

Clymping Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the new Clymping newsletter in our temporary format while we continue to look for a replacement editor. Our thanks go once again to Lisa Eyre for doing such a great job for the last 5 ½ Years. The Parish Council has taken this opportunity to consider the best way of keeping in touch with the village and have decided on the following format:

1. A quarterly newsletter
2. A Clymping Parish Council Facebook page which will be open to all residents.
3. The Clymping Parish Council website
(<https://www.clymping.org.uk/>)

We aim to publish the newsletter once a quarter in March, June, September and December until we can reinstate the magazine. The newsletter will be available electronically for those that wish to receive it that way. Please send your details to jmules.cpc@gmail.com to be placed on the distribution list. The Facebook group will be up and running shortly and will contain information about the work of the council, providing a forum for discussion about issues important to the parish. The website will continue to be a source of information including the minutes of meetings and current planning applications. If you have any ideas about ways we can improve communication or if you are interested in becoming editor of the magazine please email me on the address above.

Jane Mules, Clymping Parish Councilor

A Parish View from Colin Humphris, Chair of Clymping Parish Council

The report to the Annual Parish Meeting summarising the work of the council is displayed on the noticeboards in the village and is available on the website.

During the summer it's easy to forget the threat posed by winter storms to the beach and nearby property. Collaborative work by the Environment Agency and landowners

has provided better short-term protection and we are hopeful that a trust fund may be established to provide a mechanism for others to contribute to future beach projects.

The archaeological excavation of the Foreman Homes site is proceeding but with no news of any "finds" The Parish Council objected to the most recent application, and we are pleased to note that Arun District Council have raised many similar points and are requesting more information on drainage and in one case threatening refusal if this is not forthcoming.

The Parish Council has been active during the hearings on the Rampion 2 wind farm application. Of particular concern is a proposed works compound to the east of Church Lane between Field Place, the playing fields and Clymping Park. We have raised concerns over the local impact of noise, vibration and air pollution, the visual impact and additional HGV traffic in Church Lane. We also are worried that post construction this location could become a brown field development site. We have however received reassurance that activity close to the school and down Bread Lane will be minimal.

Update from Arun District Councillor Amanda Worne:

The Arun District Council's Flood Forum met in June to discuss flooding issues in the district. Several Councillors, including myself, raised concerns that some of our parishes and towns, including Clymping, are not represented at this Forum, as it has only been dealing with rainfall flooding. A request was made that this be amended and that we rotate parishes and towns in the district so everyone is included. The whole district is affected by flooding, whether rainfall or coastal, so it is imperative in my opinion we are all involved in the decisions made to help deal with the problem.

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I have also contacted Norden House, the care home that has recently opened in Climping Street, as I feel it is extremely important that a strong relationship between the home and village residents is formed. They invited me to attend one of their regular companionship cafes, to which the community are invited. to come along and share in a cup of tea with the home. I am hoping to meet with the Executive Director of Operations so we can discuss how we work together. If any residents have any concerns, please let the Parish Council know. It is important we raise any matters we feel are important as soon as we can so a good relationship is formed.

Update from Justin Murray, Head of St Mary's CE Primary School

"This vibrant and happy school nurtures pupils to grow into independent and resilient learners with a thirst for education." These are the opening words of our recent OFSTED report and we couldn't be more proud of the work we are doing at St Mary's. While we are always striving for improvement, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the huge success we have achieved as a school community this year. This thirst for education is displayed in a variety of ways and we have experienced some fantastic academic success. This year we have developed a reading culture throughout the school.

We have also experienced some fantastic sporting success. We have committed time and resources to developing our PE curriculum and all those hours cutting wickets, retrieving balls from hedges and feeding bowling machines paid off with our recent victory in the Year 5 and 6 cricket tournament. We competed against a variety of other schools and have qualified for the Sussex Finals Day.

Our monthly beach walks continue to provide children with opportunities to experience what OFSTED described as a "small and very special school."

If you would like to build links with or support the school, then please get in touch with us. Our contact details can be found on our website www.stmarysclymping.org.uk.

Clymping Beach update June 2024 from the Environment Agency

In April, Storm Kathleen brought Force 7 south westerly winds and a 0.76m surge on a high spring tide. These conditions led to the highest recorded tides at Littlehampton and impacts were felt on the River Arun and at Clymping beach. The shingle bunds through the car parks performed well, however there was some lowering of the shingle next to Bread Lane. The Environment Agency (EA) were on site the following day with two bulldozers to push shingle back into a crest in a more landward position – in line with where the shingle had naturally washed to.

In May and June, the Environment Agency completed their planned public safety works to Clymping beach. We removed metalwork and several redundant timber groynes which were posing a hazard for beach users. As part of the works, we recycled 1752 tonnes of shingle from Littlehampton West Beach to Clymping beach to strengthen the shingle bunds. To move the shingle we trialed a new tracked dumper truck which had a lesser ground pressure than wheeled dumper trucks and operated well in the soft ground.

Diary Dates – all are welcome!

Sunday 25th August: Family Day and picnic details to follow

Saturday 21st September: Community Coffee Morning, 10.30am–noon, Clymping Village Hall

Saturday 7th December: Community Coffee Morning, 10.30am–noon, Clymping Village Hall