

PARISH NEWS



September 2025

St Michael and All Angels, Claverdon

All Saints, Preston Bagot

GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CHURCH

www.churchesofarden.org.uk #churchesofarden

Vicar	Vacancy	
Associate Minister	Revd James Holden	07767 321086
Non-stipendiary Minister	Revd Phil Hanson	01926 843421
Diocesan Reader	Norrie Moore	01564 793578
Youth Club Leader	Zara Yousaf	01926 840100
Parish Secretary & Church Centre enquiries	Barbara Lord - churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com	01926 840100

The Church Office is in Room 1 at the Church Centre, Church Rd, Claverdon

Normal office hours are 9.15am – 12.15pm on Monday and at other times by arrangement.

Telephone 01926 840100. If no reply, please leave a message.

Claverdon Parochial Church Council

Churchwardens	Jonathan Evans vacancy	01926 842690
Member of Deanery Synod Elected	Sue Jacques Sandra Aitken; Steven Aitken; Ann Anthony; Alison Bird; David Eastham, Richard Bonsall; Andrea Gardner; Ingrid Moss; Julia Waldron	
Co-opted	Rev Phil Hanson	
PCC Minutes Secretary	Ann Anthony	
PCC Treasurer	Richard Bonsall	07989 494451
Organists	Jonathan Evans, Jonathan Lucas	
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Julia Waldron	07557 919206

Preston Bagot Parochial Church Council

Churchwardens	Hugh Carslake Margaret Duke	01926 843023 maggieduke44@gmail.com
Member of Deanery Synod Elected	Hugh Carslake Tony Belcher; Ros Belcher; Joy Cater; Pam Clark; Sheila Goudge; Anne Perrin; Graham Coombs, Janet Masters	
Ex-officio	Norrie Moore	01564 793578
PCC Secretary	Anne Perrin	01926 842638
PCC Treasurer	Vacant	
Organists	Jonathan Lucas; Guy Pardo; Ingrid Moss	

Parish News Editorial Team

Steve Aitken, Richard Bonsall, Jonathan Evans and Ingrid Moss

Advertising enquiries to Richard Bonsall (07989 494451,

richard.bonsall7@btconnect.com)

Material submission deadline: 8th of the preceding month to the Editor

(parishnewseditor99@gmail.com)



THOSE LAZY HAZY CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

In the immortal words of the Late Nat King Cole, 'Roll on those lazy hazy crazy days of summer'. I'm going out on a bit of a limb as I write this short piece for September's issue of Parish News, but, summer still seems to be rolling on quite nicely at the moment, well into late August. I'll leave you to decide if it's lazy, hazy or crazy, but it's definitely still here. Technically, we're on the verge of the 'Autumn Term', when the schools start a new academic year, and we all expect the weather to start to cool, and the leaves start to drop and the days to start to get noticeably shorter. And yet, as I write, towards the end of August, the days are still very warm, and we're all still swanning around in summer clothes, and it's light well beyond eight o'clock in the evening.

Our cover picture this month is a pillar box topper on Lye Green Road, knitted by one of our talented neighbours. Whilst it's a coastal scene that we're not likely to see here in the centre of the country, (you can't get much further from the sea than Claverdon), it's the epitome of summer; sunshine, swimming costumes, sea and sand, and with a lighthouse thrown in for good measure! Childhood holiday memories are flooding back!

In my childhood, I would occasionally hear my parents refer to an 'Indian Summer', meaning a spell of unusually warm, dry weather extending into the beginning of Autumn and well beyond what we would normally expect here in the UK. Indian summers were once the exception to the norm, (remember 1976?) but now seem to be increasingly common. Now, it's just 'summer'.

So as Summer persists, but Autumn approaches and eventually gets here, on behalf of all of us in the Parish News team, I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays, that everyone is well rested, and that the Indian Summer doesn't end too abruptly.

Steve Aitken

The Churches of Arden remain in a period of 'interregnum'. The Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Councils are working with representatives of the Alcester Deanery and Coventry Diocese to run a selection process for a new Minister for our four parishes. We hope that we will have something to report shortly.

In the meantime our churches continue to operate as normal - and we are blessed to have the services of Rev Phil Hanson and Rev James Holden in our midst taking services for us, alongside our band of lay leaders and visiting clergy.

If anyone has any queries or needs to get in touch, please contact Barbara Lord, our Parish Secretary, or the churchwardens whose details are opposite.



CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone is welcome to all and any of these services!

Date	Church	Time	Service
7th September	All Saints PB	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	St. Peter's WW	11.00am	Café Church
	St. John the Baptist AC	11.00am	Morning Prayer
	St. Michael and All Angels Clav	11.00am	Family Service
14th September	All Saints PB	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	St. Peter's WW	11.00am	Holy Communion
	St. John the Baptist AC	11.00am	Morning Praise with coffee
	St. Michael and All Angels Clav	11.00am	Holy Communion
21st September	St. Peter's WW	11.00am	Holy Communion
	St. John the Baptist AC	11.00am	Morning Praise
	Claverdon Church Centre	11.00am	Bible Café
28th September	All Saints PB	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	St. Peter's WW	11.00am	Morning Prayer
	St. John the Baptist AC	11.00am	Holy Communion
	St. Michael and All Angels Clav	11.00am	Holy Communion

Every Tuesday at 4.00pm: **Evening Prayer** in Claverdon Church Centre.

Every Wednesday at 10.00am: an **Act of Worship** at St Peter's, Wootton Wawen

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Team meets regularly to offer prayers and support for those who are sick, bereaved, lonely or in any kind of need. If you know of someone who would like to be included in our prayers, please contact us. Home communions and informal visits can be arranged and all prayer requests are treated in the strictest confidence.

Pastoral Team: Sandra Aitken, Joy Cater, Gill Evans, Revd Phil Hanson, Rosemary Holding, Pete Moss, Anne Perrin. Please contact us via Joy Cater (01926 842149) or Gill Evans (01926 842690).



FOR THE RECORD

Welcome to Claverdon

Welcome to Margaret and Orlando who have moved into Oak View on Lye Green Road.

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Emily Allen and William Smallwood at Preston Bagot on 26th July 2025

The wedding of Siobhan Lewis and Scott Stainton at Claverdon on 23rd August 2025

FUNERALS/BURIALS OF ASHES

Funeral service of Kathleen Deaner at Preston Bagot on 30th June 2025 followed by burial

Funeral service of John Reed at Claverdon on 3rd July 2025 followed by cremation

Funeral service of Jeanne Dorsett on 22nd July 2025 followed by cremation

Burial of Ashes of Derek Holding at Claverdon on 4th July 2025

Burial of Ashes of John Reed at Claverdon on 22nd July 2025

Burial of Ashes at Claverdon of Jeanne Dorsett on 25th July 2025

Burial of Ashes at Claverdon of Nicholas and Peta Lightfoot on 22nd August 2025

CLAVERDON VILLAGE WELCOME PACK

Have you just moved in? We would love to give you a Welcome Pack – it's full of information about the village including around thirty clubs and organisations!

Please let Gill Evans know if you would like a Welcome Pack or if you know of anyone who is new to the village.

01926 842690 or leycroft@btinternet.com

CELEBRATE WITH LIGHT!

Claverdon Church's low energy floodlights can be lit to commemorate anniversaries, birthdays or special events. Ask our Parish Secretary Barbara Lord for more details or to book - 01926 840100, or churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com



MG Plastering

Local Tradesman

- Dry lining/plaster boarding ceiling and walls
- Over skimming walls and ceilings for a clean paint finish
- Insurance quotes for leaks and damage
- New kitchen and bathroom pre-plaster preparation

Local, reliable, polite, clean and tidy with over 25 years experience.

Please call Myles on 07909 52 58 59

Email: myles@mgplastering.me



C Pullin & Son

MONUMENTAL MASONS

FIVE GENERATIONS OF

QUALITY MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE

ALL ASPECTS OF MONUMENTAL MASONRY

SHOWROOM AT:

19 HIGH STREET LEAMINGTON SPA CV31 3AW

TELEPHONE: 01926 426435

Memorial Craftsmen

www.pullinsmemorials.co.uk

Architectural Masons



*Room Service at the
Sound of a Bark!*

Ann Rawlinson: 01926 842362

Boarding Kennels & Cattery

PETER HUSSEY

Quality Local Carpenter and Joiner

Wide range of work undertaken at
competitive prices:

Purpose made doors, windows etc

Fitted kitchens and bedrooms

Shelving, bookcases and units

Property repairs and maintenance

Tel: 01564 792039 / 07941 507962



Xtreme Tree Care

- Crown Thinning and Reduction
- Felling and Dismantling
- Pruning and Shaping
- Hedge Trimming and Removal
- Specialist Stump Removal
- Logs and wood chip for sale

Fully Insured
All Staff Fully Qualified
20 Years Experience

**For a free quotation from your
Local Tree Surgeon call**

07951 332 401

Highcroft, Ossetts Hole Lane, Claverdon, Warwickshire CV35 8HN

xtremetreecare@aol.co.uk



Auction Sales & Valuations

Valuation, collection and auction service of individual items through to complete property and commercial clearances.

Call for a free no obligation quote or email info@leauction.co.uk

SALE ENTRIES NOW INVITED

www.leauction.co.uk



LOCKE & ENGLAND
AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

**01926
889100**

18 Guy Street, Leamington
Spa, CV32 4RT

Genies Angels Cleaning Services

*Housework a pain? ★
Just call Genie!*

We will provide you with an excellent service with sparkling results!

GENIE'S
ANGELS

Cleaning
Services



If you want to come home after a long day at work to a fresh, clean and shiny home then give us a call for a quote.

Fully trained and fully insured. With all our own equipment and all work supervised you can leave it to us and enjoy your weekends. We also change beds, clean inside windows and ironing on request.

Phone or text us:
Les: 07811 562714
Gemma: 07887 712565
Jeremy: 07930 578559

NOTICE OF REMAINING 2025 PUBLIC MEETINGS

22nd September / 24th November

Claverdon Parish Council meets every other month at Claverdon Church Centre at 7:00pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend, and we encourage you to do so where possible.

Please note there may sometimes be the need to alter the dates, due to Councillor availability, so please check the website before attending to confirm the date of the next meeting – www.claverdon-pc.gov.uk

CLAVERDON COMMUNITY SOLAR

Thank you to those who visited the proposed solar site on Park Farm and for your helpful questions and suggestions. We've recorded these on our website, along with any answers to them.

We are currently seeking greater contractual assurances and evidence for the community benefit that has been promised and plan to move forward accordingly once this has been received.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK PAGE

Stay connected with the Claverdon Parish Council by following our dedicated Facebook page. We are committed to enhancing our communication and community engagement. Through our Facebook page, we regularly post updates about the parish and also share other various news from the Stratford District Council. Join our online community and stay informed by searching for 'Claverdon Parish Council' on Facebook and giving us a follow.

NOTICEBOARDS

A new noticeboard has now been installed, to replace the broken one at the end of St Michel's Road. In due course we shall also be replacing some of the other boards within the village, as they are not in a great state of repair.

WHO ARE YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND HOW TO CONTACT THEM?

Cllr Nick Dargan – Claverdon Parish Council Chair
nick.dargan@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Hazel Spiers – Health & Safety
hazel.spiers@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Martin Fairlie - Planning & Yarningale Common
martin.fairlie@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Sam Evans - Communications
sam.evans@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Paul Myerscough – Claverdon Community Solar
paul.myerscough@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Jon Abbott - Recreation Area
jon.abbott@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Nigel Canning - Traffic Calming/Speeding
nigel.canning@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

OTHER COUNCILLORS

Cllr Duncan Parker – Stratford District Councillor
duncan.parker@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Cllr James Crocker – Warwick County Councillor
jamescrocker@warwickshire.gov.uk

HOW TO CONTACT OUR PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Parish Council Clerk – Ken Flood

Email. clerk@claverdon-pc.gov.uk

Tel. 07946 423435

www.claverdon-pc.gov.uk





For all your maintenance and building needs
including kitchens, bathrooms, garage
conversions & extensions

- No job too big or too small
- 10% discount for pensioners on maintenance work

Contact us on 01926 954811 or
info@changeituk.co.uk



QUADCUTZ - PROFESSIONAL FIELD CARE WITH A FRIENDLY TOUCH

Expert equipment. Reliable service. Results you'll see.

At Quadcutz, we specialise in keeping land tidy, healthy, and ready for action. Whether you're managing a paddock, a sports field, or a shooting estate, we're here to help you maintain your fields with minimal fuss and maximum results.

Based in Warwickshire, we offer a range of services designed to bring overgrown or tired land back under control — quickly and effectively.

Our services include:

✂️ **Mowing** - Our powerful tilt flail handles heavy growth with ease. A rear roller presses munched grass into the soil, helping it break down faster and enrich your ground.

🌱 **Seeding** - Get your grass growing thick and strong.

✂️ **Topping** - Reclaim paddocks, sports fields, and scrubland fast.

Why choose Quadcutz?

- ✓ We make overgrown land manageable again
- ✓ Mowing thickens grass and reduces weeds
- ✓ Friendly, flexible, and fully equipped
- ✓ We're happy to visit and offer a free quote - no obligation

Who we work with:

- 🏡 Horse paddock owners
- 🏹 Shooting estates
- 🌳 Woodland ride managers
- ⚽ Sports field caretakers
- 🌿 Field and scrubland owners

📞 Please call us 07359 648318

Let's bring your land back to its best — the easy way.



CLAVERDON TABLE TENNIS CLUB



We are hoping to re-start the Claverdon Table Tennis Club
IN THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER
on Wednesday afternoons (3.30-5.30 pm)
in the back rooms of the Church Centre.
Please call Gina Graham on 01926 842927 if you are
interested - all levels very welcome.

CLAVERDON BADMINTON CLUB



Is looking for new members with some experience
playing badminton to join our friendly, mixed group.
(18+ years)

When: Monday evenings at 8pm (September – June)

Where: Claverdon Church Centre

If you're interested, why not come along for a free
tast

Julie Blake - otservicesgb@gmail.com

Contact: Michele Carruthers 07786 257220



FLICKS IN THE STICKS IS BACK!

Village Cinema is back with the first film of an exciting new season!

CONCLAVE (12A) - a papal election thriller!

Starring RALPH FIENNES, STANLEY TUCCI, JOHN LITHGOW, ISABELLA ROSSELLINI

The responsibility to find a successor to the pope falls on a beleaguered cardinal - but in this role, Ralph Fiennes is 'almighty in a thrilling papal tussle'. A masterclass in restrained tension and political intrigue! (The Guardian)



Claverdon Church Centre

Friday 19 September at 7.30 pm

Tickets £5.00 on the door - doors open 7.00 pm. Bar and refreshments available



AMC Oil Boiler Services

☎ 024 7630 3111 📞 07887 777 941





We are your local specialists in the professional service and repair of oil boilers.

If you're looking for reliable, OFTEC certified engineers to take care of your oil heating system, call us today!





Oil Boiler Servicing



Repairs & Breakdowns



PRESTON BAGOT'S SUMMER CONCERT

A special evening was enjoyed at Preston Bagot's summer concert in June. A quintet of singers from the Birmingham Conservatoire presented *Voices of the Old and New Worlds*, an entertaining programme of songs which delighted the All Saints audience. Under the direction of tenor, Isaac Boulter, the capella singers included sopranos Beth Taylor and Alexandra Barstow, alto Maria Willsher and bass Barney Stevens. The church proved a perfect venue for their beautiful voices.

The first half of the concert featured songs of the 'Old World'. Tallis, Gibbons, Saint Saens and Sullivan were among the composers and the quintet sang sacred songs of the Renaissance, madrigals and partsongs.

After a pause for the interval with wine served in the churchyard, the programme continued with songs from the 'New World', written by such composers as Vaughan Williams, Bruckner and Verdi with some arrangements by Isaac Boulter. They covered modern sacred, American folksong and American spirituals, the familiar *Go tell it on the Mountain* presenting a stirring finale.

Our warm thanks to the Conservatoire singers for a memorable evening and special thanks to our sponsor, Graham Coombes. £724 was raised for All Saints Church.



KNIT AND NATTER, ARTS AND CRAFTS AT THE CHURCH CENTRE!



Until recently an Arts and Crafts Group met at the Church Centre.

Members of the Group had very different interests and talents to share, ranging from a variety of painting techniques to mixed media, card making, creative embroidery, tapestry.....

There is now the opportunity to re-start a group including **Knit and Natter** - and with tea and cakes of course to make the afternoon even more enjoyable!

This would be on a Tuesday afternoon in the Church Centre from 3.30-5.30 - when the jobs and events of the day are, in the main, over and you can relax!

If you are interested please be in touch with Gill Evans:

(01926 842690, leycroft@btinternet.com)



Claverdon Cricket Club 150 years

On Sunday 29th June Claverdon cricket club turned 150 years old. This makes it one of the oldest in the country and older than Warwickshire Cricket club!



In 1875 the youth of the village were given permission to use a corner of the field behind the old school to play cricket on. Three Kyte brothers and the son of the local wheelwright and local butcher, Walter Lowe, set about teaching the villagers about the game. At that time bowling was underarm. Before WW1 a bitter split

occurred, and a breakaway team set themselves up on a field behind Crown farm. After a reconciliation, the clubs were reunited on the hallowed ground where we still play today. The former pavilion was a shed in the corner of the field. How lucky we are to have the refurbished facilities we have now.

The records show several family names recurring, the Jarretts, Farmers, Kytes and more recently some names that the older village residents might remember: Bill and Steve Rogers and their dog Ziggy. Ian Read was the men's captain for 16 years.



Also named were Derek Farr, Terry and Nick Sandy, Ricky Gunn, a previous winner of the young player award, who came up from London for the celebration day. The Richardsons and the Parkers, Matt Parker is our current groundsman. The early passing of Colin Parker introduced the idea of a club Memorial Day where the women would also play. More recently the Hammond family have played a leading role in the club, Vince as chairman for many years.

In 2017 the CEO of Warwickshire cricket board contacted the club to invite the women to a soft ball tournament, and this resulted in the development of the women's team.

Our Current Chairman

Vince Hammond and women's captain

Kate Dickin



All the teams were in action on the celebration day; U11's, women's, men's, supported by players past and present and their families. The U11's received commemorative medals, the women's match was won by Cat and Angela, the men played a themed match with 75 deliveries a side. There was a BBQ and a memory-lane table with historic photos, trophies and press cuttings. The 150 club fundraiser draw was held and the event rounded off with a resounding three cheers!

Under 11's team with their commemorative medals



Women's Team played a pairs format

The women's team play in a development hard ball league and are welcoming to new players, whatever their standard.

The Men's team

the current team play in the Cotswold's Hills league, Division 3, and a midweek league. They enjoy Sunday friendlies and pre-season indoor nets.



New players are always welcome for occasional or regular games.

THE MONTHLY HMM...

Care and Concern

A strange thing happened at our holiday let in Anglesey this summer. We were enjoying the glorious late evening sunshine when we were disturbed by a sudden and disconcerting bang. “What was that?” questioned my wife, Laura. “Who knows?” I answered unhelpfully and without care as I continued to edit the day’s photographs in Lightroom.



Thank goodness for Laura’s concern. We established that the cause of the bang was a juvenile blackbird that had flown straight into the conservatory windows. It lay sprawled, apparently lifeless where it fell. “Look, it’s wriggling its legs and panting for breath,” Laura said hopefully for although it looked in agony, it was at least definitely alive. Remarkably, cupped in the warmth of Laura’s hands, the youngster quickly recovered itself and flew off into the hedge. Amazing what a bit of care and concern can do.

As I write this ‘Hm’ it is co-incidentally, the lesser festival (13th August) of that most remarkable Victorian lady, the famous ‘Lady of the Lamp’, Florence Nightingale. Most famous for answering a cri de coeur from The Times’ war correspondent for women to nurse wounded soldiers in the Crimea, the founder of modern nursing practice also saved a young owl that was being tormented by a gang of youths in Athens. She called it Athena.

It leads me to conclude that the Collect prayer for the week is absolutely providential. That prayer petitions God to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us only those things that are profitable. What a prayer, and of course we have a role to play as both Florence and Laura demonstrated. A role of care and concern for all Creation – men and women, owls and blackbirds.

Once she had rescued Athena from his tormentors, Florence often carried him around in her pocket, rather like a kangaroo transports her joey. And all this before she went to the Crimea. No wonder that God called her to a ministry of care and concern.

Rev James.



NLE Carpets and Flooring Ltd

Previously Traditional Carpets Ltd

Nigel Alley, Teal Cottage, Church Road, Claverdon, Warks, CV35 8PD

Quality – Experience – Expertise available locally
Quality Carpets – All leading brands

Home Samples available, showroom by appointment
Mobile 07720 469184

Amtico Flooring Specialist
Also Karndean and Harvey Maria

Free quotations, expert fitters, full service
(We move furniture, remove old carpets, trim doors and tidy up!)

nigel.alley@btinternet.com

VISITING QUALIFIED CHIROPODIST

Mrs. Lynn Hemmings

M.S.S.Ch., M.B.Ch.A.

Dip.Pod. Med

**Registered with the Health
Professions Council**

For appointment please ring

01564 784466

LOWSONFORD – ROWINGTON – SHIREWLEY – LAPWORTH
BEAUSALE – WROCKFALL – HASELEY – WIDEN – HATTON – HONILEY – CHALWICK END – MORTON LINDSEY
PACKWOOD – DORRIDGE – EARLSTWOOD – WYTHALL – HENLEY IN ARDEN – WROUGHTON MARSH
HOCKLEY HEATH – CLAVERTON – LANGLEY – PRESTON BAGOT

 **Village Maintenance** 

**FOR ALL YOUR RURAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
AND ROOF REPAIR NEEDS**

All types of roof repair undertaken
Slate, Tile, Pitch and Flat
Leak detection a speciality
Storm damage, Insurance work
Painting, Flashings, Lead work
Ridge re-bedding, Chimney re-pointing
Chimney re-build/re-sizing, Puts and cowl fitted
Gutters cleaned and repaired
Exterior property maintenance and outbuilding repair

Locally based with over 20 years experience
An efficient, tidy and courteous service
All work guaranteed - references available on request

**CALL PAUL TODAY FOR A FREE NO
OBLIGATION QUOTATION**

Lowsonford (01564) 785587 Mobile 07979 341151
Mill Lane, Lowsonford B95
www.villagemaintenance.co.uk

STRATFORD ON AVON DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER

Help shape the future of local government for Warwickshire.

You may recall from previous articles that the government, via the English Devolution White Paper, has mandated changes to the way local government works, combining District and County Councils to make Unitary Authorities.

A consultation is now underway (closing on the 14th September) seeking your view on having two Unitary Authorities – one for North Warwickshire (Nuneaton / Bedworth / Rugby) and one for South Warwickshire (Warwick, Leamington & Stratford). You can find out more by clicking on Engagement Booklet at::

www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/1/item/138570.

I currently favour the two Unitary Authority solution over and an all-Warwickshire Unitary Authority for two reasons:

1. The English Devolution White Paper also requires Unitary Authorities to group together to form 'Strategic Authorities'. It is early days and things may change, but as it stands, it's not clear who we could group with. Many of the bordering Authorities have already identified their group and it does not include Warwickshire. By having a north and south Unitary Authority, we can combine to make a whole Warwickshire Strategic Authority.
2. I'm concerned that any new authority, which will be larger and cover a wider area than the District Council, will be more remote from residents and Parish Councils. There is a balance between gaining efficiencies associated with larger organisations, and the organisation becoming too large to be a part of the community it seeks to serve. My view is that the balance is closer with the two Unitary Authority solution.

Both solutions risk spreading Councillors too thin by making the area they serve too large. In my submission I have pressed for the new Unitary Authority to keep the same size areas as the current District Council (about 3500 residents) to ensure there is no reduction in service to residents and Parish Councils.

The questionnaire takes just a few minutes, and your opinions matter

www.shapingourcouncils.co.uk/get-involved



The Warm Homes Local Grant

The new funding scheme to help homeowners and private rented tenants stay warm and cut energy costs is now open for applications.

The Warm Homes Local Grant funding aims to improve the warmth and comfort of more of the worst performing homes across the District, whilst also reducing energy bills, carbon emissions and levels of fuel poverty.

There are two key criteria for eligibility:

- Have a combined annual household income under £36,000 (savings are not assessed) or receive means- tested benefits or are vulnerable to the cold.

Have a home EPC rating D or worse – But you don't need an EPC rating to apply – See below

I would suggest anyone who has a household income below £36,000 and has a house more than 40 years old should apply.

The initial online application takes 5 minutes and asks you some simple questions about your house if you do not have an EPC rating. After this an assessor will ring you to discuss your application in more detail. If you are eligible for the scheme, an assessor will visit your home to determine the best energy efficiency measures, which could be various types of insulation, double glazing or clean heating sources. Any approved measures will be installed completely free of charge. Whilst this is paid for by the District Council – EON are the service provider

Start your application at www.eonenergy.com/grant-finder.html

If you have any local issues you would like to discuss with me then please get in touch using the details below.

Duncan Parker

Email Duncan.Parker@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Phone 07745 210097



Dorothea Mitchell Hall

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR CLASSES

Mon:	<u>Baby & Toddler Group</u>	9:00am - 10:45am
	<u>Monday Club (8/9,22/9)</u>	2:30pm - 4:00pm
	<u>Fitness Class</u>	7:00pm - 8:00pm
Tue:	<u>Arty Splats</u>	9:00am - 12:00pm
	<u>Move it or Lose it</u>	2:15pm - 3:15pm
	<u>Yoga with Amy (all except 16/9 *)</u>	6:15pm - 9:15pm
3 rd Tue	<u>Yoga with Amy (16/9 only *)</u>	4:45pm - 5:45pm
3 rd Tue	<u>Gardening Group (16/9 only)</u>	7:30pm - 9:00pm
Wed:	<u>Pilates with Leigh</u>	9:30am - 10:30am
	<u>Line Dancing with Tony</u>	2:00pm - 4:00pm
	<u>Pilates with Jennie</u>	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Thu:	<u>Quilting with Heather (4/9 only)</u>	1:30pm - 3:30pm
	<u>Sewing with Heather (18/9 only)</u>	10:00am - 3:00pm
	<u>Yoga with Ren</u>	7:00pm - 8:00pm

See Notice Board for latest on classes plus DMH Annual Report

* Booking/Info on new yoga classes: www.soulspring-yoga.co.uk

OTHER EVENTS

4th September 10-12:00 Mellors and Kirk

Free Drop In for Antique & Collectible Valuations



6th September Autumn Show 2pm-4pm

Info in Claverdon Gardening Group page

11th October Murder Mystery Night
"Murder Most Tropical"

Supper options and Licenced Bar



The Dorothea Mitchell Hall and Recreation Ground Trustees' Annual Report year ending 28 February 2025. (Charity No: 1195282)

The Charity was established in 1918. In 2021, the Hall and its assets and liabilities were updated to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), to better manage its day-to-day activities and legal requirements. The main focus of the charity is with regard to the Village Hall which was built in 1913 and plays an important part in the life of Claverdon village. A variety of events and classes take place in the hall, throughout the week and it continues to provide health and social benefits for local residents. The entrance to the car park was resurfaced during the year and the trustees commissioned a full building survey. Whilst the Hall was found to be in good condition overall, a detailed maintenance schedule has been drawn up to prioritise recommended tasks going forward. This will ensure the Hall remains a top-quality functional space. The Charity has maintained positive cash reserves to support the running of the Hall and to ensure capital investment continues. With regard to sustainability, the Trustees actively consider environmental impact when making decisions and hirers of the Hall are encouraged to conserve energy resources when using the facilities. Completion of the maintenance work identified in the aforementioned survey will enable future investment in renewable energy to make the Hall more sustainable. Trustees endeavour to use local contractors and suppliers to support the local economy and further limit the carbon footprint. Most recently, the Hall has welcomed back theatre performances. These activities utilise the excellent staging and there are plans to offer regular performances going forward. We welcome suggestions on other events the Village would like to see at the Hall. The attractive grounds have been very well maintained, including flower beds and boundary hedges. The additional voluntary efforts of some local residents in this respect are much appreciated. In order to comply with Charity Commission regulations, the Trustees have used professional advisors in regard to their tenants, namely: Claverdon Surgery, Claverdon Nursery, Claverdon Community Shop and Claverdon Lawn Tennis Club. We have also maintained relevant insurance throughout the period and performed required safety inspections in a timely manner. The Trustees meet ten times a year and have been fortunate to receive valued assistance from their Secretary/Treasurer. Village residents are openly invited to join the present trustees to help administer this important community asset.





Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

stepping stones
NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL CLAVERTON
100% QUALITY STANDARD

Term time,
school hours
opening

'The staff go above and beyond, with a passion that shines through our children.'
★★★★★

*Learning through
love & laughter*

- Ofsted 'Outstanding' not-for-profit nursery & pre-school
- Village location with ample parking
 - Large, beautiful garden for outdoor learning

www.claverdonsteppingstones.org.uk

CHURCHES OF ARDEN

Baby & Toddler Group



Mondays during term
9.00 - 10.30 am in the D M Hall, Claverdon

We welcome parents, carers and grandparents with their babies and toddlers. During our time together there is a selection of age-related toys, a healthy snack for children and a hot drink for adults.

Contact the Parish Office on 01926 840100 or email churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com

Family Ministry

stepping stones
NORTHY AND PBI NORTH CLAYDON
2008 / 2 000 000 - 20 000 000

Now, as Autumn paints the world in gold, we've been watching leaves twirl, tumble, and twizzle in the garden breeze. The pine cones we once peeked at in spring have popped open, dropping down like nature's treasure. Our creative practitioners have been busy, transforming them into tiny insect hotels and part of our outdoor Autumn art. Each creation is made with care, creativity, and a dash of magic and lots of glitter and glue!

This term we're also diving into two fantastic focus topics: All About Me – celebrating what makes us unique, from tiny toes to tickly tummies, families, feelings, and favourite things, and Under the Sea – a magical marine adventure exploring creatures, colours and caring for our underwater world.

We've had a splendid start to the school year and can't wait to see what delights the next term will bring.

We still have a few places available for the academic year — For more information, contact us at: clavsteppingstones@welearn365.com **or call us for a chat and to arrange a viewing 01926 843353.**

CIO charity number:1173990



THE WELL CHRISTIAN HEALING CENTRE

THE WELL CHRISTIAN HEALING CENTRE.

20, Augusta Place,
Royal Leamington Spa,
CV32 5EL.

TEL 01926 888003. www.wellhealing.org.



Diary of Events for September

Event	Date	Times	Details
Tuesday Prayer Ministry	Every Tuesday	14:00-16:00	
		19:30-21:00	
Wednesday Prayer Ministry	Every Wednesday	10:00-12:00	
Rest and Receive Prayer	8th, 11th, 24th September	14:00-15:30	In Person
		19:00-20:00	Online
Well Man. Six week course	10th, 17th, 24th September.	19:15-21:45	See website for details
	1st, 8th, 15th October		
Quiet Morning	18th September	10:00-13:00	Behold, I stand at the door and knock
Streams in the Desert	22nd September	19:15-21:30	Rhythms of rest. The key to living sustainably

Details of all Autumn events at The Well can be found at:

<https://mailchi.mp/23799302467c/upcoming-events-at-the-well-21555205?e=73e8bd2f42>





It's time to
feel good
about care

With award-winning not-for-profit care homes,
longer trial stays and Home for Life funding assurance.

**Finally, care that feels good to Mum.
And to you.**

 **Arden House**
Leamington Spa
01926 354 181

| greensleeves |
care

REGULAR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT CLAVERDON CHURCH CENTRE

Event	When/Time	Please Contact
Stepping Stones Pre school	Every day in term time 8.30 am - 3.00pm	Hannah Gibson 01926 843353 clavsteppingstones@welearn365.com
Children's Dance Classes	Monday in term time 4.30 - 7.00pm	Krystle Jayne's Dance Academy 07791 852891 krystlejayedance@gmail.com
Badminton	Monday in term time 8.00 -9.30pm	Julie Blake otservicesgb@gmail.com
Parish Council	Mondays or Tuesdays as scheduled by the PC	Ken Flood clerk@claverdon-pc.gov.uk
Mobile Library (in car park)	Tuesdays at 10.40am every four weeks	See dates in advert in this edition
Youth Group	Thursday in term time 6.30 - 8.00pm	Parish Office 01926 840100 churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com
Flicks in the Sticks	3 rd Friday in month September to May 7.30 - 10.00pm	Gill Evans 01926 842690
Mid-morning meet -up	Saturday twice a year 10.00am – 12.30pm	Gill Evans 01926 842690

CONTACT DETAILS FOR CLAVERDON CHURCH CENTRE

**Anyone wishing to enquire about booking the Church Centre,
or to make a booking, please contact the Parish Office on
01926 840100,
or e-mail churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com**



Calling everyone who has arrived in Claverdon and Preston Bagot in the last few years!

Please come to our...

NEWCOMERS PARTY

Claverdon Church Centre

Thursday 25 September at 7pm

We have a long tradition of welcoming newcomers - a tradition that includes a welcome party - and it's definitely time for another!!

All newcomers are warmly invited! You'll meet others who have recently moved here - along with some who have been here longer - and enjoy a glass of wine and some delicious home-made puddings!



Further information from Gill Evans on 01926 842690, leycroft@btinternet.com

RSVP if possible by 11 September, to help us cater for numbers, to Barbara in the Church Centre Parish Office churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com 01926 840100



The organising team are Nicky Arnott and Gill Evans



The Easter Workshop...

The VE Day 80 Street Party & Games....

..... NOW HERE COMES.....

CHILDREN'S MESSY HARVEST

A FREE TICKETED EVENT!

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER at 4.00 pm

CLAVERDON CHURCH CENTRE

CALLING CHILDREN - and their parents and carers - to have fun with harvest activities and games together

To register for free tickets now for children (toddlers to 13 year olds) contact the church office: churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com

enjoy the harvest message and songs, dangling doughnuts,
mystery veg guess game, timed wheelbarrow racing,
corn on the cob quoits, bookmarks, potato heads
fruit skewers, hand painted tree, colouring corner
light refreshments for everyone - party bags for the children

Our Harvest charity is Coffee Tots - it would be wonderful if you could bring along for them a gift of dried/tinned food in a small box!

MID MORNING MEET-UP

enjoy Sue Bicknell's home-made cakes and biscuits and limitless tea and coffee, then an inspiring and stimulating talk

'My life on the streets'

weaving the threads of life and faith in night-time chaplaincy with

James Hanson

Claverdon Church Centre

Saturday 13 September at 10.30 am

Revd James Hanson is a proud son of Claverdon, growing up here in the late 80s / early 90s. After graduating from Oxford, he trained as a Maths teacher, teaching at Warwick School, Harrow and eventually becoming Head of two schools in Surrey. He has been ordained for 4 years and is married to Jenny (a Surrey social worker) with two daughters at secondary school. James is now a vicar in Guildford and on a Friday night he leads a team of street pastors in the town working with rough sleepers, the youth, those out celebrating, those the worse for wear, those who need someone to talk to....

Tickets £10.00

All proceeds and donations to

Leamington Spa and Stratford on Avon Street Pastors

Reserve 13 September in your diary and book tickets now from

Penny Hanson: 01926 843421

Gill Evans: 01926 842690, leycroft@btinternet.com

Sue Kershaw: 01789 488493

Joy Cater: 01926 842149

Liz Rayner: 01564 792737

Sarah Breen sbreen@talk21.com





HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 5
OCTOBER



In **Claverdon Church**
at 11am - a **traditional**
Harvest Service for everyone...

...followed by **Harvest Hotdogs!**

This year we are giving thanks for all the gifts that we have by helping others in these ways...

Helping Coffee Tots - the amazing charity that offers invaluable support to vulnerable families in Coventry.

✂ If you would like to make up a shoe box size gift of produce you have grown in your garden to bring as a time-honoured Harvest offering that would be great!

✂ Bring gifts of dried and tinned goods (such as soup, porridge and other cereals, baked beans, pasta, and sauce, tuna, corned beef, sugar, tinned fruit, jam, UHT milk) are very welcome - and anything (non-perishable) that young children might like!

Helping farmers in Bangladesh - with monetary gifts to the local charity CORD, which this year is supporting indigenous communities who are losing their land, homes and ability to make a living - and also helping farming communities to adapt to the effects of climate change.

**Do hope you can come along - and bring your
friends and neighbours!**



Your Parish News Needs You

Did you know that 40 people are involved in delivering Parish News each month?

Richard and Sarah Bonsall receive the magazines from the printers and divide them into the bundles for delivery. Some bundles are collected from the Community Shop and the others are taken to the individual deliverers.

The job takes about 3 hours in total each month. Richard and Sarah are looking to hand over this job so if you are willing to take on this role, then Richard (07989 494451) or Sarah (07790 430008) would love to hear from you.

SPORTING MEMORIES GROUP

26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

24TH OCTOBER 2025

28TH NOVEMBER 2025

19TH DECEMBER 2025

ALL AT 10:00AM THROUGH 12:00

CLAVERDON CRICKET PAVILION

SPORTING CHAT, FREE COFFEE & CAKE



For more information:

Contact Mark Thomas 01926 843441 / 07565 796295

Mark.thomas1965@btinternet.com



Noah's Story Box

Under-fives Harvest Service

**on Monday morning 6 October
at 10.45 am
in Claverdon Church**

A short service with Claverdon Nursery, Stepping Stones,
the Baby and Toddler Group
and the Reception Class at Claverdon School
Giving thanks for God's creation at Harvest Time
(and plenty for little children to join in and engage with!)

For further details contact GILL EVANS
(leycroft@btinternet.com and 01926 842690)

At this service and at Claverdon Church Harvest Festival on Sunday 5 October at 11.00 am there is the opportunity give to 'Coffee Tots', the amazing charity helping vulnerable families based in Coventry city centre. (coffeetotscoventry.co.uk)

Gifts of fruit and veg you have grown in your garden - and dried and tinned goods (such as soup, porridge and other cereals, baked beans, pasta, and sauce, tuna, corned beef, sugar, tinned fruit, jam, UHT milk) are very welcome - and anything (non-perishable) that young children might like!



Help shape the future of local councils across Warwickshire



Warwickshire residents, businesses, Town and Parish Councils, voluntary and community groups are being invited to help shape the future of local councils in the county in a public engagement exercise.

Under Government proposals for local government reorganisation, all six councils in Warwickshire will disappear by 1 April 2028. More information can be found on the options for reorganisation and what the changes mean to you in an [engagement booklet](#).

You are invited to share your views in our questionnaire which is available from 7 August to 14 September.

This information will help make the final decision. It is being run by Opinion Research Services (ORS) online at www.shapingourcouncils.co.uk and paper versions can be collected from district and borough council offices.

For Stratford-on-Avon District residents, copies will also be available from Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX.

In addition to the public questionnaire, ORS will be conducting focus groups with a randomly selected sample of residents from each council area.

No decisions have been made yet. This is your opportunity to shape the future of local government in Warwickshire. Whether you support the current proposal or have other ideas, your voice matters.

To complete the questionnaire online, visit:

<https://shapingourcouncils.co.uk/get-involved/>

Full article and all above links available on our website, under the News section on the home page





CLAVERDON FUN RUN 2025

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER • CLAVERDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Run events for all children & ADULTS • Food & Refreshments

Medals for participants • NEW branded t-shirts for purchase

See link below for full details

THE EVENTS:



200m

Recommended
Nursery - Reception



1km

Recommended
Reception - Year 4



3km

Recommended
Year 3 - Year 6



5km

Recommended
Year 5/6 - Adults



**REGISTER
ONLINE NOW**

www.friendsofclaverdon.org/claverdonfunrun2025



FRIENDS OF
CLAVERDON

Parish News is a sharing of the lives of the people of our community, delivered to every household in the parishes of Claverdon and Preston Bagot free of charge. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial team, who welcome comments and suggestions about *Parish News*.

Contributions to production costs, or the Church generally, are always welcome and can be left in the Community Shop, or put in an envelope marked “magazine” in the wall box inside the church door; or donated online: Claverdon PCC; 30-98-26; 01963806 with reference “magazine donation”. Many thanks.



The **Village Chippy** is a mobile van that travels around Warwickshire. The menu includes Cod, fish cakes, Sausages, Chicken nuggets, mushy peas and gravy (& more).



They also cater for events and parties.
07377086644

TRACK THE VAN
Find out where they are today



CLAVERDON TENNIS CLUB



Claverdon Tennis Club now has some of the best tennis facilities in the area with its LED court lighting system and new astro turf court surfaces.

The new season starts on 1st April 2025 and it would be great if you could join us. First year annual membership for new families or a single person are £129 and £75 respectively. Juniors over 11 and student membership are only £35 per annum and under 11 years old membership is £18. Please get in touch with Richard Butler at butlerrj01@gmail.com / 07368 126145 for more information.

Non-members resident in the Parish are welcome to play at the Club by paying the visitor fees for Adults £5 and juniors £3.





Jane Ford BSc(Hons)
MAR

Level 5 Clinical
Reflexologist

Please contact me
for further
information and
bookings

Website: janefordreflexology.co.uk

Email: info@janefordreflexology.co.uk

07908 516940

Based in Claverdon, bespoke reflexology treatments based on your specific needs in a welcoming, cosy, peaceful garden studio using foot, hand and auricular(ear) reflexology.

Reflexology is a wonderful complementary therapy. It can:

- Aid sleep.
- Improve mood.
- Release tension.
- Promote relaxation.
- Promote a sense of wellbeing.



*10% off your initial consultation with this advert!
Gift vouchers and treatment packages available.*

Instagram: @janefordreflexology

Facebook: Jane Ford Reflexology

When Was Your Last Hearing Test?

Hearing Tests
Hearing Aids
Ear Health Checks
Ear Wax Removal
Ear Protection
Listening Difficulties
Pediatric Hearing Tests

📞 01926 671220

📍 Pure Offices, Plate Cl,
Tachbrook Park Dr,
Leamington Spa CV34 6WE

theaudiologyexpert.co.uk

THE AUDIOLOGY EXPERT



Gardenia Soft Furnishings

Est 1987

of Snitterfield CV37 0QA

- ❖ Maker of quality curtains, blinds & soft furnishings
 - ❖ Wide range of fabrics, tracks, poles & blinds
 - ❖ Site visits, interior advice, curtain fitting services
- Contact - Anna Turner on 07890 234756 or
gardenia.soft.furnishings@btinternet.com

**You
Could
Be
HERE**

**Advertise
Here.**

parishnewseditor99@gmail.com



enquiries@marknewelltreecare.co.uk



Mark Newell

TREE CARE LTD

Professional tree care at its best...

Which?
Trusted Trader

07866 019 562

01789 774091

MAYSWOOD GARAGE



TESTING ON PETROL AND DIESEL
CARS, VANS AND 3-WHEELERS

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REPAIRS
SERVICING AND M.O.T. PREPARATION

CAR REPAIRS, SERVICING AND
ACCIDENT REPAIRS TO ALL
MAKES AND MODELS

RECOVERY USING LATEST TYPE OF
TRANSPORTERS AND CRANE
FOR CARS AND COMMERCIALS

 **01564 792546**

**Mayswood Road
Wootton Wawen**



CLAVERDON GARDENING GROUP

We all enjoyed our coach trip down to Cliveden National Trust in July. Most of us also made it to the boat trip on the Thames, it was very helpful, though, that they arranged transport up and down the hill from the House. The Rose and Water Gardens themselves were beautiful, but the grass was really brown, they must have had even less rain than we have had here.

As this note is being typed up, we are in the middle of yet another mini heatwave, the watering can is in heavy use keeping the vegetables and the pot plants from wilting. In the borders, one good method of minimising water loss is to hoe. This not only kills the weeds but breaks up the top of the soil, stopping water from being drawn to the surface by capillary action and evaporating in the sun.



Despite the various challenges, we are looking forward to our Autumn Show at the DM Hall on Saturday, September 6th. This year we have an additional Under 16 children's section; making a creature from a vegetable or a piece of jewellery from fruit or veg. After judging, all the exhibits are on show to the public from 2pm until about 3:30pm, with tea and cakes and a raffle all on offer. Apart from the home grown and cooked produce, there is always some wonderful work by local artists and some beautiful flower arrangements to admire.

Then, on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:30pm at the DM Hall we have Susie Lickman giving us advice and tips for looking after houseplants; how to enjoy them without the stress! Non-members are welcome to join us for the evening, again, we have tea, biscuits and a raffle to enjoy.

Chris Duckworth



Claverdon Women's Cricket Team

LOOKING
FOR NEW
TEAM
MATES

BEGINNER
FRIENDLY

TRAINING
PROVIDED

Your local ladies team are looking for new players. We are a fun, welcoming club who play in the Warwickshire hardball development league.

- Games are held on Sundays throughout summer
- Training in Claverdon on Wednesday evenings

*For more information or just an informal chat,
Email Kate: katybick@hotmail.com
or call 07823322551*

Mixed ages and abilities



Langley Lawn Treatments

Independent - Local - Est. 2001

Former Groundsman Greg Camplin providing a "green" approach to lawn-care

Fertilising, spot weed control, scarification,
aeration (hollow, solid, micro-tining)

Spot weed control also on paths and drives

See Website or Facebook for full details of services

Text or Call

07733 11 35 88 - 01926 84 33 29

CLAVERDON MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club is a friendly, informal group which is open to all and meets on alternate Mondays from 2.30-4.00 pm at the Dorothea Mitchell Hall, Claverdon. Doors open at 2 pm. The admission fee is £4, which includes refreshments of tea or coffee and cakes.

September 8. Tommy Williams, *Warwick Racecourse*

We begin the Autumn season with a talk by Tommy Williams, keen sportsman and General Manager of Warwick Racecourse.



September 22. Shirley Reading, Historic highlights in and around Edge Hill.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

For further details, please ring 01926 842628

Lest We Forget, a fascinating and meticulously researched book recalling the lives of the Claverdon men who died during the wars of the 20th and 21st century, is now available to view at the shop and can be purchased from Wheelwrights Cottage, Church Road or by emailing alison.hoddell@gmail.com to request a copy. Free delivery is possible within Claverdon. Copies are also available at the back of church.



Recommended donation is £10 or whatever you can afford – all donations will be split between the Royal British Legion and Claverdon Church.

WIPE-OUT WASPS

FULL PEST CONTROL SERVICE

Family business established 2002

Fast response

Competitive rates

For a local, friendly service tel

Alan or Dawn 07867 768 533 / 01926 889711

enquire@wipeoutpestcontrol.co.uk

www.wipeoutpestcontrol.co.uk

NAVIGATION GARAGE

(E.L. Baughan Limited)

**Stratford Road,
Wootton Wawen**

Servicing carried out to
all makes of cars

- M.O.T. Testing
- Oils and Petrol
- Tyres and Accessories
- Wheel Balancing
- Car Sales
- Electronic Engine Testing

**Telephone
01564 792629**

Arden Bridge Services

**Servicing & Repairs
For all makes & models**

**SUBARU, ISUZU, Kia
& Hyundai Specialists**

**TYRES
SUPPLIED
& FITTED**

- Latest Diagnostic Equipment
- MOTs by appointment

Collection & Delivery Service

Tel: 01564 742451

Gorcott Hill, Ullenhall Lane, Ullenhall B98 9EP
www.ardenbridgesubaru.com



**MOTs only £35.00 upon
presentation of this advert**

LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Langley is one of the smallest Parishes in Warwickshire, with one of the lowest annual precepts, but, with the retirement of the current incumbent, is now seeking a Clerk and RFO to work, on average, approximately 2 hours/week, mainly from home.

The candidate must have computer proficiency, simple secretarial skills, and a basic knowledge of finance.

Duties to include:

Prepare Agenda and distribute for the 6 annual Parish meetings. Attend meetings, take minutes, circulate and monitor required actions

Focal point for all incoming emails from SDC, administrative bodies, potential suppliers etc., Filter, distribute or respond as appropriate. Ensure Planning applications are circulated, and responses made within timescales.

Establish internet banking system and record all financial transactions. Langley has a very small annual precept of around £2,000, (excluding Clerk remuneration) and only approximately 15 transactions/year. Pay invoices, regular bank reconciliation. Prepare financial report for each Council meeting. Prepare end of year accounts including internal and external AGAR audit. Undertake VAT reclaim and advise on annual precept.

Maintain Councillors' Declaration of Interests, and ensure completion and delivery of required forms at Council election time

A dedicated laptop will be provided, but the candidate will need to create and maintain a simple Village website, and a dedicated Clerk's email.

Historically this role has been undertaken on a voluntary basis, but it is now being offered with a remuneration of £2000/year. The successful applicant will be self employed and will be paid quarterly in arrears against a quarter day invoice

Applications, with a statement of relevant experience, should be made to the Council's Chairman, David Clark at d.clark40@yahoo.co.uk





A decorative poster for the Claverdon Gardening Group Autumn Show. The poster features a cream background with floral illustrations in the corners: blue and orange flowers in the top corners, and pumpkins and yellow flowers in the bottom corners. The text is arranged as follows:

**CLAVERDON
GARDENING GROUP
AUTUMN
SHOW**

EXHIBITS FROM CGG MEMBERS AND CHILDREN

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	FREE ENTRY FROM 2PM	Sit down in the cafe with tea coffee and homemade cakes
	TROPHY AWARDS 3:30pm	

**Dorothea
Mitchell Hall**

**FRUIT, VEG AND FLOWERS,
COOKERY, ART AND CRAFTS
DISPLAYS**

RAFFLE!

THE CHOSEN (SERIES 2)

**STARTING 3RD SEPTEMBER FOR 8 WEEKS 7.00PM
CLAVERDON CHURCH CENTRE**

‘The Chosen’ a Christian historical drama TV series which portrays the life and ministry of Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him, including his disciples and apostles. Starting with light refreshments followed by the video, stay for discussion if you would like. Come for one week or all - no worries if you have missed the first series. Everyone very welcome!

CLAVERDON AND DISTRICT NURSING FUND

Some people in Claverdon, Langley and Norton Lindsey have heard about the “Nursing Fund” but are not quite sure what it means. The original fund was started after World War 1 - well before the days of the National Health Service. It raised money to provide accommodation and salary for a district nurse with responsibility for the parishes of Beausale, Claverdon, Haseley, Hatton, Honiley, Langley, Norton Lindsey, Shrewley and Wroxall.

Responsibility for the nursing salary was taken over by the National Health Service, and the nurse’s house was sold to Warwickshire County Council. In 1953 two new charities were established with the Charity Commission, and the proceeds of the house sale were divided between the Hatton Charity (serving Parishes of Beausale, Haseley, Hatton, Honiley, Shrewley and Wroxall) and the Claverdon Charity (serving Parishes of Claverdon, Langley and Norton Lindsey).

The sale of the District Nurse’s house was invested to provide funds for the benefit of ‘sick/poor’ persons within the three villages such as medical comforts and medicines, bedding, fuel, provision of domestic help where none is available, defray costs of convalescence or hospital appointments.

Grants are available from the CDNf for those in need with health-related problems. Help has or could be given towards stair-lifts, Occupational Therapy investigations into difficult bathrooms and conversions of bath to shower, wheelchairs, ramps, short term domestic help during convalescence and travel to hospital or hospital parking.

Recently, donations of flowers or biscuits have been normal to express our concern/support for people in unfortunate circumstances.

Wolverton was never part of this arrangement and its residents have therefore never been able to benefit from them. Wolverton has its own similar fund, the Champion Trust, administered by Richard Livingston.

Members of the committee are Chairman, Treasurer\Secretary, Vicars of Claverdon and Norton Lindsey with Langley, a representative from Claverdon, Langley and Norton Lindsey Parish Councils, and a co-opted trustee from each village. There are normally two meetings a year, with additional ad-hoc meetings as necessary. Funds are invested in shares in the Charities Official Investment Fund and share income used for the benefit of “sick or persons in need” within the three villages. If anyone knows of someone who needs assistance, please do not hesitate to contact either the respective Vicars, the Chairman or the Treasurer\Secretary, or anyone from the committee.



Vacancies do occur for Trustees from time to time, so if you could be interested please let us know. No special knowledge is required other than of people in your village and a concern for their well-being. Needless to say, strict confidentiality is observed at all times.

Current Committee Members:

Role	Village (if applicable)	Name	Contact No.
Chairman	Langley	Elected - Brian Keefe	01926 843812
Treasurer\Secretary	Norton Lindsey	Gillian Henson	01926 842300
Vicar	Claverdon	Vacant	
Vicar	Norton Lindsey and Langley	Rev. Jo Parker	01789 638933
Parish Council Representative	Claverdon	Vacant	
Parish Council Representative	Langley	Brian Keefe	01926 843812
Parish Council Representative	Norton Lindsey	Jon Stobart	07711 950743
Co-opted Trustee	Claverdon	Rosemary Holding Joy Cater	01926 842822 01926 842149
Co-opted Trustee	Langley	Sue Cleverley	01926 842808
Co-opted Trustee	Norton Lindsey	Maggy Rogers	01926 842529

Forest of Arden Agricultural Society Annual Ploughing Match

Sunday 21st September at Arrow Lane, Ragley Park B49 5LR by kind permission of Ragley Home Farms.

The Forest of Arden Agricultural Society was formed in 1946, the first show being held at Forshaw Park Farm, Earlswood. On one occasion Preston Bagot was the venue. Classes for ploughing by horse and by tractor and for hedge laying were introduced and over the years the event has become very popular with the farming community and also the general public. The late Joe Hawkes of Preston Bagot bequeathed a very generous sum of money to the Society for training and to sponsor courses for ploughing and hedge laying and to encourage members of Young Farmers clubs to participate.





CASE/Neighbourhood Watch Sept 2025



Neighbourhood Watch a Force for Good

Good news for the streets of Claverdon: when neighbours organise and work with local policing teams, crime falls. The College of Policing's evidence base rates Neighbourhood Watch as a proven approach, with strong research showing it reduces crime when communities and officers act in step.

Latest independent reviews back that up: evaluations consistently find average drops of around 16%—and in some studies into the mid-20%'s—where active schemes are in place

This isn't luck; it's how the model works. Neighbours share information, notice what's normal and what isn't, and pass timely intelligence to local teams. That partnership—residents alongside Neighbourhood Policing Teams—builds visibility, trust and early intervention.

We're proud to showcase this movement and build on what already works. The future is practical: more connected schemes, sharper reporting, and simple protective habits that everyone can adopt. If you want local proof points and up-to-date alerts, the OurWatch member hub is where schemes coordinate, access resources, and share results.

The takeaway is simple: Neighbourhood Watch is a positive force multiplier. It helps prevent burglary, theft and antisocial behaviour, and it strengthens the fabric of the place you live. With your help we can do even more—growing active schemes, deepening the link with policing teams, and showing what communities can achieve when they look out for each other.

With your help we can do this. Together to make Claverdon a safe place for all residents.



Speed calming initiative back on the move after local elections delay – update

Progress on Claverdon's speed-calming programme briefly slowed during the local elections, when council capacity was diverted. That pause is over. The Parish Council and the CASE Team reconvened this week, restarted conversations with Warwickshire County Council, and reaffirmed our commitment to delivering the measures our village needs.

We now have a meeting scheduled for **early September** with **Zoé Masterman-Smith** (Highways Community Action Fund, County Highways, Warwickshire County Council) to move the scheme into delivery mode. Our focus is clear: secure the package outlined by Warwickshire Highways—targeted limit changes, entry gateways and roundels at key points, refreshed signage and road markings, and the supporting enforcement—to lower approach speeds and make everyday journeys safer for residents, schoolchildren, cyclists and pedestrians.

While the election period created a short delay, the initiative remains a top priority. We will continue to apply constructive pressure, work closely with our County and District Councillors, and keep the community updated on milestones and timescales. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and vigilance; your input and persistence are helping to make Claverdon a safer place for all.

Steve Lister,

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator



CLAVERDON COMMUNITY SHOP



We are here to serve you
open every day of the year except Christmas Day
Normal opening hours: 8am - 1pm

Our shop is your shop - use us as much as you can!

If you have 2½ hours available from time to time you could be a volunteer at the shop. If you think it's something you can help with please pop into the shop or email claverdoncs@gmail.com. You will be made most welcome and we're sure you will enjoy it!

BUS SERVICE TIMES

There is a bus service between Henley and Warwick/Leamington, calling at Claverdon, every Wednesday. For the time table visit www.flexi-bus.co.uk or see the community shop noticeboard.

CLAVERDON MOBILE POST OFFICE

Visits Claverdon every Monday and Wednesday - 12.15 to 2.15 pm
D M Hall car park adjacent to the Community Shop

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Visits us on Tuesdays every 4 weeks
Next visits: 16th September, 14th October
calls at: St Michael's Rd (09.55)
Church Centre car park (10.40)
Henley Road, Preston Bagot (11.20)



50 HIGH ST

HENLEY IN ARDEN
Podcasting Studio
Office Suites
Meeting Room

50 High Street Henley In Arden
Warwickshire B95 5AN
office@MikeRobertsProperty.com
01676 532 414



SPRINGBOARD

OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES OF
SEPARATION & DIVORCE

SPRING BOARD IS A COURSE DESIGNED
TO EMPOWER YOU TO HANDLE THE
CHALLENGES OF SEPARATION &
DIVORCE

- ✓ Written & lead by people who have been in your shoes
 - ✓ Practical examples
 - ✓ Confidential
 - ✓ Non-judgemental
 - ✓ Friendship-forming
 - ✓ Content tailored to you
- May include: emotions, loneliness,
conflict resolution, money
concerns, forgiveness and more.

When? Sundays,
10am-12pm. Starts
October 29th for 7 weeks

Where? St Michael's
Church Centre,
Budbrooke, CV35 8QL

Is there a fee? A small
donation towards
facilities would be
welcome

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SpringBoardDivorce@gmail.com
07814 255190 after 6pm

We Love to Organise



DE-CLUTTERBUGS
WE LOVE TO ORGANISE

De-Clutterbugs Transforming spaces by decluttering your home, enhancing organisation,
and creating calm, functional environments for stress-free living.

We would love to hear from you
Call 07815 667 005

**SOOTBUSTERS
CHIMNEY SWEEPS**
Complete Chimney Sweep Service
Member of NACS, Fully Insured

Rod Murdoch
01926 887195
info@sootbusters.co.uk
www.sootbusters.co.uk



**All Kitchen Appliances
Repaired**

Experienced, careful engineer
based in Hockley Heath
Friendly, professional service

John's Repair Services

07469232230

john@johnsrepairs.co.uk



A. Cadby Electrical

All domestic and light
commercial electrical work
undertaken. For a qualified
and insured electrician **call
Andy on 07826 319801.**

E: acadbyelectrical@gmail.com
W: www.acadbyelectrical.co.uk



**ALL GLAZING &
LOCKSMITHS**



All double glazing repairs
Misted/broken glass replaced
Doors and windows re-aligned
All locks opened/repaired or replaced
ANTI SNAP & 5-LEVER LOCKS
7 day service
35 years experience



**for free advice & 100% honest, reliable service,
message or call Jason 07789 761412**

ENTERPRIZE PLANT HIRE

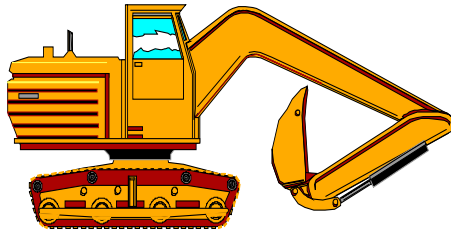
Excavator Hire & Groundworks Specialist

MINI-DIGGER SELF-DRIVE HIRE

(WILL GO THROUGH DOORWAY)

LARGE EXCAVATORS (WITH OPERATIVES)

ALL TYPES OF GROUNDWORKS CARRIED OUT



SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATIONS - SEWER PIPES

DITCH CLEARING

LAND DRAINAGE SPECIALIST

LAND CLEARANCE

POND EXCAVATION ETC.

If you need earth moving, just ring Steve
for free advice and quote

Tel: 01926 484653

Mobile: 07860 200488



Hatton SHOPPING VILLAGE

Shopping as it
Should be.

- Garden Centre
- Physio & Pilates Studio
- Wellness & Lifestyle
- Antiques & Interiors
- Ladies & Mens Fashion
- Gifts & Cards
- Sweet Shop
- Lifestyle & Dog Apparel
- Toy Shop
- Bridal Boutique
- Handmade Jewellers
- Bike Shop
- Kitchen & Bathroom Transformations
- Stained Glass Production
- Beauty & Skincare Products
- Beauty & Hair Salons
- Swimming Pool
- Escape Rooms

PLUS: A Delicious Diner
& Restaurant

Open Every Day 10am to 5pm

(Excluding Jan to Feb 11th;

Closed Mon & Tues. Open until 4pm)

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE
ADMISSION

Chunky Scarf Workshops

*Learn how to use chunky yarn
and knit a beautiful scarf.*

Tuesday 28th October
Saturday 1st November
Saturday 29th November

Hatton's Haunted Drive-In

*Early Spooky Fun &
Late Night Horror*

Saturday 11th October
Saturday 18th October
Saturday 25th October
Thursday 30th October
Friday 31st October

Fireworks Evening

Saturday 8th November

Tel: 01926 843411 Hatton Country World
hattonworld.com Dark Lane, Hatton,
Warwick, CV35 8XA

(Events subject to change without notice.)

THE UNUSUAL, THE UNIQUE & BOUTIQUE.

AND FINALLYACCESS, NOT OWNERSHIP

Penny and I are from the 'Baby Boomer' generation and since then, there has been Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z and Gen Alpha. Each generation spans about 15 years.

Our grandchildren are a mix of "Gen Z" and "Gen Alpha" and, as such, different from us by 3 or 4 generations. Each generation brings its cultural shifts. One such is the idea that from Gen Z onwards, there is a much greater importance given to "access" than "ownership".

In our decluttering efforts we discarded most of our CD's and DVD's. Our favourite films and music are all instantly accessible along with an infinite repository of other material that wasn't in our collection. It is quicker to ask the smart speaker or the smart TV than search for the CD or DVD! Evidently Gen Z thinking is rubbing off on us.

Our granddaughters enjoy charity shops, and they buy "branded bargains" but then they also sell their clothes. They are temporary possessions. You might not guess from their bedrooms, but they are quite minimalist.

Our house is full of things that we keep for largely sentimental reasons, not because we use them often enough to justify owning them. I wonder when I last used my torque wrench. In our generation collecting things was a very common hobby.

Most cars are bought using some sort of PCP contract. In other words, the driver will probably never own the vehicle outright. Wanting to own our cars is apparently a baby boomer thing.

It is true that possessions are a burden and to be liberated from the responsibility of maintenance, repair and disposal is some sort of freedom. Our children always have the latest phones, upgrading at the earliest opportunity is a no-brainer to them.

When I travelled in Africa, I realised that they make light of theft because they largely don't accept the idea of ownership in the first place. Everything is everyone's. Access culturally trumps ownership.

I have been wondering where all this is leading. People no longer have dedicated office space, they either work from home or go to a facility that offers hot desking. Anyone can work anywhere in the layout, needing to bring nothing with them. On that basis, I wonder how long will it be before we can all abandon our homes in favour of floating from Airbnb to Airbnb needing to bring no possessions with us?





GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VILLAGES

Baby and Toddler Group	Parish Office	01926 840100 churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com
Badminton	Julie Blake	otservicesgb@gmail.com
Bellringers	Jill Roberts	01926 713430
Benefice Housing Association	Louise Peace	07930 687384 / 01926 843440
Church Centre Bookings	Parish Office	01926 840100
Church Floodlighting	Parish Office	01926 840100
Claverdon Art & Craft Group	Jayne Andrews	07753 795595
Claverdon & District Neighbourhood Watch	Steve Lister	sjlister@aol.com
Claverdon and District British Legion	Paul Ellwood	01564 784725
Claverdon Community Shop	Mike Rack	01926 843916
Claverdon Cricket Club	Vince Hammond	07925 290931
Claverdon Football Club	Charlie Waterworth	07309 575475
Claverdon Gardening Group	Heather Sharp	hdsharp3@gmail.com
Claverdon Monday Club	Shirley Reading	01926 842628
Claverdon Parish Council	Ken Flood	clerk@claverdon-pc.gov.uk
Claverdon Rugby Club	Liz Kelsey	07931 220489
Claverdon Quilters	Heather Sharp	01926 842557
Claverdon Primary School	Dan Powell	01926 842403
Claverdon Table Tennis	Gina Graham	01926 842927
Claverdon Tennis Club	Richard Butler	butlerrj01@gmail.com 07368 126148
Community First Responders	Peter Neville	01564 793978
Dorothea Mitchell Hall bookings	Caretaker	07398 244781
Preston Bagot Parish Meeting	Adrian Griffiths	prestonbagotpm@gmail.com
Rotary Club of Henley	David Burman	01926 842451
Scout Group 1 st Bearley and Snitterfield	Sam Smith	01789 731865
Scout Group 1 Henley and Wootton	Graham Mallinson	graham.mallinson@goodrich.com
Stepping Stones Pre-School (age 2 - 5)	Rachel Wild	01926 843353
Stratford District Councillor	Duncan Parker	07745 210097
Claverdon Youth Club	Parish Office	01926 840100 churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com
Warwickshire County Councillor	Ian Shenton	07746 565969
Wolverton Guiding (girls aged 5-14)	Janet Livingston	07752 105457





JohnsonSavage
ConsultancyLtd

A FRESH APPROACH TO FINANCE

Wealth Management – Mortgage – Pension – Protection Choices

Buying a home – Save/invest for the future – Plan for Retirement – Protect your loved ones

- Face to Face professional advice
- Financial planning to meet your needs
- Over 50 years combined expertise

T: 01926 843006 E: info@jscfinancial.co.uk

For full details about our services: www.jscfinancial.co.uk

*JSC Financial is a trading name of Johnson Savage Consultancy Ltd. Registered in England. Registered number: 08407128.
Crimble, Langley Road Claverton Warwickshire CV35 8PU*



thewillforyou

Will Writing & Estate Planning

Call **Melanie Johnson** for more information

Tel: 01926 843068 or email: mel@thewillforyou.co.uk

- Wills
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Trusts
- Storage Facility
- Pre-paid funeral plans
- Online wills – DIY facility
- Face to face advice
- Home visits available

The Will For You Ltd

Registered in England. Registered number: 0228843 Crimble Langley Road Claverton Warwickshire CV35 8PU

Rix OAKLEYS



Trust Rix to keep your heating oil topped up!

Your local, family-run heating oil specialist.



Heating
Oil & K+



Agas
Fuel



Fuel
Tanks



Budget
Payment Plans

Call for a quote on

01675 437557

or visit www.rix.co.uk