

CLYMPING VILLAGE NEWS

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Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Village Newsletter.

This edition includes a number of events happening over the summer.

The Parish Council is also a planning session on **6th July** with a view to ensuring we are prepared for unexpected events. If you would like to get involved please let me know.

If you would like to submit an article for future newsletters please contact me at jane.mules@clympingpc.org.uk

Jane Mules

Clymping Parish Council

A Parish View

The wet winter has given way to a dry spring and unfortunately Foreman Homes have made a very poor start with their dust suppression. Cars, conservatories, solar panels, etc. were covered with a thick layer of dust and residents rightly complained to Arun District Council about the nuisance and health concerns that have resulted.

The first liaison meeting with the developer went ahead in February and we have used this mechanism to complain about the current dust situation. We will see just how effectively they manage this type of issue at such an early stage of the development project.

Auger piling is expected to get underway shortly for the foundations of the first homes with the intention of completing 50-60 homes a year, with site completion in 4-5 years from now. We were given no start date for the new Church Lane roundabout and will seek clarity on this from West Sussex Highways as there are differing views as to whether the final design is agreed/approved. The next liaison meeting with Foreman Homes will be in May.

At the beach we met with the Environment Agency, West Sussex Highways and Arun District Council. Whilst the repositioned bund seems to be effective, the lack of coordination between the agencies was striking. This underlined the need for a coherent plan for managing the future retreat of the coastline. We provided a short paper to them for their comments and await all the responses.

The alternative route for Footpath 175 has finally opened (after the six-week temporary closure in September 2024!). Why it remained closed for so long is a mystery but please make good use of it.

As you will recall we have a village emergency plan in place and have provided householder advice on being prepared for emergencies. We are in the process of establishing a village emergency hub and plan an emergency simulation to test our plans and processes. Cllr Mules would be happy to hear from any residents who would like to take part.

A defibrillator is approved for installation at the Black Horse Climping Street and a further installation joint funded by the community and the PC will be considered at the May PC meeting.

Finally, some dates for your diaries. On **Saturday August 1st at 7.00pm Wessex Archaeology will be presenting their findings from their surveying of the Foreman site field in Yapton Village Hall** where they can accommodate 300 people. Researchers will be on hand from late afternoon to speak with residents and show artefacts they found. Later in **August on Saturday 22nd there will be a village day of events at the Village Hall and recreation ground to celebrate 90 years of this community facility in our village.** For more information on the village day and offers to help, please contact Cllr Anne Miller.

Colin Humphris
Clymping Parish Council



Wild About Clymping: High Flyers

It is so exciting to see swallows swooping low over the fields, house martins chattering, and swifts returning to the Clymping skies.

We've now completed the third phase of installing boxes and nests. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped.

The remarkable 'high flyers' travel thousands of miles to return here to breed, and we can support them by providing safe nesting sites. Clymping now boasts 43 swift boxes, 28 house martin nests, and 3 swallow nests. This has truly been a wonderful community effort.

We're delighted to report that at least two of last year's breeding pairs have already returned to Clymping Street. These are part of the first wave: adult swifts heading straight to their previous nesting site. A second wave will follow towards the end of May - these are younger swifts scouting for places to breed next year. The third wave, in July, brings juveniles learning to socialise and test their flying skills. At this time, you'll hear the skies alive with their distinctive 'screaming' parties - an unmistakable and uplifting sound of summer.

Keep looking up!



Swiftlet in the nest box

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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

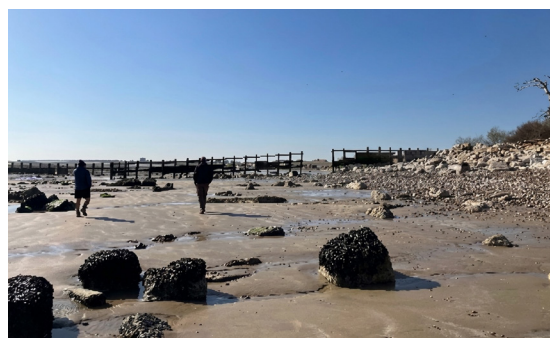
Beach Activities

Over the past few months, the Environment Agency has been working along the beach to carry out both planned beach works and urgent repairs where needed.

Working with the landowner, we used shingle that had been stored near the car park to strengthen the beach. By moving the shingle bank further inland and reshaping its crest, we've added extra protection against waves, sea overtopping, and potential flooding.

At low tides, we have transported unused rocks along the shoreline to help reinforce a flood defence structure at Elmer.

We also carried out a full walkover of the beach to check the condition of the groynes and identify any areas where safety repairs are required.



Groyne Survey at Climping Beach

Public Safety Advice

We continue to carry out regular checks on the safety signage along the beach. Whenever we find damage or anything that isn't working properly, our teams repair or replace it. This helps ensure all signs remain clear and easy to read, so visitors are aware of any risks or hidden hazards of the beach.



Future Look

With the funding available, we will continue carrying out work to make the beach as resilient as possible. Later in the year, we plan to work with the Littlehampton Harbour Board to bring in additional shingle. This will help us continue shaping the newly positioned shingle bank so it can naturally roll back over time as the beach evolves. We will also be making the remaining timber structures safe for people using the beach.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our local Asset Performance Team:

Stroodelande

Climping



Guided Group Walks

Thanks to grant funding, we are now able to offer **FREE** two-hour guided **educational walks** for groups!

Led by an experienced and knowledgeable guide, the walks provide a unique insight into the relationship between nature and farming on the land at Climping.

Along our various routes, the guide will highlight and explain the natural treasures that are

To book a date, email:

info@stroodelande.com

Or visit our website for info:

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interlinked with the terrain, helping participants understand the rich biodiversity of the area.

Groups will also receive an overview of our nature recovery projects, both on-site and in the surrounding area, and learn how we are adapting our farming and land management practices to become more nature-focused and resilient for the future.

These walks are available to **schools** and **organisations** for **5-20 people**.



Come Grow with us at Hobbs Community Garden: Bridgette Macilwaine and Pamela Godfrey

Hobbs Community Garden is a recently established initiative dedicated to offering a vibrant, productive, welcoming green space for all ages and abilities to the local residents. The garden is based on people care, earth care and fair share with the aim to grow organic produce, foster local connections, support wildlife, welcome schools and share skills and knowledge. We're currently transforming two plots for growing vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers, along with a wildlife pond, new shed, fruit trees and raised beds to support volunteers with mobility issues. There's plenty to get involved with and we're thrilled with the high level of interest we've received so far! If you're interested in joining, please email us and we'll be happy to welcome you on volunteering Sundays.



We are building a community garden at the new RHS Badminton show this year in July, if you're interested in getting involved to help out or to sponsor the garden, email us and let's connect!

See our progress and follow along:

Email: hobbscommunitygarden@gmail.com

Facebook: Hobbs Community Garden

Instagram: @hobbs.community.garden

Website: hobbscommunitygarden.com

We hope to see you in the garden soon!



The Sussex Summer Road and Book Trip

Summer is a time for fun. Longer days, warmer weather, BBQs, picnics. Bank holidays galore! I love that the sunshine provides us with the excuse to smile more.

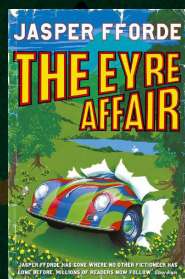
Summer is a time for gatherings, for travel and exploring, a time to eat. This season I am taking on the role of local travel guide and book recommender. I will take you on a journey around Sussex matching a book to each location. So, sit back, relax and prepare for an adventure around Sussex.

First off, we are going to the beach, specifically Climping. There is currently a display of chalk-festooned trees which seem to have sprung up from nowhere. A beautiful and quirky mystery that sets the imagination going, or at least it does for me. It feels like a nostalgic reminder of the joy of creating art. So, I would pair this with **The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde**. In this book we are in a parallel world where characters from books can interact with reality. There is mystery, fictional characters that will tickle your

nostalgia, and a quirky humour that I love and hope you will too.

Next we are going to Belinda's café in Arundel for tea and a brownie - or that would be my order anyway. Here you are greeted by the charm of the décor, the friendly faces of the serving staff, and the sight of a range of delectable goodies to peruse and potentially consume. The perfect café companion has to be **The Tea Dragon Society by K. O'Neill**. This is a gorgeous graphic novel full of cute illustrations and charming characters. A great one to read with children.

Now make your way from Belinda's to the Wetlands, where you will be surrounded by fascinating creatures, lots of photo opportunities, and plenty to learn. It is a perfect location for the whole family. The book I am pairing with this location is full of facts and has brought me lots of joy. The book in question is called **Crazy For Birds by Misha Maynerick Blaise**. It would be a great gift for your ever curious relative whether they are five or eighty-five.



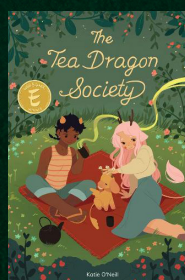
The Eyre Affair
Jasper Fforde

Literary detective Thursday Next enters the novel Jane Eyre to rescue Jane from being kidnapped by a criminal mastermind.



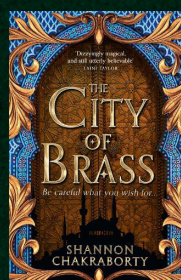
Crazy For Birds
Misha Maynerick Blaise

A vibrant, whimsical celebration of avian wonders, packed with bizarre bird facts and quirky illustrations.



The Tea Dragon Society
K. O'Neill

A blacksmith apprentice discovers miniature dragons that grow tea leaves, uncovering a gentle, ancient art.



City of Brass
S.A. Chakrabarty

An 18th-century con artist accidentally summons a djinn warrior, pulling her into a magical, treacherous city.

Our next stop is Chichester Festival Theatre, where you will discover drama, creation and destruction (*or dismantling*) of sets, and a surrender of what we hold to be true as we journey to the magic of theatre. Although there are many wonderful books about theatre or set in theatres that I could recommend, I want to focus on the magical side and for that I am recommending you delve into a trilogy which will keep you enthralled throughout. The first of the series is called **City of Brass** by **S. A. Chakraborty** (*the whole series is known as The Daevabad Trilogy*). This is a world of politics, magic and mystery, it will allow you to immerse yourself in another world.

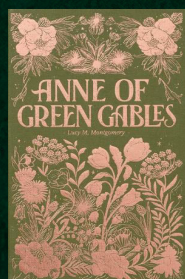
From the bright lights of CFT's stage to the gorgeous scenery at Wakehurst. I believe that a certain beloved fictional character would be at home in both the theatre and the botanical venue. I am recommending a classic for a classically breathtaking garden, Wakehurst and **Anne of Green Gables** feel like they would be excellent companions.

Finally, we are heading back west to The Arcade Bookshop in Littlehampton which has a lovely collection of books, a community-focused feel, and a desire to learn. The perfect book for this bookshop has to be **The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society**. Both have a feeling of safety, humour and a collection of folk, who love to read and to share that passion with other like-minded people.

Here ends our trip around Sussex, and as you head back to your everyday life, please take a moment to enjoy the view, we really do live in such a beautiful place. After that moment of gratitude, I hope you will seek out one of these books and that you plan a day trip to one of these locations. Summer is a glorious time of discovery, learning and community, so let's make the most of it.

For more book recommendations, you can find me on Instagram: [@stageyemreads](https://www.instagram.com/stageyemreads)

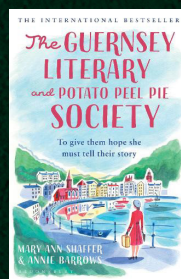
Emilie Mules



Anne of Green Gables

L. M. Montgomery

A fierce, imaginative orphan is mistakenly sent to a quiet farm where she turns a small town upside down.



The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society

Annie Barrows & Mary Ann Shaffer

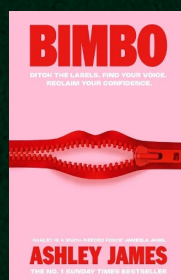
A post-war writer discovers a book club's wartime secrets.



The Queen of Ieflaria

Effie Calvin

A warrior princess is forced to marry her late fiance's sister to fulfill a treaty, battling dragons and palace intrigue.



Bimbo

Ashley James

An ambitious woman navigates corporate politics, reclaiming a derogatory stereotype as a brilliant, unexpected weapon.

St Mary's CoE Primary School News

As the spring term draws to a close, there is a real sense of anticipation around St Mary's as we step into the summer term.

This is always a special time in the life of a primary school, full of warmth, excitement and memories in the making. Take a moment to think back to your own primary school summers: long sunny days, laughter on the playground, sports days, trips and shared experiences that stay with you long after the term ends. These are the moments our pupils are now eagerly looking forward to.

The coming weeks promise many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. With fingers firmly crossed for sunshine, pupils are already talking excitedly about Sports Day, a highlight of the school calendar that brings together teamwork, perseverance and a great deal of community spirit.

Our Year 6 pupils are also preparing for their residential visit to Cobnor Activity Centre, an experience that offers challenge, independence and adventure, and which so often marks a significant milestone as they approach the end of their primary journey.

A new and meaningful event this term will be the inaugural St Mary's Pilgrimage, centred on the 'Yes Journey of Mary' and themes of spirituality, reflection and faith. This is an important development in our school's spiritual life, and

our Deputy Head Teacher, Stephen Day, will be sharing more details about this in the next edition of the Village News.

We are also delighted to be working in conjunction with St Mary's Church to host the inaugural **Clymping Community Walk on Saturday 2nd May**. This new event will offer both a 3km and a 6km route, taking in beautiful parts of the village and surrounding area. The walk is intended to be inclusive and welcoming for all, while also raising much-needed funds for both the school and the church. We hope it will become a cherished annual event that strengthens the bonds within our community.

As always, none of this would be possible without the continued support of our families, parish and wider village. In that spirit, we would like to repeat a heartfelt plea: **St Mary's is currently seeking new foundation governors. You do not need prior experience in education - just a willingness to listen, support and help guide the school as it moves forward.** If you are interested, or would simply like to find out more, please speak to Mr. Murray. Your involvement could make a lasting difference to the children of Clymping.

With so much to look forward to, the summer term at St Mary's promises to be one full of energy, growth and joyful experiences for all.

Justin Murray

Head of Clymping CoE Primary School

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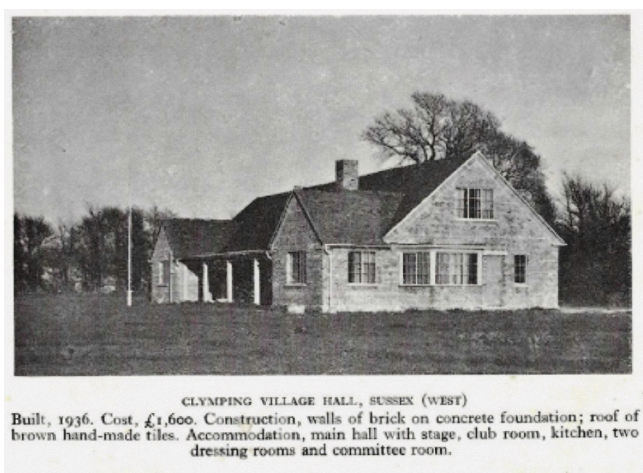
Large Jewellery Box

wolf1834.com

Clymping Village Hall Celebrates 90 Years

Join the Party!

There's something special about places that sit quietly at the heart of a community, places where memories are made, friendships grow, and generations come together. For us in Clymping it includes our Village Hall and playing field which this year turn 90!



The grounds and hall built in 1936, were generously gifted to the village by the Moyne family, former owners of Baillifscourt and Poole Place in Clymping, who also established the Clymping Gap, the largest area not developed between Littlehampton and Bognor Regis.

For nearly a century, the hall and field have been part of everyday life here - whether you've attended a

celebration, birthdays, weddings, watched a cricket match, joined a yoga class, played Stoolball, discovered pétanque, admired the motorbikes at the club, enjoyed the children's playground, met neighbours at the coffee mornings, had a flutter at the auctions, or simply enjoyed a walk across the field.

Now it's time to celebrate that legacy!

Saturday 22nd of August promises a full day of community spirit and celebration, starting with a traditional village fete from **11am to 4pm** in the hall and on the playing field. Expect something for everyone: stalls, bouncy castle, tea and homemade cakes, bar, music, vintage cars and bikes, ice cream, games, competitions and plenty more to be announced. It's the kind of day that brings the whole village together - families, friends, and neighbours alike, so bring a picnic down and enjoy all the fun of the fete!

And the celebrations don't stop there.

In the evening at 7pm, the hall will be transformed for a **Vintage Dinner Dance**, complete with a delicious meal provided by Baillifscourt chefs, live music from local band Blurred Image, and a chance to dance the night away. Ticket prices will be announced shortly and numbers will be limited. To pre-register for your chance to buy tickets please email anne.miller@clympingpc.org.uk

Further details will be published on the Village Hall website (*see next page*).



This milestone isn't just about looking back - *it's about celebrating what the hall continues to mean today.* Run as a Community Interest Organisation, the hall and playing fields belong to the people of Clymping. They're here for everyone to use and enjoy, and there's always room for new ideas, events, and volunteers.

Want to get involved?

Help is needed both in the lead-up to and on the day of the 90th celebration, and there are opportunities to run your own stall or activity. It's a great way to be part of something memorable.

Please get in touch with the hall through:

clympingvh@gmail.com

So mark your calendars, spread the word, and come along to celebrate 90 years at the heart of village life. Whether you join us for the fete, the dinner dance, or both - *you'll be part of a day Clymping won't forget.*

For more information about the hall, events, or how to get involved, please visit the Village Hall website.

STOP PRESS: The Vintage Dinner Dance ticket price has been announced!

Just £40 for the dinner, reception drink, introductory wine on the table and live music, what amazing value for money! Tickets are limited and expected to sell very quickly.

Book your tickets at **hallbookingonline.com/clymping/**

or get in touch through the above emails.



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Art, Actors and Action in Arundel – *in August*

The last week of August (22nd–31st) sees the annual 10-day Festival of the Arts (arundelfestival.co.uk).

The Gallery Trail (37th year) is the successful, longest-running walking Gallery Trail in the UK, and perhaps the world (arundelgallerytrail.co.uk). It is a trail through central Arundel, into homes, pubs, cafés, halls – *all manner of buildings* – set to enthral with its diversity. Easy to navigate, with most venues in the town centre, all are described in the comprehensive colour brochure, and venues are signed with flags.

Arundel Art Society, who meet regularly in Clymping Church Hall, will be exhibiting in the fabulous Cathedral Centre. They celebrate 48 years with an eclectic mix of paint mediums and subjects from more than 30 artists. This is an exhibition within the Gallery Trail, all in one building – also serving teas and coffees (arundelartsociety.co.uk).

Staying with paint and easel, Clymping resident Susie Olford will showcase oil paintings in the Old Printing House on Tarrant Street (*now the unique arcade of shops*). You are welcome to gaze at land and seascapes; cheerful paintings with images to dream about. Edgar Degas said, “Art is not what the artist sees, but what they make you see.” Why not measure up that empty wall at home – *can you find a painting in which you see something of the world around you?*

Instagram: @smoartuk

Email: smoart@btinternet.com

Actors: Drip Action Theatre Company are in their 39th year. The Theatre Trail (26 years old) is

probably the first in the UK and has been copied by many towns – *those facts speak volumes*. There will be six plays, 25–30 minutes in duration, specially written for the Trail and performed in different venues around town – you trail between them. Hopefully, you’ll catch a coffee or sandwich in between (dripaction.com).

This company also has an evening play staged in the Victoria Institute. At the Priory Playhouse, Arundel Players perform an evening comedy entitled Bleak Expectations (arundelplayers.co.uk). Arundel has two successful theatre troupes. Tickets are available from July via the websites.

“And action – well, where do I stop?” says Susie. “I have been visiting and taking part in Arundel’s Festival since the 1980s and it never ceases to amaze and entertain.”

I counted 40 shops and businesses just on the Hill, and 31 on Tarrant Street. Each day and evening has various events: historical walks, music in the town square and Jubilee Gardens, duck races on the river, markets, ABBA Magic on the Hill, Words and Music, children’s and charity events, a 10K run, vintage cars – it’s endless.

At weekends, many bars and pubs have tables on the street. There are cafés, restaurants and a brewery to serve every meal of the day. Evenings are filled with music, jazz in the unique Jailhouse, and Big House/Phoenix Big Band performing their tribute to a world-famous musician at St Nicholas Church or South Stoke.

How can you miss the buzz so close to Clymping?
Susie Olford

Friends of Avisford Medical Group: Working for your Surgery

Happy Retirement to Alison, Lead Nurse Yapton Surgery

On the 25th of March this year the practice said a heartfelt thank you and a fond farewell to Alison, the Lead Nurse, who retires after more than 23 years of dedicated service at Avisford Medical Group, and 10 years in Barnham before that.



Alison has been a calm, caring, and reassuring presence to countless patients and families over the years. Her compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to patient care have made a lasting impact on our community and the practice team.

The Friends of the surgery are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed, and she will be deeply missed by colleagues and patients alike.

Thank you, Alison, for over three decades of exceptional care. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement filled with everything you love most.

Building Work

The extension to Yapton surgery is well underway, the foundations are down for the first extension and the groundwork in the courtyard has been done. The proposed enhancements will provide two new clinical consultation rooms and one nursing treatment room.

To keep up to date see the surgery Facebook page. By the time you read this the work should be nearing the end and the new facilities will provide improved access and clinical capacity.

avisfordfriends.co.uk



WHAT'S ON AT THE BLACK HORSE, CLIMPING



LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS

In the bar from 7pm

Fri 5 June The Centurions

Fri 19 June Jay Sings Swing

Fri 3 July Mitchell Kersley and The Colt 45

Fri 17 July Jamie Balcanquall

Fri 7 August Alexis

Fri 21 August Yana Bing

QUIZ NIGHTS WEDNESDAYS

Wed 10 June, Wed 8 July, Wed 12 August

In the Ryebank from 7pm

BINGO

Wed 24 June from 7pm in the Ryebank

HAPPY HOUR

Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm

Enjoy 25% off all pints of beer/cider/ Guinness
or 2 cocktails for £10

CLYMPING UNCORKED

Buy two large glasses of wine
Monday to Thursday and get the
rest of the bottle absolutely free

WORLD FOOD & DRINK DAYS - CELEBRATE WITH US!

WORLD CIDER DAY (3 JUNE)

» all pints of cider £4.50

» all week from **Mon 1 - Fri 5 June**

NATIONAL FISH & CHIP DAY (5 JUNE)

» 25% off fish & chips

» all week from **Mon 1 - Fri 5 June**

SUSSEX DAY (16 JUNE)

» 20% off all Sussex drinks including Hindleap
sparkling wine and beer: Harvey's, Sussex
Best, Arundel Brewery's Service Please
and Brighton Gin

» all week from **Mon 15 - Fri 19 June**

WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY (7 JULY)

» free chocolate brownie, chocolate ice cream
or brownie sundae pudding when two
courses ordered per person (starter and main)

» all week from **Mon 6 - Fri 10 July**

INTERNATIONAL BEER DAY (7 AUGUST)

» 25% off all pints of beer

» all week from **Mon 3 - Fri 7 August**

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Diary Dates

JUNE

Clymping Coffee Morning

| 06 JUN 10.30AM - 12PM

Clymping Village Hall

JULY

Parish Council Meeting

| 16 JUL 7.30PM

Clymping Church Hall

Quiz Night

| 18 JUL 6.30PM

Clymping Village Hall

AUGUST

Wessex Archaeological Society Present their Foreman Homes Site Finds

| 01 AUG 7PM

Yapton Village Hall

Arundel Festival of the Arts, Arundel Gallery Trail and Theatre Trail

| 22 - 31 AUG

arundelfestival.co.uk
arundelgallerytrail.co.uk
dripaction.co.uk

Village Fete and Dinner Dance

| 22 AUG 7PM

Clymping Village Hall
See details on page 14

SEPTEMBER

Clymping Coffee Morning

| 05 SEP 10.30AM - 12PM

Clymping Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting

| 15 SEP 7.30PM

Clymping Church Hall

NOVEMBER

Parish Council Meeting

| 24 NOV 7.30PM

Clymping Church Hall

DECEMBER

Clymping Coffee Morning

| 05 DEC 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.