

Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

August 2018

VILLAGE WEDDING



Congratulations to Carmen Sutton and Alex Olejnik who were married at St. James Church on 11th August. The bride was given away by her father Keith and the wedding party included: bridesmaids, Carmen's cousin Melanie Stadtfeld Cunnane and twins Alice and Debra Smilie, flower girl, Alex's niece Summer Sparks, page boy, Alex's son Archie Olejnik, and best man Gary Stephenson. They were joined by parents Keith and Susan Sutton, Andy Olejnik and Mary Parker and usher Sean Bailey. Readings were given by Sadie Olejnik and Luke Sutton.

Carmen's hair was done by Laura at Top Cuts and make-up by Beth Hooper. The dress was designed by Maggie Sottero. The family would like to thank Jeni Dudley for the glorious floral arrangements and all villagers who came wish the Bride and Groom well.



**Carmen with proud father Keith.
Below left mother Susan and right grandmother Norah Stadtfeld**





After the service, the couple left for the reception in a 1969 Jaguar.

Also Congratulations



To Pom and Phil Al-Anazi on the birth of their second son William on 16th May, pictured left with brother Doug.

OPPOSITION TO MARINA

At the special meeting on 2nd July, and at the subsequent Parish Council Meeting on 10th July, residents voiced their concerns regarding the planning application for a marina to accommodate 250 boats at Glebe Farm, Boddington Road. The marina would be a means of diversification for the farmers who own the land, as a result of the disruption created by HS2 and the uncertainty over Brexit.

The meeting on 2nd July provided the opportunity to quiz the agent who admitted that the development would provide no direct benefit to the village, just a general boost to tourism within the county.

The main area of concern was increased traffic on an unsuitable road. Although the owners insisted that all heavy traffic would be routed via the farm and would therefore not use the Boddington Road, there was no way that this could be guaranteed. The traffic on the Boddington Road generated by the boat owners was deemed to be 'not significant', but there was no exact figure supplied.

The discussion on the specification of the marina as 'recreational' rather than 'residential' also proved to be unsatisfactory. Safeguards are supposedly in place to prevent boat owners from living permanently on their boats, but the experiences of Cropredy Marina have demonstrated to residents that in practice these safeguards fail to be implemented.

Another factor is light pollution. Although the agent stressed that it should be possible to focus the lighting downwards to enable boat owners to walk safely on the jetties, there would still be light from the individual boats.

The Parish Council resolved to object to the application and submit a request to be informed of the date when it would be discussed by the Planning Committee in order to send a representative.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meetings were held on 8th May and 10th July. They were attended by District Councillor Phil Chapman. Councillor Sylvia Ingram was re-elected as Chairman at the May meeting. The following further items were discussed:

DEFIBRILLATOR

Permission has been obtained from the Church Room Committee to install a defibrillator on the wall of the Church Room. The application for a grant to cover the cost has been approved.

PLANNING

Haybridge Meadow (formerly known as Otter Hollow)

The application is for the erection of a static home and stable building and relocation of the existing polytunnels and glasshouse. Also change of use of the existing stable building to a carpentry workshop and agricultural land into equestrian use.

The Parish Council had raised no objections to the application but commented that the permission for a static home should be tied to the equestrian business. However, it was later suggested that an additional response should be submitted pointing out the omissions in the business plan and requesting that, as it is being used to justify a house, Cherwell District Council (CDC) should look into it very carefully.

Corner Cottage

The application for the alteration to the internal layout and addition of velux windows, plus the restoration of original features and the erection of a wooden garage has been approved by CDC.

Radmore House

The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed removal of a Scots Pine.

HEAVY VEHICLE ISSUES

Councillor George Reynolds is still pushing for signs to prevent transporters and other large vehicles unnecessarily travelling through the

village. Cropredy has had some success and it is hoped that this will set a precedent which will help Claydon.

It was suggested from the floor that if the planning applications for the Marina and Haybridge Meadow go ahead, contributions should be requested for a Vehicle Activated Sign and further additional signage on Boddington Road.

As the situation is taking so long to resolve it seems worth repeating the advice given in the last Newsletter:

Villagers are requested to refrain from helping when vehicles become stuck on the local roads. Leave the companies themselves to organise and pay for the recovery, (rather than rely on the goodwill of a local farmer with a tractor). If a vehicle blocks the road, villagers are urged to call the police and state, “THERE IS A COMPLETE BLOCKAGE OF THE ROAD WHICH WILL PREVENT EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM GETTING THROUGH.” The wording is important and should result in police attendance and subsequent prosecution.

GRIT BINS

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has approved the proposed locations for the two new grit bins. Installation is awaiting the repair of the wall in Manor Park.

A request by a resident for an additional grit bin at the junction of Boddington Road and Main Street was rejected on the grounds that the junction is gritted by the Highways Department.

An alternative location is required for the storage of the village supply of salt (see storage requests).

DOG LANE

OCC has advised that Dog Lane is not currently a registered public footpath. However, evidence that OCC has maintained it in the past has come to light and the Clerk is continuing to pursue its registration.

THAMES WATER

Thames Water has agreed to fund the repair of the fence between the sewerage plant and the Playing Field,.

ALLOTMENTS

The tenancy period has been changed from 9 months to 12 months, beginning in July rather than May. There are currently 3 plots available to rent.

POST BOX

The Post Box will be re-instated once the building of the wall is complete.

VILLAGE GREEN

A crack has appeared in the stone wall on the lower green. It was agreed that a survey of the wall would be organised and quotes obtained for the repair.

VILLAGE TREES

Councillor Millward is working to identify and arrange a survey of the trees in the parish which are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

STORAGE REQUESTS

Russ and Karen Jackson are looking for two garages to rent, in or near Claydon, for 4-6 months during an extension project. If you have one available please get in touch on 07881 260096. Thanks.

A new location is required to site the village supply of salt. It consists of two partly filled building material bags. It needs to be under cover and accessible during the winter for villagers to take salt, in order to spread on the untreated roads and paths and to refill the grit bins. If you can help please inform the parish clerk by email to cwcclerk@outlook.com or telephone Sylvia Ingram on 690629.

Obituary

GEOFFREY THOMAS SMITH



Geoff was born in Wardington in 1945 to mother Bertha, father Vincent, and brother David who was three years older. Vincent worked as a railway shunter in Banbury.

Geoff attended Wardington School and later Grimsbury School in Banbury. We would travel to school on Sumners School Bus, which would make the journey whatever the weather.

The family came to live in Church Lane, Claydon around 1960 when our rented cottage in Wardington was sold. Grandfather Charles Smith, a signaller at Claydon Crossing Box, and Gran Ellen took us in. It was a bit of a squeeze, but we managed.

Geoff started his working life as a farm labourer. I believe that one of his first jobs was working for Alan Bricknell at Sundial Farm. He later went to work for Cooknells at a farm just outside Upper Wardington. His other main jobs were at Banbury Tea Warehouse, Hartford Motors and Kineton Camp.

Geoff liked the country life and shooting sports. He was probably familiar to many villagers, as he also liked walking in the fields and

local roads with the succession of dogs that he had re-homed over the years. He also helped with the maintenance of the Church Yard.

In 2010 Geoff had a new hip operation which put a new spring in his step. On fine evenings he would walk to Cropredy to listen to the bands playing at the local pubs.

Geoff also liked aeroplanes. He would book flights on an old Dakota and fly to various air shows around the country.

Last year Geoff began to have difficulty swallowing his food and was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. He was given a course of radiotherapy and chemotherapy which enabled him to eat again and regain his strength.

Geoff then bought two old tractors with which to tinker about and renovate. This was something that he had always wanted to do and gave him many hours of pleasure. Later his symptoms returned and he was not strong enough to undergo another course of treatment. Geoff died peacefully at home in April.

I would like to thank the doctors and staff at Cropredy Surgery, the Horton and Churchill Hospitals, and Katharine House Hospice for their excellent and considerate care.

David Smith

PCC FUNDRAISING

Graveyard Wall

The PCC would like to thank villagers for their patience on updates regarding the graveyard wall repair.

Since submitting our faculty application the Diocese of Oxford decided they would like to explore different approaches to fixing the wall. This consequently involves the opinions of architects and structural engineers and therefore we are still waiting for an agreement or approval of our initial application.

We hope some progress is made soon and will continue to fundraise and keep you updated in the meantime.

Special thanks to the Jubilee Group who have held regular raffles in aid of the graveyard wall fund, this is so greatly appreciated.

We're sorry this process is taking so long but we're trying to be patient and wait for permission, or some answers soon.

Pom Al-Anazi



On Friday 27th April, villagers enjoyed a concert by the Moonrakers, pictured left, in aid of PCC funds and the graveyard wall repair.

Church funds raised by a friendly welcome and heart warming community spirit

On the 15th July, St James the Great Church hosted a very successful refreshment stop for participants in the annual **Napton Bike Ride** around the surrounding villages, an important fundraiser for the church. We have been told that cyclists look forward to the friendly welcome they receive in Claydon as well as the bacon rolls, ice creams and homemade cakes. Each year there are more riders and our event has grown bigger with all the support we have received from villagers with publicity, cake donations and help serving, washing up and clearing up. Despite the heat and the queues for the very popular ice creams which were fielded by our youngest helper, Georgia, cyclists, spoilt for choice piled cakes onto plates.

This was a great community effort and we received many positive comments from visitors. £500 was raised for church funds. A big thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way.

Angela Ferguson



Diary Dates

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 2nd September 6.00 pm at St James Church

UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION

Sunday 9th September 10.00 am at Mollington

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 11th September at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Room

BCP HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 16th September 8.30 am at St James Church

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 19th September 10:30 am in the Church Room

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 23rd September 9:30 am at St James Church

MORNING PRAYER

Wednesday 26th September 9.00 am at St. James Church

HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 30th September 4.00 pm at St James Church

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 7th October 6.00 pm at St James Church

UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION

Sunday 14th October 10.00 am at Great Bourton

BCP HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 21st October 8.30 am at St James Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 28th October 11.00 am at St James Church

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