

Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

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SIGNS OF AUTUMN



Photograph by Cathy Bodily

BETTER BROADBAND FOR CLAYDON

The Church Room was packed to near capacity for the Parish Council Meeting on 9th September, primarily to hear the plans for providing a better broadband service to the village.

District Councillor Ken Atack confirmed that 90% of the county will have access to fibre enabled broadband by December 2015, and a further 5% by December 2016. It is almost certain that Claydon will be part of the 5% that will not benefit. Cherwell District Council (CDC) is planning a match funding scheme to work through parish councils to help the communities in

the remaining 5%. With only £500,000 for the whole district, it will be insufficient to completely fund schemes for each village plus the businesses and farms in remote locations. The CDC plans will be published in October. It is unlikely that there would be any retrospective payments if communities were to go ahead before the CDC announcement.

Oliver Helm gave a presentation on the service that his company, SugarNet, could provide using wireless technology. With no digging or dependence on BT exchanges required, it would be possible to set up a service in the area very quickly. It would be necessary to set up the central point of the network on a building (most likely a barn) in the village. The kit used at this point is small enough to not require planning permission. A small piece of equipment would then be housed on the roof of each property on the network.

SugarNet is a small company which has been running for 2½ years. It is relatively stable as it carries no debt and keeps costs down by running working day rather than 24/7 support. The cost of installation would be £169 per property, with the monthly charges depending on the broadband speed required. At the meeting the starting price for personal customers was quoted as £29 for 5Mb and £39 for 10Mb, but it has since been confirmed as £19.99 for 5MB, £29.99 for 10MB and £39.99 for 20Mb. Contracts are on a rolling monthly basis. It would be necessary to have 20 customers in the village to make the proposition viable.

Questions asked included the possible retention of BT email addresses. It was confirmed from the floor that email addresses may be retained by making a payment of £1.60 per month to BT.

There would also be the possibility to cut out BT completely and use the network for 'phone calls. Sugarnet does not offer this service, but it would be willing to work with a third party to provide this solution.

Since the meeting a number of villagers have opted to go with Sugarnet immediately.

BUS SHELTER PROJECT

Alternatives to a modern bus shelter have been sought in order to satisfy the requirement of providing something in keeping with the surroundings.

The residents of Rozel claim to spend time sitting in their front garden and do not want to see anything that spoils their view of the Village Green.

One of the suggestions made was something similar to the Teen Shelter in Cropredy (pictured below).



It provides less protection from the elements than the shelters previously investigated as it has no front and only half sides. It was built by local builders and would cost around £4600 plus VAT. It was suggested that stone would be far more durable.

A quotation had also been obtained for a stone shelter with more protection (ie. a front and full sides) and side windows in order to view an approaching bus. This would cost £7200 plus VAT and include a pathway to the road.

The Parish Council were keen to progress the stone route, but significantly reduce the protection in order to reduce the cost.

District Councillor Ken Attack agreed to confirm with CDC whether it would be necessary to submit a planning application.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Meeting on 9th September was attended by County Councillor George Reynolds and District Councillor Ken Attack. The following items were discussed:

PLANNING

Manor Farm Buildings

The application to extend the residential curtilage has been granted by CDC. No alterations may be made to the outside of the building.

16 Bignolds Close

The application for dormer windows is pending approval by CDC. There were no objections from the Parish Council.

Sutherland

The application for a dormer window has been granted.

Mollington Wind Turbine

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of the wind turbine by CDC. The Parish Council agreed to submit a letter to the Planning Inspectorate in support of CDC.

Cherwell Local Plan

In the updated version of the Cherwell Local Plan, Claydon has been classed as a Category B village with development restricted to infilling and conversions. Any limited development must be within the village boundaries and in keeping with the character of the village.

Point to Point Farm

Concern was expressed regarding the application for an additional barn at Point to Point Farm. Although the site falls within Mollington Parish, the Parish Council resolved to submit an observation to CDC regarding the increase in the envelope of development.

LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS

The Claydon History Society has agreed to take on the project of identifying any assets of interest or significance that are not already listed but are worth keeping. The next stage will be to obtain advice from CDC with a view to producing a small booklet which will become the village's design statement. Any other villagers who are interested are welcome to become involved.

MAINTENANCE

Concern was expressed regarding the wires running through the trees on the Village Green. It was agreed to wait for the leaf fall to examine the problem in detail.

ALLOTMENTS

There are now 6 vacant allotments. They will all be strimmed and tidied in preparation to be re-let.

CLAYDON PHONE BOX

As the BT phone box is regularly out of order, and with the popularity of mobile phones rendering the retention of the facility for canal users unnecessary, it was agreed to request that it be removed.

FILM CLUB

The grant of £112, including VAT, to the Film Club in order to fund the Broadcasting Licence was agreed.

CLAYDON CROSSING

A complaint that the crossing across the railway line has become very slippery will be investigated further.

YOUTH CLUB

A youth club is being set up in Cropredy for children aged 9 to 17 from Cropredy itself and the satellite villages. The Parish Council was asked to consider making a donation of £100.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Georgia Smith and Abbie Clegg at Cropredy Primary School

Claydon Games 2014

The cold day of the Claydon Games failed to deter those who were determined to have some fun. One of the highlights of the event was the space hopper racing for both children and adults. Both novices and experts were in evidence, all providing great entertainment for the spectators.



Medals were awarded for all of the individual events and the stars of the games were Oscar and Eleanor Page who each went home with 6 medals and led the teams in the water game.

The Ladies' Welly Wanging Record was broken by Terri Haines at 17.19 metres.

Although the event was not a fundraiser, the small profit of £82.65 will hopefully be match funded by Bibby Financial Services and be ploughed back into future games events.

Thanks to Lara and her helpers for organising such an enjoyable time.



Jacob, Liam and Owen with their medals

Photographs by Mike Smith

CHURCH ROOM MEETING

There will be a public meeting in the Church Room on Tuesday 7th October at 7.30 pm to discuss the future management of the building. A new committee will be formed, hopefully consisting of representatives of the village groups who regularly use the facility, but anyone else with a desire to serve the community would be welcome.

BEETLE DRIVES

Newcomers to the village may not know about the monthly Beetle Drives in aid of St. James' Church. They take place from 2.30 to 4.00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. The entrance fee of £3.50 includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone is welcome.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Anne Hoggins will be collecting door to door for the Poppy Appeal between October 25th and November 7th.

GUIDE DOGS

National Breeding Centre Open Day

Banbury Road, Bishops Tachbrook, Warwickshire, CV33 9QJ

Saturday 11th October

11.00 am to 4.00 pm

HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a Halloween Party in the Church Room on Friday 31st October from 5.00 to 7.00 pm. Look out for notices for further details.



CLAYDON BONFIRE NIGHT

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

CLAYDON PLAYING FIELD/MARQUEE

6pm Gates Open:

BBQ, licensed bar, 'Build a Guy', 'Nocturnal Welly Wanging'...

6.15pm Bonfire lighting

6.30pm Kids games / Judging of the guys

7pm Firework display

7.30pm Raffle

7.30pm onwards - BBQ and Bar remain open

FREE ENTRY, but donations welcome

All proceeds will go to support future PFMC run events

Children of all ages are encouraged to bring completed guys to the Playing Field on the evening, where they will be judged before being placed on the bonfire **PLUS** 'Build a Guy' on the night competition – some materials will be provided by PFMC, bring some old clothes to make the Guy before placing on bonfire.

Help **URGENTLY** needed with running on the night, can you assist?
Contact a member of the PFMC to offer your support

FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL

at

St James the Great Church

Claydon

On Sunday 5th October

at 4.00 pm

Villagers are invited to this family friendly service followed by craft activities in the Church Room

Create a Creature Competition

Bring along your creatures made out of vegetables. Best one wins a prize.

Please bring tinned or dried goods to donate to Banbury Foodbank

Refreshments available after the service

Diary Dates

FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 5th October at 4.00 pm at St James' Church

CHURCH ROOM MEETING

Tuesday 7th October at 7.30 pm in the Church Room

OVER SIXTIES FILMS

The next film showing will take place in the Church Room at 2.00 pm on

Friday 17th October

One Chance

A comedy drama about Britain's got talent winner Paul Potts

starring James Corden and Julie Walters

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 15th October from 10.30 am in the Church Room. £1 entry charge to cover refreshments and a raffle ticket. All welcome.

CLAYDON FILM CLUB

October and November screenings:

The Wolf of Wall St

How to Train Your Dragon

Rio

Rio2

12 Years a Slave

strictly members only, details from Paul Gallager 690119.

Diary Dates (cont)

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday 31st October from 5.00 to 7.00 pm in the Church Room

BEETLE DRIVE

Wednesday 5th November at 2.30 pm in the Church Room

CLAYDON BONFIRE

Saturday 8th November from 6.00 pm on the Playing Field

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 11th November at 7.00 pm. in the Church Room immediately followed by

PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEE MEETING

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 19th November 10.30 am in the Church Room

HISTORY SOCIETY ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

Friday 28th November. A talk by Myra Byast

The Ghost of Christmas Past

at 7.30 pm in the Church Room. Refreshments included. Open to non-members. Look out for notices.

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