

# The Autumn Cyst Chatter

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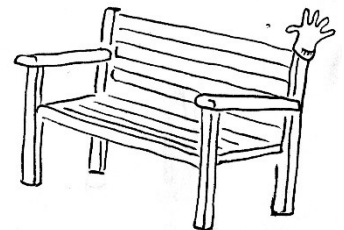
Little boxes on the hillside, Little boxes made of ticky-tacky, Little boxes on the hillside, Little boxes all the same

## **Who Owns the Village Field?**

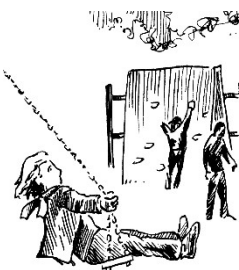
The Parish Council (PC) purchased the Field in 2014 from Devon County Council. The PC Chair, Lynne Askew, organised this and its cost was £1. Well done Lynne!

This means that the maintenance of the field and any play equipment is the responsibility of the PC – there is a cost. This is why it is important that we have volunteers prepared to cut the hedge, do some weeding etc. If we had to pay for all this work, the Field would become expensive. It also means that no one has to try and deal with Devon or East Devon councils to report or request something. The Field is a regular topic at Parish Council meetings.

There is nothing in law that requires playparks to be provided by local authorities and playparks handed over when new developments are built can be closed if they become considered 'unsafe'/underused/too expensive. Basically, it is a miracle we have this Field in the condition it is in. Many play facilities around England (they are protected in Wales and Scotland) have been lost.



## ***I Don't Have Kids...***



But I am aware that children exist, get bored, and then create their own play areas in unsuitable places which tends to result in various types of nuisance and damage. But enough of my childhood reminiscences. A neat and cared-for paying field also makes the village look attractive and less like a place that may ignore wrongdoing.

So, even though I don't use the Field much, I still benefit from how it affects the village more generally. There are picnic benches, flowers to admire and a great view of the Red Arrows!

### ***Build it and they will Play***

We had to remove the ever-popular zipwire as we could not get it repaired. We tried to get a replacement, but legislation and insurance makes the installers worry about the slope we have on the Field adding to speed/danger. They would not be persuaded.

This leaves us with funds for the zipwire replacement that we need to buy a new piece of equipment with. Please let the PC know what you would like. We have no intention of pouring a lot of concrete, so no skate ramps or similar. The one at Cranbrook is amazing, go there. Get some real scars.



*A snake swing, apparently.*

Suggestions – email to [clerk@clystthoniton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@clystthoniton.org.uk) or put this slip through Mike's letterbox.

Roundabout ☐

Snake Swing ☐

Trampoline ☐

Something else: \_\_\_\_\_

Or use this code  
to suggest:



### ***Who is the Field for?***

As above, I think everyone benefits from it and anyone can use it. Planned activities require permission from the Parish Council.

However, the current Parish of Clyst Honiton will be reduced to the village road down to the Home Farm roundabout once the new town is built. The perfectly good farmland between the A30 and the A3052 will be populated by incomers who will have their own town council. It seems very unlikely that our parish will continue to exist as it will be too small to be practical.

The new town councillors would inherit Clyst Honiton's assets (including the Field) and then decide how best to look after them. East Devon have not attended any PC meetings to explain what their plans are for the remnants of our parish. They have been invited.

It seems very likely that our Field would be a running cost for a town council who could decide that their leisure provision is adequate and our

Field is too expensive and in the wrong place. It would be an easy decision to stop maintaining it.



There are many examples of local authorities disappointing residents with their decisions and, once there is a new town council, there is a considerable risk that residents of the remains of Clyst Honiton could find they have little say in what happens to our local green space.

### ***Putting The Field in a Trust***

Your Parish Council are considering putting the Field into a trust. This means it would be owned by a charity which would have a legal duty to protect the Field and only allow local residents to decide its fate. The Parish Council could be abolished, but the Field would remain an asset for those living near it. Not for councillors who have never even seen it to vote on.

The Parish Council is going to seek legal advice as we need to know there will not be any loopholes. Trusts like this have existed for over a hundred years for precisely this kind of thing and they work as long as they are looked after.

It needs at least three people to sign up to become Trustees. Given the shape of the future, they should probably only come from the village. It would not take up much time. Probably one or two meetings a year. There would be very little to do. The current Parish Council would carry on looking after the Field and dealing with practicalities.

In ten/fifteen years, I suspect that the Trust would be doing more to manage the Field, but that would be preferable to no one managing the Field.

We already have one volunteer potential trustee, we need at least two more. Very little is required at the moment, but the longer-term outcome will be significant.

**Please do not assume someone else will do this.** It is also essential that it is separate from the Parish Council, so we can't add it to our to-do list. We will help get this set up and running.

Please either email our Clerk, Rob, [clerk@clystthoniton.org.uk](mailto:clerk@clystthoniton.org.uk), or come along to a Parish Council meeting and ask questions. The meeting dates are on our website.

## Library

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

2024's Fete, organised by Megan Raynor, raised money for a book box which will allow us to share good reads. And Dan Brown books.

We had to formally approve this at a PC meeting, which we have now done. Hopefully it will be in place before Christmas. It will be located opposite Trevian on the wall outside Chippenham. To prevent 'issues' it will be locked at night.

Well done Megan! And thanks for being so patient.

## ***ALLOTMENTS - BETTER THAN ALITTLEMENTS, A LOT!***

Grow your own rude vegetable.

This season has seen those diligently sowing and weeding reap the rewards of bumper crops!

A frost-free spring produced gluts of soft fruits, there have also been impressive displays of squash, kale and carrots.

An impromptu inspection of the site and individual plots by the land agents will result in new agreements being drawn up for 25-26.

Plot availability for the next season will be reviewed in January.

Debbie

debs0106@gmail.com



## Church Chatter

News from St Michael and All Angel Church, Clyst Honiton  
Sheila Watson



I can hardly believe that Harvest and Autumn activities are over and we are thinking about my favourite season again. We have a mixture of activities planned for the coming months including...

November 1st Bingo at the Duke of York – 7:30pm (without fireworks)

November 9<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Service & Communion – Church 10am**

Laying of poppy wreaths at **War Memorial 11am**

November 29<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night at the Duke of York 7:30pm - including a fantastic Ploughman's supper - £8 per head – **book your team** with Maureen in the pub or text 07479517607.

December 6<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Bingo** at The Duke of York – 7:30pm

December 20<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Celebration** at Duke of York – 7:30pm including a Bring and Share Supper, Carol singing, games and Raffle

December 21st **Carol Service** in church – 4:30pm – with mince pies and mulled wine

December 24th **Midnight Communion** in church – 11:30pm

Wednesday Coffee and Chatter continues every Wednesday between 10 and 11 o'clock and everyone is welcome to join us at the Duke of York with its roaring fire, coffee and biscuits.



Also, we must give Maureen a massive 'thank you' for providing the venue for so many of our events and for the warm welcome she always provides at (you've guessed it) The Duke of York!

**THE WESTERN TIMES. FRIDAY. JUNE 7. 1918**

### **An Excellent War Record From Honiton Clyst.**



WILLIAM.



SID.



JACK.



FRED.



PERCY.

THE above are the five sons of Mr and Mrs Wills of the Black Horse, Honiton Clyst. William, the eldest, was in the 9<sup>th</sup> Devons and has now been a prisoner of war in Germany for 18 months; Sid is in the Royal Naval Air Service; Jack is an acting Staff-Sergt. in the A.S.C., and has been in France since August, 1914; Fred is with the Devons in Mesopotamia; and Percy, the youngest, recently joined the Royal Marines.

### ***Thanks for the clipping above, Grant, but what happened next?***

William had received a shrapnel wound to his wrist before capture and spent 28 months as a prisoner. He was used as forced labour in a steelworks by the Germans who also at this point were running out of food. He survived this treatment, returned home unable to eat solid food for months and then took work as a motor engineer and later Greenslade Tour bus driver. He died in 1980, 93 years old.

Sydney also survived the war and worked for Greenslades. Terry Southern, from whom I am getting this info (*Honiton Clyst Testimonials of The Great War*) met him driving a school bus in 1951.

John (Jack to his family) also made it through unscathed. He had his own motor business and lived in a bungalow in Dog Village.

George demobilised in 1919 and ended up being the manager at Reid and Lee Motor Dealers, living in Exeter.

Percy had signed on for 12 years. We now know that the war ended 7 weeks after this article and so he was lucky. He had a bakery in Chulmleigh for many years.

## ***SOUTH OF THE A30***

Janvrin Edbrooke

### ***NEW TOWN***

The new development, located in the parish area south of the A30, has been officially named after East Devon District Council's consultation put forward several town names, and this was the clear favourite. Marlcombe has received national recognition in a new towns programme, which should help with funding, expertise, and infrastructure needs.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-new-towns-for-the-future/building-new-towns-for-the-future>

### ***Welcome!***

To two new little people into our countryside area. Congratulations to the Northmore and Glanvill families, and we look forward to watching them grow.

### ***Agriculture***

Farming practices dominate the rhythm of this area, and the long dry summer season has seen harvests being ahead of schedule and with a lot less earth on the roads. The hedgerows have provided us with early blackberries and a bumper crop of acorns which presently carpet the lanes. We wonder what the farming winter will bring.

### ***Fly-tipping***

This section of the Parish suffers from constant illegal dumping (fly-tipping). East Devon is encouraging the reporting of such offences and has put fly-tipping once again in focus. To report fly-tipping go to this link on the council website.

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping/>

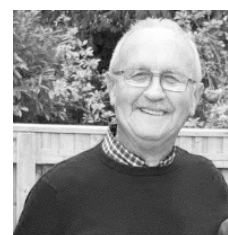
If you use What3Words to locate the fly tipping it allows them to respond to exact locations in the rural areas.

<https://what3words.com>

### **Councillor Mike's Maintenance Report**

A couple of jobs I need help with:

- The second half of the Field hedge needs reducing
- On-going boundary maintenance of the Field. Given a chance, brambles and nettles will take over!



There is no requirement for a lot of time, but if you let me know what you can do, we can make a dent in the list.

All of the maintenance around the village is carried out by volunteers (including me).

Sadly, Moody Moos burger van has moved on from the layby. For a while this area (which routinely filled up with delivery van rubbish and abandoned vehicles) was being kept tidy. It seems likely that this will become an issue again.



## ***St Michaels Hill***

Hooray! There is joined up tarmac and it looks like it'll last for a while! The Parish Council is very grateful to Devon County Councillor **Nat Vanstone** who has been nudging Highways along all summer. This would definitely not have happened without his input.

At the start of the year, we were told there were no plans in the foreseeable future to sort this road, so I feel oddly weepy and grateful, even though it obviously made no sense to let the road disintegrate for the sake of a few quid.

## **Meetings**



To contact Clyst Honiton Parish Council

Rob Martin (Parish Clerk)

07444 780437

or email

clerk@clysthoniton.org.uk

Parish website **[www.clysthoniton.org.uk](http://www.clysthoniton.org.uk)**

Meeting dates – all at the Black Horse 7pm  
12th November 2025  
14th January 2026  
11th February 2026  
11th March 2026

### **Parish Council is:**

Gary Collier

Chris Jenkins

Grant Harrison

Mike Muir

Sean Wheeldon (Chair)

## ***Thanks***

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue and who have helped to distribute it. The next edition will be ready in January and if you have anything you would like to be considered for sharing with our readers all contributions should be received by **December 31st, 2025.**

The editor is Sean Wheeldon, Chippenham, Clyst Honiton EX5 2NG.

You can email your corrections, contributions and complaints to the editor at [seanwheeldon@clysthoniton.org.uk](mailto:seanwheeldon@clysthoniton.org.uk)

**This Chatter is also on the Parish website, so you can download old ones as well as the current edition.**



*Please do not leave moles in the Field*

## Keith's Wordsearch

As the playing field is featuring in this edition, our Wordsearch is exploring all aspects of sport. A field is an asset for sport, but there are plenty of other sports about!

As usual, words run vertically, horizontally and diagonally and in both directions.

There are just four letters left which form an anagram of something no sports player wants to do!



Archer	Cycle	Paragliding
Back	Dartboard	Pitch
Badminton	Decathlon	Playoffs
Baseball	Fencing	Racket
Bike	Fielder	Run
Bull	Golf	Score
Coach	Gymnastics	Scuba
Cricket	Kayak	Win
*Crown Green Bowls	Lacrosse	

- Three words but in two parts

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## Extra Chatter!

The new website is up and we are starting to populate it with useful stuff. Our aim is to have rolling updates so that progress is not announced (sometimes) months after things have happened.

Will it be exciting? Yes! Well, maybe not. But seeing as you all ignore the Parish Council meetings, this should help with understanding where things are at and why.

<https://clysthonitonparish.gov.uk/>

The photo of the Field is not great. If you have something better, please forward to me. It needs to be blue sky, not just the Church (lovely though it is) and ideally have people in it.



**Clyst Honiton Church** invite you to join us for a fun-filled **Quiz Night**

**Nov. 29th    Duke of York            7:30pm**

Teams of 4 or 5 or come along and join a team

£8 per head including a fantastic ploughman's supper

Ring or text Sheila 07479 517 607 or see Maureen in the pub for more details or to book a table

## Church Mystery

Grant found this, but Sheila confirmed that that Church has always been St Michaels. The article is interesting as it shows the Diocese financially supporting the Church. Does the description of the organ nail down which on it is?

## RESTORATION OF MARY'S CHURCH CLYST HONITON.

The parish church of Clyst Honiton, a pretty little edifice standing on its own ground, on the other side of the village, was opened on Thursday for Divine service, having been closed nearly twelve months for internal and external repairs, and the addition of a south aisle. The tower of the church was restored about three years since, and on the completion of the work it was determined to restore the Church itself. It was a very old edifice, consisting of a nave and north aisle, and it was computed that to carry out a thorough restoration and erect a corresponding aisle in the south, would involve an expenditure of £1,200. On the movement being set on foot, one half of this sum was obtained as a donation from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the landlords gave largely to raise the other moiety. Matters progressed so satisfactorily that in July the work was commenced, Mr. Wm White, F.S.A., (of London) being the architect, and Mr. Hunt, of Exeter, the builder. The galleries under the tower were removed, the south aisle taken down, and the building extended southward. The old roof over the nave was taken down and replaced, and the roof of the north aisle has been repaired and paneled. In addition to this, a new choir aisle has been obtained. Formerly the church was seated with high backed pews, which have now given place to open seats. The old pulpit, a very handsome piece of workmanship, had fallen into a state of decay, and it has now been replaced by a new one. The chief stone work used in the solid structure, and in the dressings, are sandstone and Bath stone, relieved by excellent patches from Ham-Hill. In the interior the roof is of pitched pine, which has also served for the pews. Being a Norman church the fabric has been restored in the Perpendicular style of architecture. In its present state the building will seat about 120. Among the additions is a new organ (formerly the Church was without an organ), erected by Messrs. H. P. Dicker and Son, of this city. The compass of the instrument is from C C to F, and it contains 54 notes, arranged as follows:—


GREAT ORGAN.	PEDAL.
Open diapason	Bourdon
Dulciana	
Stop diapason	
Clarabella	
Principal	
Fifteenth	
Flute	
Spa slide	
	COUPLERS.
	Swell to great
	Great to pedals
	Composition pedals
	SWELL.
	Sacral
	Stop diapason, base
	Stop diapason, treble
	Gemshorn
	Oboe

The instrument is enclosed in a handsome polished walnut case, with decorated pipes in front. During the closing of the Church services have been regularly held in the National Schoolroom. Re-opening services were held on Thursday, together with some outdoor rejoicings in celebration of the event. The little village was visited by a large number of the clergy of the diocese, and the proceedings passed off satisfactorily.

Divine service was held in the Church at 11 a.m., when the neat little edifice was well filled. The musical portions of the service, especially the anthem, were admirably rendered, the choir being strengthened by some gentlemen from the City. Mr. Horwill, of Exeter, is the organist. Among the clergy present were the following:—Archdeacon Woolcombe (Barnstaple), Archdeacon Earle (Totnes), Revs Preb Acland (Broadclyst), Preb Smith (Crediton), F Sterry (Poltimore), W T Davey (Stoke Canon), W F Gray (Stoke), F Pulling (Pinhoe), W Carwithen (Aylesbeare), Dr Bennett (Clyst St Mary), W J Beck (Rockbeare), J L L Fulford (Woodbury), W David (St Petrock's, Exeter), G B Hughes (Staverton but formerly curate of Clyst Honiton), and B Bullocke (rector). The prayers were read by the Rev W David, the Rector was the Celebrant, Preb Acland read the Epistle, and the Gospel was read by Archdeacon Earle. The Archdeacon also preached, his sermon having reference to the value of intercessory work and prayers. At the end of the service a collection was made in aid of the Building Fund.

Clyst Honiton Church invites you to join us for a

# Christmas Celebration



## Duke of York

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
7:30

**Bring and Share Supper**

Carol Singing      Fun and Games  
Raffle



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## Carol Service

in church  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
4:30 pm

**With mince pies and mulled wine**  
(without fireworks)



Are you still reading this?!

## **Last bit.**

Chris and Mike have resurfaced the tower in the Field as it was getting a bit ratty and not very weather-proof. Looks well tidy now. Well done and thanks both!



*The End*