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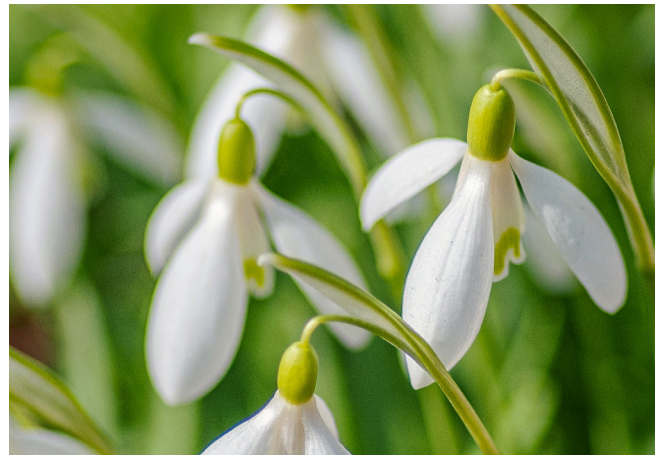
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Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of the Clymping Village News.

How lovely that warmer days are on their way and with this in mind this edition is packed with ideas of things to do over the next few months as well as updates on the key issues and developments around the village.

If you would like to contribute to or place an advert in future editions, please let me know by email jane.mules@clympingpc.org.uk the deadline for submissions is **3rd May**.

Jane Mules
Clymping Parish Council

Hedgehogs in the Spring

National Hedgehog Day was on February 2nd, a good time to think about our hedgehogs in Climping, as they'll be coming out of hibernation soon.



Start by checking that your hedgehog highway gaps in your perimeter fences and walls have not been blocked over the winter. Hedgehogs can travel up to 2km during the night and it is important that they keep off the roads during this time.

All wild hedgehogs are able to hibernate, but not all do so, so you may have seen hedgehogs in your garden over the winter. Because of this, it is important to keep leaving out a little bit of cat food, just in case they are passing through.

I have seen the occasional hedgehog in my garden in the last month or so, and as the weather turns milder again, we will be seeing them emerge from hibernation.

Hedgehogs hibernate because the food they rely on - slugs, beetles, and other insects - becomes scarcer in the colder weather.

In hibernation, a hedgehog's body will cool and their normal physiological activities are slowed down. Their heart rate decreases from approximately 190bpm to a faint 20 beats. And their body temperature, which is normally about 35°C, drops to 10°C, or less. Respiration almost stops and they will breathe only every few minutes.

Hedgehogs emerging from hibernation will obviously be hungry.

Leaving out a small amount of meaty cat food, not fish and not in gravy, is a tasty treat for them.

If you don't have a feeding station, where the food is kept away from other animals, one suggestion is to put an upturned saucer on top of the feeding bowl.

Hedgehogs will push the lid off to get to the food, whereas cats will normally not do so.

It is important not to put out too much food because, if your neighbours are also feeding the hedgehogs, they can become overweight and then unable to curl up properly against predators.

It is also important that hedgehogs forage for their natural diet of earthworms, beetles, snails, and slugs, which will give them a very balanced diet.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal creatures so if you see a hedgehog out in the daytime, there is a possibility that they are unwell.

Sue Berry

A Parish View

Foreman Homes Build

I'm sure everyone is aware that work is underway on the Foreman Homes site. Following the removal of a number of trees drainage is currently being installed. There have already been issues for residents bordering the site. Foreman have finally agreed to a liaison group meeting with the Parish Council (CPC) in February.

Our objective is to have an open channel to address issues promptly and gain a deeper understanding of the phases of their work. This is to avoid surprises such as the road closures for deer removal in January and for early warning of disruption that will inevitably occur when work starts on the new Church Lane roundabout. The planning approval requires that the roundabout is complete before the occupation of the first dwelling.

Please let the Parish Councillors know of any issues you have arising from the construction works.

Beach

Two winter storms have required the restoration of the protective bunds and their realignment inland at the end of Climping Street. This will further restrict any parking there. WSCC will be restoring the yellow line parking restrictions once the bund work is complete. We have asked for signs warning visitors of the parking restrictions in future.

Looking ahead the expectation described by the EA at the **December 1st** presentation (available on the CPC website clymping.org.uk) is that a single bay will eventually form curving inland from Poole Place to the line of the current Mill Lane bund.

As the coast erodes, we are seeing a progressive, managed retreat. As this is now coming very close to homes we are seeking clarity of the decision-making processes; who decides what and when.

I'm keen to recognise the great work of the volunteers who cleared shipping container debris washed up on the beach. There is more to be done with other debris washed up along the shore during the winter and we are seeking the best ways for this to be removed for both safety and appearance reasons.

Footpath 175

The closure of Footpath 175 across the airfield has been a particular inconvenience to many. CPC has pushed consistently for the opening of the alternative route approved long ago by WSCC.

In our view Vistry have no remaining safety, planning or technical reasons for delaying opening and we are pressing for firm commitment to an opening date.

The proposed route can be viewed on the Vistry website:

vistryhomesford.co.uk/footpath/

Rampion 2 Windfarm

The Rampion project team have committed to engage with CPC to keep the community informed before and during survey works, site investigations and ultimately, construction. This will include details of the two works compounds, one to the east of Church Lane and the other to the south of Ferry Road. We expect initial briefings during this summer once the plans for this huge project have crystallized.

Precept

The annual Council Tax notification will shortly be dropping through our letterboxes. Part of this charge is made up of a local precept set by Clymping Parish Council and collected on our behalf by Arun District Council.

Clymping Parish Council sets its precept for the forthcoming financial year in January. The precept provides the vast majority of the council's income for the year and enables us to deliver parish council services, maintain and enhance the village environment and take forward projects.

We recognise that the cost of living has had an impact on residents, as well as on the budgets of both the District and County Councils. To ensure that the Parish Council can continue to deliver key projects for the community, it was resolved at the Full Council Meeting on **20th January 2026** that the Parish Council would increase its current precept level by 5% from £21,000 to £22,050.

Based on a 5% increase in the parish precept, as calculated by Arun District Council and adjusted for the Tax Base figure (the number of registered contributing dwellings), the Band D Council Tax contribution for 2026–2027 will be £45.46. This is a slight increase compared with the 2025–2026 rate of £43.75.

The changes to other charges that make up the total Council Tax bill will be publicised by Arun and West Sussex Councils in due course.

Finally, any residents who would like to join the parish transport workgroup which develops proposals for improving the highways and byways in the village, please contact me on **07745 370367**.

Colin Humphris

Clymping Parish Council

Dee West Yoga

My yoga class meets at **Clymping Village Hall** on **Saturdays 9AM - 10AM**.

Classes are run on a drop-in basis and **£10 per session**.

There are many good reasons to practise yoga; it's simple and safe to learn, gives you energy, increases your flexibility, and improves your focus and balance.

I hold a YA200hr Yoga Diploma and am fully insured.

Please contact me to check suitability on: **07816 460 992**
or **deewestyoga@gmail.com**



A Message from St Mary's CoE Primary School

The spring term at St Mary's has been full of energy, learning and memorable moments for our pupils. As part of our R.E. curriculum, children across the school have been exploring key themes through performance and discussion. Recent highlights include thoughtful retellings of the Good Samaritan and reflective work on the question "*What does it mean if God is loving and holy?*".

These sessions have encouraged pupils to think deeply about compassion, fairness and the values that shape our community.

Worship continues to be an important and joyful part of school life. We remain extremely grateful to Rev Richard Hayes, who leads worship regularly, as well as to the visiting church leaders who give their time so generously. Their ongoing commitment strengthens the bond between the school and the wider parish.

This term has also been rich with memorable experiences that bring learning to life. Our school choir, along with selected pupils, travelled to London to take part in the Young Voices concert - joining a 9,000-strong choir in an unforgettable

evening of music and celebration. Year 3 and 4 pupils have just returned from their visit to the Mary Rose, where they explored Tudor history first-hand and deepened their understanding of this fascinating period. Meanwhile, our youngest learners enjoyed a delightful teddy bears' picnic as part of their topic on toys, filling the classroom with excitement and imagination.

As the year gathers pace, we are already looking ahead to Easter with enthusiasm.

Finally, a heartfelt plea to our village community: we are seeking new foundation governors to support the school in ensuring we continue to offer the very best education for the children of Clymping. You do not need previous school experience - just a willingness to contribute, listen and help guide the school's future. If you are interested or would simply like to find out more, please speak to Mr Murray. Your support would be warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated.

Justin Murray

Head of Clymping CoE Primary School

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH AND APRIL AT THE BLACK HORSE, CLIMPING



WEDNESDAY 4 - FRIDAY 6 MARCH CELEBRATE BRITISH PIE WEEK

Join us for lunch or dinner and enjoy a home-made pie and pint for just £18.50

SUNDAY 15 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY

Book a delicious lunch and we will help you celebrate with a glass of wine and a lovely plant for your mum with our compliments

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH – BINGO!

Join our first Bingo Night from 7pm in the Ryebank

FRIDAY 3 APRIL - LIVE MUSIC

Join Jamie Hiron live in the bar from 7pm

KIDS EAT FOR £1 THIS EASTER

Kids can tuck into a tasty main course from our kids menu for just £1 with every adult main ordered, from Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April (excluding Sundays)

FRIDAY 17 APRIL - LIVE MUSIC

Join TJ Walker live in the bar from 7pm

WEDNESDAYS - QUIZ NIGHT

In the Ryebank from 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm
Enjoy 25% off all pints of beer/cider/Guinness or 2 cocktails for £10

WONDERFUL WEEKDAYS

Join us for lunch or dinner on Wednesday and Thursday with 10% off all food

FRI-YAY

Make Friday the best day of the week with 'fish & chips' and a pint of beer or glass of wine for just £19 from 12pm to 2pm

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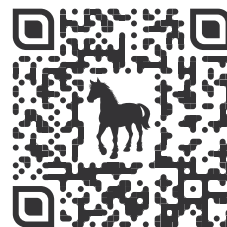
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Wild About Climping

Update from Wendy Robinson (Environment Working Group)

Clymping Community Rallies After Baltic Klipper Spill

In early December, 16 shipping containers fell overboard from the cargo ship Baltic Klipper near the Isle of Wight. Over the following days, 13 containers washed ashore along the West Sussex coast at Selsey, Bognor Regis and Pagham Harbour.

Foam insulation broke away from the damaged metal containers and was carried in by the tide, along with bananas and avocados originally destined for UK supermarkets, across the coast.



For many of us, walking Climping Beach is our “happy place”, so it was distressing and overwhelming to see the extent of plastic foam and fruit debris strewn across the shoreline from Elmer to the River Arun.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who helped with the beach clean-up and worked to prevent plastic packaging and foam from entering the marine ecosystem: Climping Street residents, neighbours, dog walkers, and all those who came to help. Many bin liners full of debris were left at the bins at the

end of Climping Street and were collected daily by Arun District Council and Ambipar, the environmental company employed by WSCC to assist with the clean-up.

It was an amazing collective effort. Thank you for your time, energy and support. Thank you for making such a difference.

By late January, major clean-up operations

were winding down as volumes have substantially decreased. However, for those of us who walk the beach regularly, the work continues. Debris is still washing ashore, and the insulation foam has now broken down into much smaller pieces.

Customer Service

03708 506 506

Incident Hotline

0800 80 70 60

Floodline

03459 88 11 88

[gov.uk/
environment-agency](https://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)



Climping Beach Community Update

Winter Storms

In December 2025, Storm Bram caused strong winds and waves that overtopped sections of the shingle bund and raised crest levels through natural rollback.

The beach experienced further impacts from Storm Goretti in January, including overtopping and localised breaching of the shingle bank between Mill Road and Bread Lane and at the end of Climping Street, resulting in evidence of surface flooding.



Climping Beach - Storm Goretti 2026

The event also led to the near-total loss of the remaining derelict wall defence, reducing residual structural protection in this section.

Beach Works

In response to ongoing coastal erosion, the Environment Agency, working with local residents and our Local Authority Partners, have started work to rebuild and realign the shingle defence, pushing it landward at the end of Climping Street to improve flood risk management for vulnerable properties.

Works around the Climping car park to the west of Bread Lane began on **4th February** and are expected to continue **until mid-February 2026**.

In the future, we plan to continue realigning the shingle bank to the north of Mill Lane to better link with the natural rollback processes of the beach. This work will depend on the availability of recycled shingle material and funding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our local Asset Performance Team: **LTSDN.APEast.Hants.Chi@environment-agency.gov.uk**

A Day in the Life of Rosie Howard: Professional Novelist

I would love to tell readers I wake up to a delightfully perfect breakfast in bed, followed by a pleasant hour reclining on a chaise lounge, dictating a couple of thousand words to my loyal secretary before taking the rest of my charming, writerly day off...I mean, I don't, but even the honest truth really isn't too terrible.

Currently, I write novels under two pen names; **Rosie Howard** and **Poppy Alexander**.

My Rosie Howards are a series of books set recognisably in the part of the country we all know so well. These are (*hopefully*) uplifting, heartwarming stories with multigenerational friendships, romance, families and lovely settings, with covetable houses and beautiful countryside centre stage.

The Poppy Alexander books, also contemporary fiction, sell mainly in the US, where there is a willing readership for



romances in charming Sussex villages, luckily for me!

The first draft of a ninety-thousand-word novel will take me between four and six months, which means aiming to write one thousand words a day, from Monday to Friday with the weekends off. Novel-writing is still a full-time job, despite appearances though. In truth, the majority of a professional novelist's working life is taken up with work secondary to the writing itself. I might be needing to have email or Zoom discussions with my US agent over sale of translation rights;

chasing royalties; checking contracts; perhaps feedback on any work I have asked for her opinion on; plus, consideration of what I should write next and for whom...

And that's just my agent.

Then, there is my ongoing work with my editor and editorial team.

Each manuscript will go through several editing processes before it goes to print. I might be simultaneously doing a structural edit of one book whilst checking a final line or

copy edit for another book which is closer to launch, at the same time as writing something new. It is not always easy holding the plots and characters in three full-length stories in your head simultaneously. Maybe that is one reason why I like to link my books, using characters and settings from a previous story in the next, although all of my stories can also be read as stand-alones.

And then, there is publicity and public relations, which is mainly handled by the team at the publishers, although it means me being available to jump onto any opportunities they secure. I also have a fair bit of direct communication with readers, thanks to social media. I have a Facebook and Instagram account where I can chat with readers and reviewers, and I may also be doing talks, writing articles (*such as this one!*) and being a guest on podcasts to raise the profile of my books and assist sales.

I have another exciting project currently, which is republishing some of my older books myself, joining the growing band of writers who combine traditional publishing deals with self-publishing – a whole other world with a whole other playbook of skills to develop. Finally, I am currently studying for an MA in Creative Writing. As an already

published author of several novels, I thought it was about time I acquired some sort of formal qualification, and I am loving being a student again.

It all sounds delightful, doesn't it? I do realise how lucky I am to be doing what I love. The only downside is that the creative industries tend to be lucrative for only a lucky and talented few. The publishing model in the UK these days – with widespread pirating and the 99p e-book – means that most authors fail to make a reasonable living, and this is a problem if we want to continue to have new books.

As readers – *and I am very much one of those too* – we can support authors by doing three things: Obviously the first two are to be book-buyers, and book borrowers. It is a little-known fact that, in the UK, authors do get paid a few pence each time you borrow one of their books from a library. Thirdly, readers are frequently unaware how a simple star-rating or one-line review can help support an author's career. It takes only a minute to write – *perhaps on that book sales platform that reminds us of the longest river in South America...*

In conclusion, I love to write. My characters sometimes feel

more vivid than the real people in my life and I can't imagine a better job than to create a universe I would love to inhabit myself. That said, my writing is wholly inspired by my life in the Sussex countryside so perhaps I already do. Certainly, my first Rosie Howard, 'The Homecoming' is wholeheartedly set right here, as are the further books in the Havenbury series. 'The Homecoming' is available in paperback, e-book and audiobook from all good bookshops, including The Crow Road Books in Arundel, who I am sure would love to sell you a copy.

Thank you for reading!

Rosie Howard is speaking at the Arundel Literary Festival, 20-22nd March 2026.

Her talk - **We Are All Storytelling Creatures** – explores how we humans uniquely share the instinct to shape our lives into stories, and asks, *what it is that makes a good story anyhow?*

Further information:
thevictoriainstitute.com/literary-festival

Tribute to local resident Matt “Bezza” Berry.

Neighbours and friends of Climping resident, and GB Boccia Athlete, Matt ‘Bezza’ Berry, gathered together on the evening of Wednesday 10th of December to mark the first anniversary of Matt’s death, by planting a tree in the grounds of Crophorne Drive. Matt, who had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, was 28 when he died in December 2024.

In his short life, Matt had travelled to over 35 countries, got a degree in Engineering from Portsmouth University, won numerous medals for Great Britain and England in a sport he devoted his life to - reaching a World Ranking of 17, and left

a lasting legacy of love and respect from everyone who knew him.

His Mum, Sue Berry, said that of the five houses that Matt lived in, in Hertfordshire and West Sussex, he always said he loved living here in Crophorne Drive the best of all. So, it was very fitting to plant a tree here, in his memory. At the end of the event, everyone present toasted Matt with a glass of rosé wine, his favourite tippie.

We look forward to seeing the tree, a liquid amber styraciflua ‘Worplesdon’, in all its splendour, later in the year.



St Mary's Church Update

It seems a long time ago, but the last time I was writing for our village magazine was before Christmas, and now we are getting ready for Easter!

It was lovely to see many folk from in and around the village and school during the Christmas period. The school Christingle was a great service, finishing off with the newly established tradition of everyone singing the 12 days of Christmas. We had carols at the Ship and Anchor, then our Carol Service in church – *I have realised this clashes with the great Tractor parade in Arundel, so this year we will be changing the date.*

Christmas Eve saw the church full for another Christingle service and then we had fun on the day itself at our Family Communion with a talk about the strangest present: a pair of personalised pyjamas...You had to be there!

Of course, Christmas doesn't end on 25th December... one tradition has it that you can keep decorations up until February 2nd, known as Candlemas (*or Ground Hog Day if you live in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania*). Which means that this year there was just 3 weeks between 'Christmas' and the beginning of Lent... which then takes us to Easter!

During Lent we have been running an online course, available on our CYFchurches YouTube Channel, looking at a rule of life to help us live life well. Then for Easter we have a service at Clymping on Good Friday at 2.00pm and on Easter Day we meet together to celebrate this great Christian feast at our Family Communion Service.

Some of you will remember that every year we used to have a Sunrise Communion service on our beach. For the last 2 years we have held this service outside St Andrews, Ford due to the access and parking problems at the beach. At the time of writing a decision hasn't been made about this year's venue, so keep an eye out on our website (cyfchurches.org.uk) or social media.

Of course, we would love to see you at any of the services in your village church, at any time. You will always be warmly welcomed.

Rev Richard Hayes
St. Mary's Church

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Springtime Stories

I love Spring! The lengthening of the daylight, the daffodils blazing out in all their yellow glory, the new life all around us. We often talk about January being the start of the year – a time to make goals and begin again. I would argue that Spring is the true start of the year. It is a time for coming out of hibernation, a time of regeneration, growth. A time to try new hobbies, of feeling more energised as the rhythm of the year is in full flow in our bizarre capitalist society. Just as they sing enthusiastically in *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers*: “Spring, spring, spring!” - *this is a time of joy*.

This opportunity for growth, creativity and filling your cup is important to make use of, and an excellent way to make the most of extra energy is by reading. As an avid reader, with a tendency to pick books based on the season, I would love the opportunity to share some books that are perfect for this time of year.

Seeing the world around me change during Spring makes me curious. This curiosity leads me to seek out non-fiction reads and in particular the sub-genre of nature writing. I would especially love to recommend **Grounding by Lulah Ellender**. This memoir is a love letter to gardening whilst also tackling topics such as grief, identity, belonging and resilience, set in Sussex. It is a slow, meandering and thoughtful look at nurturing a garden and the many small moments along the way.

One of my favourite authors is **Philip Pullman**. His storytelling creates immersive worlds such as those within **His Dark Materials**. I would recommend the **Sally Lockhart series** and particularly the first book **The Ruby in the Smoke**. The story begins in England (1872) and follows Sally Lockhart who receives a strange letter after the death of her father. It is a warning that leads her on a journey of mystery and intrigue. The characters quickly feel like old friends and the mystery keeps you on your toes.

Another brilliant book is **Old Toffer's Book of Consequential Dogs by Christopher Reid** which is a poetry collection full of charm and wit, with brilliant illustrations by Elliot Elam. Perfect to read with your child or to curl up with a cup of tea.

I hope that these books will bring you lots of joy. Below I have included a longer list of book recommendations so that you can find something for everyone. Whatever you end up reading I hope you spend this season enjoying being in another world, using your imagination, and escaping the world for a little while.

For more recommendations follow me on Instagram: **@stageyemreads**

Emilie Mules

Non-fiction

- **Around The World In 80 Plants, Jonathan Drori**
- **Grounding: Finding Home In A Garden, Lulah Ellender**
- **Spring, Michael Morpurgo**
- **World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks and Other Astonishments, Aimee Nezhukumatathil**
- **Half Arse Human: How to live better**

Fiction

- **The Little Prince, Antoine De Daint-Exupéry**
- **The Other Countess, Eve Edwards**
- **The Murderer's Ape, Jakob Wegelius**
- **The Ruby in the Smoke, Philip Pullman**
- **Old Toffer's Book of Consequential Dogs, Christopher Reid**

THE BIG SPRING CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Early spring flower (8)
- 2 Open up, as a bud (5)
- 7 Source of Vitamin D (8)
- 10 A US sport that starts in the spring (8)
- 11 Following Lent (6)
- 14 What is sowed (4)
- 17 To melt ice (4)
- 18 Colourful arc (7)
- 20 Like grass, fresh with droplets (4)
- 21 Fertilise flowers (9)
- 24 Bird sound (5)
- 25 Main stem of a tree (5)
- 26 Prickly shrub (7)
- 27 Tree-filled habitat (8)
- 28 Violet flowers that grow in 27 answer (9)

DOWN

- 1 Alfresco meal (6)
- 3 Sheep's young (4)
- 4 Soft and gentle wind (6)
- 5 Colourful flying insect (9)
- 6 Bird's home (4)
- 8 New growth (6)
- 9 Produce flowers (7)
- 12 Outdoor planting area (6)
- 13 April showers (4)
- 15 Yellow springtime flower (8)
- 16 Plant-growing conservatory (10)
- 19 Dutch flower (5)
- 22 Marks start of spring (7)
- 23 Trimming plans (7)
- 25 Alfresco meal (6)

WORD SEARCH

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- VALENTINES
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- DAFFODILS
- SUNSHINE
- SNOWDROPS
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- CHELTENHAM
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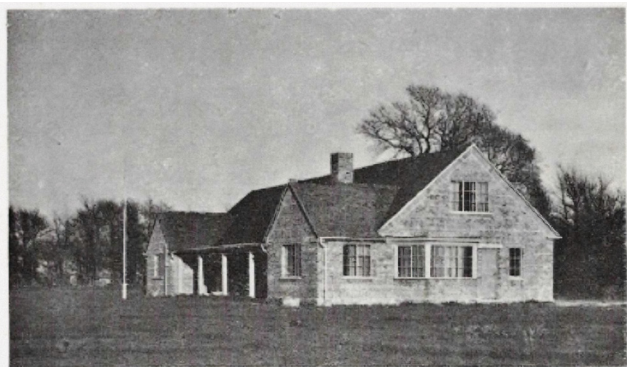
Use the given numbers as clues, and logically deduce which numbers fit in the remaining cells, eliminating options that already appear in the same row, column, or box, until the entire grid is complete.

Answers to the puzzles can be found on **page 23**.

Update from the Clymping Village Hall Committee

Do you recognise this 90 year old local community building?

In 1936, the Village Hall was gifted by the Moyne Family to the inhabitants of Clymping Parish with



CLYMPING VILLAGE HALL, SUSSEX (WEST)
Built, 1936. Cost, £1,600. Construction, walls of brick on concrete foundation; roof of brown hand-made tiles. Accommodation, main hall with stage, club room, kitchen, two dressing rooms and committee room.

the object of improving the conditions of life for local people.

The original transfer deeds stated: *“To establish and run a village hall and playing field to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Clymping (the ‘area of benefit’) without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.”*

Whilst the language may now be dated, and the Hall has expanded a bit, it’s encouraging to believe that life in Clymping has improved over the past 90 years, partly thanks to what your Hall has brought to the

area, and continues to bring the community together for activities like celebrations, sports, exercise, dance, auctions, coffee mornings, film nights, and other memorable events.

Clymping Village Hall and Playing Field offers a very versatile and adaptable venue, conveniently located within walking distance for local residents. It is available to host a variety of events, including parties, family gatherings, group meetings, film screenings, and wedding receptions. The space and grounds can accommodate a wide range of occasions and requirements.

Clymping Petanque Club was founded in late 2019 by locals seeking a nearby place to play. After securing an area of unused land beside the Hall, members transformed it into a fenced petanque terrain. The club opened in January 2020 then quickly closed due to Covid; post-lockdown, membership grew rapidly as people sought outdoor activities.

Now with over 60 members, many compete across Southern England, and the club hosts regional and open tournaments twice a year. Visitors are welcome at sessions held from 10am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays year-round.

Dani Heppenstall has been running dance fitness classes in Littlehampton, Rustington, and Clymping for 15 years. With a background as a professional dancer in UK shows and cruise liners, she now teaches various classes for all ages and levels, including Zumba, Zumba Toning, Step, Pound, and Giddy Up Gorgeous Line Dancing.

Join her pay-as-you-go sessions!
For details, call **07863 105 453**
or follow **@GiddyUpGorgeous** on Instagram.

Clymping Cricket Club fields two sides in the Sussex Cricket League and are always on the lookout for new players of all ages to join this friendly club.

The grounds here are considered among the most picturesque in the county and you can enjoy visiting the other grounds during the season to compare pitches! The club enjoys a high ranking within this competitive League.

Pre-season indoor net training sessions are held at the fantastic indoor facilities at Arundel Castle and outdoor nets run throughout the summer from mid-April.

Contact 1st XI Captain Alex Harris on **07875 623 050** or email **alexharris_86@hotmail.com**.

Or contact 2nd XI Neil Pierce on **07795 552 833** or email **neilpierce64@icloud.com**.

Other Activities that regularly take place at the Hall and grounds include Stoolball, British Motorcycle Club, Football, and lots more.

Further information on activities and how to book the Hall can all be found on our website, search: **Clymping Village Hall**



Clymping Cricket Club, the West Sussex Invitation League Division 1 match

We're delighted to announce exciting news ahead with the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Clymping Village Hall & Playing Field to be held on Saturday 22nd August 2026.

As a pre-event, we invite you to let us know what you would enjoy doing on the day and contribute your personal memories, photographs, and family stories to be shared during this year's 90th anniversary celebration at the Hall.

Please email your suggestions, memories, stories and photos to **clympingvh@gmail.com**.

Come along to the next free **Community Coffee Morning on the Saturday 7th March** from 10.30am to noon where you can meet friends, neighbours, other villagers and check out the Hall and its facilities.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 23rd April** in the Hall from 7.00pm – all are welcome to attend.

Diary Dates

MARCH

Clymping Coffee Morning

| 07 MAR 10.30AM - 12PM

Clymping Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting

| 10 MAR 7.30PM

Clymping Church Hall

Piers Ottey Exhibition

| 10-12 MAR

| 17-19 MAR

| 24-26 MAR

Champs Hill, Coldwaltham
thebct.org.uk

Creative Corners

Easter Art Trail

| 29 MAR - 10 APR

Funding raising for Sage House at Tangmere.
Emsworth, Lordington and West Stoke

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Pre-Chichester

Open Studios Exhibition

| 15 APR - 26 APR

OX Gallery in Chichester
oxmarket.org

Annual General Meeting

| 23 APR 7PM

Clymping Village Hall

MAY

Chichester

Open Studios Trail

| 16-17 MAY

| 23-25 MAY

Hoe Lane, Flansham (*nearest venue*)
chichesteropenstudios.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting

| 19 MAY 7.30PM

Clymping Church Hall

JUNE

Clymping Coffee Morning

| 06 JUN 10.30AM - 12PM

Clymping Village Hall

Fiona Howard

WALLPAPERS



To mark 100 years of The Shipping Forecast, Fiona Howard has created a wallpaper that captures the magic of this treasured British broadcast. In two gentle colourways, 'Shipping Forecast' drifts across the wall like the tides themselves, each sea area adorned with swifts, sailing ships, shells, puffins, lobsters, and watchful lighthouses. A poetic homage to the rhythm of the waves and the voices that have guided seafarers for a century.