

# Clopton Newsletter

Spring 2013

## AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial, Debach Airfield, has seen more and more local residents arrive to pay their respects to those who lost their lives in WWII.

Numbers have grown from just a few to, last November, when, on a beautiful but chilly morning, nearly sixty people turned up and were welcomed by our Lay Preacher, James Hall. The service commenced with "The Last Post" and then a reading of "They shall not grow old" by Councillor Chris Angwin. After the two minute silence The Reveille was followed by a reading of "The Kohima" by Councillor Chris Angwin.

After Prayers, wreaths were laid by Richard Taylor (Debach Airfield Museum)



and Roy Compton (Clopton Parish Council). A reading from the Bible by Doris Main, a short prayer and the Act Of Commitment, followed, with the service being closed with the National Anthem. All assembled were then invited to retire to the Service Centre near to the Control Tower where refreshments were kindly provided by Adrian and Julie Yallop.

This service provides an excellent opportunity for old friends to meet and chat and to thank those who gave their lives, enabling us to meet in freedom. We look forward to seeing you all there later this year.

*Roy Compton*



## Clopton Church Bell Tower

Work began to remove the bells on Monday 25th February. A team of local men assisted with the work. The bells will go to be repaired and re-tuned and will return in May. While they are away the new bell frame will be fitted in the tower. They will be ready to be rung in early June. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to make this all possible.

## Community History Project

A group of people met in January to hear Sheila and Tim Holmes talk about the Local History Project in Campsea Ashe. A brainstorming session followed and lots of possible areas of research in Clopton were listed. Several people have already started collecting information. The next meeting will be on Friday 22nd March at Thamaniya, Shop Road at 7.30pm. If you have any photos or newspaper cuttings, or anything relating to Clopton, we will copy them and return them immediately. Come to the next meeting - there is no obligation to do any research. We would love to hear any stories of Clopton in the past.

*Doris Main*

## **Extracts from Minutes of the Clopton Parish Council Meeting - 17. January 2013.**

*The full minutes will be posted to the Clopton website once approved and signed off.*

**New Councillor:** Mr Adrian Yallop was co-opted onto the Council.

**New Parish Clerk:** Mrs Esther Brown has been employed as Parish Clerk.

**The minutes** from the previous meeting were approved and signed off. They can be seen in full on the Clopton website <http://clopton.onesuffolk.net>

**Police** - PCSO Chatten-Berry gave her report and encouraged residents to be aware of recent burglaries and thefts from vehicles in the area, especially of catalytic converters.

**SCC - Cllr Peter Bellfield's report from SCC included the following** - The County Council and District Council elements of the Council Tax have been frozen for 2013-2014.

There has been a consultation about the merger of the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Service.

The contract with BT to provide 'Back Office' services has been terminated and a new provider is required.

The Records and Heritage functions in the County are to be reorganised.

SCC's Care Homes have been sold to Care UK who will build 10 new homes and increase the number of places available by 150 approx.

SCC Finances. SCC is budgeting to save £26m in the next 2 years however it is expected that further savings will have to be made in the following years. SCC has been nominated as the most improved council in the country.

Education is currently on the agenda for SCC to try to improve KS2 and GCSE results. SCC are looking into discounting

student travel to encourage people to stay in education.

Suffolk receives one of the lowest amounts per pupil in the country from central government, which is about half the amount of the highest remunerated counties.

**Flooding** in Manor Road and Shop Road. There are several areas in the parish which regularly flood. There are issues concerning the ownership of and responsibilities for drainage ditches and pipes. Cllr Compton repeated that SCC will come and work on the drainage system in April; Cllr Fryatt to draw plans of drainage ditches etc.; Cllr Angwin to continue coordinating flooding issues in the parish and to continue raising the issue with SCC and other parties. Cllr Bellfield (SCC) encouraged flood reports to be submitted, so that Highways may deal with severe problems immediately. Apparently, Highways dept., have put money aside to deal with flooding problems in the spring. Council has plans to improve other areas of flooding.

**Wildlife Area:** Mrs D Dawson (VHMC) expressed concern over the idea of a wildlife corridor from the pond along the concrete road to the village hall field, as there are orchids on the land, and the proposed location of a seat at the pond area also carries risks. It was suggested that these ideas are also contrary to the wishes of the landowner. After discussion, it was decided that Mrs Dawson will inform the VHMC that there will be no 'wildlife corridor' and therefore no village hall land will be included in the wildlife area.

**Reclamation of VAT.** Council has received verbal confirmation from HMRC that the parish council are entitled to reclaim VAT and that this will be put in writing.

**.2013/14 precept.** Central Government has given a one off grant to SCDC to assist parishes where the tax base has

reduced due to the change in calculation. Clopton Parish Council is to set the Precept for 2013-14 at £3,900 (including the grant). This would equate to a band D household paying £26.85pa, an increase of £2.95 on the parish council element of the council tax paid in 2012-2013.

**Village Design Statement** - Cllr Fryatt informed the meeting that Debach and Burgh want to develop a neighbourhood plan and would like Clopton to join with them to create a larger area covered by one plan. This would negate the reason for having a village design statement which carries no weight in the planning department anyway. Council agreed and decided to go forward with developing a neighbourhood plan.

#### **Horses on the Concrete**

**Road/Footpaths** - Council had received a letter expressing concern about riders using inappropriate paths. The owner of the concrete road confirms that it is a designated footpath and not a bridle-way. Horses have also been seen on a track behind the church (Church Lane) that is labelled as a footpath. Members of the public stated that this is a 'U' grade road and therefore horses are entitled to use it. It was proposed that a reminder be placed in the parish magazine and on the village website to inform residents of the need to show consideration to others whilst exercising horse(s).

**Cars Parking at the Junction of Rouse Hall Estate and Shop Road** - have been blocking the post box on Shop Road. The Police, Flagship and SCC disclaim responsibility. The Police will assist the council in attempting to reduce the problem by writing to residents. Royal Mail will be written to with an inquiry about relocation of the post box.

**Dog Bin on Concrete Road** - The purchase and installation of a dog bin at

the other end of the concrete road was proposed. There was no objection. Cllr Compton to obtain quotes.

**Questions to the Chairman - Flagship Housing** - Cllr Fryatt informed the meeting that Flagship have now increased the amount of money they are to spend on housing stock and hopefully this will improve the lives of Flagship tenants.

**Date of next Meeting - Thursday 21. March at 7:30pm**

### **Mobile Library**

**Calls at:** Rouse Hall Estate - junction with Shop Road:

**Time:** 1.20pm to 1.45pm

**Dates:**

14 March 2013      11 April 2013

09 May 2013      06 June 2013

04 July 2013

### **Bowls group seeks new players**

The Indoor Carpet Bowls group meets at 7pm in Clopton Village Hall on Wednesdays. The group is equipped with all the necessary bowling equipment, so you don't need your own kit. All skill levels, including beginners, are catered for and new members are always welcome. If you would like to give it a try, why not turn up on one of the following dates, or, for further details contact

Anne: 738287

**Future Bowling Dates:**

**06 March, 03 April, 01 May**

**At: Clopton Village Hall, 7pm**

## **CLOPTON - LOCAL EVENTS - MARCH 2013**

- MAR 2 Sat ~ 9.30-1pm ~ Farmers Market - Snape Maltings
- MAR 2 Sat ~ 9.30-12.30 ~ Coffee morning in aid of EVE APPEAL - Shire Hall, M
- MAR 2 Sat ~ 10am-4pm ~ Suffolk Orchid Society Annual Show - St Michaels Ch
- MAR 3 Sun ~ 9.15am ~ Holy Communion - Swiland
- MAR 3 Sun ~ 11.00am ~ Family service - Otley
- MAR 4 Mon ~ 7pm ~ Badminton - everyone welcome - just come along - Cl
- MAR 5 Tues ~ 1.30-3.30pm ~ Suffolk Village Spinners & Weavers ~ Clopton Village
- MAR 5 Tues ~ 7.30pm ~ Swing and Balbao dance classes ~ Clopton Village Ha
- MAR 6 Wed ~ 7.00pm ~ Indoor Carpet Bowls -Village Hall -Relaxed, fun bowling  
or contact Anne: 738287
- MAR 7 Thu ~ 8pm ~ Clopton Ladies Group - Village Hall - £3 - Demonstrat
- MAR 9 Sat ~ 9am-1pm ~ Farmers Market - Woodbridge Community Centre
- MAR 10 Sun ~ 10am-2pm ~ Farmers Market - Assington, The Barn
- MAR 10 Sun ~ 9.15am ~ Holy Communion - Clopton Church
- MAR 10 Sun ~ 9AM ~ Car Boot Sale - Every Sunday - Stonham Barns - Petr
- MAR 11 Mon ~ 7pm ~ Badminton - everyone welcome - just come along - Cl
- MAR 12 Tues ~ 1.30-3.30pm ~ Suffolk Village Spinners & Weavers ~ Clopton Village
- MAR 12 Tues ~ 7.30pm ~ Swing and Balbao dance classes ~ Clopton Village Ha
- MAR 14 Thu ~ 1.20-1.45pm ~ Mobile library - Corner Rouse Hall Estate / Shop Road
- MAR 18 Mon ~ 7pm ~ Badminton - everyone welcome - just come along - Cl
- MAR 19 Tues ~ 1.30-3.30pm ~ Suffolk Village Spinners & Weavers ~ Clopton Village
- MAR 19 Tues ~ 7.30pm ~ Swing and Balbao dance classes ~ Clopton Village Ha
- MAR 20 Wed ~ 10am-12pm ~ Coffee Morning - Clopton Village Hall - Everyone invit
- MAR 21 Thu ~ 7.30pm ~ Clopton Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - All resi
- MAR 22 Fri ~ ----- ~ EASTON FARM PARK OPENS FOR SEASON
- MAR 22 Fri ~ 7.30pm ~ Clopton Community History Project Meeting - Thamar
- MAR 24 Sun ~ 11am ~ Family service Clopton Church - Palm Sunday
- MAR 25 Mon ~ 7pm ~ Badminton - everyone welcome - just come along - Cl
- MAR 26 Tues ~ 1.30-3.30pm ~ Suffolk Village Spinners & Weavers ~ Clopton Village
- MAR 26 Tues ~ 7.30pm ~ Swing and Balbao dance classes ~ Clopton Village Ha
- MAR 26 Tues ~ 10am-5pm ~ Mid and West Suffolk Show - Stonham Barns, Stonha
- MAR 27 Wed ~ 10am-5pm ~ Mid and West Suffolk Show
- MAR 29 Fri ~ All day ~ Beer Festival - The Ship, Dunwich. Until 31st March
- MAR 31 Sun ~ 6.30am ~ Sunrise Service - Clopton church
- MAR 31 Sun ~ 8.30am ~ Holy Communion - Clopton Church

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urch centre - Martlesham Heath*

opton Village Hall - £1

Hall - term time only ~ 01449 711250 or e-mail: [jean-turnbull@btconnect.com](mailto:jean-turnbull@btconnect.com)  
all ~ phone Esther/David for details: 635176, or visit [www.cactuspromotions.co.uk](http://www.cactuspromotions.co.uk)  
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**The Suffolk Dementia Helpline** gives information and emotional support to anyone living in Suffolk. If you or someone close to you has been affected by dementia or if you are concerned about symptoms such as memory loss, the Suffolk Dementia Helpline offers a listening ear and time for you to talk things through in confidence. Feedback from callers so far shows just how important it is to have someone to listen to you and allow you time to talk. The Dementia Helpline is a service for people affected by the condition themselves, carers, family members, friends, professionals and anyone concerned about dementia. The helpline can provide information about dementia and how to get help and support locally. We can also respond to email enquiries, if this is a more convenient way for you to get in touch. The helpline is run by **Sue Ryder** and was launched in partnership with **Age UK Suffolk** and **Suffolk Family Carers**. The line is open **Monday-Friday 9am-5pm**. Please call, we are here to help. Phone: **01473 353350**  
[dementiahelpline.suffolk@sueryder.org](mailto:dementiahelpline.suffolk@sueryder.org)

**The Telephone Befriending Service** is designed to benefit older people who are socially isolated, offering regular contact and friendship. For some older people, their befriender may be the only person they hear from that day or even that week. Telephone befrienders are volunteers and can live anywhere in the county– it doesn't matter where they live in relation to the person they are befriending. We are keen to extend this service to older people across the Waveney area and need more volunteers to help us to do so. Would you be able to give about twenty minutes of your time each week to make a call to an older person – sharing stories and news, having fun and making a real difference? If you would like to know about being a telephone befriender or any other volunteering opportunities with **Age UK Suffolk**, contact us at the volunteer office on 01473 298684. Alternatively you can email: [volunteer@ageuksuffolk.org](mailto:volunteer@ageuksuffolk.org) or look at our website at [www.ageuksuffolk.org](http://www.ageuksuffolk.org).

### ***Bus Service 30/ 30A Changes from Monday 25 February 2013***

*The morning times are unchanged, but there are changes to afternoon times and one bus fewer back from Ipswich in the afternoon.*

*The 1310 from Ipswich will leave at 1320 and arrive at Clopton Corner at 1347*

*The 1540 and 1640 returns from Ipswich are cancelled and replaced by one return service leaving at 1605, arriving at Clopton at 1632.*

*The 1740 return service remains as at present and arrives at Clopton at 1807.*

*All the returns from Ipswich still go through to Woodbridge.*

**John Dawson**

## Rounders Tournament

This year Clopton intends to enter a team into the inter-village Rounders Tournament. (*This is not the Rounders League, which is also being formed this year in conjunction with Rounders England*). The Tournament is being organised by Suffolk Sport (Suffolk Coastal) as part of their Fit-Villages scheme. It is a one-day knock-out competition and each team will play a minimum of two games. The Tournament is to be in September, but we will have to have a few practices before then.

This is a fun tournament, so no previous experience is necessary. Several players have come forward already, but we need more. Unfortunately, Suffolk Sport have specified a minimum age of 16, but there is no upper age limit. If you are interested in helping us form a team, please get in touch.

Contact: Della 737805; email: [news@cloptonvillage.co.uk](mailto:news@cloptonvillage.co.uk)



### CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have appointed a new Clerk to the Council – Mrs. Esther Brown. She works 4 hours between Monday and Thursday each week and can be contacted by email at

[esther.cpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:esther.cpc.clerk@gmail.com)

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### CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

It has been brought to the Council's attention that horses are being exercised along the 'concrete road'. The landowner has confirmed to the Council that this is a footpath and not a bridle-way. The Parish Council would like to remind people who exercise horses to show consideration to others and to ensure that horses are only exercised along appropriate paths.

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### JUNK MAIL

Suffolk Recycling suggest two ways you can stop junk mail being delivered:

**1** Contact:  
*Mailing Preference Service*  
DMA House,  
70 Margaret Street,  
London W1W 8SS  
Tel: 0845 703 4599

**2** *The Royal Mail's Door-To-Door Opt-out Service* will prevent unaddressed junk mail from being delivered to you. Write to:  
Freepost RRBT-ZBXB-TTTS,  
Royal Mail Door to Door Opt Outs,  
Kingsmead House,  
Oxpens Road,  
Oxford OX1 1RX  
email: [optout@royalmail.com](mailto:optout@royalmail.com)

### **RECYCLING**

**Don't forget that you can now recycle textiles in your council recycling bin. You should have been supplied with a large clear plastic recycling sack, which can be placed in the top of the blue-lidded bin on collection days. All textiles, including clothes, towels, knitted items, blankets, even shoes, belts and handbags can be included, but not duvets, pillows, or sleeping bags. The collection team should replace your plastic sack as you use it, but if there is a problem you can contact [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk)**

### Contacts:

#### Parish Council

Chair/Cllr.	Roy Compton	01473	735495
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Emergency Plan/Cllr.	-----		
SALC/Cllr.	Tony Fryatt	01473	737218
Cllr.	John Pryke	01473	738287
Village Hall Liaison/Cllr.	-----		
Cllr.	Adrian Yallop		
Clerk to the Council :	Esther Brown		

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Newsletter/eNews Della Hughes 01473 737805  
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#### Village Hall

Chairman	Richard Taylor	01473	737236
Booking Secretary	Elaine Gissing	01473	737358
Treasurer	David Hayhow	01473	735739
Caretaker	Bob Tye	01473	737275

#### Church

Priest in charge: Revd. Canon Clare Sanders 01473735183  
[revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk)

Church Wardens: Doris Main 01473 737602  
Beryl Birchmore 01473 735375

PCC Treasurer : Janice Gilbert 01473 729298

Village Recorder : Doris Main 01473 737602

Community Speed-watch

Co-ordinator: Roy Compton 01473 735495

SORR (Save our Rural Roads)

Representative : Roy Compton 01473 735495

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events, send your e-mail  
address to:

[news@cloptonvillage.co.uk](mailto:news@cloptonvillage.co.uk)

Carpet Bowls -  
next meeting:  
06 March  
7pm - Village  
Hall

Next Clopton Parish  
Council Meeting:  
7.30pm. 21 March at  
Village Hall

Next clopton  
ladies meeting:  
8pm. 7th march -  
village hall

### WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

Volunteer to deliver the Newsletter to  
houses in Martins Lane, Drabbs Lane and  
B1078. There are not many houses in this  
round, but it covers quite a lot of ground, so  
you need a car, a bike or a stout pair of legs!  
Please contact Della: 737805  
or email: [news@cloptonvillage.co.uk](mailto:news@cloptonvillage.co.uk)

Don't forget..

COFFEE MORNING:  
Wed, 20th MARCH,  
10AM TO NOON  
AT VILLAGE HALL