

SUN SHINES FOR VILLAGE WEDDING

We would like to thank all villagers and family friends who turned out to see our daughter Kate marry Chris Johnson on 12 July.



Kate has lived in the village since she was 2 ½ years old and has been a member of the church for many years. So it meant a lot to her to be married in the parish church of St James the Great.

To see so many well-wishers standing outside, many have known her since she was little, made a special day even more special, both for her and for us. It really made us realise how lucky we are living in the village.

The new Mr & Mrs Johnson thoroughly enjoyed their reception at the Hellidon Lakes Country Club

before jetting off to Egypt for a romantic honeymoon.

We would like to thank all those who helped on the day, and wish Kate and Chris a wonderful future together.

Keith & Janice Hamilton



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The Cluster Care Group

(Reg. Charity 1100948)

Car Boot Sale & Coffee Morning

Tuesday August 26th

10.30am-2.00pm

At Cropredy Sports Pavilion
(Williamscote Road)

£5 per car at the gate.

Cars to set up from 9.30am.

Usual stalls, plus raffle and refreshments. Contributions of produce and bric a brac gratefully received. Everyone very welcome.

NEW SPONSOR

The *Courier* is delighted to have sponsorship support from Keith Hamilton, bespoke fitted furniture manufacturer. 

RED CROSS THANKS

A sincere thank you to all those who gave so generously to the annual house to house collection for Red Cross Week in May. In total £113.19 was raised to support community services including transport, medical loans and First Aid training. Thanks to volunteer collectors Sara Heaverman, Viv Power and Julie Cozze-Young. 

PAINTERS RETURN

The Claydon Painting Group autumn session starts in the Church Room on Wednesday 3 September at 7.00pm. It meets for two hours every Wednesday for 5 weeks. New members welcome - contact Christina on 690818. 

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THINK PINK! EVENT RAISES NEARLY £400

I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who helped to make the Think Pink! event at the Church Room on Saturday 25 July such a huge success.

Large amounts of tea and cake were consumed and a really good atmosphere both inside and outside the room was enjoyed.



The raffle was fun, all pink. There are two prizes I can't find a home for: numbers **43** and **44**. If these are yours, please give me a ring on 690322.

A total of £377 was raised and is still rising. Hopefully we are a little closer to defeating cancer.

BEAT OIL PRICE RISES

There is still time to register an interest in a Claydon Heating Oil Consortium. This would be a group that would bulk buy heating oil, with potentially substantial cost savings for villagers.

At this stage there is no commitment to anything - we are just trying to work out how many households are likely to take part so that we can calculate roughly how great the savings will be.

If you are interested please call Tim on 690139 or email courier@claydonvillage.net



CLAYDON

ART & FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 6th September 2008

10.00am till 4.00pm

&

Sunday 7th September 2008

10.00am till 2.00pm



Songs of Praise in the Church on Sunday at 5.00pm.

Refreshments in the Church Room

Proceeds in aid of St James The Great Church Restoration Fund

TABLE TENNIS CLUB SEEKS YOUNG RECRUITS

Millennium Table Tennis Club has its headquarters just up the road at Mollington Village Hall and during the season (September - April) runs coaching sessions for 8-14 year olds. These are held on Friday nights from 7-8.30pm.



The aim of the coaching scheme is two-fold: first and foremost we want youngsters to enjoy what is a most entertaining and, at times, highly technical sport. Secondly, we want to encourage any young hopefuls to reach a level of performance which will allow them to join one of the club's teams and compete against other clubs throughout the Banbury area.

The 2008/2009 season's coaching will begin on Friday 3 October and first-timers are most welcome to come along and see what is on offer. The first visit is absolutely free; after that there is a weekly subscription of £3 per head (includes drink and biscuits during the mid 10 minutes break).

For more information about the club please visit our website at www.millenniumttc.org.uk Alternatively, you can call me on 690385 for a brief chat.

Robin Aston, Chairman MTTCC

LOCAL PLOTS SOLD

Two plots of land, both fronting Cropredy Road, were sold at auction on 30 July. The Folly went at the guide price of £5,000 to a Bignolds Close resident, while a paddock, sold for £48,000 (guide price was £30,000), is understood to have gone to Geoff Wheeler from Cropredy, owner of an adjacent site (see below). 

TOILET DEPOT UPDATE

Over 50 objections were received by Cherwell District Council to an application by Geoff Wheeler (see above) for a change of use to land at the rear of Astell Farm House, currently used as a depot for portable toilets.

As a result, a decision will be made by CDC's full planning committee at a date to be confirmed. This will be a public meeting, so concerned villagers will be able to attend. 

PHONE BOX ON HITLIST?

A news story in the *Banbury Cake* on 24 July suggested that the BT payphone on Main Street (incorrectly listed as being in Bignolds Close) may be removed by the company due to under-use.

Villagers have until 6 September to comment on whether they think the payphone should remain and should contact Claire Taylor at Cherwell District Council on (01295) 252535 or email her at claire.taylor@cherwell-dc.gov.uk 

Courier Feedback

Can anyone enlighten us on the continued silence of the church clock? When we first moved here we were constantly delighted to hear the hourly chime and any visitors we had were equally interested in our "faceless chimer". We have heard odd rumours of it being unsafe to wind and certainly hope this isn't the case. Whoever had the job of winding in the past was certainly very dedicated as it is clearly a daily commitment. Any news would be welcome.

Marion & Paul, Manor Park

I am really pleased to receive your enquiry as I miss the clock's chimes too. For over 50 years Les Fox has wound the clock with help from Eric Bates during part of this tenure. Les is now unable to continue with the task even though I have personally helped him for some months - sharing the job.

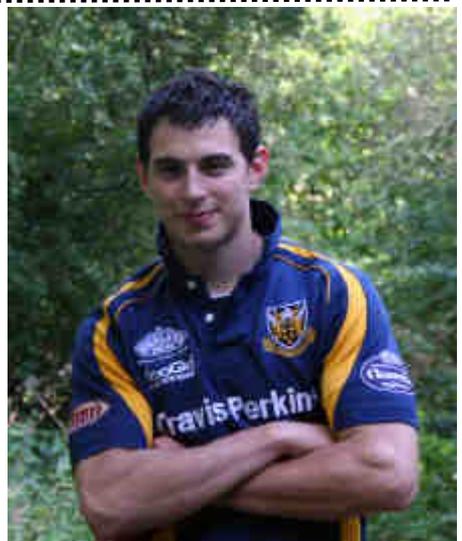
Some time in May I wound the clock and it stopped! In the past Pete Downer from Little Bourton has kindly mended the clock without charge. However, even if the clock is mended, we need a rota of reliable people who can arrange to wind the clock once a day just before the hour. The act of winding stops the clock and you then need to force the chime on the hour to get the clock back into time. It needs to be done every day. I am happy to be one on the rota but we need at least 3 or 4 more people to make this less of a chore and cover holidays and sickness, etc. If anyone is willing to help with the winding of the clock once it is mended please let me know on 690818.

Christina Kennedy, Treasurer, Parochial Church Council

ARRON WINS RM PLACE

Congratulations to Arron Broughton (21) of Boddington Road, who on 1 September starts his initial commission as second lieutenant to HM Royal Marines.

Arron has worked hard both physically and mentally and given up so much in order to achieve his ambition. Still a long way to go but none the less, well done, an amazing achievement and example to anyone who believes in self determination. 



ORIGINS OF CLATTERCOTE DOVECOTE

Dovecotes were built in England from the middle of the 12th century, but the earliest ones that have survived date from the 14th century. Dovecotes were built by wealthy people in order to supply their households with a luxurious food in the form of the tender meat of young pigeons.

A pair of pigeons produced a clutch of two eggs which they incubated for 17 days. The hatchlings were fed by their parents for 4 weeks on regurgitated liquid food when the fledglings were 'harvested'.

Dovecotes were always associated with a luxurious lifestyle and came to symbolize high social status. The dovecote was almost always sited near the front entrance of a building so that visitors were left in no doubt of the social credentials of the owner.

Economic changes caused pigeon-keeping for meat to go out of favour when the price of corn became expensive during the French Revolutionary Wars and by the middle of the 19th century the practice was practically defunct.

The dovecotes at Clattercote (there used to be two) were probably built in the early 17th century. The remaining one is in the process of being restored (but not to its original function you will be pleased to know).



The stonework is in good condition but the rotten woodwork has to be replaced to its original specification. The building has two stories and only the upper part has nesting holes. The only access to the upper storey is by an external ladder.

Birds entered the dovecote through a turret in the roof called a louver. Very few original louvers survived and that at Clattercote is being replaced by a replica and the old one preserved.

Birds will still have access to the restored dovecote, via the new turret and slatted windows, and it is hoped (and expected) that the annual migration of swallows that visit Clattercote will appreciate their new nesting sites.

Don Siviter

CAR DRIVERS URGED TO TAKE CARE AROUND HORSES

As a horse rider for many years, I have noticed a substantial increase in traffic, in and around the village. Sometimes when riding on our country lanes, some drivers appear to underestimate the quickness a horse may spook into the road, perhaps at a leaf or a paper bag in the hedgerow.

Of course we, as riders, do everything in our power to stop this from happening, but due to horses being flight animals, on occasions this cannot be avoided, so I appeal to you to have courtesy on the roads and cut your speed. I do understand that some drivers are not residents of our village, but please pass the message on.

Tips for safer motoring around horses

- Drive slowly past horses
- Give them plenty of room and be ready to stop
- Do not scare them by sounding your horn or revving your engine
- Look out for horse riders' signals and be aware that they may not move to the centre of the road prior to turning right
- Riders are often children, so take extra care

Christine Pickering

For more tips on driving safely around horses download the British Horse Society leaflet *Horse Sense for Motorists* from the Claydon website: www.claydonvillage.net/resources/horseleaflet.pdf



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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Banbury Museum



Whether you're wanting to keep the kids out of mischief through the summer holidays, have relatives visiting for the weekend or just want to learn more about the local area yourself, Banbury Museum offers a wide variety of interesting exhibitions that tell the stories that have made Banbury famous.

Vicky Smith

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE

Hello, I am PC Phil Morris, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for your village. I work alongside PC Gerry Doyle and PCSO's Kevin Lewis, Nikki Dale and Lana Smith.

We are currently working with a Neighbourhood Action Group at solving problems identified by the community, namely speeding, burglary and groups of youths.

The main problem at the moment is the theft of lead from buildings. It has become a very valuable commodity recently and it is a national problem. If you have lead on your property you should take steps to secure it.

PC Phil Morris

CHURCH NEWS

A special thank you to Christina Kennedy for all her hard work decorating the church each week with flowers. It always looks wonderful. Also I would like to thank Diane Lambert for her special help with the preparation for the Wednesday service and Dorothy Beckett, for her skilful needlework in repairing the pulpit fontal.

The Church has recently had new carpets donated, so go and pay a visit. It is your Church to enjoy!

Keith Hamilton, Church Warden

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES - JULY 2008

The last Parish Council took place on 8 July. Five villagers attended. The main points raised were:

Bus service – concerns were raised about a new hourly bus service serving Cropredy which will not be serving Claydon and that it was hoped this did not impact on the service the village has at present.

Church Room path – Planning permission for a new path has been applied for.

Roads and Planning – Resurfacing work on Boddington Road is now finished.

Point to Point Farm – an appeal by Mr & Mrs D Jeffries re a proposed development has been dismissed. An existing building which has been refused planning consent is now subject to enforcement action.

Site at rear Astell Farm House – A planning application from Geoff Wheeler for change of use, which has been strongly opposed by the Parish Council and local villagers, will now go before Cherwell District Council's planning committee for a decision.

Council finances – The Parish Council bank balance stood at £1,134.93 on 19 June.

Financial regulations – The Parish Council internal auditor had requested a copy of the PC's financial regulations. As none were available alternative financial regulations had been drafted and will be agreed at the next meeting.

Job vacancy – No applications have been received for the post of Parish Clerk, so an advertisement will be placed in the *Banbury Cake*.

Car complaints – Villagers have complained about cars parked on verges in Fenny Compton Road and have reported that a business may be being conducted there. District Cllr Atack will investigate.

Potholes – Cllr Mutch suggested that if villagers found any problems in local roads (eg potholes) they should report them directly to Oxfordshire County Council, as the more calls received the more likely the County Council will respond promptly.

Speeding – A villager asked what action should be taken if they see dangerous driving or speeding. The Chairman suggested that if the problem was considered serious it should be reported to local police.

Next Parish Council meeting:
Tuesday 9 September, Church Room, 7.30pm.

Karen Jackson

ANIMAL FACTS: RABBITS



Rabbits can be bought from your local pet shop from 2 months old for around £30.

Keep in the the garden in a large run with a roomy box inside, with hay and a dish of water in it, so the rabbit/s can be shut away at night.

Move the run every 3 days and keep the box clean. In hot weather cover the run. In winter rabbits can go in a shed or garage.

Rabbits should be let out in the garden for exercise. They should be fed daily with carrots, dandelion leaves, rabbit food (from a pet shop) and fresh water.

Anne Hoggins



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Apple Filo Strudel

Ingredients:

Filo pastry
1 cooking apple
Sultanas
Cinnamon (ground)
Butter
Zest of lemon



Method:

Lay out 3 sheets of filo pastry, brushed with melted butter, layered up. Peel, core and slice the apple and mix with lemon, sultanas and cinnamon. Place on pastry and roll up. Bake on a non-stick baking sheet bake at 200°C for about 10-12 mins or until golden brown. Serve with vanilla ice cream.



BIN COLLECTIONS: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

GREEN BIN

Fri 22 August
Fri 5 September
Fri 19 September



BLUE & BROWN BINS

Sat 30 August
Fri 12 September
Fri 26 September



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

Village Diary

August/September 2008



- Tuesday 19 August**
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm

Wednesday 20 August
Church Room, 10.30am - Midday

Tuesday 26 August
Cropredy Sports Pavilion, 10.30am - 2.00pm

Tuesday 2 September
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm

Wednesday 3 September
Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm

Saturday 6 September
Church & Church Room, 10.00am - 4pm

Sunday 7 September
Church & Church Room, 10.00am - 2pm

Tuesday 9 September
Church Room, 7.30pm [Public meeting - all villagers welcome]

Mobile Library visits

Jubilee Group Coffee Morning

Cluster Care Car Boot Sale/Coffee Morning

Mobile Library visits

Beetle Drive

Art & Flower Festival

Art & Flower Festival

Parish Council Meeting

Kids **Kourier**
is on holiday this month and will return in September.

If you would like an item included in Village Diary please pass on details to any member of the *Courier* team (see overleaf)

<p>Weekly Church Services at 17 August: No service. <i>United Benefice Service at Cropredy, 10am</i> 24 August: 10.30am Family Service 31 August: 9.30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>St. James Church, Claydon 7 September: 5pm Songs of Praise 14 September: No service. United Caravaners Service at Great Bourton, 6pm Wednesday mornings: 10am Holy Communion</p>
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August

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Courier Comment

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Good spirit

It is during the summer months (although we could do with a few more really summery days this year!) that the beauty of our village really comes to life. Everyone's gardens are bursting with colour and are meticulously maintained.

But it's not just the gardens and buildings that make Claydon such a lovely place to live in; the warm atmosphere of our village is

enhanced by the friendly people and neighbourly spirit.

Whether it's an acknowledgement from a familiar face, swapping eggs, fruit and veg or even bringing someone's bin in for them, it's the little things like this that make Claydon very special and make us very proud to live here. Let us all make the effort to keep the community spirit alive.

Vicky Smith

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Deadline for the next issue is September 1.