

Claydon & Clattercote Courier

JANUARY 2010

CHILDREN TURN OUT FOR CRIB SERVICE

As the song goes, we dream of a white Christmas. For the Christmas Eve Crib Service we were blessed with the snow lying shallow, crisp, and even, thanks to the recent frosty weather. The service was once again very well attended with the church filled near to capacity.



The service was given by Sue Upton with Janice Hamilton providing the seasonal music. We also had readings given by Nellie Jones, Louise Bryer and Mark Simmons.

To close the service the children placed the blessed figurines into the nativity scene. Many villagers stopped to chat a while afterward before heading home to warm fireplaces.

Russ Jackson

STOP PRESS:

The *Dirty Voice* Gig in the Church planned for Saturday 16 January has been postponed until the Spring. In the meantime, *Dirty Voice* will be playing at Dog & Gun, Banbury on Saturday 30 January.

From Claydon's
Parochial Church
Council:

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Both the Christmas Carol and Crib Services were well attended and the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to dress the Church so beautifully.

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- Church Chance of £100 winners announced
- Owl facts
- Village Bingo Night set for 29 January
- *New Claydon Contacts*

NEW ARRIVALS

Welcome to **Rachel & David Griffith** who have moved into Crossing Lane from Birmingham and to **Graham Adams** who has moved into Bignolds Close from Aston le Walls.



QUICK ON THE DRAW

Keen artist eleven-year-old Jessica Jackson from Mollington Road will illustrate the Diary page every month this year. Her first picture is on page 7.



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CHURCH CHANCE OF £100 WINNERS

The second St James the Great Church Chance of £100 draw was held after the Claydon Carol Service on Sunday 20 December. The winners were:

- ☺ **1st (£100):** David Hill (Mollington Road)
- ☺ **2nd (£30):** Wes Clarkson (Bignolds Close)
- ☺ **3rd (£20):** Simon Wadland (Clattercote)

The draw was a huge success and raised £320 for the Church. Thank you to all those who supported the draw and bought an entry number. Also a big thank you for the hard work of the collectors who braved the cold weather and did a fantastic job in ensuring we raised such a large total. We hope to repeat the draw in June 2010. Happy New Year to everyone.

Mike Smith

ALLOTMENTS TO RENT

Anyone interested in taking over an allotment next to the Playing Field should contact Sue Upton, Clerk to the Parish Council on (01295) 758398. The rent is currently £5 per year. 

DOGGIE GET-TOGETHERS

Why not come along to the weekly Dog Socialisation session that takes place on Sundays at 3pm on the Claydon Playing Field? This is an informal event allowing dogs (and owners!) to spend some quality time socialising and getting to know their neighbours. Owning a dog isn't a prerequisite - just come along for a chat !...

While attending with your loved dog, please remember to treat the Playing Field with respect and be aware of others who may not be confident around dogs.

Paul Gallagher

XMAS EVENT UPDATE

We are very pleased to confirm that the Christmas event raised a fantastic £382.98. This amount was doubled thanks to Bibby Financial Services Community Fund, making a fantastic total of £765.96. This will be shared between St James The Great Church and Dogs for the Disabled. 

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LIVE BELOW YOUR MEANS AND BAG A BARGAIN

Following on from the success of *HeatingOilForLess* and numerous comments from my friends/colleagues who say I can always find an excellent deal, early last year I created an email-based service called *Living Below Your Means* (LBYM). The idea is to inform villagers about events and promotions that might be of interest to us all, but that we might not get to hear about as they are promoted outside our area (though the actual event could be on our doorstep/in our local area).

A previous event that was communicated via LBYM was Cirque Du Soleil's *Quidam* at the NIA Birmingham with 50% off ticket prices. A more recent item that was publicised via the service was the *Help the environment for FREE and be part of a Guinness World Record attempt!*, sponsored by the BBC, which was part of National Tree Week and free trees were available from Homebase on Southam Road. Communicating this via LBYM enabled Cropredy School's Eco Council to obtain 40 free saplings for planting, as well as numerous Claydon Villagers obtaining saplings for their gardens. To join the free LBYM scheme just send an email to paul.gallagher@hotmail.com

Paul Gallagher

JANUARY/FEBRUARY WALKS

The informal walking group that's run from Cropredy by David Hawkins (01295 758228) has two walks planned for the coming month:

Date	Route	Distance	Depart	Additional Info
Jan 26	Fawsley & Badby area [Leader: Dick Dean]	6.75 miles	9:30am 23 Kyetts Corner	Please bring own lunch. Contact David to confirm as some car space may be available.
Feb 9	Little Bourton via canal	5.5 miles	10:00am Cropredy Lock	

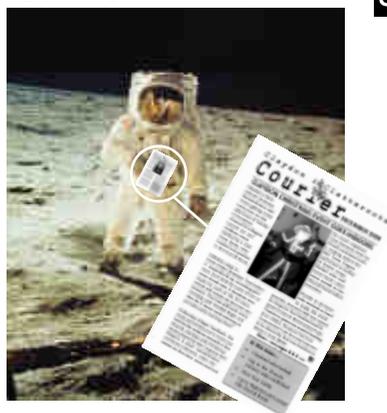
COURIER HEADS FOR NEW FRONTIERS

The *Courier* Team challenges Claydon residents to take the *Courier* where no *Courier* has been before!

Why not take the latest issue on your next holiday and take a photo of you/your family with the *Courier* and send it to us (details on back page).

We would like to publish a photo every month and there will be a prize in December for the most unusual location the *Courier* is

pictured. We look forward to seeing your photos very soon.



Courier Contact



From Tim Cozze-Young, Crossing Lane

I would like to thank the Heaverman/Lambert family on behalf of the the local butcher and Grimsby fishmonger whose vehicles had to be assisted back onto the road during the icy weather before Christmas. Without hesitation all family members rallied to help, which was very much appreciated, thank you.

From A Villager (Name & Address supplied)

In the last 6 months there have been several mains water leaks in the village, the latest being 27 December on Main Street/Mollington Road junction.

While walking my dog I saw a stream of water coming out of the tarmac and running down the road. By the time I was heading home, the water had subsided to a trickle so I assumed the leak had been reported to Thames Water.

The next morning I observed the water was still leaking and due to the freezing temperatures there was a sheet of ice stretching down one side of the road. I rang Thames Water and was told that they were not aware of the leak and would come out asap as they were advised that the resulting water/ice was treacherous. I was happy to see that within the hour the leak was cordoned off and workmen were on site. I am surprised that this leak was not reported earlier and we were lucky that no-one had an accident on the ice. Please keep your eyes open and report instances to the relevant authorities.. don't rely on others to be the first to phone.

CLAYDON CONTACTS OUT NOW!

All the contacts you'll ever need - in one handy place! Your latest copy of the A4-sized *Claydon Contacts* is included in this month's *Courier*. Extra copies can be downloaded from the village website: www.claydonvillage.net

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FAMILY Bingo Night

Friday 29 January
7.30pm - Church Room

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The evening will include a Raffle

Funds raised in aid of the church and the
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**BIN COLLECTIONS:
JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

GREEN BIN

Fri 22 January

Fri 5 February

Fri 19 February

BLUE & BROWN BINS

Fri 15 January

Fri 29 January

Fri 12 February



STOP PRESS:

See village website for revised collections due to adverse weather.

**ANIMAL FACTS:
OWLS**

Young owls are called owlets. Owls eat mice, voles, small birds, snails, slugs, earthworms, beetles and insects.

Little Owl

Length: 9 inches. Lives in farmland and countryside with trees. Flies by day as well as dusk. Breeds April-July.



Snowy Owl

Length: 21-24 inches. Lives in open moorland and is rare visitor to the UK. Females are larger than males. Last bred in the UK in 1975, but recent sightings on North Lewis suggest the first possible breeding in over 35 years on British soil.



Short Eared Owl

Length: 15 inches. Lives in open country, downs, moors, fens, dunes and salt marshes. Breeds April-July. Not a rare bird.

Anne Hoggins

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

Village Diary

January/February



Artwork: Jessica Jackson

- Tuesday 19 January** **Mobile Library visits**
 Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- Wednesday 20 January** **Jubilee Group Coffee Morning**
 Church Room, 10.30am - Midday
- Monday 25 January** **Heating Oil For Less Oil Order placed**
[To join HOFL and/or place an order call Paul on 690119]
- Friday 29 January** **Village Bingo Night**
 Church Room, 7.30pm *[See p.5 for more details]*
- Sunday 31 January** **Village Breakfast**
 Church Room, 9.30am
- Tuesday 2 February** **Mobile Library visits**
 Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- Wednesday 3 February** **Beetle Drive**
 Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm



Wednesday evenings in term time Claydon Art Group, Church Room, *Contact Kath on 690392*

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 St. James the Great Church, Claydon

17 January: 10am United Benefice Service - Mollington	7 February: 9.30am Holy Communion
24 January: 10am Family Service	14 February: 8.30am Holy Communion
31 January: 10am Village Breakfast	Wednesday mornings: 10am Holy Communion

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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New Year ... New Start

Why not make one of your New Year's resolutions to 'get more involved in the village'? The **Courier** is brought to you every month by a team of enthusiastic villagers and we would love some new faces and fresh ideas. We meet once a month for an informal discussion on the content of the forthcoming issue and share the workload between us all, you can do as much or as little as your time allows. The friendly meetings are light hearted and always include good company and a cuppa!

We are keen to represent a wide cross section of our village and would love to hear from you if you are interested. Please call me on 690192 or any member of the team for more information (phone numbers below).

Vicky Smith

The Courier is brought to you each month by:

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

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