

Claydon & Clattercote Courier

NOVEMBER 2008

AUTUMN EVENTS RAISE CASH FOR CLAYDON

Seasonal events have provided good, fun opportunities for villagers to mingle and have raised extra funds totalling an estimated £500 for the village.



Kids get stuck into Bonfire Night games

An *Antiques Roadshow*-type valuation evening on 13 October (see p3) packed out the Church Room and was followed at the end of the month by a Village Breakfast (the next is on Sunday 30 November).

Halloween brought with it fiendish-looking (but very friendly) trick-or-treaters and a Village Bingo Evening in the Church Room, when 25 villagers put their eyes down to win an amazing selection of prizes, including wonderful illuminated snowmen! They also dug deep into their pockets for a raffle.

The evening also hosted the draw of the *100 Club* (see p4).

Finally, the Bonfire Event on 8 November pulled in a good crowd, with food, drink, a huge bonfire, kids' games and lively fireworks.

Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make these events a success and to all villagers who generously supported them. **C**

**Halloween & Bonfire pictures -
See centre pages >>>**



A ghoulish night in the Church Room

Photo: Simon Kennedy

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ROAD RE-OPENED

Appletree Road re-opened earlier this month after a week-long closure from 27 October to allow

surface repairs to be made to the carriageway. Traffic was diverted via Cropredy Road during the closure. 

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GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUN IN CLAYDON

Over 35 villagers enjoyed an antique valuation evening on Monday 13 October in the Church Room. The evening was hosted by Simon Davies, an expert valuer from Bonhams auctioneers. The evening started with an interesting talk from Simon about his past experiences and the state of the current antiques market.

After wine and delicious cheeses, villagers had the opportunity to have one personal antique valued by the expert. Items valued included various original paintings and sketches, silverware, jewellery and crockery. In true *Antiques Roadshow* style valuations ranged

from a few to several hundred pounds. There were a few gasps after Simon displayed his vast knowledge of antiques and estimated the valuation price.

Arguably the most notable and valuable item of the evening was a late eighteenth/ early nineteenth century rifle and bayonet in beautiful condition. And the least valuable item: a £2 ornament of three wise brass monkeys! A great evening was had by all and over £200 was raised for St James Church. Well done to all those involved in organizing such a successful event.

Vicky Smith



Photos: Anne Hoggins

TOILET DEPOT UPDATE

The dispute about the use of land at the bottom of the village, currently used as a depot for portable toilets, is set to continue into the New Year.

Cherwell District Council is applying for enforcement action that would give the operator of the

toilet depot three months to close down its activities on the site.

But landowner Geoff Wheeler of Cropredy has vowed to appeal against the enforcement action and, as a result, it is possible that toilets will continue to be cleaned and stored in the village until the appeal is heard.



OIL CO-OP MAKES BIG SAVINGS FOR VILLAGERS

The first group buying delivery went ahead successfully on the morning of Tuesday 14 October.

The 16 participants ordered a total of 12,200 litres (almost a tanker full) which resulted in a group saving of over £460 and reduced the number of tankers delivering to Claydon. The actual saving per household ranged from £20 to £50 dependent upon the household quantity.



Photo: Emma Clifford

Paul with the first community oil delivery on 14 Oct

There are currently 18 properties which have expressed an interest in the next delivery and this number is expected to increase as residents from Mollington join the group.

Many thanks to Mollington Parish Council for agreeing to put a few words in the Parish Newsletter.

The next anticipated group order date is expected to be the start of December, but will ultimately be determined by the needs of those taking part.

To register your interest, please contact me on (01295) 690119 / paul.gallagher@hotmail.com or drop a note in to Latham, Main Street, Claydon.

Paul Gallagher

100 CLUB DRAWN

The latest *100 Club* draw took place at the Halloween Bingo Night on October 31.

The lottery, which is usually held twice a year to raise funds for the Playing Field, is open to all villagers. Call me on 690015 if you don't yet have a number or would like extra numbers and would like to take part in the next draw.

Russ Jackson

The October draw raised over £200 for the Playing Field.

Full results of the *100 Club* draw, held on 31 October 2008

- **1st** (£100): Rob Avent, Crossing Lane
- **2nd** (£60): Tina Virdee, Bignolds Close
- **3rd** (£40): Andy Ridgway, Manor Park
- **4th** (£20): Russ Jackson, Mollington Road

XMAS EVENT ALL SET

There are only **three** weeks to go until Claydon's magical Christmas Tree-Lighting and Remembrance event on Sunday 7 December.

Banbury's Mill Town Singers and Mollington's bell ringers will provide seasonal music prior to village children 'lighting' the Christmas tree in the Churchyard. The names of loved ones - including special pets - remembered on gold stars adorning the tree will be read and remembrance thoughts shared, followed by carol singing by all.

Hot drinks, including mulled wine, and delicious Christmas cakes will be served in the Church Room before and after the event.

To have a star on the tree just call me on 690155 with the name/s to be put on the star/s and a short message (if you wish to have one). Your star will be hung on the Christmas tree in time for the event and will remain on the tree throughout the festive season.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £3 for each star, but please give more if you can. All proceeds go to charity. This year half will go to Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, which covers our area, and half to the St James Church Restoration Fund.

We are asking for help in providing refreshments. If you are able to donate either a bottle of red wine (for the mulled wine) or bake a wonderful cake or some yummy mince or fruit pies to be sold in the church room, it will be very gratefully appreciated and will really make a big difference to how much money we can raise for these worthwhile causes.

Please contact me on 690155 if you can help or would like further information. See you there!

Lisa Simmons

CLAYDON CHRISTMAS EVENT 2008

Sunday 7 December

Churchyard/Church Room

3.15pm Hot drinks and festive cakes served in the Church Room

4pm Mollington Bell Ringers welcome villagers to Churchyard

4.10pm Mill Town Singers lead Christmas songs

4.25pm Tree lighting

4.30pm Remembrance ceremony: reading of names on stars

4.35pm Remembrance thoughts

4.40pm Carol singing by all

4.40-5.15pm Refreshments in Church Room

All proceeds go to charity

TRICK OR TREAT?

31 October, Halloween Bingo Night, Church Room



Photos: Simon Kennedy, Karen Jackson

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

8 November, Bonfire Event, Playing Field



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Entry £2 includes a glass of wine and door draw.

Charity tables, raffle, paintings, competitions, organ grinder, Father Christmas and with many special offers for one night only.

Festive Weekend

Sat 6th & Sun 7th December

With FREE visit to Father Christmas and complimentary glass of mulled wine

Father Christmas 1pm-3pm

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Claydon Groups: Car Service

Did you know that there is help available if you are stuck for transport?

Claydon Car Service has been running for a number of years and was started by John Lloyd in Manor Park. If you have an appointment you need to get to, whether at a Doctor, Dentist, Hospital or Optician there are a group of about 7 volunteers who will gladly give you a lift.

There is no charge for the service as volunteers give their time (and petrol) freely, even if you need to go quite a distance. It is also a seven day service and works round

the clock so there is usually someone to help out.

When John was no longer able to continue the running of the service was taken up by Thelma Tibbetts in Bignolds Close.



Volunteers do not get called on that often at present as most people use the bus or have relatives who can help, but as Claydon is a little cut off it is nice to know that there is someone who can help out.

To book a ride or to go onto the volunteer rota please call Thelma on 690574.

Karen Jackson



Are you in the middle of the big autumn clear out? As well as filling your brown bin why not consider composting?

Composting kitchen and garden waste is not only a great way of helping the

ECO TIPS



environment, it's fun and satisfying too! Bargain compost bins are available in our area. Check out www.recyclenow.com

If you have any ECO TIPS to share please contact me on 690192.

Vicky Smith



ANIMAL FACTS: GOLDFISH



Goldfish can be bought from your local pet shop (Banbury). A starter kit including a large bowl, food, gravel and weed should cost around £12 and includes one fish. Extra fish will cost around £2 each.

If you have a bigger bowl or tank then you will be able to buy shells to put into it.

Change the water and clean the gravel every week or when the water gets murky. When putting fresh water in the bowl, add a little warm water. Don't forget to put the fish in a separate bowl while you are cleaning!

Give the fish a pinch of food every day and add more food if you have extra fish.

Goldfish can be very pretty and are easy for children to look after.

Anne Hoggins

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Autumn Pumpkin Soup



Ingredients:

2.5kg pumpkin (diced and skinned)
1 onion (diced)
1.5 litres weak vegetable stock or just water
80g parmesan cheese (optional)

Method:

Sweat onion and pumpkin in a little oil for about 5 minutes. Pour over the stock or water and simmer for about 10 minutes until pumpkin is soft.

Add the cheese and blitz in a liquidizer. Check to taste and add salt and pepper. Serve hot. If wanted, add a little cream or even serve in a pumpkin shell.

Supplied by **Sam Hoggins**, *Hyltons at the Moon & Sixpence*, Hanwell, Telephone (01295) 730544

BIN COLLECTIONS: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

GREEN BIN

Fri 28 November

Fri 12 December

Sat 27 December



BLUE & BROWN BINS

Fri 21 November

Fri 5 December

Fri 19 December



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Village Diary

November/December 2008



- **Wednesday 19 November** **Jubilee Group Coffee Morning**
Church Room, 10.30am - Midday
- **Tuesday 25 November** **Mobile Library visits**
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Sunday 30 November** **Village Breakfast**
Church Room, 9.30am
- **Wednesday 3 December** **Beetle Drive**
Church Room, 2.30pm - 4pm
- **Sunday 7 December** **Village Christmas Tree-Lighting & Remembrance Event**
Church Room & Churchyard, 3.15pm - 5.15pm (*See p5 for more details*)
- **Tuesday 9 December** **Mobile Library visits**
Corner Church Lane/Main Street, 12.40pm - 12.55pm
- **Thursday 11 December** **Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch**
Church Room, 12.30pm (*Contact Jo & David Hill on 690452 for details*)
- **Wednesday 17 December** **Jubilee Group Coffee Morning**
Church Room, 10.30am - Midday

If you would like an item included in Village Diary please pass on details to any member of the *Courier* team (see p2)

Weekly Church Services at
 23 November: 9.30am Holy Communion
 30 November: No service. *See Village Breakfast (above)*

St. James Church, Claydon
 7 December: 8.30am Holy Communion
 14 December: 10.30am Christingle Service
 Wednesday mornings: 10am Holy Communion

November

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December

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Lucky stars

I first fell in love with Claydon 12 years ago. It was a lovely summer's day and as we drove over the hill down the Mollington Road house-hunting, I remember saying what a beautiful view it was and wouldn't it be great to enjoy that view every day. Luckily we liked the house, too, and I still love driving home from work and having that view, whatever the weather.

It is such a simple thing, but I think sometimes it is easy to forget that simple pleasures can give us the most enjoyment. I would hate to live in a town, a high rise flat or a house without a garden for the children to play in. In these times when all we hear is doom and

gloom in the press, and all the media can find to report is a recession pending and BBC presenters getting their fingers slapped, and when we ourselves have a good moan about the state of the country, the surface of our roads and speeding cars in our village, it is easy to forget how lucky we are to live in a country where we have food to eat, a warm house (too warm, my hubby would say!) and good medical care.

As Christmas approaches please think of others less fortunate and perhaps donate a little extra to a charity or pop along to visit someone you know is alone and thank your lucky stars you live in such a lovely place!

Karen Jackson

Claydon & Clattercote Courier

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