local arts

Bring 'n Share Harvest Supper

Friday 2 October, time to be confirmed, Church Room

Enjoy a Harvest Supper and Auction with licenced bar

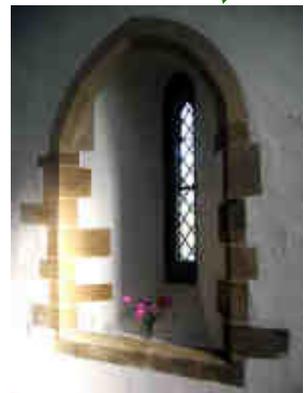
Contacts

Fund raising ideas/volunteers:

Terri Jones (690136) / Tim Cozze-Young (690139)

To become a Friend of St. James:

Michael O'Donovan (690853)



Tim Cozze-Young, Treasurer, Claydon Parochial Church Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES - JULY 2009

The last Parish Council meeting took place on 14 July. 14 villagers attended. District councillor Ken Attack was also present.

Swine Flu - A villager asked whether the Parish Council will put a Flu Action Plan into place, as other villages are doing. The response was that the Parish Council prefers to wait on advice issued by the local surgery. [*NB This advice was already highlighted in July's Courier - see page 4.*]

A423 Speed Reduction - A villager asked for an update on a suggestion at the last meeting that the speed limit on the A423 in Oxfordshire might be reduced to 50mph.

During the subsequent discussion Cllr Clive Mutch clashed with those who did not share his point of view, and became increasingly agitated, before storming from the meeting. Council chairman David Hill will need to address the use of strong, potentially offensive, language used by the councillor, which may result in a formal complaint. Public participation in discussions on issues affecting the village may also come under scrutiny as a result of the councillor's behaviour.

Boddington Road - The village is still awaiting the arrival of a speed-activated sign, although the base for this has now been installed.

Village Bus - Cllr Anne Hoggins is trying to persuade the authorities to provide a second daily bus, following June's service reduction.

Allotments - The Parish Council admitted that it had made a mistake in suggesting that increased allotment fees would be payable in November. The fee will now rise from £1 to £5 per allotment per year from April 2010. Following requests from villagers, the Parish Clerk is now maintaining a list of those who would like an allotment. [*See last month's Courier - page 13 - for details.*]

Planning:

Point to Point Farm - Demolition of the barn ordered by Cherwell planners following a dismissed planning appeal has now started, but is only partial; it is not known when the work will be completed.

Land near Otter Hollow - Cherwell planners are expecting one or more retrospective planning applications for the unauthorised buildings which have appeared on land adjacent to the Oxford Canal.

Manor Farm Barn - The Parish Council has asked planning inspectors to revisit this property, as it has been alleged that it is being used as a dwelling.

Next Parish Council meeting:
Tuesday 8 September 2009,
Church Room, 7.30pm

ARTY TWO ARE AS ONE AT MILL SHOW

Local villagers Janet Kynman (Main Street) and Juliet Babbs from Upper Boddington are showcasing their monoprint work at an exhibition aptly named 'Mono Duo' at The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury until 31 August, 10am to 7pm [Sundays 11 - 5]. Why not support them and visit The Mill or call Janet for more information on 690855.

Vicky Smith



BLANKET CHECKS

Unsafe electric blankets can cause fires, so Oxfordshire Trading Standards is offering FREE safety checks in Banbury on 7 October 2009.

To book your appointment: call (01865) 815607 or e-mail trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Strictly on a first come, first served basis, by pre-booked appointment only. 

OIL GROUP GROWS

The village oil consortium Heating Oil For Less took its eighth delivery last month, saving nearly six pence a litre on the highest local supplier price obtained. Household savings ranged from £32 to over £120.

The date of the next planned order is **28 September**.

Please spread the word about the scheme (which is also open to households in nearby villages) – the more who join and use the scheme, the more money can be saved and the greater benefit to the environment with reduced fuel lorries on our roads. Call Paul on (01295) 690119 or go to www.heatingoilforless.co.uk 



Cluster Care Group

(Reg. Charity 1100948)

Car Boot Sale & Coffee Morning

Tuesday September 1st

10.30am-2.00pm

Cropredy Sports Pavilion

£5 per car at the gate.
Cars to set up from 9.30am.

Usual stalls
plus raffle and refreshments.

Everyone very welcome.

Courier Contact



From Marion Hills, Manor Park:

DOES THIS RING ANY BELLS?

There is always a positive in each day and thanks to my article in July's *Courier* I have benefited from meeting and corresponding with some locals that I had not had the pleasure of meeting before.

However, the response to my appeal was unfortunately disappointing. To date we have had a generous £50.00 paid outright by Chrisi & Simon Kennedy & a promise of £50.00 or collection of £1.00 per week from another villager. This particular lady wishes to remain anonymous but when she telephoned me and when I met up with her in her home she was very enthusiastic and couldn't believe that more interest wasn't forthcoming.

I also had an informative discussion with Eric Bates who kindly took the time to call on me. He gave a further idea for preserving the sound of the hourly chime of the clock which may be less costly & will be looked into.

Am I to take it that the rest of the village is uninterested in preserving the clock for future generations? Or is it that you just haven't had the time to contact me? I hope the latter is the case.

I now also have the opportunity to correct some errors in my original article concerning the possible origin of the clock. I received a very interesting email from Don Siviter containing his study of the history of the clock which was made whilst researching for a Blue Plaque to commemorate the birth of the Knibb Brothers in Claydon.

The first thing that Don pointed out was that the clock was probably constructed in the 16th Century and the Knibb brothers weren't born until the 17th Century. Also that the brothers are not buried in the churchyard: Joseph is buried at Hanslope and John in Holywell.

Don's research (complied with the assistance of Eric Bates) links the clock to the oldest of the three bells in the tower made in 1609 and suggests that the clock may have been built around this time. There is also some speculation that the clock was transferred from the Church of St. Mary, Cropredy at the end of the 17th Century. If this were the case then the clock may well be that commissioned by the Vicar of Cropredy, Roger Lupton in 1512. Local folklore that the clock was built by the Knibb brothers is probably incorrect. Sorry folks - but I did believe my information to be correct as I had obtained it from a document of seeming authenticity. At least thanks to the work of Don and Eric I have been able to put the record straight.

Don's conclusion was: "Keep up the good work to preserve the clock. There is evidence that it has been repaired quite a few times in the past by local horologists."

We clock winders will continue to maintain the hourly chime for you all to hear as long as we are able but PLEASE HELP US in our quest to ensure this remains a feature of our village in the future.

My details: 11 Manor Park , tel 690950 or e mail marion@paulmarion.plus.com

Thanks to the *Courier* for giving the space to this article. Keep up the good work in bringing a lively and informative magazine to our doors.

SUN SHINES ON CLAYDON'S FUN DAY OUT...

Over 120 visitors attended the annual Claydon Fun Dog Show and Family BBQ that was held in the Playing Field on Saturday 25 July.

The fantastic turn-out was no doubt helped by (unexpectedly) beautiful warm and sunny weather.

The event, which was advertised in local media, drew in dog lovers from many neighbouring villages, as well as a strong showing from Claydon residents.

BBQ food was served from 12.30 onwards and refreshments were available in the village marquee. Visitors were able to sit and enjoy their food and drink at the superb new cafe-style tables kindly donated to the village by a Claydon family. >>>



... AND TURNS UP HEAT ON BBQ & DOG SHOW



<<< A total of 32 dogs entered the 10 available classes for the Fun Dog Show, which was judged by Belinda Dale, a dog owner and trainer with 20 years experience , who generously donated her time.

Thanks go to all who contributed to making the event a success, including Tim Cozze-Young, Sue Upton and the Playing Field Management Committee and Friends. Nearly £200 was raised for the development of the Playing Field.



Go to the village website (www.claydonvillage.net) for more pictures of the day and see p14 for list of class winners.

Courier Contact



From Aaron Broughton 2nd Lt RM and farm hand, Boddington Road

Editor's Note: This letter was delivered personally to the Courier. Although unexpectedly published elsewhere first we felt it was important that it was published as planned and as Aaron had requested.

Commando in Arms, Claydoner in Heart

On rare occasions we are forced to observe our true self. Vulnerable and defenceless we will revert to whatever it is that will endure even once we are fully devoid of every other sense and feature. Whilst traumatic, it's through these occasions that we develop, reinforced by a knowledge that no matter how far we're pushed and how badly we're broken there is one fundamental element, whatever that may be, that will never escape us, available whenever we need it most.

I recently experienced one such occasion and feel I owe it to the village - as a small return for the incredible support it has shown me - to tell my tale, after all it is you who for the past twenty two years have shaped my life and influenced my progression into what I am now: a Royal Marines Commando.

Before an officer is allowed to undertake the commando tests he must complete a three and a half week degradation exercise designed to test his resolve. Fifty two began, twenty nine finished. Twelve ended up in hospital, four of which were in intensive care with anything from septicaemia and toxic shock to renal failure from heat exhaustion. On the fourth day of the "yomping" (load carrying over distance whilst tactically manoeuvring) phase of the exercise on Dartmoor we embarked on a ten kilometre advance through the night to a dawn assault. By this stage we had already yomped roughly ninety kilometres over the four days, sometimes carrying up to a hundred and forty pounds. Having slept for exactly four and a half hours over these four days my body was already deteriorating slightly before the weather turned heavily against us. Gale force winds and storms of rain/hail battered us as we moved silently through the darkness. Dartmoor is a nightmare for commando and stealth strategies because the arduous, undulating and broken rocky ground hides so many hazards, whilst abundant marshes make it impossible to traverse with any speed. With the particular blackness (it's crucial we move without any light to maintain concealment) caused by the weather, the constant stumbles and falls brought us to virtual standstill. This meant that to make our timings we couldn't afford to stop for waterproofs or water. Once at our target after seven painful hours one of the lads became delirious and it was soon apparent he was in the early stages of exposure (mild hypothermia). Whilst we tended to him I began to struggle with my own senses and soon became hazy. I remember nothing from then until I woke naked in my Arctic sleeping bag. Apparently I had stood, glazed over and senseless whilst convulsing, and my colleagues had performed all the necessary actions to stabilise myself and five others from my section with the same symptoms. My section had been the rearguard so we had been exposed above that of the rest of the lads but it's still a hard pill to swallow for any marine, especially because of the ease with which we had coped with the terrible weather and numerous frostbite injuries sustained over the winter - during the Russian front of snow and cold earlier this year we had been dug in performing recce tasks for a week, one night it hit -10. However, this time fatigue had made us susceptible. The training team reacted immediately as ever and sorted the six of us out and gave us the day to recover whilst the rest of the lads continued on a seventeen km yomp.

My spirits were indeed low that day but no more so than during any of the other similar challenges in training. However, what was to make this day so harrowing was the culmination of these events and what happened next. Whilst still dazed from the previous night's incidents we were delicately informed of the death of Marine Jason Mackie - a colleague of our's brother who was from Oxfordshire and was serving in Afghanistan. He had been killed by a mine strike on an armoured fighting vehicle.

Having been unbeaten by the rigours of training, the set-backs, pains and trials; having been fully aware of the nature of the job and its risks, I still struggled to handle this. Rich (my colleague) had been told earlier and already left the exercise before the implications of my career immediately hit me. I had always fully known the implications but they were never real until now. To know it would change such an amazing guy as Rich (who, having worked his way up the ranks, has been to Afghanistan himself) and his family, friends and so many more, leave them all with that unbearable burden to forever carry tore me up. How could I ask that of my family, my loved ones and worse than that: the thirty families and the thirty sets of friends of the thirty men that I will command? I had always reasoned that fighting for my country and our principles, for the men that had died for those same principles was worth anything. I really deeply love my job but is anything really worth the risk of doing that to so many people? I had to ask myself very seriously and came to the same conclusion I had on many other occasions: Yes, Claydon is.

Claydon is my refuge place, that special 'thing' I spoke of before: the one thing inside me that I can always cling to when everything else escapes me. It will always be the place where Bob (the dog) ran rampant. My amazing dad is in Claydon, a man more incredible than any other I've met. All the great memories of being at my Nanna's house with my brilliant sister reside in Claydon. Clattercote and the Taylors are there, being lucky enough to grow up with them as my extended family and work the land has made it part of me, made me part of it. The will to be back with the land you love is an experience any farmer can't resist for long.

Far more important though are the little things that make Claydon worth fighting for. It's a place where people care about hedgehogs. The more you become involved in the wider scheme of things the more you realise that battles over garden boundaries, the mystery of who cut a tree down or the fight for correct sign posts and road marks really do matter more. Worldly events will always sort themselves out, there will always be plenty of people to worry about them, miserable because they want to carry the weight of the world, let them. They'll never know how good Claydon smells like just before it rains.

It's so fantastic that Claydon has rediscovered a new sense of life. I've lived here all my life and it was a vibrant active society, packed with events when I was a little boy. Whilst the community spirit never left there was a slight dip in social event as the village young grew old without replacement, but this recent explosion in enthusiasm from newcomers and veterans alike is so productive for the village; the children here are so lucky, as I was, to grow up amongst such friendliness, moral upstanding and example. For all you under the impression that this is normal (I was), it is not; caring for others is far rarer in all the places I've been than it should be.

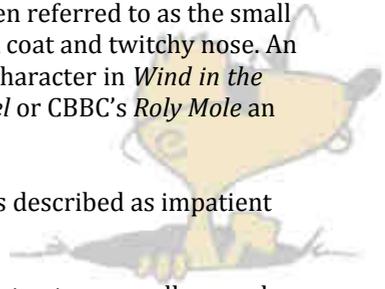
That's why it's worth sacrificing anything for. What we have is worth defending, but much more than that; every human should have the right to be as lucky as us. Even if I can provide just the smallest glimpse of Claydon to those who have never known kindness or security than I can easily justify doing my job to myself.

On paper, as now the only non-graduate with no military history I had no right to have made it through all the harrowing selection processes let alone training. I'm a farm-hand amongst world record holders, Oxbridge graduates, semi-pro sportsmen and war veterans, and yet they all lack something I have. I have the support of a community. I represent 300 or so good people and know the importance of doing so. Through this I am solid, unyielding and able. It was with this strengthened resolve that I began the last of the arduous commando tests, a 30 mile navigated run over the length of Dartmoor carrying the standard 35 pounds of kit and your rifle. It was during which we had many of the afore mentioned injuries, however, for me each mile bought increased confidence and momentum safe in the knowledge that no matter what happened I would have the support of my family, friends and community. I achieved my green beret that day and thank you all for all for the part you played and for always being neighbours, friends and influences. We have a special little village and whilst I don't know how the future may unfold, I can only promise that so long as my heart is beating, heaven help any man who tries to threaten this!

THE TALE OF A MOLE (PART 1)

A true story by David Wicks

The mole holds a certain endearment to many of us. Often referred to as the small gentleman in black velvet. The mole with his sleek black coat and twitchy nose. An image conjured up by tales such as Kenneth Graham's character in *Wind in the Willows* or 'Morocco mole' the side kick to *Secret Squirrel* or CBBC's *Roly Mole* an affable, likable chap... or is he?



Reading *Wind in the Willows* a little more closely, mole is described as impatient and contemptuous. This I can understand.

Without remorse or consideration to my garden early last autumn a callous and heartless attack occurred on the front lawn. Little mounds of soil appeared in a line up the right hand side up to about half-way where they cut across to the centre of the lawn. Not a problem, I selected several whirly toys from the kids' toy box and stuck them in the ground in and around the end of the tunnel system having read that constant vibration would deter the mole. Not a chance! The little scamp simply tunnelled straight through them. No worries, I doubled the whirly toys, added a few other mole deterrents and stamped the tunnels down. The mole didn't bat an eyelid as he continued to tunnel across the garden.

Annoyance had set in by now, I'm wasn't going to be defeated by a small rodent! Whirly toys, bricks, stamping, excavation of tunnels and diesel-soaked rags plugged every possible tunnel or route further into the garden. My partner put a stop to me tethering a cat in the vicinity citing animal cruelty and a box around the ears if I didn't stop this nonsense as the cute little creature would soon be gone and it would be simple to repair the damage.

On one occasion as I walked up the garden I got the impression that the dark creature was laughing at me, I slowly turned around and saw a fresh mound appearing! GOT YOU! I cried as I dived at the mound, arms outstretched. He was there, in my grasp, I had him! No I had a clump of sod in one hand and a mouth-full of fresh Claydon clay.

Autumn turn fully to winter and I sat brooding dark thoughts concerning triumphant dances on mole hills. The heavy Claydon soil had slowed down the dark beast's progress up the garden, then suddenly he turned left and headed into the neighbours garden. He'll not stand a chance next door I chuckled, the neighbour will put an abrupt end to the little critter's shenanigans.

The little devil was back within 2 days, this time tunnelling straight across the garden into the hedge and out of the way leaving a wake of mounds and surface tunnels. Whatever had happened next door had worked, The brute had gone... ..or had he?

Part 2 next month

Green Fingers

“Rain rain go away come back another day”. Rain certainly helps the garden grow, but lately it's been too much of a good thing. Pots and baskets will have had their nutrients leached much quicker. The Claydon clay will remain cooler and clag quicker.

To counter the consequences of the rain, supplement pots and baskets with a slow-release fertilizer (organic). Check beds for spots where soil may have eroded or evidence of where ‘pooling’ has occurred and dig in compost and mulch to ensure roots aren't exposed and soil is suitably aerated. Also it would be worth checking for standing water such as in buckets, gutters and other places where water could be held as these can often make great habitat for mosquitoes and midges.

Mid-Late August: Keep on top of the weeds. Use a hoe as it helps to break the surface crust allowing air and water to permeate into the upper levels. This is particularly useful with the Claydon clay which quickly forms a hard surface that stops the precious warm air from permeating into the soil and keeping it light and workable.

Continue with the deadheading to prolong the flowering season and keep an eye out for pests. A tip I picked up recently is to scatter slug

pellets in areas where slugs and snails are more likely to reside such as under hedges, piles of masonry and in stone walls. The pests choose these places because they are safe from predation so there should be little or no impact on predators coming into contact with slug pellets. Harvest fruit and vegetables regularly to ensure good stocks.

Early-Mid September: Collect free seeds produced by perennials and other garden plants by saving them when they are fully ripe. Collect seed-heads and hang them in a warm place in brown paper bags to dry out. Clean, sort and label the seeds into envelopes and store. I would be interested in setting up a seed swap - *contact me on 690267 if you'd like to take part.*

Now's a good time to plan and plant up patio pots or borders. Try wallflowers (*Erysimum*) for a cheery spring show.

David Wicks



CLAYDON FUN DOG SHOW 2009 - LIST OF WINNERS

(Handler's name in brackets)

Most Handsome Dog:
Dillon (Janet Kynman)



Prettiest Bitch :
Roxy (Chris)



Best Basic Training :
Megan (Mel)



Cutest Canine :
Archie (Amy)



Best Trick by a Dog :
Roxy (Chris)



Best Veteran Dog:
Barney (Jenny)



Scruffiest Dog :
Millie (Liberty Heaverman)



Most Appealing Expression :
Hamish (Clare)



Dog/Handler Look-Alike :
Buddy (Dani)



Best Dog In Show :
Dillon (Janet Kynman)



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tomato and Basil Soup



Ingredients:

1 onion
1 leek
1 bulb of garlic
400g tomato puree
2.5 litres vegetable stock

Method:

Chop the onion and garlic. Fry in a little oil in a saucepan for 2 mins. Add the tomato puree, followed by the vegetable stock. Boil for 4 mins. Pass through a sieve. Season with salt, pepper and Worcester Sauce.

To serve add a little cream and some chopped basil.

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

BIN COLLECTIONS: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009

GREEN BIN

Fri 21 August

Fri 4 September

Fri 18 September

BLUE & BROWN BINS

Fri 28 August

Fri 11 September

Fri 25 September



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and pin to your fridge,
noticeboard, etc.

Village Diary



August/September 2009

- **Tuesday 18 August** **Mobile Library visits**
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Wednesday 19 August** **Jubilee Group Coffee Morning**
Church Room, 10.30am - Midday
- **Saturday/Sunday 22/23 August** **St James Church Volunteer Working Weekend**
Church & Church Room, 10am-4pm *[All villagers, friends & family welcome!]*
- **Sunday/Monday 30/31 August** **Art & History Festival**
Church & Church Room, 10.30/10am-4pm *[Contact Kath on 690392 for details]*
- **Tuesday 1 September** **Cluster Care Car Boot Sale**
Cropredy Sports Pavilion, 10.30am - 2pm
- **Tuesday 1 September** **Mobile Library visits**
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Wednesday 2 September** **Beetle Drive**
Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm
- **Tuesday 8 September** **Parish Council Meeting**
Church Room, 7.30pm *[Public meeting - All villagers welcome]*

Claydon Art Group
New term starts
early September -
look out for details

If you would like an item included in Village Diary
please pass on details to any member of the **Courier** team (see p16)

Weekly Church Services at St. James the Great Church, Claydon
 16 August: *No service.* 9.30am 30 August: 9.30am Morning Worship
 United Benefice Fairport Service, 6 September: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Cropredy 13 September: 8.30am Holy Communion
 23 August: 10am Family Service Wednesday mornings: 10am Holy Communion

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Do It Yourself

Maybe it's because they live on fertile soil (see p3), but whatever the reason, the residents of Manor Park are an enterprising bunch.

Certainly when it comes to roads their willingness to act directly has had real results. First Alan Power successfully brought about new signs on the A423 bringing much better protection to the Mollington Road turn (see April's *Courier*).

And now Pete Kearney has brought about swift action to repair the surface and remove excess water on a problem piece of tarmac, again on the Mollington Road.

Last month he contacted Oxfordshire Highways direct and the details are below if any villager needs to sort out a problem road in the future...

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