

# The Clyst Chatter

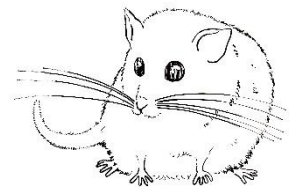


Spring 2022

At the time of writing this, news of Ukraine makes double yellow lines and littering issues seem very inconsequential.

Perhaps the way of looking at it is that Putin's actions are partly about destabilising, economically damaging and terrorising countries he cannot invade. He would not want to think we were keeping calm and carrying on.

Sean



## Parish Council News

**Suzanne Hales - Chair of Parish Council**

Foremost I would like to say our thoughts are with all those who have relatives and friends in the Ukraine. We hope they stay safe that this awful war ends very soon and they can return to their homes. It puts everything into perspective. Spring is on the way the flowers are starting to appear.

We have installed new picnic tables in the parish field ready for all the summer picnics.

The gas main work in the village is a very slow process but I'm sure it will make it all safer.

Thanks to all of you for giving up your parking spaces so this work can be completed.

A Busy New Year here in Clyst Honiton. I have been to a meeting with the joint parishes to discuss the new emerging EDDC plan. 9,000 new homes have to be built by 2030.

It looks more and more likely that this will be a new town from Bishop's Clyst near west point to Greendale and Woodbury.

Apparently, this is the only place it can go. All the local parishes will meet to try and suggest how the new town should be, we can't stop it but we can have input on it.

We discussed infrastructure, truly affordable housing, roads, (the Sidmouth road will be gridlocked) sewage (Clyst Honiton and Countess Weir cannot take any more), flooding, sustainability, other ways people could commute, should they be commuting? Or should the town be totally self-sufficient?

All of this of course we discussed before Cranbrook was built and look where that got us.

We have to try. We have been promised a full thorough consultation and if we join forces with our neighbouring Parishes our words may have more clout.

The meeting brought up the Clyst Valley Regional Park for cycling and walking including a nature trail. It will run From Cranbrook to the railway line along the river Clyst, through Clyst Honiton, towards Bishops Clyst and beyond linking finally with the Exe estuary cycle/ footpath. A lovely idea if it all goes ahead.

I pointed out that the river was crystal clear until the pump station in Clyst Honiton and from there on it is murky and dead because of sewage discharge. Not much of a country park if the river is dead. Please write to your MP to stop this from happening and insist on a new sewage plant before they build any more housing. There is a danger of the whole valley becoming a smelly cesspool.

Simon Jupp MP for East Devon

Mamhead View, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 1DU

01395 542750 to leave a voicemail

simon.jupp.mp@parliament.uk [www.simonjupp.org.uk/](http://www.simonjupp.org.uk/)

I am in meetings with the Local Authorities about the noise and damage on the bypass, thanks to all of you who have been reporting to 101 and calling 999

Keep sending me your log numbers, the more we have the more likely they are to actually do something.

**Do not go up to the bypass to take photos or videos.**

The Chairman of Broadclyst Parish Council was assaulted by two of the car drivers who attacked his car and then ran him off the road.

This has been going on since 2014 just after the bypass opened.

Remember to put the 14th of May in your calendar for a BBQ / picnic in the Parish field to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

I hope you all have a lovely spring and Easter.

Suzanne.

Editor's note.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2022, the re-elected Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez, wrote,

*For too long, people may have been forgiven for thinking that police, local authorities and courts do not prioritise antisocial behaviour.*

*In the next few weeks and months, you can expect to see a much clearer response from the police relating to antisocial behaviour.*

*A number of organisations will be signing a pledge to promote the community trigger, a case review designed to make it easier for people affected by antisocial behaviour to get the support they need and to be listened to.*

*The talks promise to be hugely informative but for our communities, the time has come to put these words into action.*

As we are regularly complaining in the Chatter about the police response to this issue, I emailed her

alison@alisonhernandez.co.uk

But a message came back saying her inbox was full and would not accept any more emails.

I used the contact page on her website

<https://www.alisonhernandez.co.uk/contact>

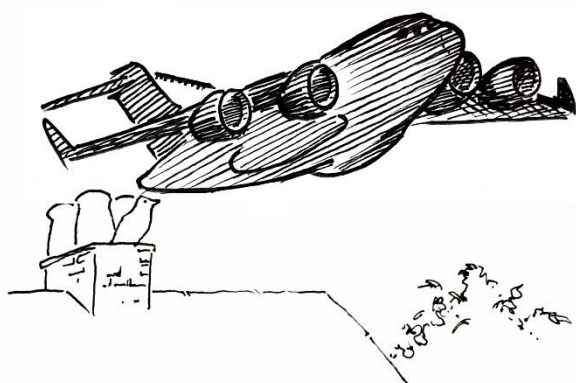
And explained about the damage, the threats, the reckless driving and that the ambulance service relies on this road.

I have had no response.

<https://www.exmouthjournal.co.uk/news/alison-hernandez-talks-crime-8722996>

<https://cornishstuff.com/2021/11/12/hernandez-sets-out-new-police-and-crime-plan/>

## Clyst Clatter



This is the huge grey thing that rumbles overhead.

Boeing C-17a Globemaster III

Four Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 turbofan engines

Wingspan: 169 ft (52 metres)

Length: 174 feet (53 metres)

Its maximum gross take-off weight is 265 tonnes.

They cost about £160m. Each. Just the one.

With an empty fuel tank which takes 28,000 gallons.

I don't really understand any of those numbers. They are all too big.

## News from South of the A30

Will return next issue.

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

Not a lot has happened. Rob, our Parish Clerk, is going to be talking to the landowners, the Church Commissioners, at the end of the month and they will discuss sensible options for the access road.

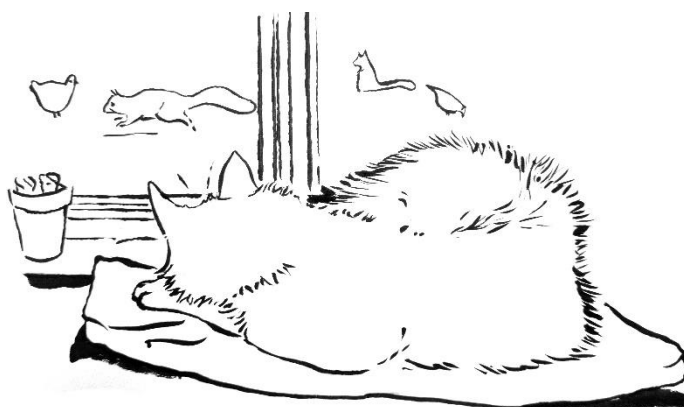
Accessing the site from Waterslade Lane, near SW Tiles, will use up valuable land and make it a fight against traffic on the overloaded old A30. Rob is going to be moving them towards making the left turn into Sky Park from the bypass into a crossroads which allows a right onto our site.

This will be expensive, but would make the most of the land and so make more financial sense overall. This will then allow the final drawings of the site to be made.

## Clyst Naturalist Watch

Spring started on the 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
The birds will already be looking at nesting places so get you hedges trimmed now, before they move in!

The meaning of 'clyst', as we all know comes from the Celtic word meaning 'clear'.



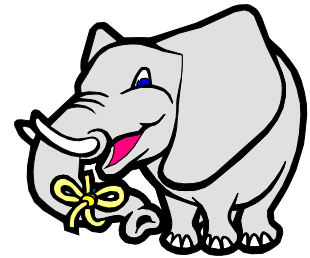
A 1994 survey of fish species in the river determined that it contained bullhead, dace, eel, minnow, stone loach, and sticklebacks.

By 2008, anglers were saying the water was poor and no longer clear. It seems that our own pumping station is doing its bit to reduce the water quality. There is lots on the internet about water companies legally (!) and illegally using rivers as part of the sewerage infrastructure. The Parish Council are trying to obtain more information about what is officially allowed and if it is being monitored in any way.

# Diary Dates

## St Martin's C of E School Cranbrook dates

April 11<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Holiday  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> Half Term



## Parish Council Meetings

11th May 2022 Church Bell Tower  
 13th July 2022 Church Bell Tower  
 14th September 2022 Church Bell Tower

Additional Planning meetings may be called and advised on the Parish Notice Board and will be announced on the website [clystthoniton.org.uk](http://clystthoniton.org.uk)

# Church Chatter

Sheila Watson (Churchwarden)

Doesn't time fly? As I write this, we are well into Lent, our next service will be Mothering Sunday and then it is Easter! What happened to the time between Christmas and now? We are lucky to be able to have a service on Easter Day this year (as it is not within our 2nd and 4th Sundays). This is thanks to retired priests helping out again.



We are so grateful to Rev. David Lewis, a retired priest, who now regularly conducts our communion service on the second Sunday of the month. He has become a great friend of the congregation.

Personally, I have had difficulty getting to the church, since a fall last September, but Maureen has been incredibly kind and offered to host the Wednesday Coffee Mornings at the Duke of York. It has certainly been a warm welcome, with a roaring log fire (contrast to the 'chilly' belfry) and it means that we are able to continue to raise the funds to sponsor our boy in the Philippines. He will be 16 this year, we have sponsored him since he was 4 and will continue to do so until he is 18.

If you are free for an hour on Wednesday mornings, why not join us? 10 – 11 am. We all bring a small prize (packet of biscuits, bar of chocolate ..... ) which means we all win a prize in a £1 raffle. Tea or coffee is free.

Remember Storms Dudley and Eunice? The church building didn't survive the ferocious gales and the torrential rain I'm afraid, and we now have to get emergency repairs done to the roof, mainly where the tower meets the body of the church – don't try to sit on the back seats after rainfall, you might get a wet bottom! However, we don't seem to have lost too many slates and this certainly won't prevent services continuing as normal.

Our Annual Church Meeting will be held on April 20th at 11am at the Duke of York. This is the meeting where the churchwardens, secretary, treasurer and church council members are elected. It is becoming increasingly difficult to fill these posts as well as to recruit volunteers to help with the upkeep of the churchyard (Spring again and the grass needs keeping under control); cleaning the church; arranging flowers; polishing the brass and all the other little jobs that need doing, as well as helping to run a fundraising event so that we are able to do things like the emergency repair mentioned above, which won't be cheap!

Communion Services take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, these are always followed by lively chatter, laughter, coffee and biscuits. And remember, you can always swap your jigsaws and/or books then, even if you haven't been to the service.

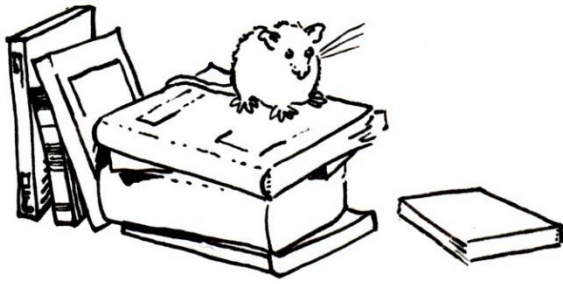
10th April – Palm Sunday

17th April – Easter Day

24th April – Second Sunday and back to normal rota.

Looking to the future we are hoping to begin Quiz Nights again and will start with a Jubilee Celebration Quiz on Friday June 3rd.

Ring 07479 517 607 for more details.



And don't forget, in the porch at church there are books. Please feel free to borrow, swap or buy for a small donation.

Editor – the following continues from Winter's Ch-chatter regarding the church's fate...

'... We are still short of church wardens at Broadclyst, Clyst Hydon, Talaton, Clyst Honiton and Sowton. If you are already serving in some capacity in the church, I would encourage you NOT to sign up.

We need to acknowledge that across all our churches we have a shrinking pool of people who come forward to help run things. This puts huge pressure on them. 2022 is going to be the year when everything we do across the mission community will be screened through the filter of 'Do we have new folks to help run it, not just the same small team who always volunteer'. If the answer is no... it will not run. I would rather us do less and be sustainable than see the same people exhausted trying to keep everything going.

God bless.'

Rev Marc Kerslake, East Clyst Churches Mission Community

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## Planning a New Town

There is a plan being put forward to create another Cranbrook between the A30 and the A3052. I have been present at low-level meetings and this is my take on things.

It is the result of national policies/requirements. The Local Authorities are legally required to show where a specified amount of housing can be built (and the supporting development of employment, transport, healthcare, schooling etc).

Devon is a desirable place to live and so a large need for housing has been demonstrated.

A look at a map of Devon shows that, if you remove Dartmoor, Exmoor, the scientifically-important bits like the pebblebeds, the bits that flood and the

bits that are washing away, there is not a lot of room. Devon has few 'brownfield sites' where existing development can be repurposed for homes.



Wherever the thousands of homes are built, they need to be connected to the outside world, and be 'sustainable'. Sustainability in this context is about not building where you have to drive to a shop, where it will not overload existing facilities, that sort of thing. 'Sustainability' as in avoiding planet-destruction has to be bolted on later. East Devon has around 24,000 more people living in it since 2000 and people are choosing to live in more space as families separate and oldsters stay in the large family home. Without wanting to sound like a whale-hugger, we are making choices, as individuals, as if resources are infinite while complaining about the selfishness of others. Just saying...

Anyone pushed to explain exactly what and where the building will be will point out that councils no longer build homes and so all that they can (or are required) to do is offer developers sites of suitable places to build. The developers can then discuss with Local Authority planners what they'd like to build and what they would have to provide in return.

Another way of providing all the housing is to add to the larger, existing areas of housing, but this seems to be problematic. The scale of the new build, even shared, would dwarf the town it was being added to, causing those sustainability issues.



Exeter's RD&E is already complaining about having to deal with the population of Cranbrook which has a way to go yet. Honiton's hospital has 18 inpatient beds and so adding a large number of homes quickly there would cause problems.

As previously mentioned in the Chatter, the call for land has shown there is a lot available (and from a planning perspective suitable) between us and the coast road. It is currently abandoned and seems only good for farming, hedges, views, wildlife etc. Clearly needs building all over.

Your Parish Council is concerned and will be trying to ensure the on-going sewage/traffic/etc issues will not exacerbated and stay in the loop generally, but Government policies and developer money will be the main drivers and local input will be duly noted and 'filed'.

## Clyst Matters -

<p><b>Clyst Honiton Parish Council</b></p> <p>Parish website <a href="http://www.clysthoniton.org.uk">www.clysthoniton.org.uk</a>  Gary Collier  Suzanne Hales (Chairman)  Grant Harrison  Mike Muir  Sean Wheeldon</p>	<p>Please contact via Parish Clerk  07444 780437  or email Rob Martin (Parish Clerk)  <a href="mailto:clerk@clysthoniton.org.uk">clerk@clysthoniton.org.uk</a></p>
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<p><b>Devon County Council</b></p> <p>Council Offices</p> <p>Sara Randall-Johnson (Councillor for CH)  <a href="mailto:sara.randalljohnson@devon.gov.uk">sara.randalljohnson@devon.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>0845 1551015  01404 515246</p> <p>01404 822524  07970 455244</p>

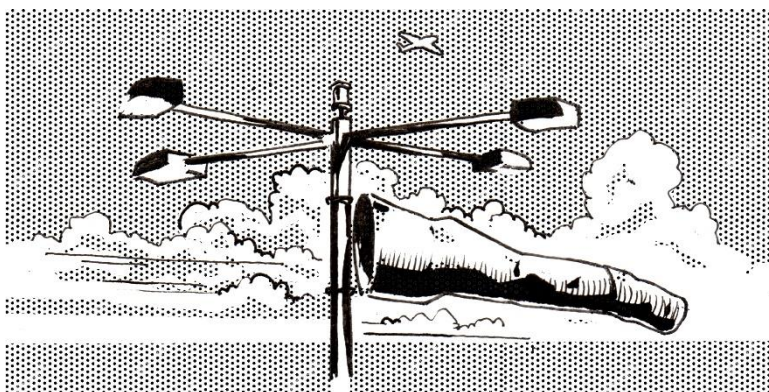
**Other services**

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CH Comm Assoc. (Stephan Bouloux))	01392 986844
St Martin's C of E Primary School	01404 515409
Ring and Ride (Exeter)	01392 494001
Pinhoe Surgery (appointments)	01392 469668
Clyst Caring Friends	01392 464940
RD&E Hospital	01392 411611
NHS Non-emergency advice	111
National Rail enquiries	08457 484950
Exeter Bus Station enquiries (Stagecoach)	01392 427711
Exeter Airport	01392 367433
Post Office (customer help line)	03457 223344
Police (Non-emergency Calls)	101
CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Electricity (emergencies and power failures)	0800 365900
Gas (emergencies, gas escapes)	0800 111999
Water (Customer help-line)	0345 776677
Floodline	0845 9881188
BT	0800 800 151

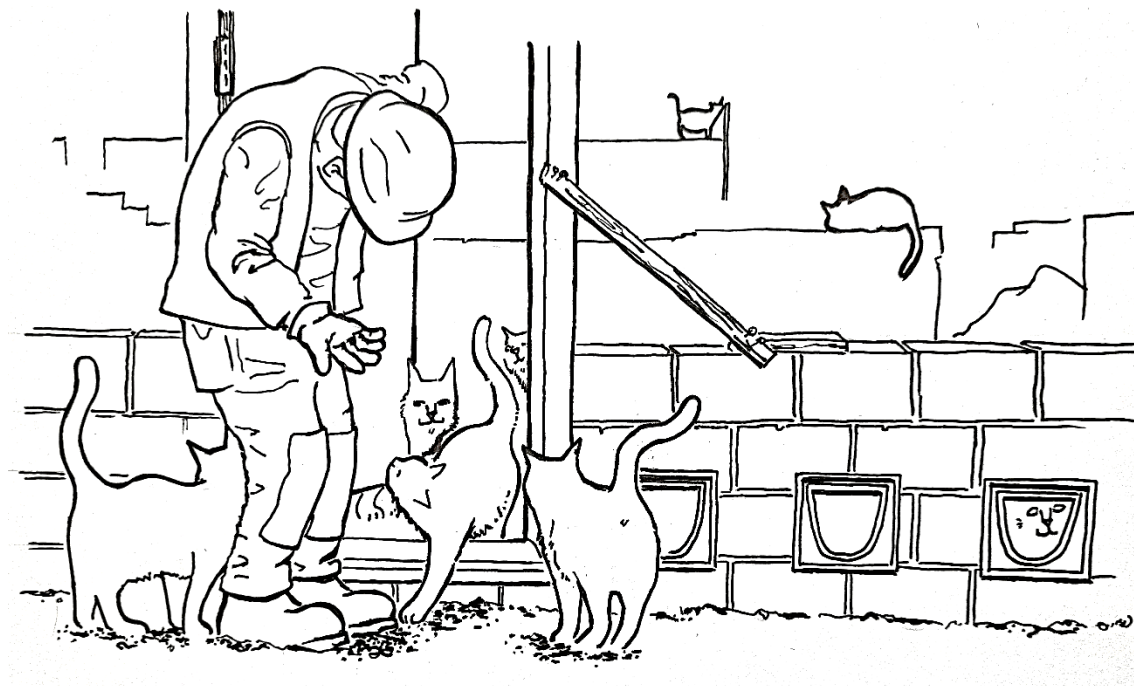
## Airport News

Flights between Exeter and Norwich resumed in March with Loganair, the UK's largest regional airline, reconnecting these two major cities for business and leisure travellers alike.

Flights to Belfast will start from May 8th.



## Cats' Protection Progress



This has been slowed by the reluctance of the cats to use the new cat flaps and, until they start their mid-morning nap, they insist on being let in and out of the only door. This is repeated mid-afternoon.

## Thanks

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue and who have helped to distribute it. Our special thanks to Exeter Airport for the printing.

The next edition will be ready in July and all contributions should be received by June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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**Next issue** – Reports of the Queen's Big Day.

# Keith's Wordsearch

## Cooking

Get your taste buds ready as this edition's Wordsearch is exploring terms used in cookery. Whether you cook four course meals from scratch or put ready meals in the microwave, you will know most of these terms.



As usual, words run up, down, diagonally and in both directions. Letters may be used more than once. There are SIX letters not used in the names listed and these give the name of the word used to describe adding herbs, salt, pepper or spices to food.

Batter  
Casserole  
Coddle  
Consomme  
Cuisine  
Flour  
Fondue

Goujon  
Gravy  
Icing  
Jerk  
Knead  
Ladle  
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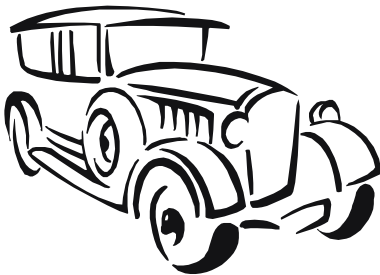
Marinade  
Mash  
Oven  
Puree  
Rissole  
Sauce  
Soup

Stew  
Stroganoff  
Supreme  
Sweet and Sour  
Teriyaki  
Wholemeal

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