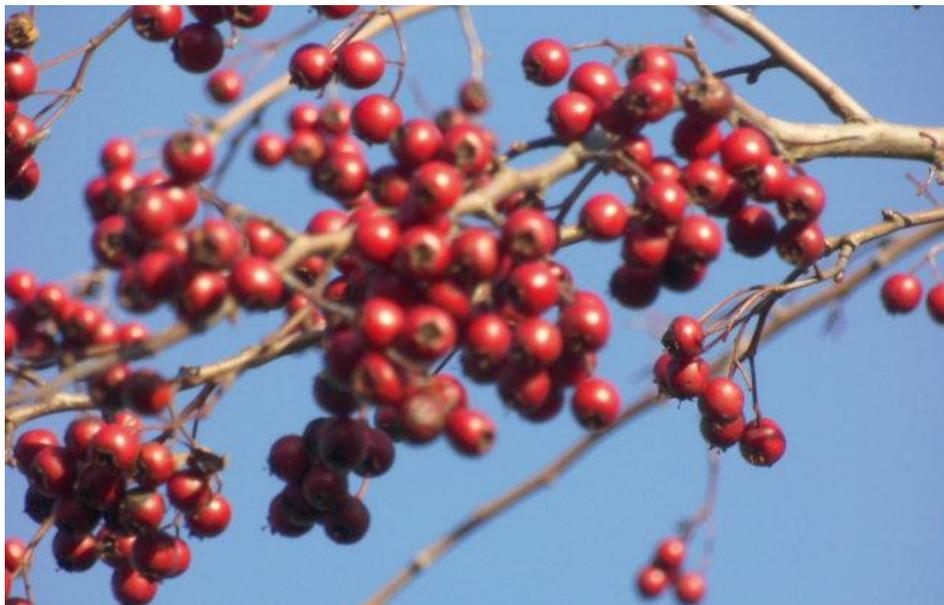


Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

November/December 2019



A good crop of berries will help to sustain the birds during the winter

MARINA PLANS WITHDRAWN BUT THIS MAY NOT BE THE END

Villagers were very surprised, but pleased, to learn that the application for a marina at Glebe Farm had been withdrawn just days before it was due to be discussed by the North Area Planning Committee.

However, this is unlikely to be the end of the matter. Surveyors have been spotted on the site, giving rise to the theory that a new application will be submitted with a changed specification. If this proves to be the case previous correspondence will not be taken into account, so the onus will be on villagers to resubmit their objections.

Anyone wishing to make comments needs to be vigilant that the opportunity is not lost due to other distractions such as the General Election and Christmas festivities.

VILLAGE BUS SHELTER



The bus shelter has been installed and has already been a great benefit during the recent heavy rain.

The bench on the Village Green was removed as it was dangerous and part of the wooden backrest had split. Although there were plans to re-install it after it had been repaired, it has been reclaimed by its owner and will therefore no longer be available.

VILLAGE BUS SERVICE

Within days of the installation of the shelter, villagers discovered that the weekly 503 service to Banbury will be discontinued at the end of the year. The reason is that the vehicle used is a coach, which will not comply with the requirements (such as a low floor) for public service vehicles which come into force in January.

As the existing route covers more villages in Warwickshire than it does in Oxfordshire, and is subsidised by Warwickshire County Council, bus users who live in Warwickshire have written to their county councillors and received a reply that a replacement service run by A&M Flexibus, of

Harbury, will commence on 9th January. The new service 497 will include the Oxfordshire villages on the existing 503 route, at almost the same timings

Meanwhile discussions have been taking place with representatives of the North Oxfordshire Parish Councils with Community Interest Company (CIC) Ability with a view to running a circular service from Banbury on Tuesdays taking in Hanwell, Mollington, Claydon, Cropredy and the Bourtons. Bus users will need to be registered but concessionary passes can be used. Each parish has been asked to provide a one-off payment of £500 which will be arranged by County Councillor George Reynolds.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Parish Council Meeting on 12th November the following items were also discussed:

TRAFFIC CALMING

After a near miss with a speeding car entering the village at the narrow point on the Mollington Road a resident requested some sort of traffic calming measures, possibly a priority sign. It was agreed to contact Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Highways to explore possible options.

BLUE BRICK PATH AND OTHER SAFETY ISSUES

There has been no response from OCC regarding the uneven section of the blue brick path between Sundial Farm and the Leys. The clerk will continue to chase the matter.

Councillor Ames has reported various issues on fixmystreet.com, including the hedge next to the railway bridge, a tree touching the BT line and a hedge protruding into the road, both at the rear of Bignolds Close, the trees on the blue brick path and the lime tree outside Sunrising, Church Lane. The response has been disappointing with no firm commitment to rectify the situation.

WEBSITE

In response to the concern raised in the annual audit, Councillor Denham has set up a Google Docs file containing all of the relevant Parish Council documents. The next step will be to set up the link to the village website.

MAIN STREET FLOODING

The flooding at the corner of Church Lane and Main Street has repeatedly been reported on fixmystreet.com but has not been permanently fixed. Councillor Reynolds has contacted an officer at OCC requesting that he visits the village and views the situation.

VILLAGE GREEN

The green is in need of work, but, as aconites have been planted, the Parish Council will wait until spring before making a decision on improvements. Funding for the work will be included in the budget.

EMPTY PROPERTIES

The owner of Bank Cottage has been contacted by Cherwell District Council to trim the vegetation which is spreading onto the path.

TREES

There are 6 willow trees in the Playing Field which are due for removal. Quotations will be obtained and the cost included in the budget for next year.

HORTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

After more than a year of attending meetings and workshops and undertaking research to reconsider the options for a full maternity service at the Horton, campaigners felt betrayed by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's decision to continue with just one obstetric unit at the John Radcliffe. The Horton Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was similarly disappointed and resolved to once again refer the issue to the Secretary of State for Health.

BYFIELD SURGERY

The surgery is threatened with closure as it has outgrown its premises. The building was intended to accommodate 4,500 patients, but currently over 8,000 are registered there. Plans for a replacement medical centre are dependent on a new housing development for which planning permission has been refused. Villagers who are registered as patients at Byfield Surgery may need to go elsewhere.

PLAYING FIELD FUNDRAISING

Villagers who shop at Tesco are asked to save their tokens until January when the new Playing Field slide will be part of the 'Bags for Life' appeal.

R I P

We are saddened to report the death of Jenny Blenkinsop on Tuesday 12th November.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

Thanks from Anne Hoggins to everyone in Claydon and Clattercote who contributed to a total amount of £302.57. *(And to Anne for organising the collection. Ed)*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Claire, June and Margaret would like to thank everyone who supported them so generously at the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September.

With your help we raised £581.75.

Special thanks to Anne for the raffle and to Glenis, Lorraine and Clive for their invaluable help.

Thank you.

HIRE THE CHURCH ROOM at reasonable rates

Current fees are £9 per session which is deemed to be a morning, afternoon or evening.

There is a reduced fee for groups or individuals who book for regular sessions of 12 or more per annum.

To book, contact Clive Mutch on 690610.



We are having a

Coffee and Borrow a Book Morning

at Well Corner, Main Street
(corner of Bignolds Close)

on Wednesday 29th January

from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Why not pop in for coffee (or tea), biscuits a chat and borrow a book or two?

You will be very welcome and it will only cost you £1

Margaret and Glenis

Donated paperbacks will be very welcome

Claydon Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch
at Cherwell Edge Golf Club
on Friday 13th December
12:30 for 1:00 pm
2 courses for £16.95

Main Course

Roast turkey
served with all the trimmings

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Roasted Loin of Pork with a pork and apricot stuffing and a
mushroom Madeira sauce

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Brazil nut and date roast with a red wine sauce

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Pan fried Scottish salmon with a fresh herb and lemon butter
(£3 supplement)

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All served with Potatoes &
Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding
With Brandy Sauce

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Old English sherry trifle

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Chef's warm deep filled treacle tart served with custard
or clotted cream

Followed by Tea or Coffee

Pre-ordered house wine @ £14 .50 per bottle

Please contact 690279 with your Menu choices to book

Diary Dates

BEETLE DRIVE

Wednesday 4th December 2.30 to 4.30 pm in the Church Room

UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION

Sunday 8th December 10.00 am at Great Bourton

LITTLE LIGHTS

Tuesday 10th December 10.30 to 12.00 at Upper Boddington park for an AcornToOak session with Kate Hamilton.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Friday 13th December at Cherwell Edge Golf Club

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 15th December 4.00 pm at St James Church

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 18th December 10:30 am in the Church Room

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 22nd December 9.30 am at St James Church

CRIB SERVICE

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December 4.00 pm at St James Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December 9.30 am at St James Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 29th December 9.30 am at Cropredy

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 5th January 2020 6.00 pm at St James Church

UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION

Sunday 12th January 10.00 am at Mollington

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 14th January 7:30 pm. in the Church Room

COFFEE AND BORROW A BOOK MORNING

Wednesday 29th January 10.00 am to 12.00 pm