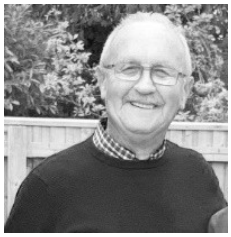


Clyst Honiton's excuse for a Parish Magazine – Autumn 2026. Online in colour!
Here we go, the usual stuff but now with 'osaurus' at the end of words to make it seem exciting…

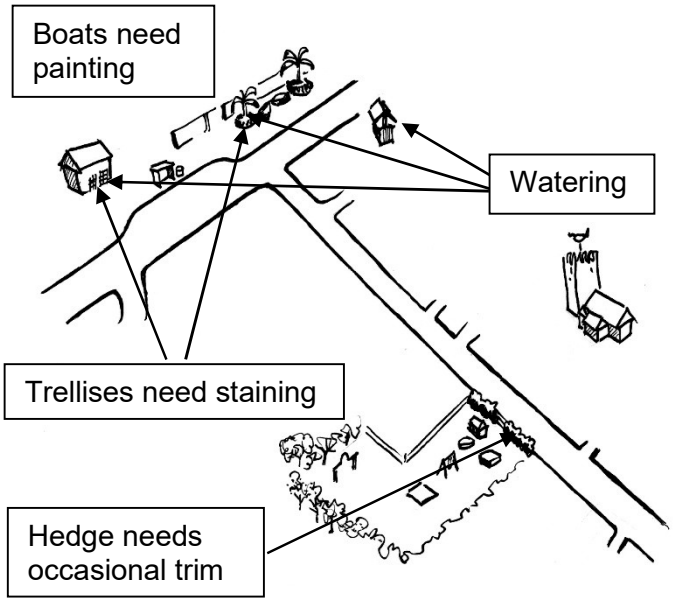
Village Maintenanceosuarus



Cllr Mike mikemuir@clysthonitonparish.gov.uk

Thank Yous

Thanks to Debbie and Fred for their help throughout the summer. Thank you to Peter and Tanya for the folding chairs.



To-dos

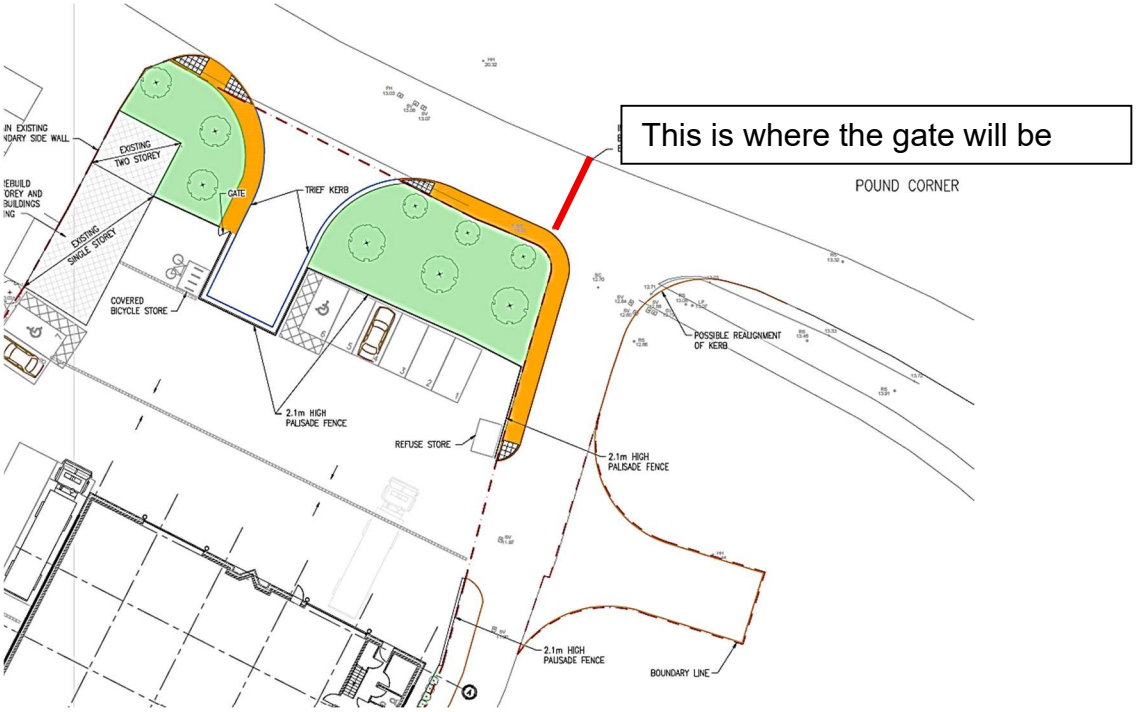
The hot summer reduced the amount of mowing, trimming and weeding but highlighted the need for planters to be adopted and watered. As always, get in touch if you have any time and would like to help keep the village tidy. Stuff, we can buy. It is help that is really needed. Thanks!

Council News - dull but FYI

In this section, as this is the Parish Council Newsletter, a few of the things the council is working on. It may not agree with some posts on social media…

Home Farm barrier

Progress is slow, but it is being monitored by Devon Highways to ensure the results are as required in the planning approval.



The barrier will be reinstated to create a hard left down the lane.

Our village sign has vanished, and we are chasing that up. Losing two signs in one year seems ‘careless’, as Oscar Wilde would say. The planter that was under it seems to have been demolished and that is also being asked about.

The new roundabout on the Village Field

There has been a problem with the installation and remedial work of some kind is required. It has not been paid for, and we are chasing to get this dealt with.

The village road sign and planter taken out on the Exeter side of the main road

I offered the police a piece of the car left at the crash so they could scan it and use their computer to recreate a floating 3-D version of the vehicle in their control room. I was told to watch less telly. Luckily, there are now so few police shared between us and most of Devon, a computer was not needed as

someone remembered attending the scene of the accident. The owner of the car was nearby but too intoxicated to recall who the driver could possibly have been. Without a driver, the police could not do much. So no insurance claim…

The village signs (as opposed to highway information or direction signs) belong to the Parish and we are required to repair and replace them, which was a bit of a shock.

After some fuss was made, Councillors Henry Gent and Nat Vanstone offered to chip in and cover the cost. However, we will be missing the Trafalgar Way sign at that end of the village now.

The rest of the more routine activity is in the minutes on the Parish Council website.

Old photos of Blackhorse Gardens



Julian is asking if anyone knows of any old photos of his house. It is on the right, on the way up to the Blackhorse. It's about 170 years old.

If you could help, or know of anyone in the parish who could point us to some archives or historic photos, he would be thrilled to hear back from you. clerk@clysthonitonparish.gov.uk

…in perfect harmony…



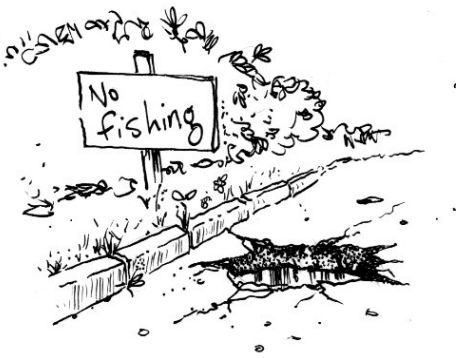
There are two local, regular music evenings.

Sing Together is a friendly community choir that celebrates the joy of singing and the wellbeing that comes from making music with others.

Thursdays, 7.00–8.30pm Function Room, The Blackhorse Inn

First session free, then £10 a week. Contact info: kirstenwordleymusic@gmail.com

News from the A30 - Janvrin Edbrooke



Pot holes

We have enjoyed dry roads and have done a lot of filling in the DCC pot hole reporting forms. Little by little the holes have been filled and the addition of photos with dinner plates and cycle tyres has added to our plea.
We hope the worst ones will be done before the expected winter deluge.

Hedge Trimming

Legislation limits the cutting of hedges to allow wildlife and nesting birds to flourish. September 1st is official start day for hedge trimming. Our single track lanes become a very slow rat run during this time. Cyclists curse as many a thorn is picked up in the wake of the trimmer.

Dinosaurs! Clyst Naturalist Watch

Did Clyst Honiton have dinosaurs? Yes!
https://courses.washington.edu/uwtgeo06/papers/GusLeger_Paper.htm
But the link above explains how the tilted land we live on means that the jurassic rock in our area has been eroded away. Further down the coast at Lyme, the jurassic layer is near the surface and so fossils are found.
To complicate things, creatures like pliosaurs, regularly appearing as fossils in Dorset cliffs, were marine reptiles, not dinosaurs. But the first recognised dinosaur, the megalosaur, roamed southern Britain and fossils have turned up in Oxfordshire.
Scientists think that the birds we see in our gardens at least shared a common ancestor with dinosaurs, even if they are not descendents of dinosaurs. Birds have very different brains to reptiles (like crocodiles) and are hugely more intellegent – hence crows using sticks as tools.

So Clyst Honiton had dinosaurs, but their remains have been washed away.



They may have been warm-blooded meaning they were fast (and hungry), and they would have been more intellegent than you would want them to be.

Some had feathers (to stay warm) and some became able to fly. No one knows what colour they were.

Allotments — Better than Allitlements

Grow your own rude vegetableosaurus

The last three months saw the continuing drought making allotment life a challenge for most of us. Collected rainwater ran out and at least one garden fork was broken trying to lift spuds. Certain crops bolted, sulked or failed completely during July and August.

However, on the plus side, we had bumper crops of other produce including the wild blackberries on the inside of the boundary. Onions have now woken up and started growing again and plans for the new season are being discussed. Like many reports on social media we had lots of butterflies visit the plots, especially those with poppies, daisies, foxgloves and sunflowers which encourage pollinators.

We still have a small plot available to take on by a Clyst Honiton resident, so if you know someone who'd welcome a bit of land to grow fruit, flowers and vegetables on whilst getting fresh air and exercise, drop me an email.



Debbie

debs0106@gmail.com



Rude Vegetable No. 4
A greedy potato

Church Chatter



Hello Clyst Honiton
For those of you that don't me, I am Reverend Gudrun Thomas, vicar of Clyst Honiton church. I am currently Acting Team Rector for all eight East Clyst churches.

Unfortunately, the Clyst Honiton congregation has been ageing. There has been a dedicated and loyal team of people who kept the church going as the Parochial Parish Council (which is a bit like a school governing body). However, for the last couple of years we have not been able to fill the legal positions on the Council.
Until February this year I was also supported by Rev David Lewis and between us we led two services a month. Unfortunately, due to ill health, Rev David is unable to take services anymore. I cannot cover all the services of the eight churches and so have had to suspend them at Clyst Honiton.

I am currently able to still offer weddings and funerals at the church and was thrilled to take a wedding in the church in August which was a wonderful day. Thank you to Kim and Matthew for that privilege.
I am hoping that there may be a way to maintain Clyst Honiton church so that some services may occasionally be held there.
In the meantime, please be reassured that we are still looking after the church building and cutting the grass.
I am very happy to discuss this with any of you so feel free to contact me.
My greatest thanks go to Sheila Watson who has been amazing in her support of the church over the years especially recently despite her struggles with ill health. I also thank Martin and Maureen and several others who have continued to support the church where they can.
God bless them and also blessings to you all.

Rev Gudrun.

rector@eastclystchurches.org or 07785 268568

Coffee Mornings and Bingosaurus

Are as usual – Bingo is on the first Saturday of the month and coffee morings every Wednesday at 10am. Both at the Duke of York.

COMPETITIONOSAURUS



We have received the usual amount of post at the Chatter office asking why the quality of the content has declined so much and why the paper tastes different.
In an effort to 'up the game', as Julian Clary would put it, The Clyst Chatter ('Clyst Honiton's oldest parish magazine') is offering exclusive key fobs to readers offering an insight into why they like living here, memories of what actually went on in the club house at the football ground now under the bypass, or anything else they think might interest their fellow parishioners.
These are hand made and will last thousands of years, being pottery. There is space on the back for your address in the event the keys are lost and need returning. They don't look very good in the photo. There is a reason for that.

We Can't Keep Meeting Like This! – Parish Council Meetings



To contact Clyst Honiton Parish Council

Rob Martin (Parish Clerk)
07444 780437
or NEW email
clerk@clysthonitonparish.gov.uk

NEW Parish website
clysthonitonparish.gov.uk

Meeting dates – all at the Black Horse 7pm

Next is 21st October, 2026

Please check website for updates

Your Parish Council is:
Chris Jenkins
Grant Harrison
Mike Muir
Sean Wheeldon (Chair)

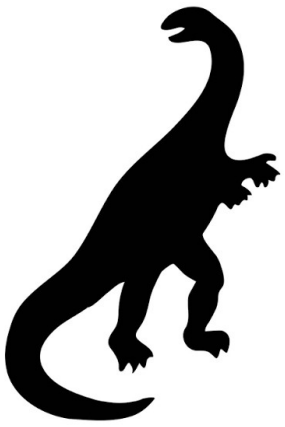
Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue and who have helped to distribute it.
The next edition will be ready in January and if you have anything you would like to be considered for sharing with our readers all contributions should be received by **December 30th, 2026.**

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

Oscar Wilde : "To lose one parent, Mr. Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness." – The Importance of Being Earnest

Tyranosaurus Keith's Wordsearchosuarus



Dinosaurs!

The article on animals that lived close by a long time ago has prompted the choice of dinosaurs for this wordsearch. There are some 1500 named types of dinosaur and the list is growing by around 50 each year. Many names are long – the longest using 23 letters, namely Micropachycephalosaurus. Some are shorterl with two of the shortest appearing below. Don't miss them! Most dinosaurs died out some 70 million years ago, but one branch has survived – and you see them every day – we call them birds.

As usual, words run up, down, diagonally and in both directions. Letters may be used more than once. The last part of many names is exactly the same so where a name is asterisked it means it shares this ending which you will find from the SEVEN letters not used in the names listed.

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Alvarez*	Diplodocus	Neo*	Shingopana
Amarga*	Magno*	Overo*	Siats
Ankylo*	Magulodon	Ozraptor	Taurovenator
Asylo*	Megalo*	Saichania	Triceratops
Callovo*	Mei	Segno*	Yi
			Zanclodon

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Extra Chatter!

Readers' Rides



This was outside my house for a while. I hoped people thought it was mine. It is a Yamaha MT-10. (No, this is a different one from the last Chatter)

If you are asking yourself, "Does is go fast, does it go round corners, what does the back tyre cost?" I am wasting my time. Look at it. Sell everything you own, go on Ebay and buy one.

And another guitar.

Exeter Inn

Still very slow progress! East Devon say they are they are waiting for the current owner to return some paperwork.



A Cessna 510 Citation Mustang, according to Google lens. From Austria, judging by its livery. Refueling at Exeter.
Can carry four passengers and burns 85-100 gallons (not litres) an hour.
Meanwhile, the peasants are being told electric is the only way to travel and save the planet.
Obviously, the duty on aviation fuel is zero. Because people would complain when they had to fill up the private jet so essential in their important lives if it was taxed. The diesel we buy to get to work (to pay tax) is taxed at 52.95p a litre.
Hmmm…

Pot Holes Extra

I have been told that Devon did receive the promised money from central government to try and sort out the pot hole crisis.

This is currently being spent as the backlog is reduced.

Feels a bit late in the year to sorting out pot holes, but there you go…

And that really is it.

Don't forget to use the book box, report potholes, and turn your clocks forwards next week. Or the other way. It should be lighter in the morning so eight is now seven. So it always feels like lunchtime. No, must be seven become eight.
Probably best to get up an hour earlier and find out what time other people think it is.
Definitely October 14th, though, I think, because people start asking me if I have finished my Christmas shopping yet. Probably.

Any contributor to the next Chatter may be rewarded with Limited Edition Clyst Honiton Key Ring!
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The End