

# Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

April 2022

## CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

### **Free Mugs for Younger Village Children**

As part of the celebrations, Commemorative mugs will be donated to the younger village children by the Claydon Trust. To qualify children must reside in the village and be aged 11 and under on 5<sup>th</sup> June. In order to ensure that no-one is missed, parents are requested to fill out and return a registration slip which will be delivered with this Newsletter. If you do not receive a registration slip and there are children who qualify in your household please telephone 690510.

A small number of mugs will also be available for sale on the Jubilee Weekend.

### **Village Party**

The event will be similar to the Summer Party held last year, but there will be more organised events for the children at the start of the event. It will take place in the Playing Field on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June and run from 4.00 pm until late. Villagers will need to bring chairs, drinks and food (including anything to be cooked on the barbecue). Some chairs will be available for villagers who cannot carry their own. There will be live music from the local band Splinters, from Jonathon Meyrick and (hopefully) disco music between the sets. It will also provide an opportunity for anyone else who would like to perform.

Volunteers are required to help on the day itself and on the following morning, particularly with the erection and dismantling of the marquee and possibly transport. As everyone will be too tired to dismantle the marquee at the end of the evening, volunteers are also required to camp overnight as a security measure. Please contact [clayclatnews@btinternet.com](mailto:clayclatnews@btinternet.com) or ring 690510 if you would like to perform or can help in any other way.

## **Jubilee Tea**

The church service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June will be followed by the Jubilee Tea Event which will take place in the Church Room and (weather permitting) in Church Lane next to the west gate of the churchyard. There will be an exhibition of Claydon in the past and a cake competition for villagers of all ages. Further details will be available nearer the time.

A spring clean of the Church Room will take place after Easter. Ring 690510 if you can help.

Both events will be free to attend, as funding is available from Cherwell District Council (CDC). This will cover hire of equipment such as Portaloos, but not items such as food, drink and fireworks. Donations will therefore be required to cover incidentals for the barbecue and refreshments for the Jubilee Tea.

There will be a raffle at the Jubilee Tea in aid of St. James' Church.

## **VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

Volunteers are required to help with a Village Litter Pick on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Meet at the Playing Field at 11.00 am to collect equipment and decide on routes, and return the equipment and rubbish at 1.00 pm for refreshments and to review progress.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**



Mike Ives has been co-opted to fill the Parish Council vacancy. Mike brings management, organisation and data analysis skills to the Parish Council.

# OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Parish Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March, the following further items were discussed:

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

There has been no success in attracting anyone to the position of Parish Clerk. The previous clerk has kindly answered any outstanding queries which have arisen since her departure.

## **TRIP HAZARDS ON THE 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 made a recent visit to the village and promised that funding will be made available for work this year.

## **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. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting before chasing this action.

## **PLANNING**

### **High Furlong Farm**

It was agreed to submit a letter of complaint to CDC regarding the mobile home which has been installed on the site without planning permission. (Since the meeting, but before the letter could be sent, a new Planning Application has been submitted for a further building on the site).

### **Marina Appeal**

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a marina at Glebe Farm is pending.

## **DAMAGE TO VILLAGE GREEN**

A quotation has been obtained for installing posts at the edge of the track, and restoring the grass in the area affected by parking.

# Diary Dates

## **EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April** 9.30 am at St James Church

## **VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** 11.00 am at the Playing Field

## **EVENING PRAYER**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** 4.00 pm at St James Church

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May** 9.30 am at St James Church

### **A daring season**

Just over two years now since life as we knew it was turned upside down by a virus, and as many have found their lives radically affected by the cloud of war, we enter another season. Easter, is the season whose central theme is of new beginnings and a radical hope.

Having grown up in a house where musicals of many sorts were part of our sound landscape, I often find songs connecting me to the season. In the 1972 musical *Godspell*, a troupe of 10 performers together tell the story of Jesus. Based on the gospel of Matthew the performance uses clowning, pantomime, charades, acrobatics, and vaudeville to tell the story of Christ. *Godspell* is a pageant that moves from moment to moment, a production intended to celebrate good news ('*god spell*' is Old English for gospel) and weave this God's spell of new hope, new joy, new life over its audience. This is a daring act of resistance – to find even under the cloud of conflict and uncertainty the ways of peace with justice and joy.

From one of *Godspell*'s songs, *By Your Side*:

*I shall call the pebble dare ...*

*We will talk, we will talk together ..about walking  
dare shall be carried*

*And when we both have had enough*

*I will take him from my shoe, singing:*

*"Meet your new road!" Then I'll take your hand*

*Finally glad ..That you are here By my side*

May you find by your side, the Easter message of resurrection, the practice of radical hope, as we begin again.

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