

Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

January/February 2018

TESCO TOKEN VOTING UNDER WAY IN AID OF PLAYING FIELD



Customers of the Tesco stores in Banbury have until **Wednesday 28th February** to vote for the Playing Field to receive a grant under the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme. The Playing Field is up against two other local projects and the one with the highest number of votes will receive £4,000, the second placed £2,000 and the third placed £1,000.

After every shop customers will receive a token with which to place their vote (if the checkout operator forgets, please remind them and

ask for one (or more)). Villagers are urged to give as much support as possible to this project.

In addition to the main Tesco Extra store it is possible to vote at the Tesco Express stores in Banbury High Street and Middleton Road.

GRAVEYARD WALL REPAIR PROJECT

The PCC would sincerely like to thank everyone in the village for their support towards the church wall repair project. We have submitted our application for a faculty from the Oxfordshire Diocese Advisory Committee.

The fundraising amount stands at £1,381.65 thanks to village events in 2017 including the Afternoon Tea (which raised £284.60), the Jumble Sale and kind donations from villagers. Additionally, we have been awarded £1,000 from Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

We need to raise over £10,000 to cover our building repair / structural engineer fees. If you would like to help fundraise or apply for grants for the project please feel free to get in touch. We need as much support as possible.

We have some exciting events in the pipeline to bring villagers together and fundraise:

Please keep the evening of **Friday 27th April** free in your diaries and look up "Moonrakers", as we have a Spring time concert booked in the Church! Moonrakers are an Oxford based foursome that plays contemporary and traditional folk music reflecting Irish, Scottish, Welsh and English traditions. They're not to be missed and have great reviews. More details coming soon.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The following items were discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on 9th January:

BUDGET AND PRECEPT

It was agreed to set the budget for the financial year 2018/19 at **£8155**. The major items included are the Clerk's salary (£2250), the Playing Field grant (£2000) and grass cutting of the verges (£1400). The precept was therefore set at **£9699**. The reason for the difference is to maintain adequate reserves due to unexpected spending on tree felling in the current financial year.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

It was agreed to go ahead with the felling of the Leylandii between the deciduous screen and the sewage plant at a cost of £3,500 plus VAT.

GRIT BINS

The state of the side roads following the recent snowfall has highlighted the need for further grit bins in the village. It was proposed and agreed to purchase two further grit bins to be sited opposite Bignolds Close and in Manor Park.

PLANNING

There were no objections to the following planning applications:

Far Close: Demolish existing dwelling and erect two four bedroom dwellings with double garages.

The Brambles: Erection of shed and bicycle shed.

Leys Farm: Lengthen extension to provide additional floor area.

HEAVY VEHICLE ISSUES

As previous attempts to prevent vehicle transporters entering the village and then being forced to reverse it was agreed to request warning signage from Oxfordshire County Council.

DOG LANE

As Dog Lane does not appear to be registered as a public right of way, it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate with Cherwell District Council whether this could be corrected, and identify the owner of the overhanging trees.

Obituary

BARBARA WILSDON

8th July 1924 – 15th December 2017



Barbara was born and grew up in North Leigh, sister to her older brother Jim. She grew up there and began her working life as a librarian, but later took up work on her father's farm, and became a Land Girl during the Second World War. She met Guy, and they married on 15th July 1950 in St Mary's Church, North Leigh.

Steeple Aston became their first home and then in 1963, Barbara, Guy and daughter Anne moved to Hillside Farm, Claydon. On the farm, Barbara took care and responsibility for her own cattle and calves.

Home was always the key place for Barbara and family her main focus – daughter Anne, then later the grandchildren Jenny and Sam. She supported village life in many ways, including helping with flowers in church. Children from the village would be welcome to come and fish in the pond and play football in the yard. Sadly Guy died in 2007.

Barbara was a country-loving woman who loved horses and enjoyed going to the local point-to-point. She loved cats and supporting animal charities, including the Cat Protection League. The family remember the time she gave to them – looking after the grandchildren, taking them to football, Saturday shopping in town and lunch together. Barbara's mother (Jenny and Sam's great grandmother) was called 'Antique Granny' while she was 'Modern Granny' though they would often both turn around when either name was called out. Barbara was a special person, proud of her family, putting them first, held in respect, who gave care to animals and people and knew the importance of the key loving relationships of family and friends.

HORTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

It was a great blow to campaigners that the judge presiding over the judicial review of the consultation process, which has been split into two parts, ruled that it is not illegal. However, as the lawyers acting for the campaign group have indicated that there are grounds for an appeal, it was decided to press ahead with the appeal process as far as the funds allow.

Although the referral of the removal of Consultant Led Maternity to the Secretary of State for Health, by Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, is supposedly independent of the judicial review, the decision to pass the issue to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) was held up until January 11th, after the judicial review decision had been announced. It is currently at the first stage. A decision on whether to proceed to a full IRP investigation is expected by 9th February.

HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Claydon History Society at 2.00 pm on **Monday 26th February** at Chesney Barn, Clattercote.

CLAYDON CHURCH 100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners of the Claydon St James the Church 100 Club which was drawn on 24th December were as follows:

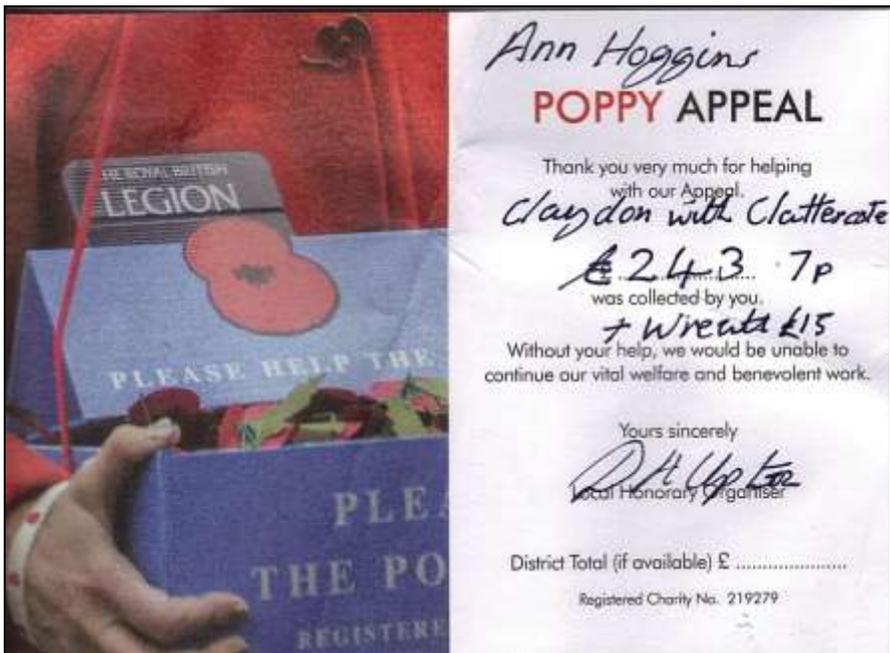
1st Prize Louisa Smith £100

2nd Prize Dorothy Beckett £20

3rd Prize John Taggart £10

Thank you to those who entered the draw and those who collected the monies. Over £360 was raised for St James the Great Church, Claydon.

POPPY COLLECTION



A total of £243.07 was collected for the Remembrance Poppy Appeal. Thanks to Anne Hoggins for making the collection in Claydon and Don Siviter for collecting in Clattercote.

LABOURER REQUIRED

General labourer required for building project in Claydon

Starting approximately 1st March

Please contact Peter Tiffen 07974202715.

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

If anyone is interested in managing a community allotment please contact the Parish Clerk on cwcclerk@outlook.com or Parish Council Chairman Sylvia Ingram on 690629.

The allotment would be free of charge and could have several uses, possibly including an area for different families and groups to grow their own produce, as a sunflower planting area, a dug over area for children to make mud pies and a site for bug hotels. Any other ideas would be welcomed.

WARNINGS

There have been several recent burglaries in the area. Please ensure that all doors, windows and outbuildings are secure.

Another injured fox has been spotted close to the village. The injury may have been caused by a snare. Please take extra care when allowing dogs to run loose in the area.

Diary Dates

UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION

Sunday 11th February 10.00 am at St James Church

BCP HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 18th February 8:30 am at St James Church

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 21st February 10:30 am in the Church Room

LITTLE LIGHTS GROUP

Thursday 22nd February 10.30 to 12.00 for pre-school children and carers in the Church Room

HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING

Monday 26th February 2.00 pm at Chesney Barn, Clattercote

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 4th March 6.00 pm at St James Church

FAMILY COMMUNION FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 11th March 11.00 am at St James Church

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 13th March at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Room
followed by

PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEE MEETING

LITTLE LIGHTS GROUP

Thursday 22nd March 10.30 to 12.00 in the Church Room

BCP COMMUNION FOR PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 25th March 8.30 am at St James Church

HOLY COMMUNION FOR EASTER DAY

Sunday 1st April 6.00 pm at St James Church

MOONRAKERS CONCERT

Friday 27th April

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