



CLYMPING VILLAGE NEWS

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Welcome to the December edition of the Clymping Village News, I hope you will find it informative and enjoyable.

This edition includes a photo of the winners of the community quiz night: Wendy and David Robinson, Anne and Mark Miller, Kay Ovenden and Carole Adler [not pictured] with their trophy - a replica of the Clymping St sign made by Simon Wolf and Fiona Howard.

There are also updates from around the village, as well as an insight into the life of our Parish Council Clerk. There is a fascinating history of Bailiffscourt, and the Reverend Richard Hayes pays tribute to composer John Rutter and author C. S. Lewis, providing us with an intriguing perspective on Christmas.

Unlike the children's entry into Narnia, we hope that the village will be prepared for sudden eventualities. One of the Parish Council's focuses this year has been to develop plans to enhance resilience in the village in coping with emergency situations. This work includes:

- an emergency plan, which can be found on the Parish Council website
- a list of volunteers and resources that we can call on in the event of an emergency
- a leaflet for all households giving tips on things to consider to ensure that you are personally prepared for the unexpected. The leaflet includes information on where to look if you want to know more about how to protect yourself. The leaflet is included inside the magazine.

If you would like to volunteer to help with resources or time to support our plans, or if you would like to contribute to the village magazine, please contact me via email at jane.mules@clympingpc.org.uk

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2026.

Jane Mules
Clymping Parish Council





A Parish View

Foreman Homes Development

Many of you will have noticed the removal of trees along Church Lane and the A259. This work has prompted further attempts by the Parish Council to open a dialogue with Foreman Homes. They have confirmed that these are approved preparatory works necessary for the development approved for the site. The cleared areas are for a site entrance from Church Lane and a new Church Lane roundabout. Both are approved or agreed with West Sussex County Council as part of the original outline approval for the site in 2018. Foreman Homes appear confident they will start construction work in 2026, but drainage remains the main outstanding issue. It has been so since 2018, so we will see how well-founded this confidence is.

The designs for sewage on the site were approved by Southern Water, but the issue for the Parish Council (PC) remains the adequacy of the sewage infrastructure outside the site to cope with the increased volumes. The PC is exploring what further action it should take to address this point.

Beach

We continue to monitor coastal erosion with the Environment Agency (EA) and have agreed a date of **1st December at 7.00pm** at the Church Hall for a community meeting, at which all will be welcome. The aim of the meeting is to clarify the extent of any risks we face, future development plans, and possible options for residents to be more involved.

Coastal mapping data for August this year shows that the beach is generally evolving in line with the 10-year predictions up to 2028. In some areas erosion is faster - for instance, due to the loss of the car park wall - but in others it is slower, with signs of stabilisation to the east of the car park. The EA appear amenable to commissioning a further expert study to refine predictions for the next 10-year period, building on actual experience compared to the first predictions. Work is expected soon to block the Bread Lane gap in the bund.

Rampion

The Rampion 2 Project Team has issued a newsletter following the approval of the project (*see the Parish Council website*). It is light on detail, so we will be exploring with them the expected project work and timing in the village. It will have an impact on us all, with a major works compound and operations to the east of Church Lane and drilling works under the beach south of Ferry Road. We expect - and hope - that they will want to set up regular dialogue with the village.

New Councillor

I would like to welcome **Des Johnston** of Wooldridge Walk, who was co-opted to the Parish Council at its September meeting.

Colin Humphris

Clymping Parish Council





Wendy Robinson
Environment Work Group

Facebook.com/Wild About Climping



Wild About Climping

Update from Wendy Robinson (Environment Working Group)

Climping Street Verge Management Initiative

A Community-Led Proposal to Enhance Biodiversity and Create a Pollinator Highway.

Residents of Climping Street are exploring the opportunity to take over the management of the street verges from West Sussex County Council (WSSC).

The aim is to look after these spaces in a more eco-friendly and sustainable way – one that supports local wildlife while ensuring the area remains safe and accessible for everyone who lives or walks here.

A Pollinator Highway

The vision is to transform Climping Street into a pollinator highway – a corridor of native wildflowers and bulbs that provide food and habitat for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. It would be a

simple but powerful step toward creating a haven for pollinators and boosting local biodiversity.

Residents Working Together

This idea is in line with WSSC's encouragement of community-led biodiversity projects. It's great to see residents taking positive action for the environment – supporting local wildlife and contributing positively to the local landscape.



Horsemere Green Meadow & Community Pond Update

This autumn, Horsemere Green Meadow was freshly re-sown with a mix of annual wildflowers, and we're looking forward to seeing even more colour and biodiversity next spring!

The seeds were paid for by the Community Fund, managed by Anne Miller, using proceeds from local village events. A big thank you to Anne for organising these events, and to everyone who has supported or attended them. It's a wonderful example of how community effort can make a real difference.

We're also pleased to have new signs now in place for both Horsemere Green Meadow and the Wildlife Pond. These areas are here for everyone to enjoy – whether you're pausing for a quiet moment, spotting wildlife, or just passing by.





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Environment Agency Update

As we move into the final quarter of the calendar year, we are pleased to bring you the latest EA updates on Climping Beach.

Storm Amy – No Significant Impact to Climping

We are pleased to report that Storm Amy, which impacted parts of the UK early this month, caused no notable impact to the south coast, and no significant beach damage was recorded at Climping Beach.

Beach Monitoring and Safety Update

Following the successful completion of public safety works in July, we have maintained ongoing surveillance of the beach to promptly detect any changes in its morphology. Recent reviews of geomorphological studies and erosion mapping confirm that coastal changes are progressing as anticipated, thereby validating earlier models and forecasts.

Road Stopping-Up Application to Enable Rollback

In a proactive step toward long-term adaptation, we recently updated a highway stopping-up application for the ends of Climping Street and Bread Lane. This will help enable a managed, landward rollback of built-up, accumulated shingle, forming a continuous and robust line of defence.

Subject to approval, future works will reposition existing shingle landward across the bottom of Climping Street and Bread Lane to make a continuous shingle bank and further protect the area from storm impacts.

We will continue to monitor the beach over the winter and issue flood warnings and flood alerts as necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our local Asset Performance Team at:

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environment-agency.gov.uk**

Customer Service
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03459 88 11 88

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





Amanda Worne

Arun District Councillor

There are two main events that I would like to share with you this month.

The first being the destruction of the trees along the edge of the A259 near the roundabout by Church Lane. This is to make way for a new roundabout as part of the site plans, for which final approval has yet to be given. In addition, the funding for the roundabout has not been finalised. What makes me personally unhappy is that the majority of these trees will not be replaced anywhere else, reducing wildlife habitat across Climping. The whole section of that road now looks so open and changes the road scene completely. I ask myself: why do we operate under a system where our countryside and wildlife are destroyed?

I am making it one of my priorities to look into Arun's Biodiversity Net Gain plan, where any major developments are required to deliver a 10% biodiversity net gain and protect existing habitats when building developments. The current planning process needs reform, and we need to see if anything can be changed to give our wildlife, trees, plants, and hedgerows more protection.

Secondly, I want to highlight that there will be more mandatory gas works taking place over the next few months. Burndell Road will see traffic lights from November to January, and then from January

to April Bilsham Road will be shut again. These works are regulatory and will complete a scheme of safety works that have taken place around the country.

Although they will cause disruption, these works are necessary to ensure our gas supply can be maintained and kept safe. It is right that our safety should be prioritised over the disruption it will cause, as gas leaks and explosions can potentially cause significant damage, and these works will ensure our gas supply is as safe as can be.





A Day in the Life of Nadine Phibbs: Clerk to Clymping Parish Council

My career has had a focus in HR, Recruitment, and Training & Development, working for various companies including Alliance & Leicester, Paula Rosa Kitchen, Coca-Cola, Bond International, Moody International, and First Recruitment. Roles have included IT Software Trainer at Bond International; HR & Recruitment Manager for Moody International within the Oil & Gas Industry, recruiting personnel all over the world; and Recruitment Manager at First Recruitment, responsible for managing an office at an independent recruitment company.

As the Clerk, I am employed by the Parish Council and known as the Proper Officer to the Council. With thirteen years of clerking experience and my vast skills and expertise from an HR, Training & Development, and Recruitment background, I organise the business of the Council and ensure, through guidance, that the Council only acts in accordance with the powers it has been given through legislation.

As the Clerk and Proper Officer, I am responsible for ensuring that the



instructions of the Council, in connection with its function as a Local Authority, are carried out effectively, following strict guidelines to meet government criteria and legislation. I act as an independent advisor to provide guidance and legal advice where applicable, and to manage all of the Council's resources, reporting to the Council as a whole.

I am also the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO), managing all financial-related issues. As the RFO, I maintain the finances, providing the Council with a monthly status update, and liaise with both an internal and external auditor in preparation to present the end-of-year accounts to Full Council at their Annual Meeting. I manage VAT and insurance requirements, the





payment of accounts and receipts, and ensure compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Data Protection Act, and Health & Safety legislation.

On a day-to-day basis as the Clerk, I manage all Council functions, correspondence, and queries, as well as all Council meetings – including issuing agendas and related minutes – ensuring that legislation is complied with.

Over the last four years in my role as Clerk, I have written and introduced a new Parish Council website that is easy to view and navigate; implemented Parish Council email addresses to meet GDPR standards and Assertion 10 legislation; updated Parish Council procedures, Standing Orders, and Financial Regulations; led the Parish Council through an election resulting in eligibility for the General Power of Competence; managed the project to install defibrillators at the Village Hall, Waterford Gardens, and Clymping Caravan Park; and worked in conjunction with Arun District Council to protect the play area on the village green. I also secured financial agreement to enhance the play area with new equipment and fencing, which was installed in 2024.

In my personal life, I have been with my husband for many years. He is now a semi-retired builder by trade and now concentrates on restoring flint work. We have one son, who is 29 years old, lives in Bristol, and is an Assistant Head at a secondary school in Gloucester.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends. I'm also a regular at the gym and love practising yoga and Pilates, and I love to go abroad and explore new places.

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Update from St Mary's Church of England School, Clymping

The start of the autumn term has been a wonderful success at Clymping School. We've been delighted to welcome our new cohort of Reception children, who have settled in brilliantly and are already thriving in their new environment.

A highlight of their first few weeks has been building special friendships with their Year 6 buddies – it's heart-warming to see the older pupils taking such care and pride in supporting our youngest learners.

Our school has grown hugely over the past year, reflecting the trust and confidence our community places in us.

This term, our Year 6 pupils are looking forward to a very special musical opportunity – performing in Sing950 at Chichester Cathedral, celebrating 950 years since the cathedral was founded.

It promises to be a memorable and uplifting event for everyone involved.

We were also proud to support our local community through our recent Harvest Festival, collecting and donating a significant contribution to the Littlehampton Foodbank – thank you to all who gave so generously.

And while it might feel a little early, we're already turning our thoughts to Christmas! Our calendar is filling fast with festive events, and as always, we remain proud to be a community-focused school where kindness, teamwork, and joy are at the heart of everything we do.

Justin Murray
Head Teacher

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A Message from St Mary's: The Magic of Christmas

We are celebrating two special Christmassy anniversaries this year. The first is the 80th birthday of the composer John Rutter, who has written and arranged so many of the best Christmas carols, three of which we will be singing at our Carol Services this year.

My dad loved his carols and would play them all through the Christmas season – *but never before December* – and so he would be horrified that I am writing this in October while listening to...*the John Rutter Christmas Album on Spotify!*

The second celebration is the 75th anniversary of the publication of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. Some of you may know that C. S. Lewis was an Oxford academic, a well-known Christian writer, and a friend and colleague of J. R. R. Tolkien. They formed a little group of writers called the Inklings, who would meet in an Oxford pub and read and talk about their work. One of their interests was old stories – myths, legends, and fantasy. Out of these conversations came the

worlds of *The Lord of the Rings* and *Narnia*.

It is not surprising, then, that Lewis included in his first *Narnia* story that most important of Christmas legends, Father Christmas – or, to begin with, *his absence*. You see, to help the reader understand how dreadful things were in the country of *Narnia* under the evil queen, Lewis came up with a saying:

“It is always winter and never Christmas.”

Now, I know how to make children gasp with horror – *simply tell them Christmas is cancelled!* The idea that Father Christmas will not be setting forth on his sleigh on Christmas Eve to deliver all those presents...

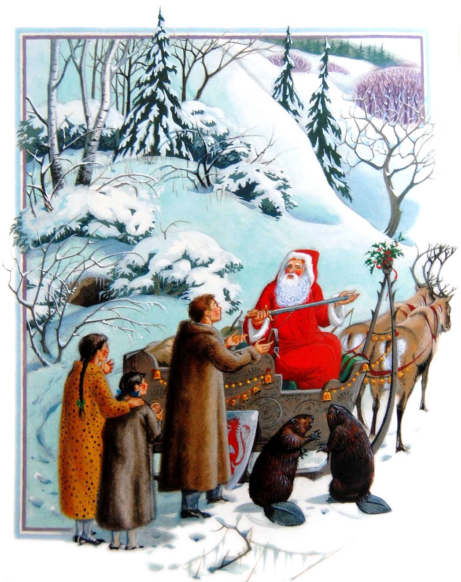
Lewis does just that. But as the Queen begins to lose her power with the advent of the four children’s arrival in *Narnia*, someone else appears – Father Christmas. He comes with presents and to announce that Aslan is coming and the Queen will be defeated.

Christmas represents hope – *it always has*. First, it was the celebration amid the dark and cold winter that celebrated hope for the spring, and we rightly still enjoy this element of the festivities. Later, Christianity added another layer of hope – the hope we enjoy singing about in all those wonderful carols.

The story of the God-Child. Told and retold for 2,000 years.

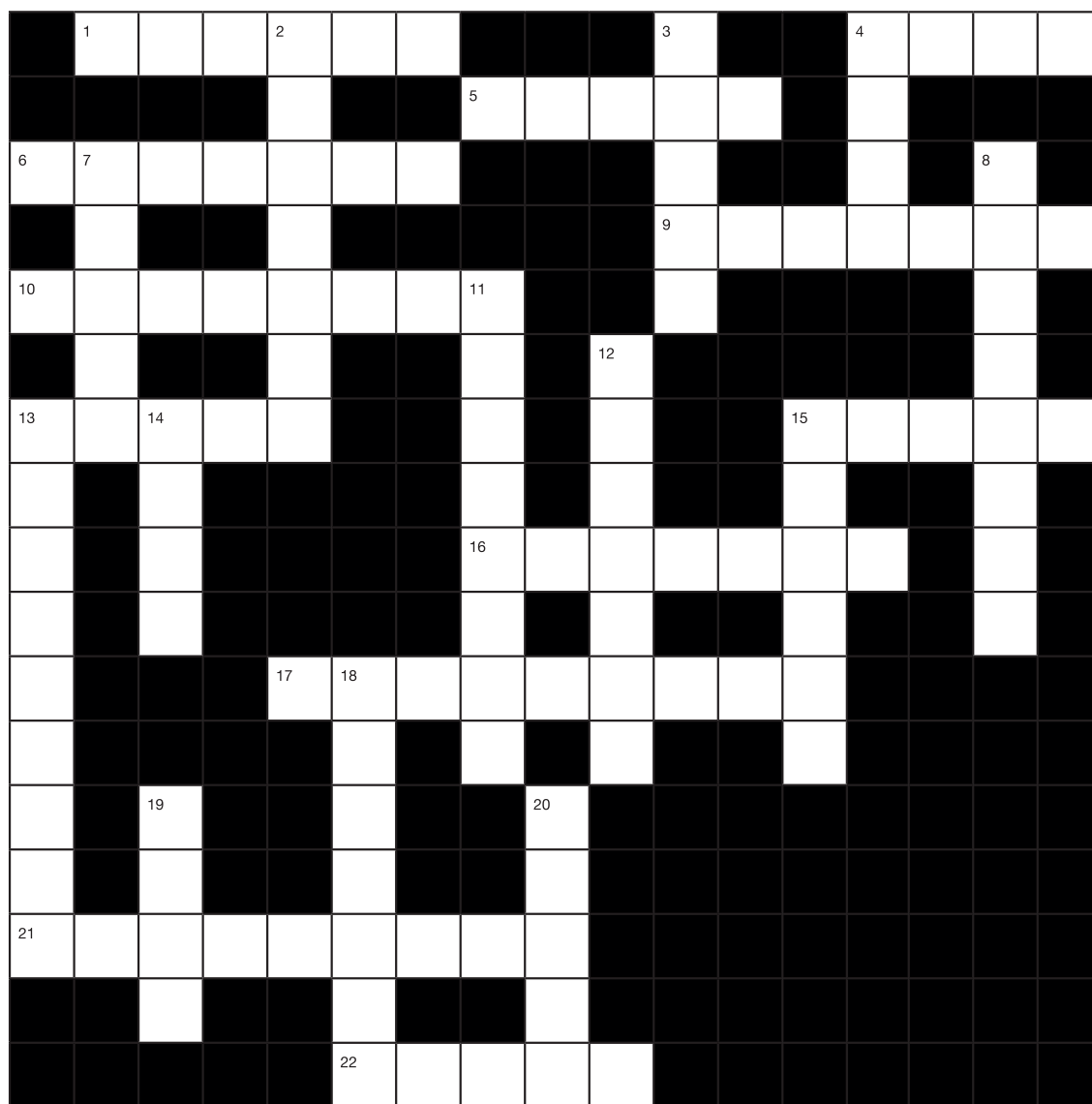
It is the story of hope that C. S. Lewis retells in a different way in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, with Aslan the lion coming to save *Narnia*.

Rev Richard Hayes
St. Mary’s Church





THE BIG WINTER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Ice sport played with a puck (6)
- 4 Fun ride down a snowy hill (4)
- 5 Neck warmer (5)
- 6 Change habitat seasonally (7)
- 9 Sometimes has a carrot nose (7)
- 10 Snowstorm (8)
- 13 Hot sweet drink (5)
- 15 Colour of snow (5)
- 16 Keeps your hands warm (7)
- 17 Sleeps through the winter (9)
- 21 A unique crystal of ice (9)
- 22 Direction birds fly for the winter (5)

DOWN

- 2 African-American holiday (7)
- 3 Jack _____ (5)
- 4 Frozen rain (4)
- 7 House made of ice (5)
- 8 Time off from school or work, U.S. (8)
- 11 Christmas month (8)
- 12 Gliding on ice (7)
- 13 Holiday of giving (9)
- 14 Opposite of hot (4)
- 15 Coldest season (6)
- 18 Frozen spikes (7)
- 19 Vehicle that clears snow from streets (4)
- 20 Mix of snow and rain (5)





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- BOOTS
- COLD
- FREEZING
- HAT
- SCARF
- SLEDDING
- SNOWFLAKE
- CHRISTMAS
- DECEMBER
- FROST
- ICE
- SHOVEL
- SNOWANGEL
- SNOWMAN
- COAT
- FEBRUARY
- GLOVES
- JANUARY
- SNOWBALLS
- WINTER

WORD SEARCH

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Answers to the puzzles can be found on **page 18**.





History of Bailiffscourt

Sophie Tanner

Have you been watching House of Guinness on Netflix? And did you know that Bailiffscourt wouldn't have existed without the fabulous foresight of the Guinness family?

Walter Edward Guinness (1st Baron Moyne, youngest son of Edward Cecil Guinness) and his wife Lady Evelyn Hilda Stuart Erskine Guinness created the magic that is Bailiffscourt.

Lord & Lady Moyne enjoyed yachting and kept a holiday home known as 'The Huts' at Climping to give them access to the sea, within easy reach of London and Sussex society and the great houses of Cowdray, West Dean & Goodwood. During the 1920s, the area came under the threat of a huge housing development, so they bought 750 acres of the surrounding land. A chance meeting at an antiques shop in Hertfordshire saw Lord Moyne meet the owner's son, Amyas Philips. Philips had read architecture at Christ Church College, Oxford, but sacrificed his studies to look after the family business. His architectural talents and knowledge of antiquity so impressed Lord Moyne that he was employed to oversee the refurbishment of the baron's London home in the medieval style that was so popular at the time. He clearly excelled, as in 1927, Philips was commissioned to build Bailiffscourt.

Lady Moyne & Philips scoured England's ancient and crumbling homes for stone, doors, windows,

beams & bricks, restoring them to create doorways and window arches in their 'new' home. An example is the main oak door that greets guests today, which came from South Wanborough Church and dates from the 15th century. The arch itself was originally part of Holditch Priory. They even salvaged entire buildings – *the Gatehouse is a 15th-century structure moved from nearby Loxwood*. For the interiors, where possible, period furniture was acquired, but if not found, 'new' antiques (including two-pronged forks & pewter tableware) were commissioned, made from salvaged medieval materials.

Bailiffscourt was described by Clive Aslet, the renowned architectural writer, in an article for *Country Life* in June 1980 as 'a blend of fantasy and scholarship. The plan, without a hall or screen passage, is unlike that of any existing medieval house – *but it is genuinely medieval in spirit*'. Bailiffscourt was completed in 1933 as the family's private hideaway and a stunning setting in which Britain's political and social elite could gather.

They say the cost of the land and the build at that time was approximately £1m – *which would be something like £55m in today's money*.



CHRISTMAS AT BAILIFFSCOURT

CLYMPING VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Festive wreath making from £125*

Dec 2 / 3 / 4 - starts at 9.45am

A two-hour workshop followed by a delicious two-course lunch, complete with a glass of wine.

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

I hold a YA200hr Yoga Diploma and am fully insured.

For more information, please contact me on 07816 460992.



CHRISTMAS AT THE BLACK HORSE

CLYMPING VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



New Year's Eve from £70*

Welcome in 2026 with a glass of Sussex fizz and a delicious three-course festive dinner followed by live festive music. No dress code but we'd love to see plenty of sparkle!

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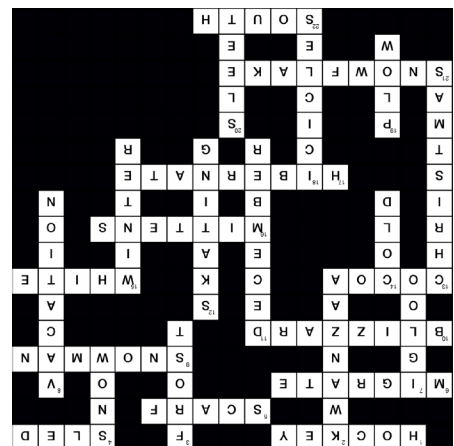
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Please rotate to see answers to the puzzles on pages 14 & 15.

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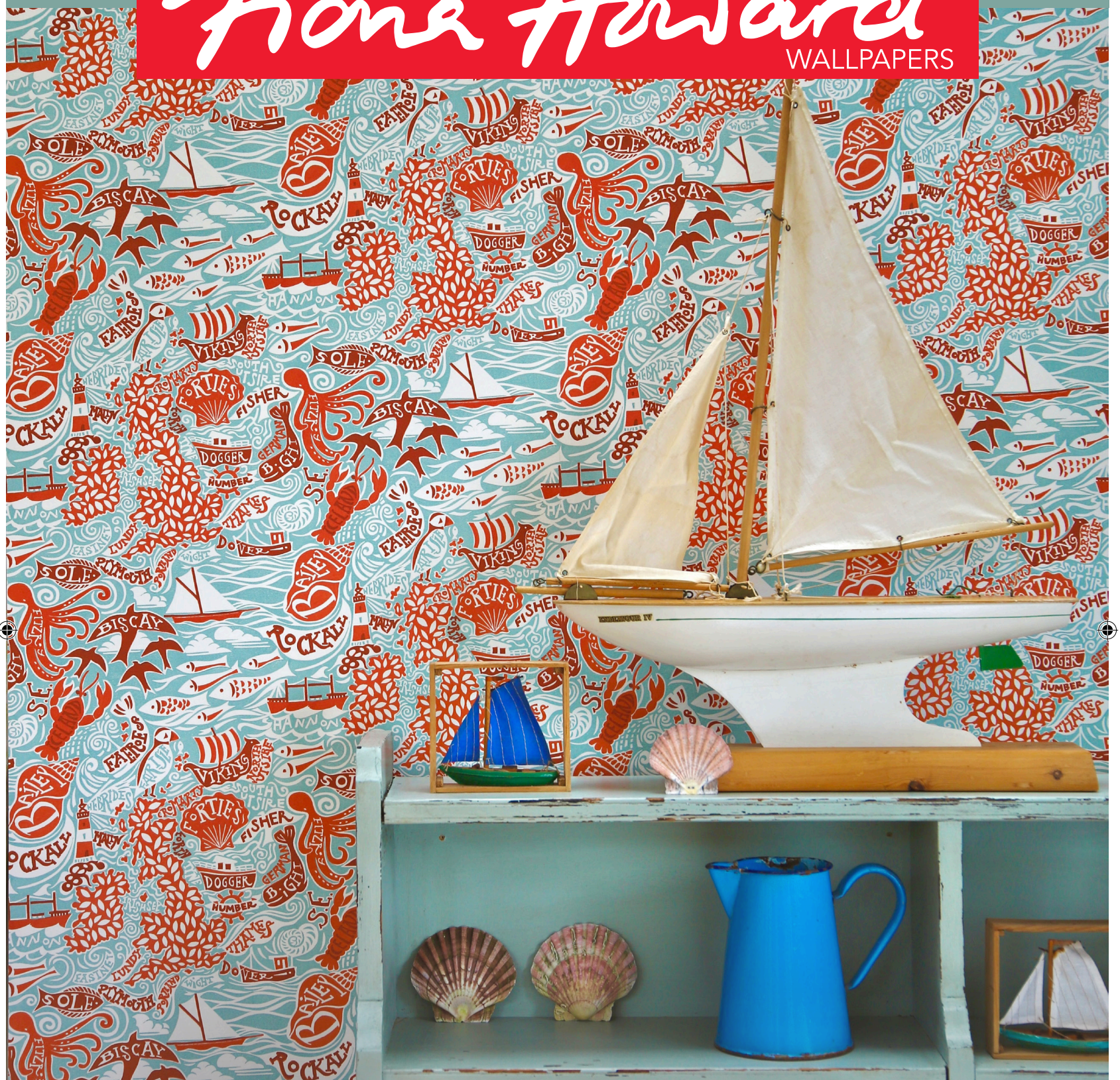
PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

Diary Dates

2025	
MONDAY 01 DEC	Clymping Beach Village Meeting 7PM Church Hall
SATURDAY 06 DEC	Clymping Community Coffee Morning 10.30AM - 12PM Clymping Village Hall
2026	
TUESDAY 20 JAN	Parish Council Meeting 7.30PM Clymping Village Hall
TUESDAY 10 MAR	Parish Council Meeting 7.30PM Clymping Village Hall
TUESDAY 19 MAY	Annual Meeting 6.30PM Clymping Village Hall
TUESDAY 19 MAY	Parish Council Meeting 7.30PM Clymping Village Hall
TUESDAY 14 JUL	Parish Council Meeting 7.30PM Clymping Village Hall
TUESDAY 15 SEP	Parish Council Meeting 7.30PM Clymping Village Hall
TUESDAY 24 NOV	Parish Council Meeting 7.30PM 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.

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