

Parish Council Chair's Report

Suzanne Hales – 4th October 2024

Autumn is upon us already; the nights are drawing in and village life is slowing a little. Remember to keep an eye out for your neighbours just a smile, a little chat or a wave can make someone's day. Sometimes people on their own don't talk to anyone all day and become very lonely. Let's look out for each other in Clyst Honiton.

Thank you to the Holbrook residents for attending the Parish Council meeting and for bringing your comments about the proposed new town.

The sun came out for our Fete again and it was a lovely fun day. The great Clyst Honiton egg tossing and rounders were a big hit, thanks Sean and Debbie for organising this.

Thank you to all residents who donated cakes and raffle prizes, you did us proud.

A big thank you to Megan for organising it. She is hoping to organise a tabletop or boot sale at some point and is asking would there be interest in an event like this.

We raised over £400 and the money will go to a future project in the village.

Halloween

Please remind children that there are some elderly residents that won't answer their doors after dark and would appreciate no door knocks. If you are supporting Halloween just leave a light on, put a pumpkin in your windows or on your front walls so that children know where they are welcome to trick or treat.

The poisoned sausages left out for dogs and wildlife by the Clyst river was a very nasty thing to do. We are hoping that the person responsible has thought about how dangerous this was and that they have realised their mistake. The police, local authorities and vets were informed and a camera has now been installed.

I often walk down to the river and end up picking up cans and bottles left under the bench by the bridge. Please just take your rubbish to the bin by the bus stop, it must be the same person that sits there and does this - have some pride in your countryside.

The car racers are still using the bypass this time at 5.00am on a Sunday morning, I'm sure you all saw the tyre marks on the road junction going into Livewest and DPD.

We are again writing to the Police & Crime Commissioner to ask what they are doing about this as it was one of their targets to cut down on anti-social behaviour. The local authority are supposed to be installing cameras on the lights.

The admin on the Facebook page has been contacted several times about children cycling and riding scooters out of the park straight out in front of cars. We who live here all drive slower in the village but people still come up the road speeding who don't live here. Just remind children to look before cycling off the pavement.

Signing off now wishing you all a safe and warm winter time.

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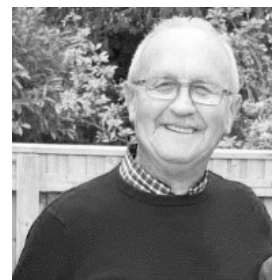
Cllr Mike's Village Maintenance

Thank you to everyone for donating towards the flower beds this year and maintaining them. They have been a great success.

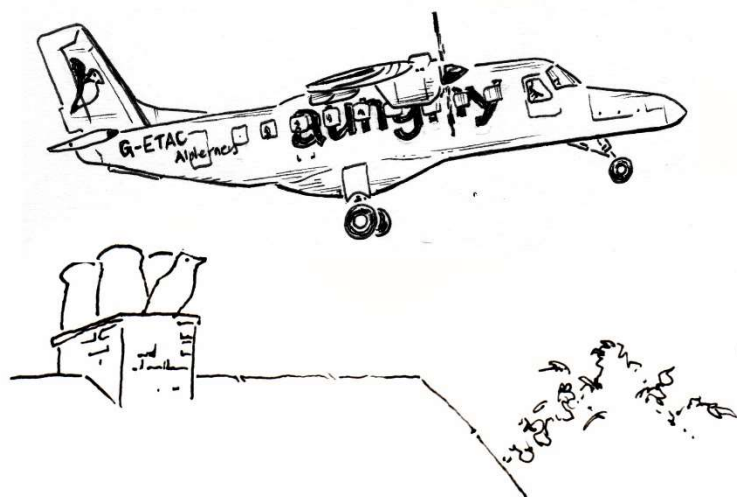
Any help people can give me in helping keep the village tidy is very welcome. If you want to take on an area to look after, let me know.

I have ordered more sandbags and anyone needing any can drop me an email and we'll organise it.

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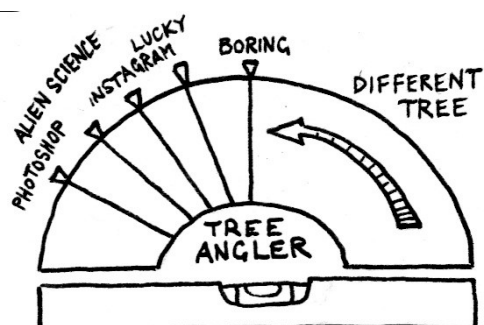
Clyst Clatter



The Dornier 228 NG is used by Aurigny, Guernsey's airline. A good short take-off and landing plane propelled by two Honeywell TPE331 turboprops with a combined output of about 1,500 hp. It cruises at about 200mph but can still fly at 46 mph which is pretty amazing. It carries 19 passengers,

which seems a bit feeble. TUI would have rammed in at least another 8 seats. It has a silly nose, but Google does not explain why. Pilot's foot spa?

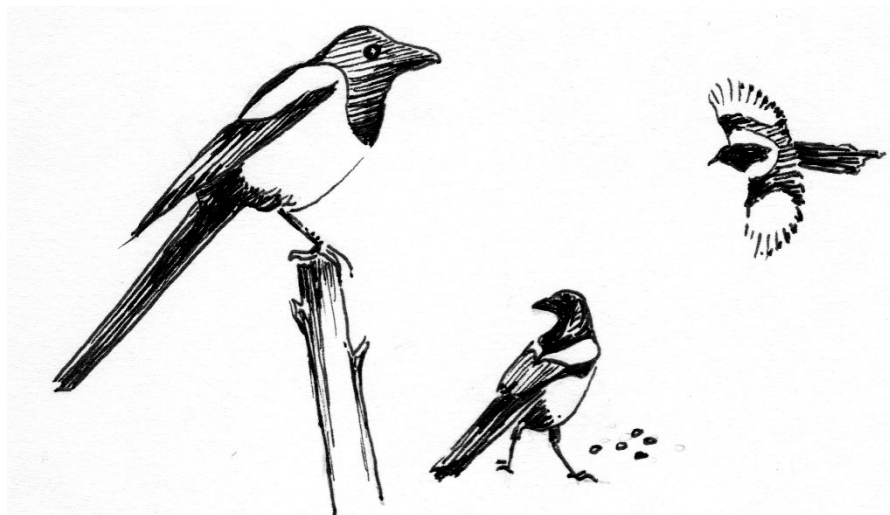
The Leaning Tree of Clyst Honiton



It is now even further from vertical and must surely be relying on advanced alien technology to prevent it falling over. Please avoid our landmark until we have had checked out by scientists.

Clyst Naturalist Watch Magpies

Magpies are considered a 'bird of ill omen' and were not allowed in Noah's Ark.



They were persecuted to near-extinction in Victorian England due to the superstitions surrounding them and because gamekeepers lost chicks and eggs to them. Magpies are now protected and numerous.

They have a reputation for being attracted to

shiny objects (hence that Spotify favourite, Rossini's 'La Gazza Ladra' - *The Thieving Magpie*). This is not correct, research from Exeter University has proven that, if anything, magpies are wary of new things, including shiny objects.

What is definitely a scientific fact is that a magpie can eat its own bodyweight in peanuts in a few minutes. I regularly witness this.

Church Chatter

Sheila Watson (Church Secretary)

Church Chatter

The seasons pass quickly and here we are in Autumn with the Harvest Celebration over. It was such a fun night that at times I had tears of laughter running down my cheeks and the food was magnificent too. Thank you to everyone who came to support us. The Harvest Festival in Church was the following day when 15 of us gathered to thank God for farmers and everyone in the daily task of producing our food.



In October we are delighted that there will be a Baptism (Christening) during one of our 2nd Sunday service – always an occasion to celebrate. But sadly there will also be a burial.

The funeral of **Patricia Edworthy**, a popular member of the village, will take place in the church on **Wednesday 23rd October at 1pm**.

November brings Remembrance Sunday, and we will be laying poppy wreaths at the war memorial at 11o'clock on 10th November after our Communion Service.

November 30th is a date for your diaries. It's **Quiz Night at the Duke of York at 7:15** for a 7:30 start. We are keeping the cost the same as last year - £8 per head which includes a magnificent ploughman's supper. You can come along as a team of 4 or 5 or come along and make up a team with others when you arrive. Please try and let us know that you are coming for catering purposes. We have never had to turn anyone away in the past, but this event is becoming very popular and space is limited so booking is advised.

I'm told that there is something special about December. Could it be that word beginning with a big C? Certainly the Church will be decorated with a tree, holly and ivy, and carols will be sung for most of the month. Our **Carol Service will be on 22nd December** in church, probably 4pm (but this is to be finalised later – keep an eye on the notice board).

Our Midnight Communion Service on 24th December will begin at 11:30pm. – you will need to watch out for reindeer and a sleigh flying about on the way home.

You are invited to join us at the **Duke of York on December 21st for our Ch--s--as Celebration**, carol singing, games, fun and laughter with a bring and share supper and raffle.

Regular **Bingo** sessions continue on the **first Saturday** of most months beginning at 7:30pm, but there will NOT be any bingo in January.



Wednesday Coffee mornings by the log fire at the **Duke of York 10 -11** am continue but we will not be meeting on December 25th because it will be...



Christmas Day!

There I've said the C word! Happy Christmas Everyone!

News South of the A30 – Cats Protection Centre

Janvrin Edbrooke

Clyst Honiton residents were invited to visit the Devon Cats Protection Centre and have a tour by Mark, the Centre manager.

The building is very impressive with a specialist architect being involved to ensure that spaces were designed for the highest levels of cat welfare. Each cat pen is designed so that air is circulated and that the cat has varying levels of privacy available. The cats can see the garden beyond their windows, but no one is able to look in from the outside due to a mural screening.

There were cats ready for adoption, some cats nursing kittens and a long stay cat (for medical reasons) who loves escaping (which was witnessed on the visit).

The Centre has a stunning central courtyard garden with a large water feature which can be used by staff and for fund-raising events.



The cats brought into the Centre are examined, monitored, and are released for adoption only when they are deemed ready by the vet. Mark informed us that the adoption process is designed to minimise a cat's stay in the Centre. Cats for adoption are matched to new owners and their home environment to avoid cats being returned. Gone are the days where you walk along the pens and select one.

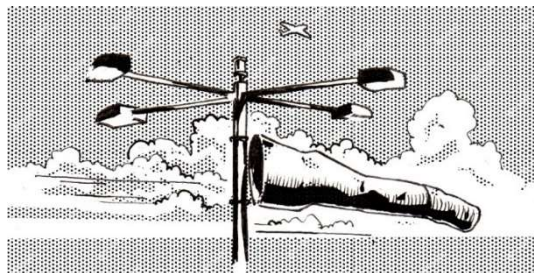
The tour was very informative and was attended by a range of residents from a teenager to an octogenarian and wheelchair access was fully tested on the tour.

For information on adopting a cat you can contact the Centre on 01395 232378 / cats.org.uk

The Centre is closed to visitors unless you have booked in, but fund-raising coffee mornings allow you access to this bespoke Centre which was fully funded through financial gifts.

Airport News

Exeter Airport has declared a profit after passenger numbers increased - the first surplus it has made since 2019. The number of flights has dropped slightly from last year to 28,000.



The West Atlantic night-time mail flights will end in 2025 when Royal Mail will move the tonnes of cargo, currently flown to the East Midlands, with vans and HGVs in order to achieve net zero carbon, a challenge for aviation.

Virtual Chatter – Broadband speeds, usual quality

The Chatter can be emailed to you, as if things aren't bad enough already. It will have extras, as we are limited in the printed version.

Vintage issues are already on the Parish Council website:

clystthoniton.org.uk

They are already fetching good prices on Ebay, probably.

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.

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

Thanks

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 February and if you have anything you would like to be considered for sharing with our readers all contributions should be received by **January 20th, 2024**.

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

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Parish Council Meetings

13 th November	The Black Horse
4th December 2024	The Black Horse
8th January 2025	The Black Horse
12th March 2025	The Black Horse

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

We are spending your precept money like a sailor on shore leave, so please come along and see what we are up to. Please always check venue in case of necessary changes.

The Parish Council does receive the occasional bit of feedback such as, "Why are the Parish Council not doing anything about..." which is reasonable. If you come along to the meetings you can raise any issues and we can discuss what can be done.

We are probably as frustrated as you are, as we have no legal powers to force East Devon (planning, services and maintenance), Devon County (highways and some maintenance), central government (deciding Devon needs to be overcrowded with failing services) or the police to do anything. If we spot they have failed to comply with their own rules, we can point it out and receive some form of excuse, but really we just have to remind people we exist without annoying them so much they go back to ignoring us.

This is time-consuming and requires patience and tenacity. If you think you could help us with this, please come along to a meeting.

Other dates:

3rd November – National Sandwich Day

13th December – Taylor Swift's birthday

11th January – Winning Lottery Numbers: 4, 18, 21, 38, 39, Bonus Ball 27

For those interested in keeping the place tidy:

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

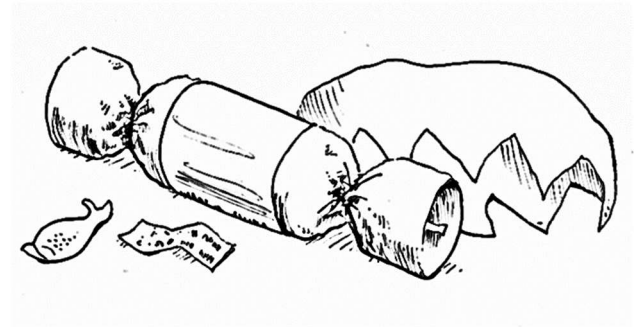
Potholes: **devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/**

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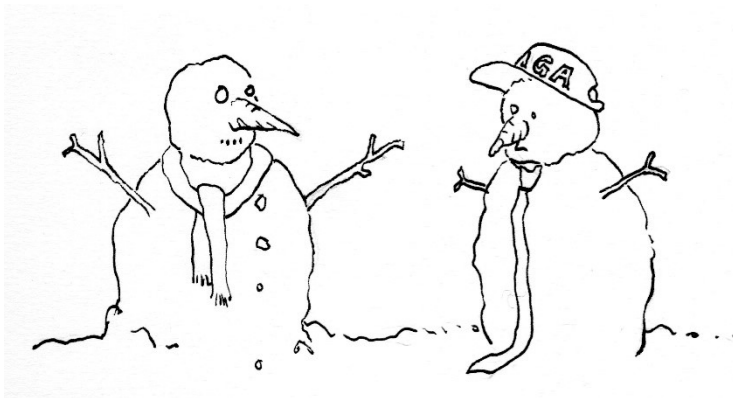
DO NOT OPEN BEFORE CHRISTMAS DAY

What do you call a man in a brown
paper suit?
Russel.



What do you call a man with
rabbits in his pockets?
Warren.

What do you call a camel with three humps?
Humphrey.



What did one snowman
say to the other
snowman?
Can you smell carrots?



Keith's Wordsearch

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'

This is the opening line of John Keats's poem 'To Autumn'. Hopefully it feels like that now. We are celebrating poets in this Wordsearch, and as we often remember poets by their first and family names together, I have included the first name where they are known, but it is only the name in capitals that appears in Wordsearch. Even so you probably won't recognize them all.



As usual, words run up, down and diagonally and in both directions. There are just FOUR additional letters not used in the list and they give you the name of a British poet who is best known for his poem 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'. – The curfew tolls the knell of parting day...

Danny ABSE
Matthew ARNOLD
Robert BURNS
Geoffrey CHAUCER
Samuel COLERIDGE
Robert FROST
George HERBERT

HOMER
Gerald HOPKINS
Ted HUGHES
Henry LONGFELLOW
John KEATS
Ogden NASH
Wilfred OWEN

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Alexander POPE
Henry PYE
Nicolas ROWE
Walter SCOTT
William SHAKESPEARE
Percy SHELLEY

Algenon SWINBURNE
Alfred TENNYSON
Dylan THOMAS
William WORDSWORTH
William WHITEHEAD
William YEATS

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Fete Results

Mike 'Loadsasweets' did well at the raffle, but refused to share.



Eggs met a messy end,



The weather was kind...

