



The Clyst Chatter Spring 2024

'Stuff and nonsense, but our stuff and nonsense'

2nd April 2024



Parish Council Chair's Report

Suzanne Hales – 31st March 2024

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Spring at last! It seems to have been raining for ever.

I hope to see all your lovely flower displays over the next few months - it really makes a difference when you all take pride in how the village looks. The litter around the roundabouts and bypass is awful and has been reported to East Devon.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** is now in its last stages where you can comment on the completed document on the EDDC website under neighbourhood plans.

This has been finalised with comments you all made when we last put it out for the consultation process. This will lead to a final vote of a YES OR NO during the summer. Once the Plan is in place, we will have a lot more say in what happens in and around our Parish.

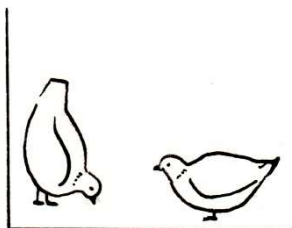
The Exeter Inn has been sold and the plan is to develop it into four flats. The Parish Council will be contacting the new owners to find out what the plan is for the lorry park. (We have concerns that if it is not secured it could be used for unwanted parking and camping.)

The old car lot and antiques centre has now been flattened and work is due to start soon on the warehouse, like we need any more of these structures around us! We did oppose it, and so did East Devon. The developer appealed to the government, and they waved it through. I suppose it will tidy up the area and stop all the dodgy dealing, unwanted airport parking and fly tipping in that end of the village so not all bad.

These sorts of developments will not be allowed under the new neighbourhood plan. In future planning applications we welcome development that is in keeping with our surroundings and enhances our village life.

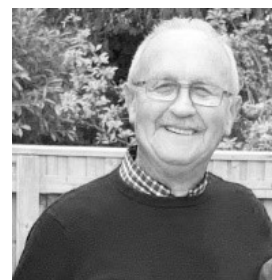
No one has come forward to run the Clyst Honiton Fete. Unless we get volunteer offers soon, we will not be hosting one this year. It's such a shame because it's a great day out where everyone gets together. If anyone has any ideas to volunteer and run an event on our Parish field, please let us know. Village hog-roast, mini music festival, arts and crafts day, tabletop sale, cinema in the park, the possibilities are endless. We just need someone with the imagination and know how. IS THAT YOU? COME ON CLYST HONITON LET'S BE A COMMUNITY!

Chairman - Clyst Honiton Parish Council



Cllr Mike's Village Maintenance

Everything is starting to grow again and the contractors have started to cut the playing field. Mike is cutting the verges and hedges again and would appreciate help.



The roundabout and bypass are looking scruffy and litter-strewn. If you report the issue, Google, '*East Devon litter*' and it should be offered, it should eventually be dealt with. The site says you need to download an app, you don't.

mikemuir@clysthoniton.org.uk

Newbies

Welcome!

We welcome the new residents to Swiss Cottage (who have already proven to be great at left-handed / non-dominant hand skittles) and those at the School House.

Cat's Protection - Axhays



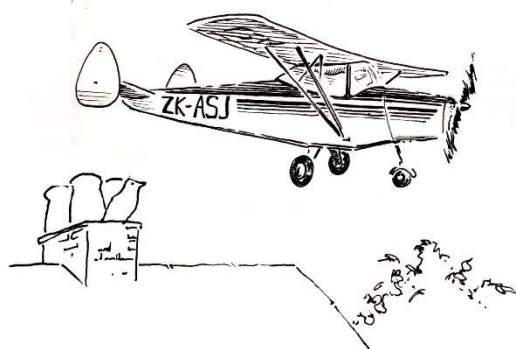
The new centre opened to the public on 15th January and is now running an appointment-based homing process. Since moving back in we have rehomed 97 cats from the new centre. We have also continued our trap, neuter and return work for farm cats all over Devon by helping to neuter over 25 cats in this time.

Cats Protection are currently looking for cat care volunteers on Monday and Friday mornings to help with the cleaning of the cat pens.

You can request a volunteer application form by emailing exeter.volunteering@cats.org.uk



Clyst Clatter



In April 1947 the Chrislea company relocated to a site at Clyst Honiton near the airport.

In 1948 Chrislea started to produce the Super Ace, powered by a Gipsy Moth Major 10 piston engine. Promoted as an air ambulance, it had a cruising speed of 110 mph and a maximum speed of 130 mph, with a range of 520 miles on 39 gallons of petrol. With a

5mph head wind, it could take off in under 150 yards.

An unconventional control wheel was blamed for poor sales and only eighteen Super Aces were built.

Clyst Naturalist Watch

This month, the letter B

Beavers - At the last Parish

Council meeting, East Devon Cllr Paula Fernley reported that there has been beaver activity in Tithebarn and a few young trees have been taken down in the park. Apparently, at this time of

year males go exploring for new territories and females. Paula would be very interested to hear of any further sightings:



paula.fernley@eastdevon.gov.uk



Bees – Used to be wasps, but that was 120 million years ago, before The X Factor even existed, so you need to forgive them. At this time of year, being ectotherms (look it up), they can get caught out by the cold and become exhausted and unable to get home. Make a fairly weak solution of honey or sugar and water and offer it to the bee. If you are brave, bring them indoors for a bit. You'll have to help them out again. The reason they launch themselves at window glass is that they see polarised light and so glass is confusing to them. (Because they are so old, older than dinosaurs.) More 'fun bee facts' next issue as they are important.

South of the A30

Janvrin Edbrooke

Heavy rainfall and subsequent road flooding has regularly jeopardised access in our area. Usual flooding hot spots persist, but a new one south of the Cats Protection Centre has, and will continue, to make access to the Centre impassable at times. Holbrook residents were very grateful to the Northmore Family who kindly ferried residents via tractor to their homes through the flood at the bridge.

Potholes forever!

The road from Frog Lane/ Bishops Court to Holbrook is in a very sad state. Please report potholes, they do get filled in, especially if several people tag the crater.

Just Google, 'report pot hole devon' and the link will appear.

A new commercial unit has begun to go up next to the Cats Protection Centre. This field has change of use to commercial, and for the erection of storage/workshop/office building for Dartmoor Tree Surgeons.

Light glare for drivers:

Thank you to the Parish Council Chair, Suzanne, who has finally sorted out the re-angling of lights at the Sunbelt Unit on Hill Barton Business Park.

Church Chatter

Sheila Watson (Church Secretary)

Our annual accounts have just been inspected in readiness for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the service in church on April 14th. This meeting is open to everyone in the village.



Last year we paid £3876 to the diocese (the Parish Share), our insurance was £1940, just the standing charge for electricity was £219, maintaining the building came to £873 and cutting the grass in the churchyard £450. Note, none of the above was about services or worship or people but simply keeping the building in the village for the 24 services a year plus specials like the Carol Service at Christmas.

We are managing our finances - just. How did we raise all this you may be asking. Well, collections from the people, the congregation. There are ten regulars in the congregation, all pensioners, and the majority over eighty, so this isn't the answer. Weddings and funerals are a good source of income, but these are very few as church weddings become less popular, and cremations preferred to burials. The tax man refunds some, interest is paid on restricted funds, and we are lucky enough to get donations either just generously given or for use of the belfry for example. We mainly keep going due to our fund raising.

The people who support our monthly Fun Bingo sessions, our quiz nights and coffee mornings, allow us to not only balance the books, but to donate to various charities as well. Last year we donated to Compassion UK for our sponsored child in the Philippines (ends this year after 14 years) to Hospiscare, Macmillan, Devon Historic Churches and the British Legion. We are not asking for money (although we would gratefully accept any contributions) but we do need some help with simple tasks to keep the building tidy.

These are our planned future events, events that need only two or three volunteers to run them but need others to support them!

Bingo at the Duke of York 7:30pm

April 6th, May 4th, June 1st and July 6th (no bingo in August)

Quiz Night at the Duke of York 7:30pm, **May 11th** with Ploughman's Supper. Book your table with Maureen at the pub or text Sheila on 07479 517 607

Sunday Communion Services – 10 am on **2nd** and **4th Sunday** of every month.



Every Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock a group of us meet at the Duke of York for coffee, tea and conversation. Everyone in the village is welcome. The coffee and biscuits are free.

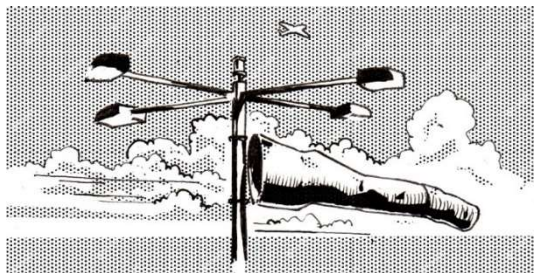


Other fund-raising events will occur, watch out for notices around the village.

Airport News

The airport is gearing up for a busy summer offering flights to nine countries. An automated parking system is being installed in June to make flying from Exeter even more convenient.

Cllr. Gary Collier is now chair of the Exeter Airport Consultative Committee and so the next Chatter might be more informative. Wouldn't be difficult...



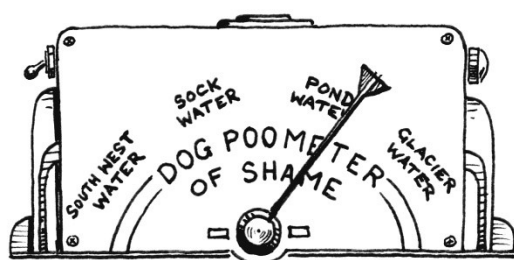
Spam Spam Spam Spam!

Several people have already read this Chatter! It was emailed directly to their Spam. It can be emailed directly to you, too. It is likely that, at some point, printing off issues (which are now too small for some people) and delivering them is not going to be affordable or practical.

They are already on the Parish Council website – clystthoniton.org.uk
If you want them emailed directly to you, send your name and your house address (so we don't also deliver the paper one) from the email you want to receive the Chatter, we can see if that works.

Please also include this: 'I am happy for my email and address details to be held by the Parish Council solely for the purpose of receiving the Clyst Chatter.'

This means we will be compliant with data protection legislation. Send to: seanwheeldon@clystthoniton.org.uk



Not bad so far this year, please pick up after your dog.

Thanks

Thanks to Julian for carpentry, Keith for water butt repairs and Janvrin for Wishing Well improvements!

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue and who have helped to distribute it. Our special thanks to Exeter Airport for the printing.

The next edition will be ready in July and all contributions should be received by **June 20th, 2024.**

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You can email your corrections, contributions and complaints to the editor at seanwheeldon@clysthoniton.org.uk

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Parish Council Meetings

17th April 2024

The Black Horse

8th May 2024

Church Bell Tower

10th July 2024

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We are spending your precept money so please come along and see what we are up to.

Additional Planning Meetings may be called and advised on the Parish Notice Board and will be announced on the website **clysthoniton.org.uk**

Other dates:

14th June - Donald Trump's birthday

15th June – King Charles III birthday

26th July – The Olympics, so there is still time to get a bit of training in

For those interested in keeping the place tidy:

eastdevon.gov.uk/environmental-maintenance/street-cleaning/request-street-cleaning/

Potholes: **devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/**

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Keith's Wordsearch

In your garden

We are approaching that time of the year when the garden starts demanding a bit more attention than we have been giving over the last few months.

This edition's Wordsearch may encourage you to remember what you have in your garden or what you might like to grow this year. As usual words run up, down, diagonally and in both directions. Letters may be used more than once. There are SEVEN letters not used in the names listed and these give the name of a plant that you may well have in your garden and it's also quite likely that you wish you hadn't!



Arum
Aster
Basil
Bay
Broom
Carmellia

Celandine
Cornflower
Crocus
Daffodil
Dianthus
Dog's Mercury

Gardenia
Ixia
Larkspur
Lilac
Mimosa
Peach

Peony
Primrose
Sea Holly *
Sloe
Sweet Pea
Tulip
Veronica

*Two separate words

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