

# Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

January/February 2022

## VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE?

The village has celebrated past jubilees with events where the whole village could take part. The Queen's Golden Jubilee was celebrated with a barbecue, bouncy castle and disco on the Village Green. The Diamond Jubilee event included a professional storyteller and folk singing in the tent which had been erected next to the lime tree.



**Patrisia Cuberos leading the sing-a-long at the Street Party at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration in 2012**

These events could not have taken place without organisation and, if there is to be a celebration of the Platinum Jubilee, a group of people will be needed to plan and co-ordinate it. There will be some funding. The Parish Council has made provision if funding is not found to be available elsewhere. If you are interested in helping please email

[clayclatnews@btinternet.com](mailto:clayclatnews@btinternet.com).

## **MARINA APPEAL**

An appeal against the decision to refuse the Planning Application for a marina at Glebe Farm was submitted at an inconvenient time for residents to respond. The final date for submission of responses was 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. Nevertheless several responses have been submitted in opposition to the appeal including a letter from professionals DLP Planning Ltd on behalf of the Parish Council.

The rambling appeal document cited the support that the original application had received: from the Case Officer at Cherwell District Council (CDC), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Highways Dept, the Canal and Rivers Trust and even a letter from Cropredy School expressing interest at the educational possibilities.

No date has yet been set for the decision.

## **FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS**

The weekly food waste collections are now due to commence from 1<sup>st</sup> March. The new silver 23 litre outdoor food waste caddies will be delivered to the village in mid- February.

## **DOG WALKING IN MANOR PARK**

Many dog walkers use Manor Park as part of a circular route through to Crossing Lane and then return along Main Street. However, the open plan aspect of the gardens in Manor Park makes them very attractive to dogs.

If dog owners do not exercise a firm hold on the lead, dogs will freely wander across the lawns and sometimes foul the gardens. This includes urinating on the flowers and shrubs which causes lasting damage.

Several residents of Manor Park request that dog owners keep their dogs to the path and clean up after them.

# **OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

At the Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January, which was attended by District Councillor Phil Chapman, the following further items were discussed:

## **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Notices have been posted on the Village Notice board, the Village Website and the Village Facebook but there have been no applicants to date. Contrary to expectations there will not be a Parish Council Election this year.

## **CLERK VACANCY/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO)**

There has been no response to emails inviting clerks of other local Parish Councils who also live in the area to apply for the position.

## **DAMAGE TO VILLAGE GREEN**

It was agreed that posts at the edge of the track, rather than just kerbs, would prevent car parking on the grass. The grass also needs to be restored in the area affected by parking.

## **NEGLECTED SECOND HOMES**

There had been no response to Cllr Jones' letter to Victoria Prentis MP. Cllr Reynolds had obtained a response from the District Council, promising that the owner of the Old School House would agree a plan of action to bring the home into use. In response to a query from the public, Cllr Chapman confirmed that Environmental Health had visited some time ago, but found no evidence of vermin.

## **PLANNING**

The letter to be drafted to the Head of the Planning Department, stating the Parish Council's concerns regarding the mobile home at High Furlong Farm remains outstanding.

## **COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS**

Councillor Chapman reported that OCC contractors are now responsible for statutory parking fines and are now very evident in Banbury.

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS**

Cllr Chapman reported that fines for not clearing dog poo have increased in line with other councils.

## **LITTER PICK**

Following a request from a young parishioner, the Parish Council will discuss arrangements for a litter pick at the March meeting.

## **HEAVY TRAFFIC ON BODDINGTON ROAD**

In response to a parishioner request for a 'No Works Traffic' sign on Boddington Road due to a large increase in traffic, including heavy lorries Cllrs Denham and Ames had both attempted to contact the HS2 management in the area but with no success so far. They resolved to keep trying.

## **BLUE BRICK PATH**

Cllr Denham met Nick Watson from OCC Highways three years ago when it was promised that work would be done on the Blue Brick Path, but nothing happened. Following an email Nick Watson has promised to revisit the village and meet Cllr Denham to discuss the work.

## **PLAY AREA/PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Ames agreed to resolve the play area inspection issues, including the replacement of the toddler swing seat. A parishioner complained that her dog had become caught in the goal net and struggled so much that it took some time to free it. Another parishioner with connections to an amateur football team offered to enquire if any old but still usable nets were available.

## **BUDGET**

It was agreed to extend the scope of the budget to include the Village Christmas Tree, the separation of the track from the Village Green, the repair of the Bus Shelter Roof, the Platinum Jubilee and the Garden Bins for the Playing Field. The reserves for repair of the Village Green Wall were increased and an amount was included in reserves for professional fees. This resulted in a budget for 2022-23 of £13,620.

## **VILLAGE PRECEPT**

The precept (ie the Claydon portion of the Council Tax) was set at £10,958.

## Obituary

# SYLVIA INGRAM

4<sup>th</sup> April 1945 – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021



Sylvia Mary Ingram was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1945 to parents Frederick and Frances and was sister to Ron and Barbara. The family lived at Danbrook Road, Streatham, London.

Unfortunately Frederick passed away before she was approximately 10 years old, and Sylvia was sent to boarding school. This could have been the underlying cause of her developing type 1 Diabetes as a result of pneumonia.

Sylvia valued friendships and she met her best friend Margaret Broadway, who now lives in Australia, when they were both 18 years old where they worked at Waites Builders in London. Their friendship continued through the years and Margaret caught up with Sylvia and family on her recent visit to England.

Sylvia was a bubbly girl, she enjoyed riding on the back of her late brother Ron's motorbike; with her Mum sitting in the side car, and Sylvia would

read a map to navigate on trips out when needed. She met Robert through her brother, as they were both interested in cars and motorbikes in their teenage years. Robert's 'Uncle Charlie' used to play football and cricket with Sylvia's dad.

Sylvia & Robert married on the 27 Feb 1965 at Wandsworth Registry Office, the marriage lasted for 56 years. They moved from London to High Wycombe, where they raised their two children Steven & Susan.

Due to Sylvia's diabetes, it was necessary for her to give birth by Caesarean section. This resulted in Sylvia receiving a visit from the Queen while on a visit to King's College Hospital in London, when she was pregnant with Steven.



Sylvia returned to work at Dowty Electronics – Loudwater when her children were still young (Steven 7 yrs old and Susan 4 yrs old). She walked there daily, and sometimes returned home at lunchtime to check that the children were okay (in their teenage years). She was highly regarded and loved by her work colleagues, and their appreciation was shown at Christmas times, when she received wine and other gifts. Sylvia was also appreciated for all her hard work by her employers and Community services which she supported, such as the Scouts, Steven

having attended in his younger years. This was recognised by a 'Scouts thank you' brooch.

Sylvia later bought a car to help with trips with the children, a Morris Minor which she called 'Matilda'; this was quite an experience for her at the time using semaphore indicators which flicked up and down. Sylvia was very thoughtful, very patient and the best navigator, for family holidays, and in helping Susan when she needed to travel to her RAF posting at Royal Hospital Hasler in Portsmouth, before she owned a Sat Nav.

Sylvia and Bob moved to Claydon in the late 1990s, and, due to her volunteering, Sylvia became a well-loved member of the village. She was more affectionately known as "Monty's Mum", Monty being her beloved Standard Poodle. She had a deep knowledge in flower arranging, which provided a pleasurable experience for all church goers at Easter, Remembrance Days and at Christmas church services in Claydon.

Sylvia was a founder member of the Claydon Jubilee Group which began its existence at the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It started with an afternoon tea on the Jubilee Weekend for the older members of the community and then evolved into monthly coffee mornings which ran uninterrupted until the lockdown in March 2020. The group's activities also extended to taking part in fetes, and running bazaars and raffles. Sylvias knitting skills were recognised and many of the village children now own one of her knitted dolls. The baking should not be forgotten, including the amazing Cherry Cakes.

Sylvia also joined the Parish Council and not long afterwards she took on the role of Chairman. Her commitment and determination overrode the Parish Clerk's recommendation to do nothing other than a letter of objection regarding the Planning Application for a marina which represented a direct threat to the village. Sylvia organised meetings where the plans could be displayed, giving the villagers as much information as possible on which to base their objections.

Sylvia's ongoing health issues increased in later years, and her family would like to thank the villagers who provided support with dog walking and shopping. They would also like to thank villagers for their condolences and those who attended Sylvia's funeral on 10<sup>th</sup> January and made kind donations in her memory, raising £175 for Diabetes UK.

# *Diary Dates*

## **UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February** 10.00 am at St James Church

## **EVENING PRAYER**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February** 4.00 pm at St James Church

## **ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** 10.00 am at St James Church

## **EASTER CRAFTS AND COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** 10:30 to 12:30 in Claydon Church Room

## **RAISING THE ROOF OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BANBURY**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 7.30 pm.

Marking its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Banbury Choral Society will raise the roof of St. Mary's Church with a concert of JS Bach's masterpiece **St John Passion**. The Choir (which includes Claydon's Clare Adams) will be accompanied by the St James' Players, an authentic Baroque ensemble from London, with a line up of bright young soloists on the verge of their careers.

It will be performed in English, with some German interpolations.

Tickets £15 (£5 under 16s) from [www.banburychoralsoc.co.uk](http://www.banburychoralsoc.co.uk);

Box office: 07721 204734 or the Banbury Museum and Tourist Information Centre. Castle Quay.

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