

Clopton Newsletter

Autumn 2014

Midsummer Fete huge success!

After a break of several years, the Clopton Fete was reinstated this year with great success. Starting from scratch with a new, inexperienced, fete committee, the fete got off to a tentative start in March but, by May, ideas and plans were coming thick and fast.

Starting with the basics of food and drink, the committee started adding the tried and tested fete attractions of a book stall, cake stall, tombola and prize draws. A plant stall and nail-painting stand were soon added to the list and traditional games, such as "Guess the raisins in the cake", "Marbles in a jar", and "Guess the Teddy's birthday" (said Teddy being much larger than the child who won it!) were also included. A more adult game, "Whisky Galore", ensured that the children didn't

get all the fun, and the "£50 envelope" game added the chance of a big win. By May, a bouncy castle, test-your-strength game and chair-plane fairground ride were also part of the line-up, with several stall-holders from other areas asking for space. A group of local spinners and weavers volunteered to give a demonstration and the Blue Cross from Felixstowe booked a corner of the field.



Signs for the fete (expertly created for us by Carle Vince) started to go up around the village and, by Midsummer Day, 22 June, we had a fete. The weather was beautiful and any fears that we would have to squeeze into the hall in the event of rain were soon gone. The sun shone all day and we were glad of the refreshments provided by the beer tent (very kindly stocked and run by The White Hart, Otley), the ice cream van, and The Crackling Pig Hog Roast (delicious!). We enjoyed marvellous cakes, baked and donated by the ladies (and men) of Clopton, and drank gallons of tea from the refreshments room.

The whole afternoon was pulled together by music from Charlie Law and the Cabineers (with guest artists), who performed a great selection of music and kept us entertained all afternoon. Charlie even discovered hidden talents as an auctioneer when a vintage chair, donated to the fete, was offered up for auction.

The trailer for the stage was loaned to us by Debach Enterprises and the straw bales, for seating, loaned by Anthony Ling. Special thanks to all the people who turned up to help on the day with setting up, serving refreshments and with help on the stalls. The fete raised £1300, which was divided between Macmillan Cancer Care and the Village Hall (see p.3).

More pictures can be seen on the Clopton website: www.clopton.onesuffolk.net



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Badminton

The Badminton group meet in the Village Hall every Monday evening at 7:00pm

New members are always welcome, just turn up and have fun.

Carpet Bowls

The Carpet Bowls Group meets every other Wednesday in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. All skill levels are catered for and all equipment provided.

New members always welcome. Admission: £2:00 with free tea, coffee and biscuits.. Details: Anne: 01473 738287

Buses

The **No.30/A** bus service which serves Clopton is run by Beestons. It takes 26 minutes (according to bus timetable) to get to Ipswich (Tower Ramparts) and 26 mins back (from Old Cattle Mkt).

Buses from Clopton to Ipswich (B1078, Shop Rd stop) call at 0745, 1002, 1232, 1457 on Monday to Friday.

Returning from Ipswich to Clopton, bus calls at Shop Rd at 0856, 1126, 1346, 1638, 1815(set down only).

For details of other times visit:
<http://www.suffolkonboard.com/buses/timetables-by-area/woodbridge->

Mobile Library

The mobile library will call at Clopton (corner of Shop Rd with Rouse Hall Est.) at **13:05pm to 13:15pm** on the following Thursdays:

25 September, 23 October, 20 November, 18 December, 15th January 2015, and every 4th Thursday thereafter.

For more information visit:
<http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries/ipswich-mobile-library-route-3/>

Remembrance Day

There will be a Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial, Debach Airfield, on Sunday, 9 November at 10.45a.m.

Refreshments will be provided in the Airfield Education Centre after the service.



Clopton Midsummer Fete - Donation to Macmillan

On 20 August, at the Clopton coffee morning, Mr Chris Angwin, Chairman of Clopton Parish Council, presented a cheque of £675.00 to Mrs Mandy Jordan, the Regional Fundraising Manager for Macmillan. The money was raised at this year's Midsummer Fete. Mrs Jordan thanked the people of Clopton for supporting the Macmillan fund-raising efforts in Suffolk and for bringing to people's attention the exceptional help and work the Macmillan nurses do for patients and their families.



Harvest Festival Clopton Church

September 28th 9.30am
Bacon Butties from 9.00am!
Come and join us and wear a brightly coloured top, a rainbow colour.

Donations of produce can be taken to Clopton Church and will be given to the Salvation Army Hostel for the homeless in Ipswich.

Mystery of the Missing Trophy

While foraging through old newspaper cuttings in the Clopton Archives, the Heritage Group found an article about the *Elsie French Memorial Bowl*.

This was a large silver rose bowl, last seen at the Clopton Annual Show in 1965. It was awarded for "Best Floral Arrangement", but there seems to have been no record of it since.

Has anyone any memory of this bowl? Does anyone remember why and when the memorial bowl was created?

Is it in your granny's attic?

The Heritage Group would be very interested to find out.

Excerpts from Minutes of Clopton Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 24th July 2014.

Present: Cllr Angwin (Chair), Cllr Pryke, Cllr Raffell,

In Attendance: 4 Clopton Residents, Mrs T Embury (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Bellfield, PCSO Chatten-Berry, Cllr Fryatt, Cllr Yallop

County and District Councillor's Report

Due to illness Cllr Bellfield was unable to attend or send a report. Clerk relayed his message that he had spoken to Suffolk Coastal Services about the confusion over the change-over of the refuse/recycling bin collections. A letter should have been delivered to every household explaining the changes. The head of the department concerned has sent his apologies and will forward a copy of the letter to the Clerk for circulation via enews.

Police Report The Clerk summarised the Police report prepared by PC Howgego.

Public Forum

B1078 Traffic Speed - Cllr Angwin received the speed report from the Police which reads as follows:-

A SDR (Speed Data Recorder) was set up on the B1078 Shop Rd junction between 1241 hrs 04/06/14 and 1046 hrs 11/06/14. This showed that 19203 vehicles passed through in the seven day period, and that the average speed was 42.9 mph. Of the total number of vehicles, only 70 exceeded the ACPO limit, which works out at 0.4%. This shows that although there were a few high speeds recorded, there is no real speeding problem as such.

Cllr Angwin had broken down the figures from the report into the various vehicles classes but there was nothing to show that any one particular class of vehicle was speeding.

A discussion took place with the Clopton residents and it was felt that a 30mph speed limit was not realistic, as the road does not fall within the statutory requirements for this.

It was decided that more information was required to assist with the way forward to solving the issue so the following will be contacted for further assistance:-

- 1) Mr David Chenery (Highways) for more concrete proposals.
- 2) Police – more information required on the report and further understanding and analysis of the figures is required.

Speed watch - Cllr Angwin drafted a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner suggesting a review of speed watch be carried out and a copy of this letter was sent to Malcom Gooch, speed watch co-ordinator, for his comments. Mr Gooch asked that the letter not be sent as he has now decided to continue in his post as speed watch co-ordinator.

Clopton Councillors feel that perhaps it should be handed over to a larger village to lead the speed watch in order for it to progress and gain a higher profile.

Malcolm Gooch had said in his email that he would be requesting the purchase of a second speed gun but as yet the Parish Council have not received this request.

Village Fete - It was felt the village fete had been a great success in its first year with the net profit being £1300. A cheque for £675 will be given to Macmillan and £625 will go to the village hall as they will also receive £50 for the hire of the hall and the playing field on the day.

Finance

Finance Report – The Clerk reported on the Council's current financial position and movement since the last meeting. Payments totalling £1084.21 were approved.

Fete Costs - The parish council incurred costs of £158.10 and cash payments were made on the day for the hire of the bouncy castle and also the band. The cost of refreshments was covered by a donation of £50 from the Co-op.

Planning Matters

- 1) Update - Removal and variation of conditions of planning permission for the erection of stable block, ménage and associated landscaping at **Land North West of Maple Tree Barn, Grundisburgh Road, Clopton**. A response was sent to SCDC Planning outlining council's objections. It has since been discussed at a SCDC planning meeting and has been passed with conditions.
- 2) **Hill Farm, Drabbs Lane, Clopton**, erection of agricultural building to replace existing damaged building – Council had no objections but asked for comments to be given consideration.
- 3) **Elmwood, Drabbs Lane, Clopton**, erection of extension and alterations to existing house – Council had no objections.
- 3) There are still two outstanding potential breaches of planning consent:
Clopton House, Grundisburgh Road, Clopton & Lighting at Otley College
Both are still awaiting a response from SCDC.

Clerk's report on Urgent decisions since the last meeting.

Clerk has received an email from Suffolk Coastal Services stating that the dog 'Fido' bin on the junction of Rouse Hall and Shop Road had been removed for repair/replacement (the post had rotted). A quote of £63+vat to supply and fit a recycled plastic, rot proof post was agreed to by Council. At the meeting local residents pointed out that it was a litterbin and not a dog Fido bin. After discussion it was agreed that a dog Fido bin was required at this location in addition to replacement of the litterbin.

It was also brought to the council's attention that the dog Fido bin on the B1078 at the top of the concrete road was also damaged. Clerk to liaise with Suffolk Coastal Services to arrange for the above works to be carried out.

Officer's and Representative's Reports

Cllr Angwin had attended an Emergency Planning Workshop on 8th July 2014, where the outcome of the 'St Jude Storm' was discussed. The meeting looked at damage and problems caused by both tidal and fluvial flooding. All councils have to have an Emergency Plan in place in order that if a major emergency occurred then a place of shelter with electricity (via generators) and hot food etc could be set up. A 'hook-up' point for a generator would be required for the village hall and there is a possibility that funding may be available for this.

Cllr Angwin will continue to work on the Emergency Plan.

Date of future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 18th September 2014 at 7.30pm.

Further meetings will be held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of alternate months: -

20th November 2014, 15th January 2015 and 19th March 2015.

All meetings take place in the Village Hall.

It was brought to the Council's attention that on a few occasions **two black dogs** have been seen wandering in residents' gardens and had also been reported as wandering onto the road. Further investigations will take place to see if this is an ongoing problem and to try and locate the owners.



ARCHAEOLOGY TRAINING DAY

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AIRFIELDS

AND

BUILDING RECORDING TECHNIQUES



Have you always had an interest in **archaeology**? Want to learn new skills and help out the **Eighth in the East** project? Live close to **Debach** Airfield? We want to hear from you!

On **Sunday 2nd November** we will be running a **free** day-long course providing an introduction to recording your local airfield. This course will be held at **493rd Bomb Group Museum at Debach Airfield** from **11am until around 4pm**.

The morning will be spent at the museum learning how to conduct a building survey, followed by an afternoon where you can test your new recording skills and exploring airfield buildings nearby. It is hoped that on the completion of this course you will be able to use your new skills to record other airfield buildings.

No previous experience is necessary! We will provide all the equipment you will need to carry out the survey, as well as explaining how to fill in one of our recording forms.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. To book please email **martin@8theast.org** or ring **01986 873516**. Further details will be provided upon booking.

To find out more about future and past events take a look at: **www.8theast.org**

Letter from Saskatchewan (now sent by email)

21 September 2014

Hello everyone,

We now at last have high speed internet, there was only one system we can get here. It amazes me here, down so close to the 49th parallel that cell and satellite coverage is barely adequate.

Beautiful morning this morning, woke up to a huge great sun coming up about 6:15. The sky is blue, 70 degrees in the shade by noon. In the last month we have had two Alberta clippers come through - golf ball size hail swept across the prairies smashing windows, damaging vehicles, flattening crops. Briefly, for a few minutes, the sky was pitch black as if darkness was descending on a bright white carpet of hail. In minutes driving rain washed it all away. Constantly it seems as if the cold wind is making it across the Rockies, blowing across Canada, meeting the cold wind coming in from the east. And that was in the middle of August. A second clipper came through a week ago bringing cold rain and snow to some areas - we had two nights that were well below freezing.

Jenny and I have a carpet of green tomatoes in our living room.

But that was last week. The last seven days have been gorgeous, we are sitting underneath the trees after a late breakfast of steak and butter beans cooked over an open fire. I don't know if I mentioned it to you but we have some fifty chickens, we raise them from a day old, this year we also have six Peking ducks. Harvest is back under way and the fall suppers start today. All the little communities around here put on a harvest supper every Sunday for the next month.

regards, Bill

Ragwort: Advice on control and disposal



The NFU are currently reminding livestock owners that they need to remain vigilant to the risk of ragwort poisoning and have put together some advice on control and disposal.

Grazing land should be regularly inspected when animals are present and the plant should be pulled, removed and disposed of responsibly.

Ragwort poses a real risk to animal health, with potentially fatal consequences if it is ingested by horses or livestock, either in its green or dried state. Left unchecked the problem is likely to become worse, as growth acts as a reservoir for seeds and spread.

Ragwort is a toxic plant and suitable precautions must be taken when handling live and dead plants. Hands must be protected arms and legs should also be covered. Cut and pulled flowering ragwort plants may still set seed and ragwort has a 70% seed germination rate.

The Weed Act of 1959 states that whilst it is not an offence to have these weeds growing on your land and species such as ragwort have significant conservation benefits, ragwort should not be allowed to spread to agricultural land, particularly grazing areas or land which is used to produce conserved forage.

Community Car Scheme

The Woodbridge and Framlingham Community Car scheme undertook 2,500 journeys last year giving those people in the community who cannot drive or access public transport an opportunity to travel and maintain their social inclusion .

The schemes are run by Volunteers in Framlingham and they desperately need more Volunteers with their own cars to drive especially but not specifically in the area around Woodbridge.

The drivers will receive 45 pence a mile round trip from their homes. A DBS check is required and MIDAS car training will be given in a reasonable time after they start on the scheme.

There is no obligation to undertake hundreds of journeys , some of the current drivers do 30 miles per month and others 900.

If anyone can help as a Volunteer driver we would really love to hear from them.

Big thanks in advance for your help.

Billy Morton

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The village hall

is available for hire at reasonable rates. Due to recent changes, Tuesday and Thursday evenings are now available on a regular basis. There is now also a full-sized table tennis table available at the hall for use by all.

For details contact booking clerk: 01473 737805

The Craft Morning

is held at the village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Come along and join us with your current hobby or craft, learn a new one, or just turn up for a chat!

We meet between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

Admission is £2:00.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are free.

Everyone welcome!

Details:

Della: 01473 737805

Next date: **1st October**

Spinners and Weavers

The Suffolk Village Spinners and Weavers meet in the Village Hall every Tuesday afternoon (during school term time). For information contact:

Mrs A Dix-de Hert: 01473-890537, email: agnes.dehert@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning is on the third Wednesday of every month at Clopton Village Hall. Drop in any time between 10:00am and 12:00 noon for tea, coffee, biscuits and chat. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome.

A great chance to meet your neighbours and make new friends.