

The Cleobury Clarion

CLERKS NEEDED

There is something rather novel in the Clarion this month, a page offering posts as Parish Clerk in two local villages. It was slightly confusing to have both Hopton Wafers and Farlow on line, asking for space, but with a little work by both clients we got them both onto Page 28, where we hope they'll produce good results.

Town or Parish clerks have a seriously responsible job to do, with training available to make sure they understand the need for knowledge and accuracy. They will be expected to guide the elected councillors, particularly those new to the task, and the public naturally turn to them if they need information. They can be taken for granted by some who don't realise that is a post of local government. We wish the successful candidates for both posts well.

CONGRATULATIONS



The Passing-Out Parade is a big day in a soldier's life, when graduation from training is acknowledged and they parade for the final inspection before being sent out to his or her regiment. Alfie Todd went through that proud experience on August 11th and is now a second lieutenant in REME, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. That's him with the grin. Asked if she had a photo of the occasion, mum Clare said "I've got about twenty thousand!"

THE POST OFFICE

This famous public service has been with us a long time and won a lot of friends over the years. Until the recent scandal that saw Postmasters blamed for missing funds when the fault lay with an official system that was clearly not doing the job. Innocent people have suffered on a huge scale and we have seen no report of action against those at the top who were responsible. It is still a national scandal.

So simple, logical minds like most folks have would think the once renowned Post Office would be working hard to earn the public's confidence and belief in the service. But in this town of 3,000 or thereabouts people we have been without a Post Office for more than a month and there's no promise of when it will return. This is no longer a public service; disservice is more like the truth.

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C L O W S T O P G A R D E N I N G C L U B

This month there is a change to the advertised speaker. Instead of Darren Rudge, we are welcoming David Morgan; the organiser the Worcestershire "Yellow Book"

David's talk will be entitled "I'm not much good at gardening" so presumably his skill is organising.

The Yellow Book lists garden open days, the proceeds from which support several nursing and health causes. Last year this organisation donated £3.11 million to various health and garden charities. The public are able to see delightful gardens which otherwise would give pleasure only to their owners and friends. A new policy this year will see a variety of classes to enter:

A vase of mixed autumn foliage and berries.

A vase of mixed garden flowers.

.A vase of five stems of garden flowers (one variety)

The last rose of summer (single stem)

A pot plant flowering/ foliage.

A novelty - the longest, largest, or oddest shaped vegetable, or a vegetable cake.

Come from 7.00 to enter your exhibits. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Judith Lawson

THE READING GROUP

A small number of readers gathered after reading "The Girl With The Louding Voice; by Abi Dare. Narrated in local idiom by a fourteen year old Nigerian girl, Adunni, some of

us found it difficult to get into. Following the gripping tale you soon get used to the rhythm of the language. Sold into marriage after her mother dies, later working as an unpaid housekeeper in Lagos, Adunni never stops believing that one day someone will hear her louding voice. We loved her courage. A powerful and emotional story of female injustice and slavery, the characters are all too believable. An excellent book made even more interesting by the facts about Nigeria at the start of each chapter. Very well written, emotional so not an easy read at times. Everybody thought it was a great first novel with a fascinating view of both rural and big city Nigerian life. Next meeting on Monday 18th September.

Deana Kimber 271754

THE MICHAELMAS CONCERT FOR COCO

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Concert for CoCo on Friday 29th September in St Mary's Church, 7 for 7.30pm start. The programme will be a selection of light classical pieces, played and sung by our talented lineup of musicians - opera singer Erika Madi Jones; cellists, The Ludford Duo; soloist Celia Gibb and harpist Hannah Coleman, interspersed with seasonal readings. The ticket price of £15 includes the first drink, a glass of wine or non alcoholic alternative. Tickets from The Hub, Cleobury Country Centre or Roseann Genese 01299 270

Catherine Evans

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

On 16 September at 7.30, we will be showing 'Living' in the Parish Hall. Bill Nighy stars as a council bureaucrat, overwhelmed at work and lonely at home, whose life takes a heartbreaking turn when a medical diagnosis tells him his time is short. Influenced by a local decadent and a vibrant woman, he continues to search for meaning until a simple revelation gives him a purpose to create a legacy for the next generation. Bar, tea and coffee.

THE MILITARY WIVES' CHOIR

Join us on Saturday 7 October at 6.30 for 7.00pm. After a hugely successful concert some time back, the Cosford Military Wives' Choir returns to entertain us with a full program of songs. Tickets available at www.cleoburyparishhall.uk/militarywives, by ringing Gabby Franklin on 01299 271713, or email at gabbyfranklin76@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Dorothy Hughes would like to thank everybody who turned out to her Coppice Gate Farm open garden day on July 22nd in such awful weather.

The final total raised was £710 which has now been forwarded to Tenbury Community Hospital League Of Friends.

Also, many thanks to everybody that helped in any way to make it such a success.

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WOOD WORDS

With so many international sports on T.V. – Ladies football (well done Lionesses), Athletics and Rugby warm ups – I nearly missed the copy date (hope I haven't!)

Activity has continued on the bowling green at a pace. Our most recent taster session was held on Monday 14th August, others are planned for early next season. Meantime league fixtures are nearing an end. Cleobury finished fourth in the Ludlow League (congratulations to member Andy Pain who finished top of the Ludlow League averages), the Handicap Cup rounds are still in progress.

Mortimer stand in third position of the Highley League (6th August) their last fixture is on the 26th of September. The Mid Shropshire League last fixture is on the 27th of September (sixth position as at 6th of August).

The Ludlow League Merit Finals were held at the green on the 20th August.

Marksmen came out winners of the Sunday Morning in house league and the rounds of the Consolation Cup are in hand. Forthcoming events include the Hodges Shield (Saturday 2nd September). Presidents Day/Daniel Taylor Air Ambulance Day is on Sunday 17th of September, 12 noon start.

On a sad note several members attended the funeral of long standing clubman and former club captain Howard Broome on Friday the 11th of August. He will be sorely

missed and fondly remembered.

All club details are on the website (cleoburybowls.org.uk) and club captain Nick Flatters is available to speak to anyone seeking further information about bowls or club membership (07952 296710 or email cleoburybowlsclub@gmail.com).

End of season approaches and the varied maintenance programme will be put in place at the end of September into early October. Any volunteers?

Yours in bowls
Smiffy
07494 016137

CLEE HILL WILDLIFE

The Clee Hill Community Wildlife Group have their Annual General Meeting on the 20th this month. It will be in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 and will feature a talk by the Wildgoose Nursery on 'Gardening for Wildlife and Gardening in a Changing Climate'.

Admission is free, but donations to help the work of the Group will naturally be appreciated. Refreshments will be provided, there will be a raffle (of course!) and anyone with an interest in our local wildlife will find they are very welcome.

PHOENIX BIG BAND NIGHT

On Friday September 22nd, the Friends of St Mary's will welcome the first ever visit to Cleobury of the Phoenix Big Band from Birmingham. They

will perform numbers from the golden age of the big bands with tunes by Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Buddy Rich as well as other performers of the genre including Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble and Bobby Darin. Ian Casey will be the featured vocalist on the night. Do you normally dance in the aisles at these events? If so, please do, as this is positively encouraged!

The event takes place in St Mary's Church, Cleobury Mortimer at 7.30 pm and tickets cost £15 which includes light refreshments. They are available from Spire Hairdressers, Cleobury Pharmacy, Cleobury Library, Diane Waddington 01299 272820, Angela Drennan 01299 270636 or Friends Committee members.

Be there or be square!

CLOWS TOP PLANS

As nearby building works near completion and Autumn approaches the Committee at Clows Top Victory Hall have been busy organising a number of events to entertain the local community.

Clows Top Wildlife Club will be meeting on Friday 29th September at the Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to attend at 7.30pm.

At 6.30pm on Saturday 7th October a Murder Mystery, entitled Die de Die, based on a 1950's Holiday Camp, will be taking place. With Supper included tickets will be £25.

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C.M. BRIDGE CLUB

How good it is to hear from a club that we knew nothing of until an email arrived in the Clarion office, asking if we could tell you about them? Of course we could, it's our pleasure.

Julie Hardy tells us the club meets every Tuesday in Doddington Village Hall at 6.15 for a 6.30 start of play.. 24 to 28 boards are played and the evening ends at around 10.00.

New members are made very welcome and are asked to bring a partner to keep play balanced. Table money is a modest £1.00 each and all the information given does suggest this is another friendly group with a common interest. Julie can tell you more; she's on juliehardy85@yahoo.co.uk

SWIFT WATCH

They arrived late, but following a good breeding season, 28 swifts left us finally in the second week of August . This is the average for the past eight years. They will by now be flying over their winter quarters of West Africa. Last year we lost several juveniles in the very hot days of late July, when air temperatures were close to 30 degrees. In the last days before their first flight, the

fledgling baby swifts are well fed by their parents to the point of being over fed, over weight with poorly developed flying muscles. It is a critical period for the young birds. Following that first flight most birds will not land for two years. As they can not land they can not rest in the shade and if it is very hot they can easily suffer heatstroke and quite literally drop from the sky. They need to recover and the wind conditions need to be right for take-off from where they have fallen. Climate change may be the cause of that hot weather, so we and the swifts may expect it more often. All animals are good at adapting to change and have done so for thousands of years. Perhaps in the next decade our swifts may be able to change by breeding further north in cooler climates or genetically adapt by turning near black and heat absorbing plumage to lighter grey colour. Only our great grand children will begin to see what they do to survive and prosper. *Kit*

FROM THE BAND ROOM

A great time was had by all at the band wedding of the year for Tom & Ellie Tracy.

If you have an event planned and you fancy something a bit different, the band are very much in the market for playing at weddings and parties – please bear us in mind. Phone Amanda on 01584 891199 for a chat and quote.

We also played at Shrewsbury Quarry bandstand in mid August – a beautiful setting and one of the favourites on our engagement calendar.

The band will perform at Droitwich bandstand on 3rd September, hoping for a sunny day.

Our rehearsals for the National Finals on September 17th in Cheltenham are ramping up now and we are hoping for a very good result – I hope to report favourably in the October issue! Keep your fingers crossed for your local band competing at National level for the fifth time.

New players are always welcome, so please come along to our friendly practices on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Katie Griffiths



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By the time this issue of the Clarion is available, we will have held the second of our social evenings at the Talbot. Numbers for the first one were rather low and, as I write, those planning to attend the next are not much higher. However, we shall continue and I urge members who have not yet been to please give it a try – it's an opportunity to have a social get-together rather than just discussing Branch business. We are coming up to our busy time of the year. Our next Branch meeting is the AGM on 13 September; members are urged to attend if at all possible. The AGM is quickly followed by our Harvest Auction at the Sports & Social Club on 22nd at 7.30pm, which raises funds for local welfare needs. Members and the public are asked for donations of produce and other items for auction lots. Please come along; it's always a good evening. The Poppy Concert & Fish & Chip supper will take place on 20th October with entertainment by the Ukulele band Koswecans and details will be announced next month. November takes into Remembrancetide with a gathering of members and the public at the War Memorial for an Armistice Day Silence at 11.00 am on Saturday 11th with the Parade and Church Service on Remembrance Sunday 12th. Like many organisations, we have a dwindling membership and are in need of new members. It's easy to join online at www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership; you can also join by telephone on 0800 307 7773. If you have any problems or would prefer a paper membership form, please contact me on the number below or email me at Cleoburymortimer.chairman@rbl.community.

Finally congratulations to Alfie Todd, who graduated from Sandhurst earlier this month and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieut in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME).

Mike Hermolle – Branch Chairman

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Properties from previous centuries are protected through a listing system by Historic England. A Grade II with * is considered to have a special element of particular interest and in the case of the Manor House this is the curved and swept oak staircase with toad-back handrail. Also, a carved marble fireplace with Bacchanalian figures. This is what makes our Manor House with a separately listed adjoining Stable Block, so special amongst over the 100 listed buildings and structures in our town alone.

It is believed the House, aged at over 500 years, was built in the late 17th Century, by Hugh de Mortimer and was typical of Manorial Houses of that age. Formerly known as Cooks House, it was sold on 30th November 1760 for the sum of £60. Over the years, several exchanges of ownership ended with the property being sold to a Solicitor, George Emerson in 1920.

Since then, after 3 more owners, the property, then used as a Children's Home, finally became a Nursing Home in 1988 and ended up in the hands of its current owners whose business closed down around 2010. The House was closed up and has remained so since then.

In 1974 when Thomas Pain sold the property to The Children's Family Trust he had a Restrictive Covenant placed on the Title Deeds which included the words "*That whose ever hands the property came into would forever hereafter maintain in good repair and condition.*"

By this time the building had been listed by Historic England for 20 years. It is with this in mind when it became obvious that the current owners appeared to show little interest in properly maintaining the building, that a campaign started to save it from further decline.

Known as the **Save The Manor House** campaign, the group built a web site with a lot of detail about the history of the house, photographs and regular updates on the massive challenges faced.

There has been evidence submitted to the team that instances of flooding (in one case through a leaking roof) may have resulted in significant damage to important features internally, not least of all the Grand Staircase and flooring throughout.

The team understands that responsibility for maintaining a watch over listed properties lies with the Conservation Department which is part of the Local Planning Authority.

This responsibility extends to requiring the owner to carry out repairs or maintenance as necessary to protect the property. It is believed this has only happened on one occasion when repair to a leaking roof were required.

Walking past the building today, one can only see the front elevation and it is very clear that urgent maintenance is required to the decaying woodwork and paintwork.

It should not be beyond belief that internally the property could be seriously suffering. With this in mind, the team are pressuring the County Council to require the owner to allow an internal inspection.

To raise local interest and beyond, the team have also been featured on BBC Radio Shropshire, BBC News (Midland) Web site and the Shropshire Star and South Shropshire Journal.

To help with local expense of printing and web site support, a funding effort through Go Fund Me has already raised £140. We have a target of £500 and readers can donate through our web site at www.savethemanorhouse.uk

The campaign will continue and with local support from Cleobury Town Council, Shropshire dignitaries and our MP, we hope that one day this Grand Old Lady will once again be a place that the town can be proud.

You can help us by joining our campaign through the above web site.

AN INVITATION

Join us for a warm cup of cheer and plenty of laughs at our monthly Doddington Lodge Coffee Mornings.

Every 2nd Friday of the month, come together with residents, family and friends over tea or coffee. Enjoy freshly baked cakes as well as the Doddington Lodge monthly raffle.

For only £2.50 per person – including your beverage and slice of cake – join us for our get-together on Friday, September 8th from 10.00 am until midday.

BIG THANKS

Huge thanks to The Mens Shed. The notice board outside the church has now been refurbished and returned. The name board at the top is still waiting some expert attention and will re-join its body in due course but the main part is now back in its place and looking wonderful. Thanks go to all those who have worked on it. How lucky are we all to have this resource in our town.

Liz Smith

THURSDAYS IN ST MARY'S

We are in church every Thursday morning from 10.00 to 11.30, offering free teas/coffees/squash and biscuits to anyone who wants to drop in and join us. Last Thursday we welcomed about eight families to a stay and play session and we wanted to thank all those families who came and encouraged everyone to call in. The refreshments are always here on a Thursday morning, as are the toys and the space. Please do use the church as a space to meet and for your children to run around and play with the toys. This is a time and space that is here for everyone of any age or agility just to sit and chat and relax and it's free.

Liz Smith

BREAKFAST CLUB

On 8 August, the Club's usual monthly meeting took place at the Golf Club, but without a speaker. This month Bill Duley will be speaking at the Golf Club about The Isles of Scilly on 12 September. Those wishing to attend should contact Angela Drennan (270636) to book places.

A DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A diamond anniversary is a really special occasion and we have one here in Cleobury this month. It's Sonia and Des Gwilliams' achievement that stands out in a world where so many celebrities seem to think that ten years together is something to boast about. In fact, the celebration on the 16th will be more than just the anniversary, because they'll be toasting a big birthday for Sonia as well!

Congratulations, you two!

AID FOR CARERS

Shropshire Council writes to remind us about their New Carer Only Support Group, which caters for unpaid and/or family carer of an adult who needs care. Vital work that is too often unrecognised. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Saint Mary's Place Community Centre off Love Lane, from 2.00 to 4.00pm. It's free to attend and they provide tea and coffee. It's all about a chat and maybe discussing ways to make life a little easier. It's a great idea - someone who can help the helper.

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DROP-IN

A reminder has come in that there's a Community Information Drop-In run by the council at the Cleobury Country Centre on Love Lane in Friday the 15th. Open 9.00 to 11.00 and you'll probably get a tea or coffee and maybe a biscuit if you're early.

LUDLOW DOG DAY

Barry Treves reports on this recent very successful Rotary Club event:

You kindly drew attention to Ludlow Dog Day in a recent Clarion. The Club raised about £13k for charity on the day.

Readers may like to see some videos made by Ashlin, the official photographer and a student from Hereford College

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Barry Treves

HIGH STREET LETTUCE

In July, I visited a friend near Northampton, and when we were looking around his garden, he pointed out a weed about eight feet tall. He told me that he had had just one of these in 2022, but now there were dozens growing in neglected corners of his largish garden.

It was a plant I didn't recognise, but when I was back in Cleobury, I noticed that amongst the plants growing too abundantly in our High Street (as well as the opium poppies) were quite a few of the same plants which had become so common in my friend's garden. The plant is known as the 'prickly lettuce', and although it looks nothing like an ordinary lettuce, it is perhaps reminiscent of a garden lettuce which has bolted, and thrown up a tall flower spike. The lower part of its woody stem is indeed prickly, and the underside of the main ribs of its leaves carry a quite definite line of prickles. There are a number of these plants growing alongside the high brick wall between the Manor House and the Pig Nose Pippin Gallery, and there were several tall specimens (though not eight-footers) in and around the doorway to the disused shop opposite the Co-op.

My wild flower book, now over 40 years old, describes it as 'scattered and rare' except in south east England, and

growing to a height of 1.5 metres. Could climate change be responsible for the fact that it is now perhaps not so rare, and can grow to well over 2 metres?

It has, apparently, the alternative name of 'compass plant', because its upper leaves point north and south when in full sun. How it can do that is beyond me, and why should it, anyway? I haven't been able to check out whether our High Street plants can do that - because we haven't had enough sun recently!

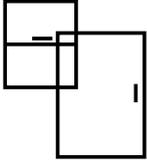
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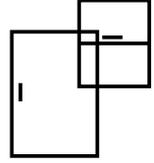
I emailed recently with the fondly remembered head of Lacon Childe School, a man with a great sense of humour. Some of the older ex pupils may remember when two lads were letting off stink bombs, which did not please pupils or staff. David had them enter a small store room, put a stink bomb in there with them and firmly closed the door. If he did that today the stink would be from indignant know-alls; his version worked.

We talked about health and I told him about my tumour Vladimir, swiftly removed. He wrote back: "Sorry about the pain in the proverbial. Hope the seat on the bike is adaptable."

A lovely man, who sat and listened to my suggestion that the school promote a classic motorcycle show to make money, hence the Classic Bike Show this month.



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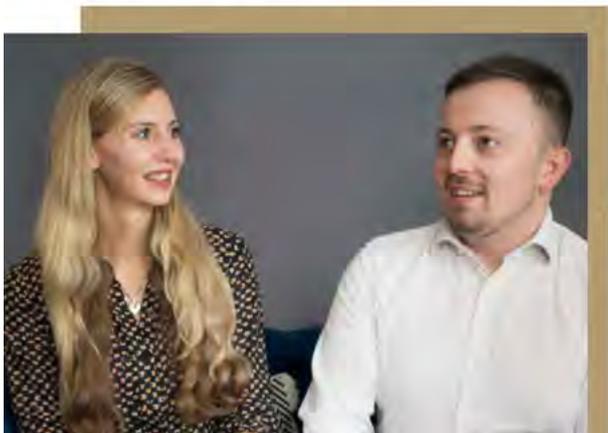
THE LATEST FROM CORAL & TOM...

The August market has showed signs of an improvement from recent months, with property enquiries up across the board against July. Increased confidence is helped by some lenders reducing rates as we advised last month and with buyers having eyes on a move before Christmas.

After the initial start of the school holidays quiet period where most Brits take their summer getaways, August leading into September is where we traditionally see more properties come to market hoping to complete on a purchase before the festive period. We are now 16 weeks away from Christmas which is the average time a property transaction takes from sale agreed to exchange of contracts - a scary thought of how quickly the year is going!

Property sales agreed in the DY10-DY14 postcodes over the last month totalled 139, of which 50 of these sales were marketed at £200,000 or less, while 102 of these sales were of properties marketed at £300,000 or less. The more affordable end of the property market has seen the benefits of recent rate adjustments and should translate to more sales in the higher pricing brackets in the next month as sellers buy on, upsizing from their current homes.

EXCHANGED! - Heath Close. A welcome to one of Cleobury's newest residents with their impending move.



If you would to talk about the market and its affecting your property value or about an impending move, please do not hesitate to contact us for a chat.

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Following our 'Eat Cake for the King' tea party in celebration of the Coronation, we sent a card to Buckingham Palace with photos. We had hoped for a reply, and weren't disappointed! We have received two cards, from King Charles and Queen Camilla, thanking us for our good wishes!

August's meeting began with a talk and slides about the Wells in Cleobury by Mark Baldwin, followed by the President's Summer Party. After a period of such unsettled weather, we were fortunate that it stayed fine. Many thanks to John and Judy for their hospitality.

14 members took up the invitation to a special tea party organised by Neen Savage WI. Afternoon tea including sandwiches and cake was served at the table, using vintage crockery. Dresses suitable for the occasion were worn, with flowers and songs from the Forties completing the atmosphere.

There will be a change to the programme for September as the Town Crier talk cannot go

ahead on this date. There will still be a meeting on Tuesday 11th September at 7.30 in the Market Hall, with the usual refreshments and opportunity to chat. Anyone interested to becoming a part of our busy and thriving branch of WI should contact Judy on 01299 270983 or email judysant10@gmail.com

Val Sniadowski

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Thanks to all who came to our very successful Jumble Sale - with over £320 raised we look forward to Harvest Festival on 17th September service at 3pm, following which we hold our Tea and Auction of Produce (4pm Village Hall) with money raised donated to charity. Sneeze in the wrong place and you end up with three fruit pies and more green beans than you can shake a stick at. Tony "The Gavel" Breeze takes no prisoners.

On Saturday 9th we will be doing Shropshire Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" - sponsored travel to a group of local churches to raise money that is split between us and SHCT. We have been very

grateful for grant support from SHCT as part of a number of funders for previous and current Projects. An afternoon out, with multiple stops for tea and cake - what's not to like?! Please sponsor us if you can.

We are also pleased at last to welcome our 12 new Swift Boxes - installed discretely in the Tower, we hope next season to welcome swifts to nesting with us when they return from Africa.

Finally a word in praise of Spring cleaning. During a cleaning party, we had a tidy up of the contents of the Tower first floor, and buried under some carpeting against the wall we found the ironwork archway that spanned the gateway up to the Church entrance steps. Can anyone tell us anything more about its history? When was it first put in place and when taken down?

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Stepping Out! Who's Walking, When and Where.

After the UK's sixth wettest July on record I didn't hold out much hope for a dry day for the Country Walk last month. Fortune smiled on the 11 walkers as they set off to follow the route of CMFA leaflet Walk 14: A Walk in Three Parishes. Apart from one short shower the weather was fine and they were able to avoid the few muddy patches. Some fields of cereal crops looked to have suffered from the adverse Summer weather with large patches lying flat. We welcomed a few first-time Country Walkers. The next walk will be on Sunday September 3rd at 10.00am outside St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to join us walking the local countryside of Cleobury Mortimer.

Walking for Health has also felt the impact of the wet weather making some of the routes impractical, particularly the path along the banks of the River Rea. We were still able to enjoy routes to Pinkham and through the Caravan Park. Wednesday 13th September will be the final Awayday for 2023. At the time of writing the destination is still being finalised. An email with details will be sent to our regulars or contact Alan Kimber on ajkimber@hotmail.com for further information. We will meet in the Sports Centre Car Park on Love Lane in time for a 10am departure. Car share will be available.

Last month the work party made improvements to the Simon Evans Way at

Reaside. Several boards on a footbridge were rotten and broken so it was completely re-decked. Ground work was carried out on the sloping path leading to and from the bridge to make it safer. The final task was to install a dog gate in a nearby stile. This is the last stile on the southern section of the Simon Evans Way. There is still some outstanding repair work required on the northern section which hopefully will be included in the work parties during the coming months.

No prizes for guessing that the name of the full moon on September 29th is the Harvest Moon! CMFA activities are on our website www.cmfa.co.uk and also on Facebook.

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The Wyre Forest is full of streams and pools. Even though many of the larger pools are manmade they all provide habitats for freshwater creatures. Some of the most fascinating are the amphibians: the frogs, toads and newts that need water bodies to complete their life cycles.

One of the earliest and most exciting signs of spring is the appearance of frogspawn, usually in February but delayed until March in cold conditions. The frogs are followed by the toads spawning in April, their strings of eggs wrapped around plants on the pond edges. The tadpoles of both species tend to disappear after hatching, their dark brown colour camouflaging them from predators as they nibble algae around the pond margins. By early summer though, warm days bring the developing toad tadpoles to the surface in great black drifts and when they have all their little legs and can use their new lungs to gulp in air they are ready to leave the water. This spectacular exodus happened in late June this year: a day when it was impossible to walk on paths near the reservoir without sending great numbers of tiny toads scuttling for their lives.

Our farm pond missed its usual newt survey this year but usually my friend Val (who is licensed to handle newts!) sets the box trap on our pond in May and we do the count the next day. We photograph the belly markings on the Great Crested Newts to identify individuals, just in case anyone has the time to collate the pictures from different years to see how long the newts live and how far they venture. Other researchers have found that they live an average of 7 or 8 years and can easily travel between ponds (see 'The Nature of Wyre' by the Wyre Forest Study

Group). I did my own surveying in May using a torch at night and saw at least 4 Great Crested Newts and many Palmate and Smooth Newts snoozing in the shallows of the pond. We have also seen several spindly Palmate tadpoles during pond-dipping sessions.



To bring us up to date, the young of all these species will now be roaming the forest – the adults too. I have to be very careful moving piles of weeds or soil in the garden as I usually come across tiny toads such as the one in the photo – a perfect little replica of its parents but only about 17mm long. This is the time of year to do some pond maintenance and I shall be scooping out some of the pond weeds which have grown prodigiously. I'll leave them a while on the pond edges though so that little critters can find their way back to safety in the water.

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Philip Dunne's Letter from Westminster

In August, I visited Kerry Taste and Nutrition in Burford. As well as being one of the largest employers in South Shropshire, they are also taking real strides in reducing their carbon footprint.

While there, I was able to see installation of the last row of 750 solar panels on their food processing plant's roof, which has the power to generate over 300kW - equivalent to over 1 million miles driven in an Electric Vehicle per year. This will help Kerry T&N reduce their operating costs, ensuring they continue to contribute to the local economy.

The capital cost was funded by a Community energy scheme, Big Solar Co-op, one of the first such schemes in the country, through an innovative funding arranged by Sharenergy in Shrewsbury. Community Energy schemes received a real boost last month when the government announced a new £10m Community Energy Fund. This new fund will help to tackle barriers to entry to the market by providing grants to the community energy sector to help them develop projects for commercial investment.

Alongside the new Community Energy Fund, the government has announced a consultation on the barriers the community energy sector faces, and an annual report on the community energy sector.

I have been convinced of the value of community energy schemes to promote renewable energy sources locally for some time. I must declare an interest, as I have been a member of Ludlow Hydro Cooperative for a number of years, also put together by Sharenergy, which generates clean electricity via an Archimedes screw turbine alongside the Horseshoe Weir in Ludlow. I hope we will see more projects in South Shropshire as this funding comes onstream.

Important as the contribution these schemes can be towards net zero, and as keen as I am to support them, I do acknowledge, as does the Committee on Climate Change, that we will continue to need carbon based fuel sources for decades to come, not least as it will take years for the 29 million petrol and diesel vehicles to be replaced from our roads – which is why I did not leap to the barricades when the government announced last month it was issuing new North Sea oil and gas licences.

I have called for the Government to set a date to end further exploration and development of fossil fuels in the North Sea, and still believe that is right. But it is worth considering the context that oil and gas production from the UK side of the North Sea is declining at around 8% a year. So the logic behind granting new licences during the transition to wholly renewable energy, is to enable the production profile to decline more gradually so that we can balance our energy security by enabling our reliance on imported additional oil and gas to be reduced. The actions of Putin show how risky it is to rely entirely on imports, or to rely on higher emission fossil fuels from less stable states.

I do remain an optimist on our ability to meet net zero by 2050. After all, the UK has decarbonised faster than any other country in the G7, cutting emissions by 48% between 1990 and 2021, while the economy grew by 65%. But I have made no secret of how I think the government needs to go further and faster in some areas.

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Simon Morton In The Garden

Is It The Seeds Or The Sower?

While browsing one of my favourite gardening magazines, I came across an article about Cosmos which, I won't lie, sent me into a bit of spin. Let me explain...

First things first, if you're unaware of Cosmos, think big daisy style flower. They come in various colours and petal configurations and are one of the most reliable annuals in the gardener's kit bag. There's a particularly impressive example on the way out of Cleobury heading towards Ludlow, almost opposite the GPs - whoever is responsible for these fine blooms, please take a bow - they're gorgeous...and I'm very jealous.

I'm jealous because, back in the day, I used to be a bit of a dab hand at the old Cosmos growing. As the magazine article explained in unintentionally mocking terms, Cosmos are *very* easy to grow from seed. I mean, you have to be *completely* rubbish not to get these things to do their thing - a bonafide and certified gardening dunce.

Well, you guessed it - my Cosmos have failed me for the second year in a row. The white ones (Purity for those in the know) have been particularly pants, while the more colourful lot (Sensation and Fizzy Rose for those taking notes) have fared only slightly better.

It's difficult not to take this sort of thing personally. A friend of mine from down the road - you know the type, effortlessly horticulturally gifted (she only has to look at a plant, and it stands to attention while weeds shuffle off, keen to get away before she expertly dispatches them with her trowel) - actually *laughed* at my beds of Cosmos Purity. Now, she's a lovely and kind-hearted lady, but an involuntary guffaw can knock a man's confidence. The same goes for another mate who sagely mentioned Monty Don's advice to pinch Cosmos out early. Thanks for the advice, Brian - where were you two months ago when the pinching should have happened?

My natural response to such disappointments is to look for things or people to blame. I could point at the weather; after all, it's been a weird old year, hasn't it? However, this argument falls flat when you consider the aforementioned display on Ludlow Road. I suppose there is an outside chance that my garden is under the spell of some peculiar microclimate, but I fear this is clutching at straws.

Maybe it's the soil that I plonked them in? They're relatively new beds and have admittedly undergone a smidgen of chemical warfare to ward off the most stubborn weeds - have I unwittingly created a post-nuclear apocalypse border?

My money (quite literally) is on the seed supplier. For the last couple of years, I've ordered my seeds from a bloke on a barge who posts pictures of his big dog on social media (if you're in the know, you'll know). In an attempt to go full-on organic, I turned my back on the big seed suppliers with their pesky quality control systems and easy-to-use websites and went for the artisan option. Admirable but potentially flawed.

I wager that the above factors, coupled with my obvious ineptitude, lie at the core of my Cosmos conundrum. Ho hum.

Now, I always try and conclude these missives with a positive, so here goes. Firstly - writing this has been incredibly cathartic. Thanks, dear reader - you've been brilliant. Has anyone ever told you that you're a fantastic listener? And secondly, failed Cosmos blooms means that I've been spared the deadheading marathon that kicks in around this time every year, saving me at least an hour each day.

Every cloud, eh?

Simon Morton

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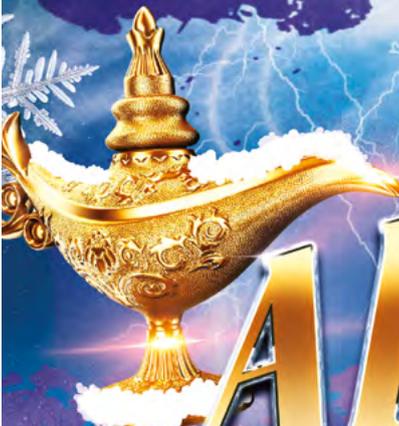
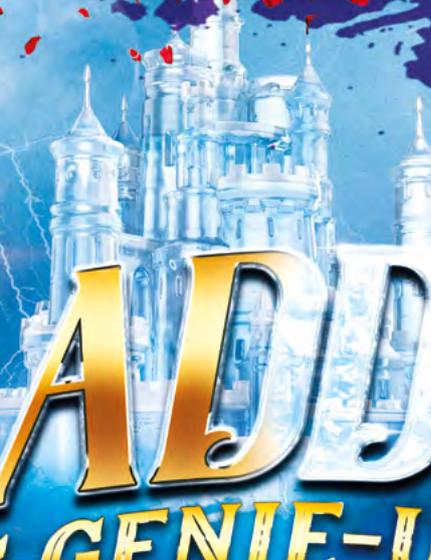
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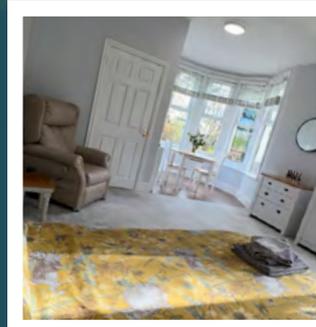
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Sunday 10th September – 10.00am Eucharist
Sunday 17th September – 10.00am Eucharist – Charter Service
Sunday 24th September – 10.00am Eucharist

Every Wednesday – 10.00am Eucharist
Every Thursday – 10.00-11.30am - Drop in at St Mary's with the Pastoral Care Group & Stay and Play.

St Michael and All Angels', Hopton Wafers

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St John the Baptist, Doddington

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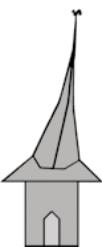


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The political arena is starting to warm up as the various participants limber up for the next general election. The last little flurry of by-elections seem to have ended in a score draw with the major parties winning one each. The problem for me is that none of the major participants appear very statesmanlike and as George Pompidou, past President of France once said: 'A statesman is someone who puts himself at the service of his nation, a politician is someone who puts his nation at the service of himself'. Sadly, recent events have shown how true this remains.

A £130 million UK charity has succumbed to 'Colonial Guilt' and decided to cease operations. Was it that their money came from the slave trade or colonial looting?

No. It was that their income derived from global investments and this was felt incompatible with their 'social, racial and climate justice' agenda. So they are winding up and their annual grants of around £13 million to needy charities will cease. No doubt potential recipients will be delighted that this grand gesture will deprive them of much needed income...

I gather that you don't need a dog to go dogging although an audience helps. An outbreak of people indulging in the pastime at a car park near Cheltenham has spurred the police into action. They have installed CCTV and the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner has issued a statement saying 'You are being watched'. Will that stop them as I thought being watched was the whole idea?...

So, HS 0.9 has now been coded 'Red' by the Infrastructure and Projects Authority. This means 'successful delivery of the project appears to be unachievable'. Still, it's only our money of which some £20 billion has already been spent, not to mention the ancient forests ripped up and cemeteries despoiled. As one wag put it 'It was called HS2 because it would cost twice as much and take twice as long as planned to complete'. That's true and then some.

I see that the train companies and rail unions are jointly working night and day to make train travel as difficult as possible. The latest wheeze is to shut ticket offices and force travellers to either book online or wrestle with the complexities of the ticket machines. They claim that the affected staff will be deployed within the station to assist passengers especially those who are disabled but I'll believe that when I see it.

A recent review of some 30 medical centres in the area resulted in the Cleobury set up coming first so well done to them for their efforts. If you are thinking of having a moan about their performance, just consider that it is likely to be much worse elsewhere.

So, The Lionesses got to the final. Shame about the result. Still, they have the European Cup but it seems ironic that they are probably paid far less for winning trophies than the men's team who don't. Proves that when you want a job done properly, get a woman...

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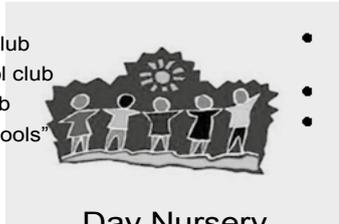
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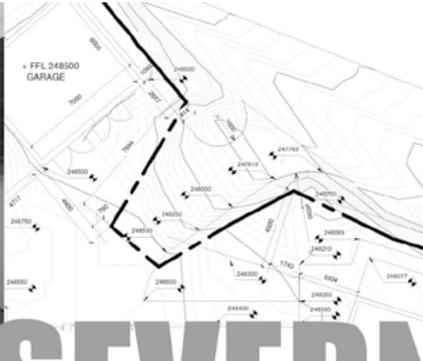
THE CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

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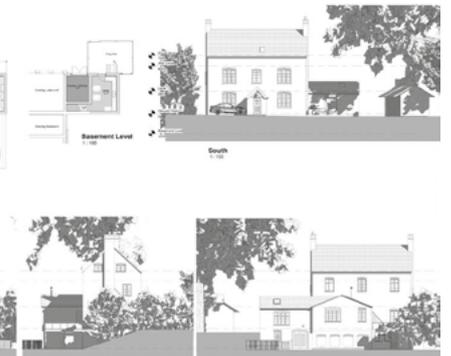
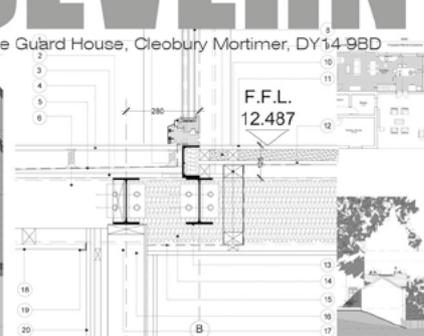
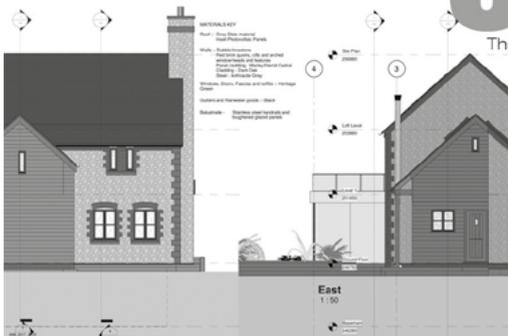
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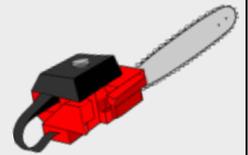
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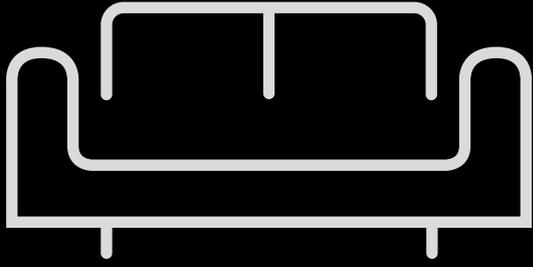
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- Tue. 2nd. 2.00. The Carer Only Support Group met at St Mary's Place, Love Lane.
- Mon. 4th Clows Top Craft Club meet at Victory Hall
7.30. CM Photography Club meet at the Market Hall, Church Street.
- Wed. 6th GREEN BINS AND GARDEN RUBBISH EMPTIED TODAY
6.00. Late Night 6.00 to 7.00 at the Food Bank in the Market Hall.
7.30 The Photographic Club meet at the Market Hall for a Show and Tell.
7.30. Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.
- Fri. 8th 10.00. Doddington Lodge Coffee Morning; all welcome. PAGE 13
- Sun. 10th. 10.00 The Borders Classic Bike Show, Lacon Childe School.
- Tue. 12th 7.30am. The Breakfast Club gather at the Golf Club. PAGE 13
- Wed. 13th DOMESTIC RUBBISH AND RECYCLING BINS EMPTIED TODAY
10.00 Walking for Health gathers at Blackstone Car Park, Bewdley
10.00 CoCo Coffee Morning at the Market Hall.
7.30. Royal British Legion meet at the Talbot Hotel.
- Fri. 15th. 9.00 Community Information Drop-In at Cleobury Country Centre. PAGE 29
8.00. Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.
- Sat. 16th 7.30. Flicks in the Sticks offers the great Bill Nighy in "Living". PAGE 5
- Sun. 17th 12.00 noon. President's Day at the Bowling Club. PAGE 7
Cleobury Concert Brass compete in the National Championship.
- Mon. 18th 7.30. The Reading Group meet at the town library, Love Lane
- Wed. 20th GREEN BINS AND GARDEN RUBBISH EMPTIED TODAY
7.30 Clee Hill Wildlife Club AGM at the Village Hall. PAGE 7
7.30. The Photographic Club meet at the Market Hall for a Workshop.
7.30 Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.
- Fri. 22nd 7.30. Phoenix Big Band Night, Saint Mary's Church. PAGE 7
7.30. British Legion Harvest Auction, Sports and Social Club. PAGE 11
- Mon. 25th 7.30 The Nearly Dead Poets' Society gather at the library in Love Lane.
- Wed. 27th. DOMESTIC RUBBISH AND RECYCLING BINS EMPTIED TODAY
10.00. Walking for Health step out from the Market Hall.
10.00. CoCo Coffee Morning at the Market Hall.
- Fri. 29th 7.30. Michaelmas Concert by local talent, all for CoCo in the Parish church. PAGE 5
8.00. Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall

AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER

- Tue 3rd 2.00 Carer Only Support Group meets at St Mary's Place, Love Lane
- Wed. 4th GREEN BINS AND GARDEN RUBBISH EMPTIED TODAY
7.30. Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall
- Sat. 7t. 7.00. Cosford Military Wives' Choir in concert at the Parish Hall. PAGE 5
6.30. Murder Mystery Night at Clows Top Victory Hall. PAGE 7

REGULAR EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Monday 8.00. Bingo Night at the Market Hall
- Tuesday 2.00 Friendship Club meet at the Parish Hall.
- Thursday 10.00 Coffee and Chat at the Parish Church.
2.00. Tina Hobin's exercise for the mature at Saint Mary's Place, Love Lane.



Letter from America. Lisa Baldwin's advice.

Question

I am finding that I want to spend more time alone. My friends are concerned that I may be depressed. I do enjoy their company when together. I have read that isolating oneself can be a sign of depression. How can I tell if there is something wrong with me?

Answer

It is true that isolating oneself can be a sign of depression. Other signs may include under- or oversleeping, eating too much or too little, feelings of hopelessness and sadness, and a tired but wired feeling. Some also express depression as feeling like "I am swimming in molasses." It can impair one's ability to function at work, or just to complete basic tasks of living.

There are different types of depression. Some are situational. We may be going through a difficult period in our lives that may include challenges and loss. Other forms of depression are biochemical in nature. No matter how hard we try, we can't seem to will ourselves to feel better. Although the symptoms of depression have a common theme, each person's life circumstances and biochemistry are unique. It is good to meet with your doctor to determine if there are underlying physical causes to what you are experiencing.

It can also be the case that wanting to spend time alone can be anything but depression. It can be a healthy time of growth and purpose. It can be restorative and renewing. It is a sign of psychological health to be able to be alone with oneself. We can be uplifted and inspired spending time with others, but we often deepen and receive clarity about ourselves during alone time.

One way to determine if your desire for more time alone is healthy is to consider the following questions: Am I avoiding something or someone? Are my thoughts ruminating in a negative spiral of guilt about the past? Am I spending time worrying or resenting something? Where are my thoughts?

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The morning proved to be very constructive by the first individual expressing his opinion that the council were generally doing very well and were more pro-active than some councils which the town had had in the past. One issue of concern was the condition of the flagpole in the town. There is concern that the pavement is cracking at the base of the lime trees on the High Street and whether it would be possible for this to be investigated further, the amount of weed growth on the High Street, blocked road gulleys, the look and condition of The Manor House and The Wells, and the lack of a No Cycling sign to one of the footpaths in the town.

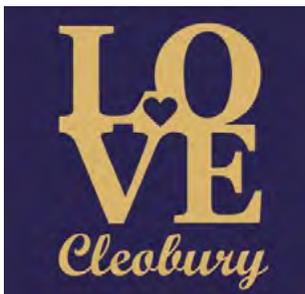
If you have any local concerns or would just like to pop by and say hello, we will be at the Market Hall again on **Saturday 16th September from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. We hope to see you there.

QEII Park redesign

We are looking to redesign the QEII Park. What facilities would you like to see there? What is meaningful to you? Benches, flower beds, wildlife corridor, pavilion, croquet court, fairy glen woodland trail? This is a community space and we would really like you to be involved in the process of redesigning and deciding what facilities the area should offer. Please contact the Town Council on 01299 271154 or email the council, council@cleobury.org.uk to register your interest.

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