

Clopton Annual

2016

Issue 2

Welcome to the second issue of the Clopton Annual. We hope you find it interesting and useful. We welcome comments and suggestions for next year and, if anyone would like to get involved with any aspect of its production, we would love to hear from you.

Clopton Midsummer Fete

2016



The chosen charity for this year's fete is Blue Cross Animal Shelter. They will have a stand at the fete. If you can donate any prizes, gifts, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac and cakes to the fete, we would be very grateful. Items can be left at the village hall on Wed 1 June 10-12am; Wed 15 June 10-12am; Saturday 18 June 10 - 5pm. or contact us on : 737454 (Penny), 737805 (Della), email: cloptonfete@gmail.com and we will come and collect.

Thank you, Fete Committee

Reports from Clopton Annual Parish Meeting 19 May 2016

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015-16

I should like to start by paying tribute to Cllr Peter Bellfield who died on 23 April after losing his long fight against cancer and whose memorial service took place last Monday. Peter represented Clopton both at County and District level for more than 10 years and his tireless efforts on behalf of all of his wider constituents have set a huge marker for those who follow him. His measured approach and wise counsel will be greatly missed, both in Clopton and throughout the Carlford ward.



Six meetings of the Parish Council were held during the year, as scheduled.

Changes

There were no changes to the members of the Council during the year and I wish to thank all participants for their work and effort. I should also like to thank Tony Fryatt for his work as our District Councillor for the Grundisburgh ward and for the insight he gives us in all aspects of the planning process though his participation in the various planning committees.

Accounts

Total receipts for the year amounted to £6,076.94, of which £3,700 came from the Precept, £109.74 from the Council Tax Support Grant, £1,544.94 as fête income, £234.00 for Transparency Funding and the remainder from sundry other sources. Total gross expenditure amounted to £4,619.51, including £965.00 fête and charitable disbursements. The amount of £5,000.00 from the reserves was placed into Yorkshire Building Society Community Account at a slightly higher rate of interest than was otherwise available.

The precept for 2016/17 remains unchanged for the 4th successive year. Last year, I incorrectly reported that the last tranche of the Council Tax Support Grant would be paid in 2015-16, after which it would cease. In fact I was a year early and the last payment of £59.54 will be received in the current financial year. As the grant money has been added to the general reserves, it is anticipated that the precept can be held at the current level for a number of years yet.

Planning Applications

Nine new planning applications were received during the year, eight of which were approved and one which did not require prior approval. In addition, there was one further application submitting details in order to satisfy a condition, which was approved.

Events, Topics & Issues

Suffolk Coastal District Council has now finalised its Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies. The policy relating to the former Debach airfield site was extensively discussed at Parish Council meetings. This used to be considered as two separate areas, split

between the respective ownerships. Under the new policy, the area is considered as one fully occupied site with the area permitted for development increased from 8.95 ha to 10.89 ha to allow for gaps between refurbished buildings in order to meet modern fire regulation standards. Since any increase in HGV traffic is a concern, planning permission is limited to uses falling within Use classes B1, B2 and B8 and where necessary a transport statement or transport assessment would have to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Highway Authority that the scale and type of traffic generated is acceptable in terms of impact on the local road network.

The incidence of flooding in Shop Road has largely been resolved following the work to the drains undertaken by SCC last year.

Traffic Speed: SCC appointed a consultant to study traffic speed and the incidence of accidents on the B1078 between Coddenham and Wickham Market. Following publication of their report internally within SCC, we have been advised by the responsible Cabinet Member that SCC is not proposing to take any definitive measures to change existing speed limits or road alignments, though they will continue to monitor developments. Despite requests, we have not succeeded in obtaining a copy of the consultant's report, or even an extract from it which refers to Clopton. Sadly, this is one area where a lack of active representation at County level has not been helpful.

After an extensive search it has been established that the **Deeds to the village hall** land have been lost. They were last recorded as having been sent to Suffolk Acre in 1995 for the preparation of the lease between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council now intends to apply to the Land Registry for a Voluntary First Registration.

Clopton handed over the management of the **Speedwatch** group to Westerfield Parish Council during the second half of 2015 and transferred the balance of Speedwatch funds to them from the ear-marked reserves.

Broadband speeds via landline are exceptionally slow over large parts of Clopton. Although not a Parish Council initiative, Fibre Wi-Fi has now bought Superfast Broadband to Clopton via wi-fi equipment installed on the mast adjacent to the village hall. This increases the options available to residents who are seeking an increase in their broadband speed.

The second **village fête** held at the Village Hall on 21 June 2015 was another success, with the £1,565 raised shared equally between EACH, St Elizabeth Hospice, the village hall and with a retention to put future fêtes on a self-funding basis. This was helped by the proceeds from a jumble sale in January which raised £386. Following the repeat success, the organisers agreed to hold the fête again this year on 19 June 2016 with Blue Cross as the nominated charity.

The Council remains most appreciative that Della Hughes continues to run the Clopton News email and the village website, which are highly regarded in the village.

*C A Angwin
Chairman*

19 May 2016



WOODBRIDGE AND DISTRICT
SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM
Woodbridge SNT, Theatre Street, Woodbridge

Clopton Police Report
19th May 2016

Due to a major change in the operating system we now use in Suffolk it has made researching crime figures very difficult and impractical. As a result we are unable to give crime figures/statistics for your village, going forward we the police will not be providing a police report in its previous format. The new format will be a ward based newsletter which will be uploaded to the Constabulary website to enable self-access by partners.

<https://www.police.uk/>

www.suffolk.police.uk

The above link will take you to the Suffolk Constabulary home page where you will find a link to 'My Neighbourhood' where in the future you will be able to access ward based newsletters.

This service is provided by an outside agency and as such we have no control over it. Although it is currently out of date with the figures, we have been assured this will be rectified in the near future. There is currently another format being looked at with details being promulgated in the near future.

We appreciate there will be questions regarding the recent Local Policing review and the changes that have been implemented as a result of this. We will give attention to parking and speeding issues whenever we are able but as you will appreciate our staff numbers have been substantially reduced and the Parishes we are responsible for have increased from 33 to 47, also we have become borderless in so much as we can be called upon to assist in any SNT in the Southern area.

With regard to speeding issues we will continue to carry out speed checks/enforcement in areas identified as having a particular problem but we are also actively encouraging villages to participate in the Community Speed Watch scheme themselves.

Parking and speeding enforcement will be prioritised amongst:

ASB

Terrorism

Cyber Crime

Safeguarding

Vulnerable people
The chronically excluded
Child sex exploitation
Missing persons
Mental health issues
Slavery and Trafficking

These are the key areas of business that Suffolk Constabulary are asking us to focus on.

With reference to PCSO availability: The new role of PCSO has a remit of covering the above subjects and working closely with partner agencies and as a result their working shift pattern is days only which finishes no later than 6pm. Future patrols by PCSO's will be predominantly task lead (relating to remit of the new role)

There will continue to be SNT Police Officers working late shifts and there will always be a response team covering the area 24/7

If you would like to know what our current priorities are below is a link to the Woodbridge & District SNT website.

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/myneighbourhood/woodbridgeanddistrict.aspx>

The future of the priority setting public meetings is to be determined and the format decided upon. We will inform you when a decision is made.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

A mobile police station timetable has been established, it will be on a quarterly and ward basis. However it is currently under review whether the vehicle we will be using will be the MPS or whether it will be another police vehicle.

Everyone is welcome to pop in and say hello and discuss any matters of concern, on board we carry some information leaflets and also a small collection of crime reduction items for sale.

For Clopton and Charsfield, the MPS will be at: Charsfield Village Hall Tuesday's 26/7, 18/10 and 13/12, 14:00-15:30hrs

The mobile police station will always be subject to organisation demands and any timetable is subject to change.



How we use social media

Suffolk Police supports the use of social media as means of talking with and listening to the communities we serve.

Our networks provide people with an alternative source of the latest information in real time, often accompanied by images or videos.

We can be found Facebook and Google+, where users are encouraged to comment on our posts that include news stories, campaigns or seasonal advice.

On our YouTube channel, you can see videos we've produced highlighting safety advice, our services, awareness campaigns and news.

We also use Twitter, a social network that is growing fast and often in the news.

Our Twitter account currently has over 5,000 followers who look to us for us to 'tweet' the latest news, information and advice.

A tweet is like a text message that can only be a maximum of 140 characters long. You can re-tweet (or forward) a message to those that follow you which means conversations or information can be shared or passed on quickly.

Our appeals for witnesses or information can be shared with thousands of people across Twitter within minutes - making it a powerful form of communication to help detect crime and keep people safe.

In addition to our main corporate account @suffolkpolice - we also have district accounts providing information at a local level.

You can also follow our Chief Constable [@CCSuffolkPolice](#) to see what he's up to in his work to keep the county safe.

In an emergency always dial 999

To report a crime, speak to your local officers or leave a message please dial **101**

Any member of the team can be contacted at woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Check the website www.suffolk.police.uk for our engagements

Our website as detailed below also has an email link to contact us.

Please also have a look at the Suffolk Constabulary Website, which can offer further help and advice.

To find the Woodbridge and District Team website please see www.safersuffolk.org.uk

***Kind regards,
Woodbridge & District Safer Neighbourhood Team***



Communications: Annual Report for Clopton APM - 19 May 2016

Clopton Website: www.clopton.onesuffolk.net

The site has been maintained and regularly updated with local news, photos and notices of local events. Between January and March 2016 training was given to the Parish Clerk to enable her to post Parish Council accounts and reports to the website under new County Council rules.

The information forwarded from the **Google analytics account** attached to the website was disrupted during the year so data is incomplete but, from the available figures, the annual "hits" figure can be estimated at around 2670 - an increase on the previous year.

Clopton eNews: cloptonnews@gmail.com

There are 92 email addresses currently receiving the Clopton eNews, an increase on last year. Most subscribers live in Clopton, but we have some in Otley, Grundisburgh and Debach. Messages from the Parish Council and notifications of upcoming events in the area are circulated to subscribers and notices from Police Connect, Suffolk County Council, SCDC, Horsewatch, Streetlife, the Met Office and other groups are forwarded. From time to time residents will ask for items of news, or notices of events, to be circulated within the village on their behalf and we have some reunited animals/owners to our credit.

This year there have been problems sending emails to some btinternet addresses. The emails are returned undelivered and the reason appears to be due to over-stringent spam blocking by btinternet. Although the content of the Clopton eNews emails do not constitute spam, the large volume of addresses could be seen as such. Various methods have been used to try to cure this problem, but, so far, without success.

Clopton Annual (previously Clopton Newsletter)

The first Clopton Annual was well received. Most of the people who gave an opinion said that they preferred it to the quarterly Newsletter and that it had been interesting and useful. It is intended that the Annual, which contains a list of contacts and other information useful to Clopton residents, will therefore continue. The issue date of June allows for all reports from the Annual Parish Meeting to be included and circulated while Parish news is still fresh. This year Clopton residents have been invited to submit Classified ads and "For Sale and Wants". A copy of the Clopton Annual will be delivered to each household in Clopton, provided our current delivery volunteers are still willing to help.

*Della Hughes
9 May 2016*



Church of St Mary the Virgin

There were seven deaths in Clopton this year. Two of the people were centenarians and one was ninety nine years old.

There was a cooked breakfast in the church before the Easter Sunday service.

The Strawberry Tea in June was attended by over seventy people, an increase over previous years.

The Harvest Service was a celebration of Talents and villagers talked about their own particular talent. The service was well attended and eight large boxes of food were taken to the Salvation Army Hostel in Ipswich.

The bells are rung regularly and Clopton now has its own band of ringers, five of whom have gained certificates. Visits have been made by ringers from other towers. A peal was rung to celebrate the Queen becoming the longest reigning monarch.

The number of riders visiting the church for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride was the lowest since records began.

The Christmas Carol Service was well attended and the collection was sent to an Orphanage in Bethlehem.

We still struggle to find volunteers to do the flowers and cleaning.

Doris Main May 2016

W J Steel & Poor's Charity no 211366

Report to Clopton Annual Parish Meeting 2016 - 19 May 2016

Sue Christensen, Trustee

W.J.Steel & Poor's Charity was set up in the 19th century to offer assistance to Clopton residents with financial or disability problems.

The capital is invested in Charities Investment Fund Units and, at the end of the last financial year on 31st December 2015, stood at £447.88.

This produced an income of £17.10. There was an accumulation of income of £183.00.

Despite the best efforts of the trustees to publicise the fund, we have once again received no direct applications for help from Clopton residents.

The trustees have learned that several Clopton households receive Christmas parcels from Woodbridge Lions Club each year, and have decided that this would be a worthy scheme for the charity to support. A donation of £100 will be sent in due course.

Clopton Heritage Group



Two talks were given in 2015. The first, in February, was entitled 'When the Yanks came to Debach' and was given by Richard Taylor . He recounted how the arrival of three thousand Americans had a big impact on the villages of Debach and Clopton.

The second talk was by Peter Driver and was called 'It's a Grave Business' and this encouraged us all to look carefully in our local churchyards as there are lots of inscriptions of interest.

Several people have contacted us through our website when researching their family history.

People have thanked us for having all the heritage documents in the church and on the website.

The website had 3,584 visitors last year with 10,247 visits looking at 42,225 pages.

As there were two talks during 2015 the Heritage Group did not meet.

Prepared by Doris Main

May 2016

Sunday 12 June 2016 - Songs of Praise and Picnic



at the church to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday

Service starts at 6.30pm, come along at 5.30pm with a picnic to eat in the church grounds.

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits provided.

"Smuggling on the Suffolk Coast in times gone by"

16 September 2016



7.30pm

Clopton Village Hall

Hosted by Clopton Heritage Group

£2 with refreshments

Clopton Village Hall



The village hall is situated in Manor Road.

The hire charges (from March 2016) are:

Weekdays (up to 5pm) - £15:00 per hour

Weekends and evenings - £20:00 per hour

There is a discount for local residents.

Deposit £100 (returned if hall is left as found).

To book, or enquire further: email: cloptonvillagehall@gmail.com

or phone: Della Hughes 01473 737805



In addition to regularly held meetings which include the Badminton Club, coffee mornings, Suffolk Spinners & weavers, the Clopton Parish Council, Saturday ceilidhs, and Clopton hobby group, the village hall has been the venue for many interesting and diverse events over the last year. Following the fete in June, the hall was the venue for the inaugural meeting of SAVID, in August we saw (and heard) the Billfest music festival, in September a motorbike show in aid of charity and, also in September, a wedding reception which showed just how good the hall can look (*see pic. below*) Other events included a camping reunion, a dog therapy weekend, a rest stop for a cycling event, a church reunion, a place to view the night sky, family gatherings, parties, christening receptions, dance practice, polling and, to round off the year, a New Year's Eve dance. Events of note so far this year have been a very successful jumble sale in January and an evening talk hosted by the Clopton Heritage Group. Redecoration of the hall has also been fitted in around other bookings this year and, thanks to a small and very hard-working band of volunteers, the hall is looking beautifully refreshed and well turned-out.



Village Hall Committee

Chairman: Richard Taylor: 01473 737236

Vice chair: Diana Dawson : 01473 737417

Treasurer: David Hayhow : 01473 735739

Secretary: Elaine Gissing : 01473 737358

Committee member: Sue Christenson

Committee member: Alan Backhouse

Committee member: Doris Main

Bookings : Della Hughes: 01473 737805 email: cloptonvillagehall@gmail.com

Caretaker: Bob Tye : 01473 737275

Regular Events at the village hall

Every Monday - 7pm - Badminton

New Members welcome.

Contact: Bob Tye: 01473 737275



Every Tuesday (in school term time)-1.30pm to 3.30pm Suffolk Village Spinners and Weavers.

Contact: Mrs A Dix-de Hert

email: agnes.dehert@btinternet.com



Every third Wednesday of the month - **Clopton coffee morning** -

10am to noon.

Come along for a chat, meet your neighbours, catch up on the news.

Tea, coffee, biscuits all included, free of charge.

Contact: Doris: 01473 737602



Every third Saturday of the month (September to May) –

Ceilidh (country dancing)- 7pm til late

Hosted by: Ceilidhs On The Move

A different band and caller every month.

For details of bands and ticket prices see webpage:

<http://www.suffolkfolk.co.uk/cotm.html>



Mobile Library

Library

The Mobile library visits Clopton every fourth Thursday from 13.20pm to 13.45pm stopping at the corner of Shop Road with Rouse Hall Estate.

2016: 30 June, 28 July, 25 August, 22 September, 20 October,
17 November, 15 December

2017: 12 January

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

Clopton Midsummer Fete 2015



What a great day! After struggling with wind and rain in the morning, it was a relief and delight to have an afternoon of sunshine. Visitors to the fete enjoyed live entertainment on stage and in the arena, including music from Charlie Law (who later turned auctioneer), demonstrations of swing dancing from Esther Tuthill and her group of dancers (who then organised everyone into a line-dancing class), and a demonstration of Irish dancing by Siobahn. Our own village stalls (many and varied) were joined by others from outside the area along with bouncy castles, ice cream van, hot dog/burger stall and beer tent. Everyone had a very enjoyable time and thanks must go to the hard-working volunteers who put in so much effort to bring the fete together.

The amount raised was £1565. Our chosen charities were E.A.C.H. and the St Elizabeth Hospice, who each received £470. The village hall received £420 and £205 was retained by the fete committee to get the 2016 fete started.

Many photos were taken and a good selection of them can be seen on the Clopton website (gallery page) www.clopton.onesuffolk.net



**This year's fete is on Sunday 19th June from 12 noon to 5pm
See you there!**

Buses



Connecting Communities

<http://communities.suffolkonboard.com>

Do you live in a rural village or a Town in Suffolk?

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Suffolk County Council is working in partnership with Suffolk Community Transport Operators to help by Connecting Communities.

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So, how do you use it?

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2. Book your journey

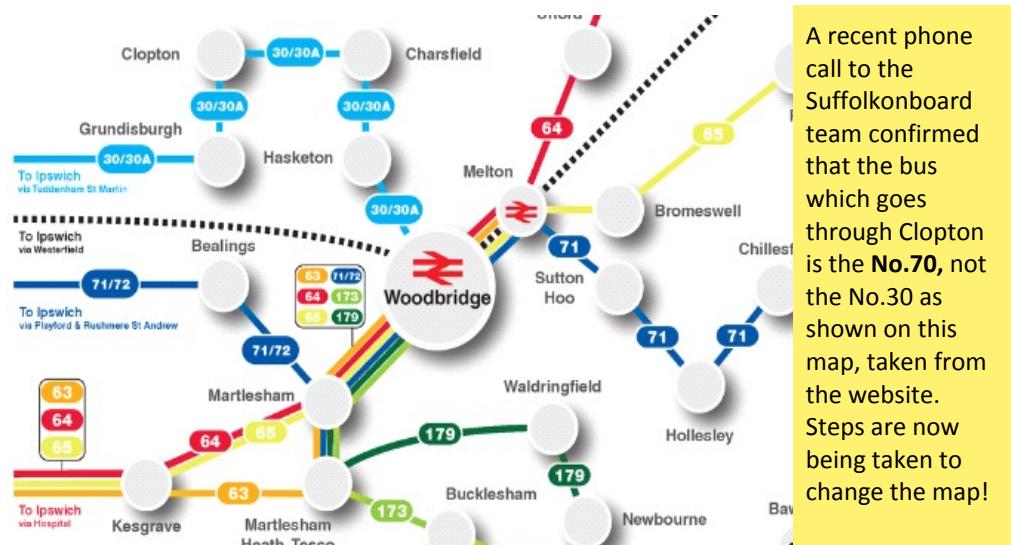
3. Travel to your destination

Email enquiries can be sent to connecting.communities@suffolk.gov.uk

For Suffolk Coastal travellers:

If you live in Suffolk Coastal and its not possible to walk to your local bus stop or train station, Connecting Communities might be the answer for you.

Give our friendly team a call who will happily go through the options that are available to you. **Call:** 01728 635938



The above article taken from Connecting Communities website <http://communities.suffolkonboard.com>

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Councillor: Pete Raffell : 01473 735316

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Suffolk County Councillor:

Clopton Website, Clopton Annual, eNews

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Priest in Charge

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Warden - Doris Main: 01473 737602

Clopton Bell-ringers

Contact: David Sandford : 01394 384017

Clopton Heritage Group:

Contact: Doris Main : 01473 737602

W J Steel & Poor's Charity

Contact: Sue Christensen : 01473 737686

County & District Council:

Suffolk County Council: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Suffolk Coastal District Council: <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/>

Waste & Recycling: <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/>

Suffolk Coastal's waste and recycling services are operated by **Suffolk Coastal**

Norse (formerly Suffolk Coastal Services), a subsidiary of Norse Commercial Services, <http://www.ncsgrp.co.uk/>

If you have any questions about your waste and recycling services contact Suffolk Coastal Norse on **01394 444000** or email scs@ncsgrp.co.uk.

Year ahead: June 2016 to June 2017

Clopton Midsummer Fete 19 June 2016, 12 - 5pm, Clopton Village Hall



Strawberry teas - Saturday, 25 June 2016 - 2.30pm -
at: Thamaniya, Shop Road. Contact: Doris Main



September 25 - Harvest Service - Clopton church - check date
and times on church website: <http://www.cloptonchurch.org.uk/>



September 25 - 11am to 4pm - Debach Airfield Jeep Run
- check website for details: <http://www.493bgdebach.co.uk/>



November 13 (?) - Remembrance Day Service at Debach War
Memorial - Debach Airfield - check website for details /date



December 31 - New Year's Eve Dance - Clopton VH.
Contact: Diana Dawson

2017



Easter Day Sunrise Service - bacon butty breakfast and
service - Clopton Church

May - Debach Airfield Open Day - check website for date/details:
<http://www.493bgdebach.co.uk/>

June 2017 Clopton Fete - check times/dates nearer the time

Hopefully, the Clopton Annual contains a good selection of the things you need to know about Clopton and the names of all the people who can help you find your way around.

If there are things missing that you think might be useful to other Clopton residents, please send in the details for next year 's edition.

If any details are incorrect please let us know. And, if you would like to advertise on the back page next year, get your text and artwork to us by end April 2017.

During the year you can keep up to date with events by checking the Clopton website: www.clopton.onesuffolk.net and subscribing to Clopton eNews - just send your name and email address to: cloptonnews@gmail.com

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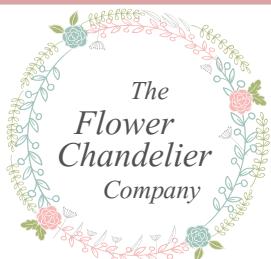
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