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## Welcome to the October 2022 issue, number 87



We aren't in the habit of featuring multimillion-pound sports cars on the cover of this publication, but it's not every day that one is launched in Clymping. The debut of the Pagani Huayra Codalunga at Bailiffscourt Hotel this summer generated a great deal of attention locally, and James Shears decided to get to the bottom of the story. You can read his article starting on page 17.

We also have an update on the restoration of the wildflower meadow on Horsmere Green, and reports on various happenings throughout the village, including columns from our regular contributors.

Rev. Richard Hayes has written a thoughtful piece about Queen Elizabeth II's faith. And James Baird offers a poignant reflection on the impact of farming on local wildlife.

I'm very pleased with our 'Dog of the Month' feature from Clymping Dog Sanctuary and hope to show you more dogs up for adoption in the future.

Very many thanks to all our contributors and advertisers – we love having you in the magazine.

– *Lisa Eyre, Editor*

*On the cover: Pagani image courtesy of Bailiffscourt Hotel*

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# Hedgerow Wreath Making

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Baird Farm Open Day

On Sunday, 12th June, James Baird welcomed the public onto his family farm for an open day and farm walk. He started the morning with an introductory talk about the crops he grows on the farm – peas,



*James Baird compares fertilised wheat with unfertilised wheat at his farm's open day*

wheat, oats and oil seed rape – and the management of the soil. He spoke about why his land is particularly well suited to growing seed peas for Bird's Eye,

and discussed the important role that wheat plays in the world economy.

He also explained how farming has changed over the years and his passion for finding alternative 'regenerative' methods that will be more friendly to the environment. For example, co-planting crops can avoid the use of insecticides, and leaving parts of his farm untidy will allow nature to thrive.

After a break for refreshments – including some truly delicious pigeon quiche made by Karen Baird – we made our way down Bread Lane. James talked about the new hedgerows and large tree roots lining the path, which are meant to provide a

home for a variety of animals and bacteria, thus laying the foundation for a healthier farming environment.

We ended the walk on Clymping beach, with the rewilded field behind and the sea ahead. James emphasized the link between the land and the sea, and how he hopes the 'Weald to Waves' wildlife corridor which he is helping to create will have benefits for sealife and the Sussex bay.

– Lisa Eyre

## Horsemere Green Clear-up

Following the unauthorised encampment on Horsemere Green this summer, there was a lot of debris, rubbish, and human and garden waste left behind.

A clear-up operation was needed to make the area tidy and safe to use again.

Nadine Phibbs, our Parish Council Clerk, organised the loan of litter-picking equipment, and on 18th August a willing band of local volunteers and members of the Parish Council spent the evening clearing up the mess – which included animal cages, nappies, plastic and other litter.

West Sussex County Council then collected the many bags of rubbish and large items. The green waste was collected separately.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the clear-up operation. (See page 7 for plans to restore the wildflower meadow.)

– Christine Gillott

## Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Over the first weekend of June various street parties and picnics were held in Clymping to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's ascension to the throne. Though it seems quite a long time ago now, it was a joyous occasion, and for many of us a wonderful opportunity to visit with neighbours and make new friends. – Lisa Eyre



*Clymping Street Jubilee picnic*



*Jubilee celebration in Crophrone Drive*



*Jubilee festivities in May Close*



**MESSY CHURCH IS...**  
making stuff, doing stuff,  
singing stuff, story stuff,  
eating stuff... together!

## St Mary's Church, Clymping

After a review, we've decided that our next Messy Church will be a special Christmas event. Watch out for more details!

You can keep up to date by joining our Facebook group:

 **CYF Messy Church**

## Horsemere Green

# Restoring wildflowers and attracting insects

*The Parish Council Environment Work Group describes plans for the restoration of the meadow.*

After the heartbreak of seeing the wildflower meadow on Horsemere Green so carelessly destroyed this summer by an unauthorised encampment, the Parish Council Environment Work Group are making plans to restore the flowering meadow for next year.

Councillors have approved our proposal for additional wildflower seeds to top up the existing perennial meadow and repair the areas of damage. At the same time we will add some annual seeds to keep the meadow colourful. This will be done after the annual cut back of the meadow in

September. We will need to rake the existing meadow to provide a surface for the seeds to germinate, and help with this from volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

We are also planning to build a deluxe bug hotel for the pollinators. West Dean Gardens near Chichester made a super-huge show-off bug hotel, and we thought we should do the same! Below are pictures of their initial structure and finished version.

Once we have the initial structure to hold it together, we will need to pack it



*Bug hotel at West Dean Gardens initial structure (left) and finished hotel*

tightly to help build it up. We will need dead wood for wood boring beetles; rotting wood and bark for centipedes, spiders and woodlice; hollow stems and bamboo canes, and holes drilled into blocks of wood for solitary bees to lay their eggs; broken bricks, stones and tiles to provide cool, moist conditions for frogs and newts; hay and straw for insects to burrow and hibernate in; and dry leaves for ladybirds to hibernate in over winter. We will also leave cavities at the base for hedgehogs to enjoy.

We hope that our deluxe hotel will encourage pollinating insects to help keep the meadow alive and colourful. We hope that this will also provide interest to all residents and children.

We will make a call out for volunteers via the Clymping Village Residents Group on Facebook when we are ready to prepare the meadow and build the bug hotel ([www.facebook.com/groups/clympingvillageresidents](http://www.facebook.com/groups/clympingvillageresidents)), or please call Wendy Robinson on 07931 337496 if you would like to help.

# CHURCH SERVICES

## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

1st & 3rd Sundays of each month:

Family Service at Yapton, 9:30am

Parish Communion at Clymping, 11am

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month:

Parish Communion at Yapton, 9:30am

Family Service at Clymping, 11am

## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd October is the Harvest Service at both churches (9:30am at Yapton; 11am at Clymping)

30th October is Benefice Communion at 10.30am at Clymping

13th November is Remembrance Sunday, so both churches have services at 10:55am as usual, and there will be a service at Ford Airfield at 12:30pm

18th December are Carol Services at both churches (further details of Christmas services will be listed in the next issue, and at [www.cyfchurches.org.uk](http://www.cyfchurches.org.uk) closer to the time.)



*St Mary's Church, Clymping. St George's Cross customarily flutters above the church, but following the death of Queen Elizabeth, the Union flag flew at half-mast. (Photo by Juliette Harris)*



# RECTOR'S NOTE

*Rev. Richard Hayes reflects on Queen Elizabeth's personal faith.*



*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (1926–2022)*

Over the weeks since Queen Elizabeth died, there has been so much said about her life and legacy, and in the coming months this will continue. Therefore I want to take a different approach and remind us of a simple person of faith: Elizabeth Windsor, born into a time when her position of privilege and status would be beyond our comprehension. This not only made her one of the wealthiest people in the country but also gave her a preem-

inent place in the hierarchy of the ruling classes. Although not born to be queen, she grew up knowing that, whatever she did and however she behaved, she would be the reigning monarch.

It is important we understand that none of this made her the beloved and faithful monarch that we remember now. Many years ago we rejected any notion of the 'divine right of kings', and parliament has kept a weathered eye on who our monarch

is and how they fulfil their position.

Elizabeth Windsor, in spite of her position, her inherited opportunities, her wealth, became a great monarch. These things were just as likely to have prevented her from successfully filling her role, because they can so easily turn a heart and mind away from a dependence upon God. I have no doubt in my mind that this was the reason we can acknowledge her as a truly great queen – her faith.

Not a bishop or archbishop, not a theologian, not an evangelist or priest, Elizabeth Windsor was a simple layperson, an ordinary Christian, a disciple and follower of the Lord Jesus. Nothing about her life made this an easy faith to follow, and certainly there was no divine right or expectation that she should hold a personal and profound faith in Christ.

Neither should we imagine that her

70-year reign was a reward for her Christian faith as a perfect disciple. Most Sundays she would have joined in saying the general confession, acknowledging that, like each of us, she was also a 'miserable offender'. On her knees, in submission to her Lord and sovereign, she would have fully understood her position. Although called to an extraordinary service, she was, before God, simply Elizabeth Windsor.

It is a different world to 70 years ago. But even then it was not fashionable to speak publicly of a personal faith that sustained and influenced daily life. Through those many years, Queen Elizabeth grew in her faith and willingness to openly witness to the rule of Christ in her life, and we cannot honour her now without fully acknowledging that truth.

She spoke plainly to us about her faith, with dignity, compassion and inclusivity. Never condemning others but simply offering her witness to the love of God in Christ.

Following Christ, through all the changing scenes of life, submitting to his Lordship and filled with his Love.

The transformational power of God that can sustain any who turn to him.

I invite you to respond to the same invitation that is offered to a monarch as it is to all mortals. Follow Christ, in his service and in the service of all humanity.

*Rev. Richard Hayes is Rector of the Benefice of Clymping and Yapton with Ford.*



*Book of Condolence for Queen Elizabeth II in St Mary's Church, Clymping*



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# PARISH COUNCIL



*Nadine Phibbs offers the latest news from the Parish Council.*

To ensure that the Parish Council meets General Data Protection Regulations, Councillors have now been allocated an official e-mail address for all Council-related businesses. Your Councillors' e-mail addresses are listed along with their other contact details in the box to the right.

Every spring, the Clerk prepares the Parish Council end-of-year accounts. These are reviewed by an independent internal auditor and then presented to the external auditor for their examination. The accounts for the 2021–22 financial year have now been posted on the Parish Council website. To view them, go to <http://www.clymping.org.uk>, click on the 'Parish Council' tab and then select 'Finances'.

## Council meetings

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the full Parish Council meeting that was scheduled for 20th September was postponed. A new date will be arranged and details published on the Parish Council website.

There is one other scheduled Council meeting remaining for this year, to be held on 29th November. Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

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# CHAIRMAN'S VIEW



*Colin Humphris reports on several issues important to the village.*

In the June issue of the *Clymping Village News*, I noted that Queen Elizabeth II had been a constant factor throughout my life, and that this was the reason I celebrated her Platinum Jubilee so enthusiastically. Sadly, now memories of that happy time will pale in contrast to those of exactly where we were and what we were doing when the news of her passing came through. For me it was a *gîtes* in France, and the glasses of fizz that were poured as sundowners suddenly became toasts to her memory.

Only in July the Parish Council (PC) had noted the requirements and regulations in the event of the monarch's passing. These regulations for State Mourning have led to the postponement of the September 20th PC meeting, affecting some of the decisions I had hoped to report to you here.

## **Horsemere Green Lane**

The PC will be considering a recommendation to apply for Community Highways Initiative funding to West Sussex County Council to redesign Horsemere Green Lane (HGL). We remain committed to trying to achieve our objectives of restricting the lane use for residents only, with a safe nonvehicle route along its length for pedestrians, cyclists and those of limited mobility. All of us who live along the lane or use it are very aware of the safety issues being heightened by the seemingly

haphazard overdevelopment of former gardens along the lane. The Parish Council has consistently and repeatedly pointed out that a sensible plan for development along HGL would have provided pavements along these frontages at the very least.

Making a successful application requires essentially three things:

1. A clear description of our requirements. The parish Transport Work Group is addressing this in a way that takes into account the proposal for a pavement along the length of HGL, paid for by the developers building 1,500 homes in Ford.
2. A statement of community support. We already have this, thanks to the responses you provided to our recent survey.
3. A financial contribution from the parish, some of which can come from the limited funds we will receive from the most recent developments in the village (three homes behind Wren Cottage and one adjacent to Mistletoe Farm), and from the Foreman Homes and Ford developments.

## **Development of the field**

I'm aware that some residents have been trying to find out what is going on with the Foreman Homes development on the field south of Horsemere Green Lane. It has all gone very quiet. The application file on the Arun website (CM/48/21/RES) includes objections from the drainage engineers, the

greenspace (landscaping) officer and the conservation officer. Foreman's response is so far unclear. They have yet to respond to enquiries from the PC or publicly, so I'm afraid we must watch this space.

### Wildflower meadow

You will all be aware of the destruction of the wildflower meadow by travellers over the summer on Horsemere Green. Currently we are seeking to engage Southern Water in a discussion on their need for constant access balanced by the need for security of the green. In the meantime, I would like to thank the residents who helped clear the mountain of waste left behind. The PC has also approved the removal of the fly-tipped garden waste. The

autumn cut and clearance of the meadow will go ahead as scheduled, and Councillors have approved funding for reseeded with annual and perennial flowers to start to restore the meadow from next year.

### Parish Council members

Lastly, I would like to record my thanks to Ann Findlay, who stood down from the Council for personal reasons after many years of working hard on behalf of the village. At the same time, I would like to welcome Tim Hibbert (May Close) who has been co-opted. We have two vacancies for anyone who would like to contribute to our work.

*Colin Humphris is chairman of Clymping Parish Council; tel 01903 733848.*

## Farming

# To a Mouse

*James Baird, a Clymping farmer, explains how changing farming practices can nurture wildlife.*

One of Robert Burns's most famous poems, 'To a Mouse', bears the subtitle 'On Turning Her up in Her Nest with the Plough, November, 1785'. He wrote:

I'm truly sorry Man's dominion,  
Has broken Nature's social union,

An' justifies that ill opinion,  
Which makes thee startle  
At me, thy poor, earth-born  
companion,  
An' fellow-mortal!

He clearly had great empathy with the mouse and a love of nature, and recognised that mankind's systems were at odds with wildlife.

Roll forward to 2022. What has changed in the intervening years with our relationship with these small mammals,

and why do they matter?

The UK is home to four species of shrew, four species of vole and six different species of mouse. Five of these are native. The sixth, the edible dormouse, was introduced to Hertfordshire as an escapee in 1902. Most mouse species have a very short life expectancy in the wild – up to a year – with the exception of the dormouse, which can live for up to five years. This is rivalled only by the edible dormouse, which can live for up to nine years.

Until recently, UK agriculture has been dominated by plough-based systems where, each year, entire fields were turned over to bury surface trash and reset the landscape with a bare brown blank canvas for the new crop season to begin.

Farming practices are changing though. Many of us have parked up our ploughs, having adopted ‘minimum tillage’, also known as ‘min-till’ – practices that advocate minimal soil disturbance with passive methods that scratch the surface. The old system devastated small mammal populations. Those few creatures that survived found themselves homeless and vulnerable in late autumn, with little food on the surface to get them through the winter.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has also been encouraging us to leave the field margins uncropped, providing a host of native flowering plants for the benefit of bees and other pollinators. But the real winners have been the small mammals and, when

they do well, the benefits work their way up the food chain. Raptors prosper, and when that happens you know you have the beginnings of ecosystem recovery.

The presence of barn owls is a good indicator of the health of biodiversity in lowland areas, as the range of habitats they need is also vital for a wide range of other animals and plants. As a direct result of adopting nature-friendly farming practices, here in Clymping we’ve observed a sharp increase in the number of owl sightings (or rather ‘hearings’), with residents re-

porting hearing them shortly after dusk. Around my house we have a pair of nesting tawny owls, and barn owls share my garage with me. I am honoured to clear up their regurgitated pellets. Nearby, little owls nest in

the grounds at Bailiffscourt and screech through the night. Short-eared owls are occasionally spotted on Littlehampton Golf Course.

Today, when I see kestrels hovering over field margins, almost motionless, I think of the noble sacrifice of the voles and mice they’re hunting. And I feel proud that our attitudes are changing.

For too long now our food production systems have been at odds with nature. I feel privileged to be of the generation that has recognised that we can reverse harmful agricultural practices and help the ‘Wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim’rous beasties’ while at the same time continuing to produce food to the highest of standards.



*Dormouse*



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## Car launch

# Things that go 'Check 1, 2' in the night

*James Shears asks Bailiffscourt Hotel about the launch of an exclusive £6 million Italian hypercar.*

On a balmy summer evening in late June, strange sounds were heard around Clymping. “Check 1, 2... check 1, 2...check, check 1, 2...” on and on it went. Social media fired up, curtains twitched and ears pricked up. It started mid-afternoon and went on late into the evening. “Check 1, 2... check 1, 2”, on and on.

Having spent most of my life as a professional sound technician, my ears were immediately drawn to the timbre of this ubiquitous phrase. It was dull sounding with no sparkle or crispness to it. I instinctively knew it was either coming from inside a building or from a long way off. Initially I thought a neighbour might be testing out an old sound system ready for some kind of summer gathering, but the length of time it had gone on for stopped that thought.

Then as it was getting dark, I heard an obscure but oddly familiar track being played: ‘Chant’ by the smooth jazz quartet

Fourplay. I was amazed. I knew this tune so well because my very first boss had used this as a test track every time we set up big sound systems back in '90s – we heard it so often that we all grew very tired of it! It was the ‘go to’ track for testing sound equipment back in the day, and here it was again after such a long absence, wafting across the warm, muggy night air.

My interest now fully piqued, I had to find the source! I hopped in the car and drove, windows fully down along Yapton Road towards the A259. Maybe the Oystercatcher or the guys at the Bald Kitchen were getting ready for some event at the weekend? Nothing. Next I headed for the Village Hall but was met with only darkness and silence. Where could it be coming from? Could it be the hotel? Surely not.

I honestly hadn't considered Bailiffscourt, probably because of its quiet air of tranquility and seclusion. But as I drove along Climping Street, there it was again, a very familiar refrain. Going up the long driveway to the hotel I noticed an array of gorgeous and very expensive-looking sports cars – which turned out to have been made by the Italian manufacturer Pagani – parked elegantly around the circle

of tarmac in front of the hotel. A young chap was leaning against the archway at the door to the side having a cigarette. I pulled up next to him and asked what was going on.

“It’s all for the Festival of Speed, big product launch” he said politely. “Do you want to take a look around?”

I politely declined his offer, as it was already late, but drove home with a sense of relief that the mystery was now solved. I was somewhat bemused that such a large happening was going on in our little village without anyone knowing anything about it.

The next morning social media was full of people wondering what the noise had been. Comments had been posted from as far away as Walberton. Most were fairly ambivalent, some humorous and a couple seemed simply shocked that such an event was happening right here

without any prior warning.

The truth is our little neck of the woods was chosen to host the worldwide launch of one of the world’s most expensive and exclusive hypercars, the Pagani Huayra Codalunga, of which only five are being built, with a price of around £6 million each. A huge amount of work and expense had gone into building a massive stage behind Bailiffscourt Hotel, with state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems. How no one got wind of this is a credit to the staff at the hotel – although some tiny hint in advance that something might be planned would not have gone amiss!

I caught up with Chris Alger, General Manager at Bailiffscourt Hotel and Spa, and put some questions to him.

### **J.S.: How did Bailiffscourt end up being chosen for the launch of the Pagani Huayra Codalunga?**

*Chris Alger:* Well, as it happens, the team at Pagani have stayed at Bailiffscourt before, in 2021 – local residents may recall seeing the stunning cars back then. The owner of Pagani, Jen-Te Chen, known as Kenny, was part of the small group that stayed, and it was during that visit as he explored the grounds that he was inspired to create the event that launched his newest model at Bailiffscourt, and then to race it up Goodwood Hill at the Festival of Speed.

**Was it difficult to keep the event secret, and how did they get to the venue without being noticed?**  
We knew they were launching a car,



*Pagani models on display in front of the stage as it is being readied for the Codalunga launch at Bailiffscourt.*

but details were closely guarded right up until the last minute. The car arrived in a closed container and was quietly parked in a corner of the estate out of the way. No one would have spotted it until Pagani were ready for the big reveal!

**What company was responsible for the sound, lighting and staging, and were there any technical challenges?**

The company responsible for the sound and set up was Ipex Production. They have worked with and launched Pagani cars in several other countries, so it was not their first time, and they knew what they were aiming to deliver.

The set was massive – it was certainly the largest that Bailiffscourt has ever seen – and seemed more like a festival or movie set. The screen was eight LED TV screens put together and was 12 by 6 metres! The light show was spectacular, but we had to decline their request for fireworks due to some of our buildings having thatch.

As for the volume, I can only offer an apology, as I think it was heard in Yapton!

**How does the hotel feel to be part of the village, and what can we look forward to as a community in the future?**

I hope the community appreciate this event as the spectacular one-off that it was.

Bailiffscourt is very keen to be a key part of the local community, and we love welcoming the locals who pop in for tea and coffee, others for lunch or dinner. Some even stay the night if they fancy a treat.

The Spa has probably been one of the main attractions for locals.

**On another note, can you give us an update on our lovely old pub, The Black Horse?**

We are able to say that the pub, which has been boarded up for a few years now, will hopefully be opening its doors in early 2024, with the building works planned to commence in January 2023. Details to follow...

So there you have it, for a few short days Clymping became the focus of the high-end motor car world, with all the pomp and ceremony (and secrecy) that goes with it. I for one am proud that we got to stage such a prestigious event right here in our village and hope that there will be other such events in the future – hopefully next time with a little forewarning. Oh, and we'll be back in the near future for an update on The Black Horse!



*Pagani Huayra Codalunga at its launch in June 2022 in Clymping*

*Photo credits: Pagani images courtesy of Bailiffscourt Hotel.*

## Wabi Sabi or the way of tea

by Lin Lundie

the ancient raku cup  
slips from her hand  
during the way of tea  
smashes on the iroko floor...  
it would not have broken on tatami

sadly she collects the pieces  
cradles them in her hand like a  
fallen bird  
Kintsugi master smiles, glues the  
cup together  
in the old way with sap from a tree  
gilds it  
hands it back with a deep bow

more beautiful now  
it stands  
holding the soul of the potter  
the tea maker  
the Kintsugi master  
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# SCHOOL NEWS

*Mr Justin Murray shares a glimpse of life at St Mary's as the new school year starts.*



*Justin Murray*

The Autumn term at St Mary's has begun, with a few new faces in the team! We said a temporary goodbye to Mr Morrissey, who has begun a secondment at another primary school – thus I write this article as St Mary's seconded Head Teacher for the Autumn term.

As I write, I have just finished my first week in post, and the feeling that has jumped out for me is how nurturing the community is at St Mary's. Everyone wants the very best for all the children. I have felt so welcomed by the children, parents and governors alike. The cohesion within this little school is clear to see, and it allows for the best outcomes for our children. This is something we should all strive to achieve within our community.

It has been a delight and pleasure to see the smiling faces of the children at the beginning of the week as they returned to school. The children have been energetic and enthusiastic, and the corridors have been full of the sounds synonymous with September's return. I feel the children have been settling quickly, testament to the hard work and care of the staff team.

We are delighted to welcome a new cohort of children into St Mary's with our new Reception class. Our youngest pupils have been transitioning well into school. It has been amazing to see their characters developing and their confidence blooming in such a short space of time. Within their new learning environment, the children have been exploring exciting resources with lots of independent play. The teachers have been working hard in preparation, getting to know the children and ensuring the environment is welcoming and engaging.

Oliver Class (Years 1 and 2) have made a positive return to school, adapting quickly to their routines. There has been a busy and purposeful 'buzz' in their classroom. The reintroduction to school started with parachute games and, later in the week, the children labelled their life-sized body drawings as part of their scientific learning. Their topic this half term is 'All About Me', and this was an exciting way to



*Each classroom has a prayer corner. This prayer tree is in Jenkins Class.*

kick off their learning.

Jenkins Class (Years 3 and 4) started the week strongly by focusing on their well-being. They have been playing games and making memorable experiences for their year ahead. I have seen some serious mathematical thinkers as well as some budding scientists. Their focus on contraptions and investigative science will be full of exciting learning opportunities this half term. This will culminate in a stimulating visit to Amberley Museum.

Normanby Class (Years 5 and 6) are learning about the USA. The children have returned to St Mary's as super role models for the whole school. The class are promoting the behaviours and ethos we expect

of the community here – they are already fantastic ambassadors. I have observed incredible computing skills and a genuine confidence and enthusiasm for this subject area. The class have started their maths topic on place value, and they are already immersed in their first writing topic. It is great to see their focused attitude to learning. I have also noticed they are enjoying the independence that comes with being at the top end of school. There are some wonderful characters shining through.

It is lovely to reflect on such positive beginnings as we roll into Autumn. The nights are drawing in but the school is still often bathed in sun – in between the downpours! There is a crispness in the air,

## Pupils remember the summer holidays and look forward to the coming school year

I enjoyed being able to swim during the summer because it was so hot in the summer. They even have a big wave machine. It is lovely coming back to school because I see all of my friends and I get to learn. – *Lacie*

I enjoyed the summer holidays, as I got to spend time in the New Forest. I loved my holiday, as we spent time with my friends and family. It is great coming back to school. I have enjoyed learning in maths because the teachers make it really fun. I feel like I am getting the hang of it now. – *Sienna*

I really enjoyed my summer holiday, as I got to visit Poland. I got to visit two new cities. There were amazing

flavours of ice cream. Coming back to school has been great, as I get to see my friends, and also I was nominated as vice-captain for my house team. It feels strange and cool but makes me feel happy and proud. – *Emily*

In the summer I got to visit France. It was my first time on an plane, which was really cool. I loved being that high. We stayed at a hotel with three big swimming pools, diving boards and slides. It was so much fun. I have enjoyed seeing all of my friends from last year and also new friends from when we were a class two years ago. I am looking forward to meeting my Reception buddy so I have someone smaller to look after. – *Tom*

as the summer holidays become memories to share. We have a wonderful example of a rural English school, and one that I feel honored to be leading for this term.

### Can you help?

We are currently searching for local businesses to work with us to help improve some of the resources for our children

to use. If this is an area you feel passionate about, or if you have ideas or contacts, then please make yourself known to the school by e-mailing us at [office@st-marysclymping.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marysclymping.w-sussex.sch.uk).

*Justin Murray is Head Teacher at St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Clymping, for the Autumn term.*

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S NEWS



### *Amanda Worne reflects on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.*

If you had asked me a month ago, the last thing I thought I would be writing about in this issue was the extremely sad death of our beloved Queen. I think we all knew she was suffering with her health and that, at 96 years old, her years left with us would not be that many. But it still came to a lot of us as a great shock to hear the news that she had died, just two days after her last working engagement.

I never met her personally and only saw her in the distance on her Silver Jubilee – her car drove past my school when I was five years old and I remember waving my flag frantically! I still feel so terribly sad, though, and I think that is because she was such a constant figure in our lives, such a leader and a rock, and I didn't think there would ever be a time without her.

She was such a kind woman with a

very good sense of humour and a smile that would calm the nerves of anyone meeting her, and it is a massive loss to our country and the Commonwealth.

I want to pay my respects to Queen Elizabeth and her family at this very difficult time. My thoughts lie particularly

with King Charles, who is not only dealing with the grief of losing his mother but also having to take on the role of our new King with an awfully big hole to fill and having to start his new role so late in life.

Let us all keep the royal family in our thoughts and prayers, and God save the King.



*Queen Elizabeth II*

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# BEACH REPORT

*The Environment Agency provides an update on the beach.*



*A section of Clymping beach before public safety works were carried out*



*Environment Agency operatives, seen through a gap in a groyne, dismantle a dilapidated section of breakwater.*



*Carrying away a piece of a wooden breakwater. Tracks show where the vehicle has avoided exposed geological features.*

## Public safety works

We completed our planned public safety works in May and removed structures that no longer function as flood defence assets and have become hazards for beach users. This work has become more excessive as more structures reach the end of their life.

During the planning phase of the works there was a lot of chalk and clay geology exposed on the beach. We sought advice from our senior Cultural Heritage Advisor on how to complete the works with minimal impact to these features. However, when we came to start, a layer of sand had been deposited over the top, which gave suitable protection. The team carried out daily site walkovers to monitor the geology. The tracks shown in the bottom photo are from the team's drive around the exposed features to avoid causing damage.

During this work a huge thunderstorm raged inland, which made for some impressive photos.

## Warning – please keep off the banks

Over the summer we have noticed visitors parking on top of the shingle bank. The defences are there to reduce flood risk and are not designed for pedestrian or vehicle access. This is also private property, and we ask all visitors and beach users to please keep off the shingle banks.



## Looking forward

The shingle banks are performing well. It is unlikely that we will carry out any shingle recycling this autumn. Any remaining budget this winter will be spent on public safety works to remove hazards from the beach and incident response activity.

We will continue to monitor the beach over the upcoming high spring tides as we head into the winter and more unsettled weather.

## Flood risk

For the most up-to-date information on flooding, please go to our website: <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>.

To sign up to receive free Flood Warnings, call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

## Contact

If you have any comments, questions or queries about Clymping beach, please e-mail [SSDENquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:SSDENquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).

# Dog of the Month!

*The dog shown here is available for adoption from Clymping Dog Sanctuary. To learn about the Sanctuary's other dogs in need of adoption, please ring 01903 883116.*



## Aimee

- Belgian Malinois X
- 6 years old – female
- Needs a home without children
- Must be the only pet
- Can jump 6" fences

"I know I'm a bit of a scaredy dog – I don't like thunder or loud noises. I also hate being left alone; I get very upset. But I do love with all my heart, and I know I have a best friend out there who will love me just as much as I love them. My name does mean Beloved, after all, and I really would love to find my forever home."

If you would like to learn more about our Aimee, please contact the sanctuary on 01903 883116.

## Safety

# Community Speed Watch update

*Alan Brackley provides an overview of monitoring in Horsemere Green Lane and Climping Street and invites more volunteers to join in.*

The two Speed Watch groups in the village, one operating in Climping Street and the other in Horsemere Green Lane, are still busy monitoring vehicle speeds whenever conditions and volunteer numbers allow.

Obviously, the groups cannot be active all the time, but both have found that when they are there, the numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limits are reduced, suggesting that most motorists are now more aware of their presence and reduce their speed accordingly.

Naturally, this does not apply to everyone. The statistics for Clymping show that one driver has been registered as exceeding the limit eight times, including twice in Yapton; others five and six times; and another was caught twice in Clymping and twice on Stane Street! The highest speeds in recent months have been 65 and 62 mph in Horsemere Green Lane by the same vehicle, whilst in Climping Street, which

has a 20 mph limit, speeds in the high 30s and more are quite regular. Given that neither road has a pavement for more than a short distance, speeding vehicles make life for pedestrians even more precarious. In most of the sessions, which are generally for about an hour, around 150 vehicles are recorded, with totals in Horsemere Green Lane often being higher, reflecting the number of vehicles using it as a rat run!

As the Speed Watch group now has its own radar speed gun, purchased by the Parish Council, the opportunities are there for more monitoring activity, so if you can spare an hour or so, maybe just once a month, please let the magazine editor know and she will pass on your details (ClympingNewsEditor@gmail.com).

Both groups are finding that more and more drivers are showing their appreciation of what is being done, although there will always be the odd ones who like to indicate their displeasure physically or shout a bit of abuse! To the driver who shouted, "Haven't you got anything better to do?" the other day, the answer is simple: "Sorry, we're trying to save lives!"

*Alan Brackley is a member of Climping Community Speed Watch.*

## Development

# Dementia Centre opening in 2023

*Lisa Eyre reports on the construction of a new specialist care home in Clymping.*

Over the summer many of us will have kept an eye on the large crane towering behind the Maidenhead Aquatics site, south of the A259. Construction of a new specialist dementia centre started in January of this year, and in August the developers announced the building's structural frame is now complete.

Construction will continue on the £10 million project until spring 2023, and the facility will be ready for residents following finishing touches next summer.

The plans for the dementia centre were

rejected by Arun District Council in November 2018, in part because of worries over new development in the Clymping Gap. However, the Planning Inspector overturned the decision in January 2020, citing an unmet need for dementia care in the local area.

The 64-bed centre, which will be called HMT Littlehampton, is designed over two storeys, with four separate wings. It will also include a tea room and shop, as well as a café and hairdressing salon that residents living with dementia in the local community will be able to visit.

The building itself will have a living, green roof, solar panels and air source heat pumps as its primary source of heating.

The facility will be operated by

Healthcare Management Trust (HMT), a charity that runs specialist care homes and private hospitals. HMT Littlehampton will offer a 'household' model of care, with residents living in small groups which will have their own domestic kitchen, dining and day lounge spaces. More information can be found at <https://hmtlittlehampton-uk.org>.



*Artist's impression of HMT Littlehampton Care Home, courtesy of Hunter's Architects*

# PLANNING APPLICATIONS

*The following planning applications for Clymping are undecided by Arun District Council as of 22nd September 2022.*

<b>Arun DC ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
CM/42/22/DOC	Black Horse Inn Climping Street Climping BN17 5RL	Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under ref CM/49/19/PL relating to Condition No 3 - surface water drainage.
CM/41/22/DOC	Kents Farm House Brookpit Lane Climping BN17 5QU	Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under ref CM/51/20/L.
CM/40/22/HH	Elms Paddock Horsemere Green Lane, BN17 5QZ	Single storey front/side extension, rear infill extension and addition of a first floor to include 2 x front dormers and balcony.
CM/37/22/HH	11 May Close Climping BN17 5TF	Construction of garage to side, porch to front and conversion of existing garage to habitable use.
CM/36/22/HH	Poole Place Grevatts Lane BN17 5RD	Erection of a detached 4-bay garage building.
CM/34/22/PL	Land to rear of Vincent Cottage Rudford Industrial Estate, Ford Road BN18 0BF	Retrospective laying of hard surfacing and change of use of land for the parking of vehicles and siting of a storage container with erection of floodlighting. This application is in CIL Zone 2 (zero rated) as other development. This application is a dual parish application with Ford Parish Council.

Arun DC ref.	Location	Proposal
CM/30/22/WS	South Coast Skip Hire Unit H9-H11 Ford Road BN18 0BD	Change of use of existing hangar building from B2/B8 industrial/storage to sui generis, installation of combined heat and power plant, receipt of up to 15,000 tonnes per year of feedstock, generation and export of up to 1.25mW electricity and 5.5mW thermal and installation of HV meter cabinet.
CM/48/21/RES	Land to the west of Church Lane south of Horsemere Green Lane, Climping	Approval of reserved matters following the grant of CM/1/17/OUT.
M/16/22/PL <i>[Editor's note: this application is filed under Middleton]</i>	Land south of Grevatts Lane/A259 Climping	Laying out of an 18-hole 72-par golf course, a 9-hole golf course, practice greens and a driving range including a buggy compound; the formation of a new access onto the A259; construction of a club house with associated golf club facilities; the construction of a maintenance building and external area of hardstanding; the laying of parking, new roads and paths; new landscape planting; surface water drainage basins and water storage reservoirs; and other earth works and infrastructure. This application also lies within the parishes of Climping and Yapton, is a Departure from the Development Plan and affects a Public Right of Way. This application is subject to an Environmental Statement.

To find out about current planning applications made to Arun District Council, visit [www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search](http://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search) (select the parish from the drop-down box, tick the 'undecided' box and click on search).

# Word search

## Sussex birds

*By Alexander Nonymouse*

Subsequent to Bola and Adam's fascinating articles on birds in the Clymping Gap, we have a 'Birdsearch'. In the puzzle below you'll find the names of 14 Sussex birds. They go horizontally, vertically and diagonally. There is an additional bird name in the puzzle which is not on the list - see if you can work it out! (Hint: it is the most common bird on the planet.)

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GOLDFINCH  
GODWIT

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