

Claydon & Clattercote Courier

AUGUST 2010

SUMMER FUN DAY IS £1,300 SUCCESS

Saturday 17 July saw the return of Claydon's annual Fun Dog Show followed by a barn dance in the evening. Over 150 people turned out - a resounding success.

The fun began at noon with a BBQ and licensed bar. The dog show started at 1.30pm with over 20 canine friends from the village and beyond. There were ten classes including best trick by a dog, waggiest tail and owner/ handler lookalike, judged by Tina Walker who runs dog training classes and volunteers with Guide Dogs.

There was a great atmosphere in the marquees, which housed a kids drawing competition and stalls including hand made wooden toys and local produce. A huge thanks to villagers for donating delicious produce. Anne Hoggins ran two raffles and thanks villagers who generously donated prizes. It was lovely to see the playing field full of a wide cross section of villagers and visitors having fun in the sun.

The excitement continued into the evening, when the marquees turned into a 'barn' to host a family barn dance. Professional caller Steve Pascoe led participants to

dance the 'Lucky Seven', 'Strip the Willow' and 'Hello'. after which they appreciated the scrumptious BBQ food and much needed drinks.

Thanks to match funding from Bibby Financial Services Community Fund the event raised a terrific £1,367. This will be shared equally between St James the Great Church, Playing Field Management Committee and the *Claydon & Clattercote Courier*. 

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BEST WISHES FOR SAM

I would like to thank all the Claydon people for their kindness and support after my son Sam was involved in a bad car accident on 16 July.

Anne Hoggins

The *Courier* Team would like to extend their best wishes to Sam and hope that he has a full and speedy recovery and will be able to come home to the village soon. **C**

NEW ARRIVAL



Pixie Hoggins is now three months old already, but still very cute! **C**

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CLAYDON ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2010

Once again the Claydon Art Group are holding their annual art exhibition on August Bank Holiday. The doors will be open to St James the Great Church and Church Room on **Sunday 29** and **Monday 30 August** from **10am-4pm**. This will be the first exhibition for the newer members of the group and their work will be displayed alongside the more experienced ones of us.

Refreshments will be available in the Church Room as well as a tombola, bric a brac stall and art demonstration by our art teacher, Louise Brown. The Church will be beautifully decorated with flowers thanks to Maria Parsonage and Chris Rushton. Entry will be free but a donation to the church would be warmly welcomed.



Stef Kearney and Kath Pieteron celebrate

The Art Group had some excellent news recently that Cherwell Council had given them a grant of £300. This will be used to pay for extra art demonstrations for the group during next year. Kath Pieteron has been very active in securing this cash for the group and everyone was very appreciative of her efforts.

Stefanie Kearney

NAPTON CYCLISTS GRATEFUL FOR CHURCH PIT STOP

On Sunday 18 July, the Church Room was transformed into the "Claydon Snack Stop", offering a friendly rest and refuel point for over 200 cyclists.

At the busiest, the collection of bikes and riders surrounding the Church created a scene reminiscent of the finish of a Tour De France stage - with the addition of some Morris Men, Tandems and a couple of unicyclists!

The PCC was delighted to be selected to welcome the 30th Napton Bike Ride to Claydon, with offerings of hot and cold drinks, home-made cakes, hot dogs and ice creams all gratefully received by the participants.

The event was met with very positive feedback from the riders as well as the Napton organising committee, with over £240 raised for the Church and an additional donation made to Help for Heroes, the Bike Ride's charity of choice. **Pictures and more - see centre pages >>>**



Tim Cozze-Young

COOL Courier

This month's entry for the *Courier's* travel competition comes from Marion Hills and Paul Marsden of Manor Park who are pictured venturing into the Arctic Circle in Norway. Marion says: "We took nearly 4 weeks to complete 5764 miles by road visiting Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland Germany, Belgium & France. "

Why not take a similar photo on your summer holiday and send it to us (details on back page). **C**



WELCOME - AGAIN!

Best wishes to Freddy and Simon Bull, who recently moved into their new home 'The Brambles' on Main Street. Freddy and Simon were renting in Walnut Gardens and loved Claydon that much that they decided to stay. Welcome! **C**

CANAL CONCERNS

Many villagers will have seen the development along the Oxford canal near Otter Hollow. Previously agricultural land opposite the towpath north of the Boddington Road overbridge has been sold off in plots and is now in use as private moorings for boat owners, who have also developed gardens and vehicle access.

The Parish Council and individual villagers have raised the matter with British Waterways and Cherwell District Council as they are concerned that development has apparently taken place without any official permission. Cherwell is due to meet this month to decide what action may be taken. If you have any comments you'd like to share, please contact any member of the *Courier* team (details on back page). **C**

PING PONG PLAYERS

The Millennium Table Tennis Club starts its annual coaching sessions for children aged 10-14 years old this autumn. Sessions are in Mollington Village Hall on Fridays, between 7 and 8.30pm, starting Friday 10 September. Coaching will run through to the end of April 2011 (excluding holidays) and the cost is £3 per child per session.

For more details please contact Robin Aston (01295 690385) or John Coe (01295 710555). **C**

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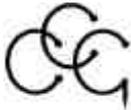
ST JAMES' FESTIVAL IS CUT ABOVE

The Church and Church Room were filled with a wonderful display of embroidery and needlework, much of it the work of Claydon's embroidery group Zero Five, over the weekend of 24 and 25 July. They were accompanied by a beautiful arrangement of flowers in the Church.



The event was held to celebrate the annual Patronal Festival of Saint James, and culminated in a Sunday afternoon service, followed by tea in the Church Room.

Many thanks to Dorothy Beckett for organising and to all those who assisted her. All proceeds will go to the Church.



The Cluster Care Group

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Car Boot Sale & Coffee Morning

Tuesday August 31st

10.30am-2.00pm

Cropredy Sports Pavilion
(Williamscote Road, Cropredy)

£5 per car @ the gate.

Cars to set up from 9.30am.

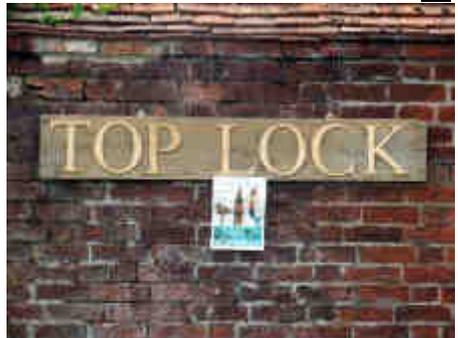
Usual stalls including produce and good quality second hand clothes plus raffle and refreshments.

Everyone very welcome.

TIP TOP AT TOP LOCK

The Top Lock Gallery, a new space for showing arts and crafts created by Top Lock owner Phoebe Shaft, enjoyed a successful launch weekend at the beginning of August.

Villagers and visitors from further afield came to view and buy a wide range of artworks and jewellery. Further events are planned later in the year.



SUMMERTIME

SUMMER FUN DAY - SATURDAY 17 JULY

(See front cover)



Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make the Summer Fun Day possible, in particular:

Margaret Atkins
Rob and Leslie Avent
Pat Batchelor
Simon and Freddy Bull
Tim and Julie Cozze-Young
Anne Hoggins
Pete and Stef Kearney
Richard Millward
Diana Lambert
Sarah and Liberty Heaverman
Fred and Terri Jones
Keith Hamilton
Sylvia Ingram
Spencer Prestidge
Graham Page
Ray and Barbara Smith
Mike & Vicky Smith
Mark and Lisa Simmons
Kate & David Wicks

IN CLAYDON



NAPTON CYCLE RIDE - SUNDAY 18 JULY

(See p.3)



Thanks to Vicky Smith, the amount raised is being considered for matched-funding from the Bibby Financial Services Community Fund.

Thank you to all PCC members, their families and a number of villagers who helped out on the day - your time and energy ensured a very positive Claydon experience!

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES - JULY 2010

A Parish Council meeting took place on 11 May, with 9 villagers present. District councillor Ken Attack arrived later. The main points raised were:

New Parish Clerk - Chairman David Hill welcomed the Parish Council's new clerk, Sue Morgan.

A423 Speed Reduction - The Parish Council agreed to write to Oxfordshire County Council to petition for a dangerous junction sign at the Mollington Road turning.

During discussion about the proposed speed reduction it was revealed that Claydon had not asked for the reduction, but that other parishes had. Oxfordshire was not originally planning to include the A423 at all.

Land near Otter Hollow - The Parish Council repeated its concern about development of the land bordering on the Oxford Canal and vowed to press Cherwell District Council and our local representative, Cllr Attack, on the matter.

Councillors were concerned that there had been a deterioration of the site in recent months. Cherwell and British Waterways legal teams were reported to be meeting to discuss ownership issues. *[Also see p.4]*

Manor Farm Barn - A sign has been erected fronting Mollington Road, but Cherwell District Council was apparently still awaiting documentation from the owners to decide whether occupation of the buildings will be permitted. In the meantime Cherwell could take enforcement action to prevent occupation of the property.

Blue Plaque - It was reported that funding for the cost of producing a plaque recognising the lives of Claydon clockmakers the Knibb brothers has been secured to a total value of £1,140. This means that the Parish Council, which had agreed to underwrite costs, will now not need to contribute to the project.

A public ceremony to unveil the plaque will take place in the Churchyard on Saturday 25 September at Noon *[More details in next month's issue].*

Allotments - Payment was still outstanding from six allotment holders.

Overhanging hedges - Problems with sight restrictions due to overgrown hedges were reported and the Parish Council kindly asks all owners to trim their hedges.

Next Parish Council meeting:
Tuesday 14 September, Church Room, 7.30pm. All welcome.



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THAMES VALLEY POLICE

TVP's neighbourhood team will be holding a 'Have your Say' meeting in Claydon.

Friday 24 September

4pm - 5pm

This is an opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to the village and answer any queries or questions from residents. We will bring our neighbourhood van and will position ourselves near to the church.

Cherwell Customer Service Outreach Team

The District Council has recently formed an Outreach team with the aim of reaching residents who cannot readily access services because of mobility or disability problems and others who feel vulnerable or isolated.

Many villages have regular events and older people clubs to encourage community spirit and involvement but not everyone is included and it can be difficult for some residents to speak out to seek assistance.

Alison Willis and **Paul Tysoe** will happily attend local community events / clubs to give advice and raise awareness through talks on what Cherwell services are available.

So if you wish to speak to them to arrange a visit or to discuss a problem, please telephone **01295 753757** or e-mail customer.service@cherwell-dc.gov.uk



The Red Lion, Horley

Hello Dear Reader,

This time on your behalf I find myself in the Red Lion at Horley, only about 5 or 6 miles from sunny Claydon. It is, as you can see from the photo, a very old Cotswold stone building, quite a few hundred years and more I bet.



It looks small but it is quite long inside, with a nice smell of scented candles and joss sticks, just done to the soothing amount, not to get too much up your nose and spoil the beer.

The beer being Hooky Bitter, Hooky Dark and a long term guest beer St Austles Tribute, this is £3 a pint, very nice too. The landlady keeps a very tidy house and opens her door smack on 6.00pm and closes it at 11.00pm. Sundays it is 12 to 6 pm, closed on Mondays. She is a very pleasant person and greets you with warmth.

They don't do food but have a large range of crisps and other snacks to tempt you, I think you can order a take-away from there and have it delivered to the pub, great idea.

Most of the folk in there are locals and make you feel at home, they will

soon start to chat with you which is nice. In the winter I think it would be very snug as they have a large wood burning stove.

As you walk through the pub, towards some steps you arrive at the patio area that is covered with a large gazebo- type awning, walls on three sides, lots of chairs and tables. On the walls they have stone painted Lizards etc, a large stand with lots of bottles, gin I think, they contain candles, so again a different mood is set, it is also out of the wind.

You can then walk to the very large garden. The gravel part, I think, is the car park, locked during the day, lots of benches with the usual pub umbrellas. The top of this walled garden is the Aunt Sally area, still a large section of grass for the kids to play. I can't see kids climbing the walls to get out, even though they are covered with greenery, as they are about 20ft high!

Talking of children they do not allow them in the bar below the age of 14. Overall it is a very relaxing place to be, with a very friendly atmosphere and good beer at a good price. May see you there soon...

Cheers!
Pete



Coming up...

For more
village info go to
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- **Sunday 29 / Monday 30 August, 10am-4pm**
Claydon Art Group Exhibition
St James the Great Church *[See p.3 for more details]*
- **Tuesday 31 August, 10am**
Cluster Care Car Boot Sale & Auction
Cropredy *[See p.5 for more details]*
- **Tuesday 14 September, 7.30pm**
Parish Council Meeting
Church Room *[Public meeting - all villagers welcome]*
- **Saturday 25 September, 12 noon**
Knibb Brothers Blue Plaque Unveiling
Churchyard/Church Room *[More details next month]*
- **Saturday 13 November, 6.30pm onwards**
Claydon Bonfire Night
Playing Field *[More details in the autumn]*

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