

CLAXTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN/WINTER 2018

Parish Council

The **defibrillator** is being installed on the front of the Village Hall (this will happen very shortly) and will be illuminated at night. If anyone is interested in attending a course on how to use it, we have a limited number of places left - please call the Parish Clerk - 01502 730166.

There will be a lighting of a beacon/ bonfire to commemorate the ending of WW1 on **Sunday 11th November at 7.00pm**. Prior to that there will be a light supper available, both at the Village Hall, names please if you would like to attend to Pat Clare 01508-480317 or Mary Button 01508-480580.

A tree will be planted at the rear of the Village Hall to replace the diseased one at the front which had been planted to commemorate the Silver Jubilee. The new one will be dedicated to the memory of two stalwarts of Claxton Village, Billy Driver and Linda Clitheroe who during their lifetime served Claxton tirelessly.

Our Parish Clerk, Carla Petersen is settling in to her position and you can contact her via the details listed below.

Fair on the Yare

2018 saw the most successful Fair ever, with a record £5,700 donated to our 4 charities.

As noted in our last newsletter, Carolyn Moar stepped down as Co-ordinator following the 2018 event. It has not proved possible to identify a successor in this critical role and as a result the Committee have taken the decision **not** to stage the Fair in 2019 and to consider in due course whether it will be possible to do so in 2020.

Claxton Parish Pit Charity (Pits Trust)

The Trust has rebuilt its finances and is now in a position to provide many forms of assistance to the village and its residents.

The Trust is funding a 24-hour response service providing help and reassurance at the touch of button for qualifying residents through **Contact Care Lifelines**, and has agreed to provide up to £1,500 to cover most of the cost of the **defibrillator** for the village. The Trust has also made a donation towards the costs of the commemoration evening at the Village Hall on 11th November this year, details of which are under the Parish Council in this newsletter.

The village **allotments**, which have been managed since 2011 by the Trust on behalf of the Parish Council, have not seen the take-up envisaged 7 years ago, and the Trust (with the agreement of Claxton Manor Estate) are looking to convert the site into a **community orchard**, with a number of local species of fruit trees being planted this Autumn and beyond. It is the Trust's intention that the orchard will be planted as a remembrance to the ending of WW1.

The Trust would also like to remind residents that it can help with any number of issues which might befall families. Have a quiet word with any Trustee to see how they can help.

Ducan's Marsh - an **SSSI** site off Folly Lane in Claxton - has had several work days to help manage the site. A very successful **Open Day** was held on Sunday 17th June, when all the improvements were on view for villagers and visitors alike, which we hope you were able to attend.

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We now have a full Committee of 10 Trustees. This year we've seen the installation of **acoustic panels** to improve audibility when the Hall is full.

There have been two major events, the ever-popular **Village Quiz** and for the first time in many years a **50/50 Auction**, both of which proved a lot of fun while raising much-needed funds for the improvements the Committee wishes to see.

St Andrew's Church

Over the weekend of 22/23 September, we celebrated the renovation of the East Window. On the Saturday two musical events were held in the church. One during the afternoon for young children and a concert featuring "Reed All About It" in the evening. On the Sunday we were very pleased to welcome the Bishop of Thetford who led a service of dedication for the renovated window.



Rev Mandy Ansell and the Bishop of Thetford
at the dedication of the new window,
Sunday 23 September 2018

Forthcoming events include a **Harvest Supper** on Saturday 13th October at the Village Hall, followed by a **Harvest Service** on Sunday 14th.

A **Service of Remembrance** will be on **Sunday 11th November**. The PCC has purchased three small apple trees (to commemorate the three men from Claxton who died during WW1), which will be planted in the churchyard. On the 1st December will be our popular **Ceilidh** at the Village Hall and on the 23rd December there will once again be our annual **Wassail** in the church.

During the forthcoming period of interregnum following the retirement of Rev John Shaw, members of the PCC, with the help of Rev Mandy Ansell, will continue to offer services of worship. We welcome everyone to join us, not only for our fundraising events, but also at our advertised services.

Community Café

Your Claxton & Carleton St Peter Community Café continues to thrive (on the second Tuesday of every month 10am - 12 noon). It will have reached its third birthday in January and is now the proud owner of a five star hygiene rating.

The café is open to all; you and your families and friends can be sure of a warm welcome. Besides the usual delicious refreshments on offer, there is a book exchange, a free DVD library and a children's corner. The café is for the community and is non-profit making. It is proving useful as an information hub, and a

friendly place to meet others.

If you would like to sell homemade items (eg: crafts, produce), you are more than welcome to set up a table at the café. However please check with one of the café team before bringing anything along on the day, or call Helen on 01508-484162 for more information.

Our **Christmas Café** on 11th December will be extended by one hour (10am-1.00pm) and will have a festive touch.

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