

CLAWTON CLARION



January 2025

I hope you all had a the Christmas you'd hoped and planned for. Here, the Old Posties planned a quiet one. Due to the recent addition of Ted, the woofers, we felt it best to place the tree outside with lights and weather proof ornaments, rather than taunt and confuse the newly trained dog. We should have anticipated the wild weather, but didn't. I'll say no more!

If your new year's resolution is to see yourself published locally, please get in touch. We'd love one off or regular items on matters you may share an interest with others, whether it be plants, poetry or potholing!

If you would like to see your items published in the February edition, please send them in by midday on the 20th to clawtonclarion@gmail.com. Views expressed by our contributors are their own, and not those of the Parish Council.

Alison

Event	Time	Date	Place
Women on Wednesday	7:30pm	Wednesday 8th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Railway Club	7:00pm	Friday 10th January	Clawton Parish Hall
United Service with Rev Paul Fitzpatrick	11:00am	Sunday 12th January	St Leonard's Church
Parish Council Meeting	7:30pm	Monday 13th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Whist	7:30pm	Wednesday 15th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Coffee Morning	10:30—12:00	Friday 17th January	Clawton Parish Hall
Café Church with Lorna Bowden	11:00am	Sunday 26th January	St Leonard's Church

HOLSWORTHY WALK

AND TALK

BY

GILLIAN ASTON



The beginning of a new year allows us to look forward to lots more walking and enjoyment. We have had some interesting new walks recently which will be repeated for those who missed them the first time around and for those who would like to do them again. Sometimes we reverse the route and it is always surprising how many different perspectives we notice.

Prior to Christmas we walked at Highampton on a fresh, frosty day. Although the roads were clear the photo looks as though we were on an arctic expedition instead of a grass field in Devon. The following week we walked the Multi Use Trail in Bude which, only days earlier, had been completely submerged by flood water thanks to Storm Bert. Although we do try to walk whatever the weather, should conditions be felt to be dangerous we would not go ahead and would notify our members accordingly. Information would also be posted on our website.

In April we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Holsworthy Walk and Talk (formerly Walking for Health). Prior to 2005 David Arney had organised some 'practice' walks to encourage those participants to train as Walk Leaders and Back Markers. David had previously met Michael Heryet who still runs Bude Walk and Talk and who, at that time, was a Walk Leader Trainer. Michael trained six people back then,, two of whom are still walk leading and back marking with us on a regular basis.

The first walk which David Arney led began in the Manor Car Park, Holsworthy, heading over the Viaduct and out to Rydon. We propose repeating that walk in April and are keen for anyone who was either on that walk in 2005 or knows of anyone who was to get in touch and hopefully join us in our celebrations.

If you would like to join us, we walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am and are **FREE**. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk. Our website has lots of up to date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below.

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Gillian Aston 07584677784



Happy New Year to our friends.

Monty is busy keeping the lane tidy as usual (photo attached) and he thanks those passing for their kindness and "well wishes" as I have been his permanent walker these days.

It's been a difficult couple of years health wise, and we had the added stress and expense of both cars dying and 9 hour bus trips to Barnstaple and limping to Taunton Vascular - pft!

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to the Parish Hall Committee. Maralyn very kindly expressed their kind thoughts in a message with a basket of nibbles which Gary was very moved by.

Good wishes to those affected by the recent storms or health worries.

Claire and Monty



A Big New Year 'Thank You' to.....

- * Roger, Martin and Ray for all they do to keep the village centre tidy.
- * Alison for compiling and editing the Clarion – and for doing a great job as Clerk to the Parish Council.
- * Lorna, Avril, Maralyn, George, Alex and Miranda for distributing the Clarion.
- * Maralyn and the Hall Committee for delivering a modern and thriving social centre.
- * Anne, Lorna, Rosemary, Irene and the other PCC members for maintaining and running the church and graveyard.
- * Adrian Mitchell for his long-time service on the Parish Council.
- * Parish Councillors who give up their valuable time to manage village affairs.
- * Edwina and Nigel for their kind donations of Christmas trees to both church and village centre.
- * All those too numerous to mention individually who help organise and run events and activities.

***Paul Grafton,
Chair,
Clawton Parish Council***

The Parish Council will be meeting on Monday 13th January 2025.

If you would like to contact them before the meeting, please email:

clawtonpccclerk@outlook.com

The agenda will be available to view on the village notice board from
6th January 2025.



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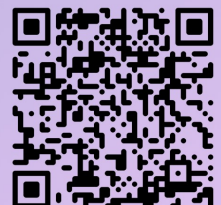
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Secretary/Treasurer - Paul Grafton - 01409 271456 paul@devonholidays.org

Church services: 12th united service with Rev Paul Fitzpatrick, 26th January café Church Lorna

WE were all saddened to hear of the death of Sylvia Redwood at a good age of 89. Having lived all her life in Clawton, and having done so much for Clawton Church and the parish hall, we express our thanks for all she did, and our thoughts and prayers are for Martin and Irene Ellis.

We would also like to thank Clawton Young Farmers for bringing some Christmas cheer through the village on the 8th of December. It was lovely to see all the tractors lit up with their Christmas lights - well done to them.

Also, I would like to thank every one who has come to church and supported it in any way throughout the year. The church is open to everyone and everybody - all are welcome.

Happy new year.

Best wishes,

Lorna

'Women on Wednesday'

The next meeting is

on

Wednesday 8th January

2025

At 7.30 p.m.

In Clawton Village Hall.

The speaker is Judi Graham who will be talking about her

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World

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CLAWTON PARISH HALL

The hall committee want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year, and thank you all for your continued help and support. We have a great community spirit within the village.

We will be all taking a breather before Burns' Night on Saturday 25th. Plans are being put together, so look out for further info either on Facebook or the village notice board.

We would like to thank Nigel and Edwina for the fantastic tree, which has brightened up everyone's dark evenings when passing by the hall.

I have a total of £107.25 for the collections for the Poppy Appeal, which does include the Church service too, the whole Holsworthy area raised £5,430.13 so well done Clawton.

My collection for Macmillan will be sent off once the postal service settles down, a huge box full has been accumulated.

Please see below, Anne Mitchell's message regarding the coffee mornings, which have been so successful during 2024.

We will resume the brewery afternoons in the hall on Saturday 4th January from 4pm to 6.30ish.

Hope to see you there!

Maralyn

Clawton Coffee Mornings

Many thanks to everybody for the contributions of food at the Christmas coffee morning. Kerry and Maralyn decorated the hall beautifully and Christine provided the music and carols throughout which resulted in a very enjoyable event, which raised £117.80 for the Bude branch of the RNLI ,bringing the total to £567.62 for the year.

Best wishes,

Anne



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EVELYN'S WALK



It was debatable whether the walk would go ahead as planned on Monday 9th December given that Storm Darragh had been raging over the weekend. We met in Bradworthy Square which was a hive of activity with the Christmas decorations going up. We turned left by H.J. Wicketts and followed the lane which took us past the School on our right. At the bottom of the hill, we contemplated the name of the river which we crossed. It wouldn't come to me which was really annoying! The water level was much higher than when we last walked this way in July'23. We strolled up the hill through the beautiful avenue of trees admiring the far reaching views to the left. We followed the footpath sign which took us along the drive towards Berridon Farm. As most of the leaves had fallen, we had an opportunity to admire the wooden chalets in the field on our right. It must be a very tranquil environment for visitors but there wasn't any evidence of them in December. We followed the footpath sign which took us through a wooden gate on our right and across a beautifully kept field. The route is cleverly marked with a couple of strategically placed granite gate posts. We went through a couple of self-closing galvanised gates at the far side of the field. We turned right and entered a large field that would normally be grazed by cattle during the summer months. We crossed the wooden footbridge and again we contemplated the name of the river which we crossed. It was right on the tip of my tongue but annoyingly, it still wouldn't come to me! When we reached the lane, we turned right and then turned right again which brought us back to The Square. This is such a nice circular walk of approx. 2.3 miles and we

were all pleased that we had made the effort. Oh yes, when I got home the name came to me..... River Waldon.

This was the last walk for the year and there isn't one planned for January. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their company over the last twelve months. I must also thank the land owners who have very kindly given us permission to park on their land. This enables us to walk routes that would otherwise be awkward due to a lack of suitable parking. I am so grateful to the P3 volunteers who are usually associated with our Parish Councils as they check our local PROWs for accessibility and report back to DCC if there are any problems.

It just leaves me to wish everyone a happy time over the festive period and good health and happiness for the New Year.



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