

Claxton Parish Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2019-20

Parish Council

Our **SAM2 speed monitor** is up and running and we hope to share the data with you shortly. Its purchase was supported by the Parish Pits Trust, and we hope this will be repaid by a drop in speeding through the village. The device is co-owned with Langley-with-Hardley Parish Council, and we shall be sharing it on a 3-month rotation.



The SAM2 on its first day in action

An early notice that Claxton will be taking part in the **75th commemoration of Victory in Europe Day** on Friday 8th of May 2020. More details nearer the event.

Claxton Parish Pits Trust

On a lovely summer's evening we hosted a **BBQ** for the whole village, which was a great success and it was great to see many of our new residents. Thank you to those outside the Pits Trust who helped and a special thanks to the BBQ team.

As you will have seen we have supported the purchase of the SAM2. We also have money put aside to help in various ways, so if you think there might be something we could help with, please contact a member of the Trust. We are of course still offering assistance with the call system for those with particular needs in the village.

Following discussions and agreement between Claxton Manor Estate, the Pits Trust and Claxton Parish Council, work is now underway to convert the village allotments into a **community orchard**. The plan is to plant a variety of fruit trees with

the emphasis on traditional Norfolk apple varieties, undersown with meadow flowers to encourage pollinating insects and wildlife. This is a medium- to long-term project involving all three partners, with the aim of creating an amenity in the village by re-creating a traditional Norfolk orchard.

Fair on the Yare

Last month a circular was delivered to every home in the village, inviting your participation at an open meeting for ideas and help with the Fair, going forward. Disappointingly apart from the regular helpers no-one from the village attended. So it was with great regret that the Committee decided to call an end to the Fair for the time being. It is worth recording that since 2014 a total of **£24,026.79** has been donated to the Fair's chosen charities.

St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) are pleased to report that in June this year, following a donation from the Claxton Pits Trust, they were able to commission repairs to the church tower masonry. This work was completed prior to the first of three weddings held in the church this year. The PCC continues to aim to keep the churchyard and the church in good condition, supported by members of the wider Claxton community.

During this period of interregnum, with support from Reverend Mandy Ansell, church services continue, occasionally led by members of the PCC. Their fundraising efforts are ongoing, although the planned Musical Tea Party on 6th October had to be cancelled due to local flooding! The popular **Ceilidh**, with music by Small Fry, is being held on 23rd November in Claxton

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Village Hall and there will be a **Wassail** on 15th December at 3.30pm in the church. Please join us. You can be assured of a warm welcome. For further information please contact Sarah or Paul on 480555.

Claxton & Carlton Village Hall

Since the last newsletter there has been the regular **Summer Quiz Night** in June and a further **50/50 auction** in September.

The following classes are currently available at the hall. **Pilates** is on a Tuesday evening between 8-9pm. All equipment is provided, all you need is comfortable, loose clothing. The instructor is Jenna Sweeney who can be contacted at jennasweeney@live.co.uk for more details.

Yoga classes are on a Thursday morning during term time at 10-11am. All you need is a yoga mat and loose clothing. The classes are for both men and women. For more information contact our instructor Caroline Horrocks on 07754-116410.



Keeping the roads open by David Hamblin

Claxton & Carleton St. Peter
2020 Calendar
Amateur Photography Competition

(Chairman Winner)

The winning entry for the Photo Competition
which is also the cover for our 2020 Calendar,
on sale at the Cafe on 12 November

For the third time in 4 years we held an amateur photo competition in September and the top 12 photos as voted by those attending the Café that month have found their way onto our **2020 Calendar** (see above). The calendar will be on sale at the Café on 12 November so come along and get yours before they sell out completely.

On Thursday 12 December the Village Hall will become a Polling Station for the latest General Election.



Thanks to financial support from both the Parish Council and the Pits Trust, the Village Hall now offers (free) **high-speed broadband**. The password is displayed on noticeboards, and this opens up the Hall to any number of possibilities in the future.

Claxton Community Café

The café continues to be a very busy hub and lately we have been pleased to see some younger members of the community and their families. Do pop along on the second Tuesday of the month between 10am and 12noon. We will have seasonal offerings at our December cafe and the January café will celebrate its 4th birthday.



Last year's Christmas Café

Usually the Café hosts the monthly draw for the Village Hall's **200 Club lottery**. Please note that the monthly draws for October and November will take place at the Christmas café.

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