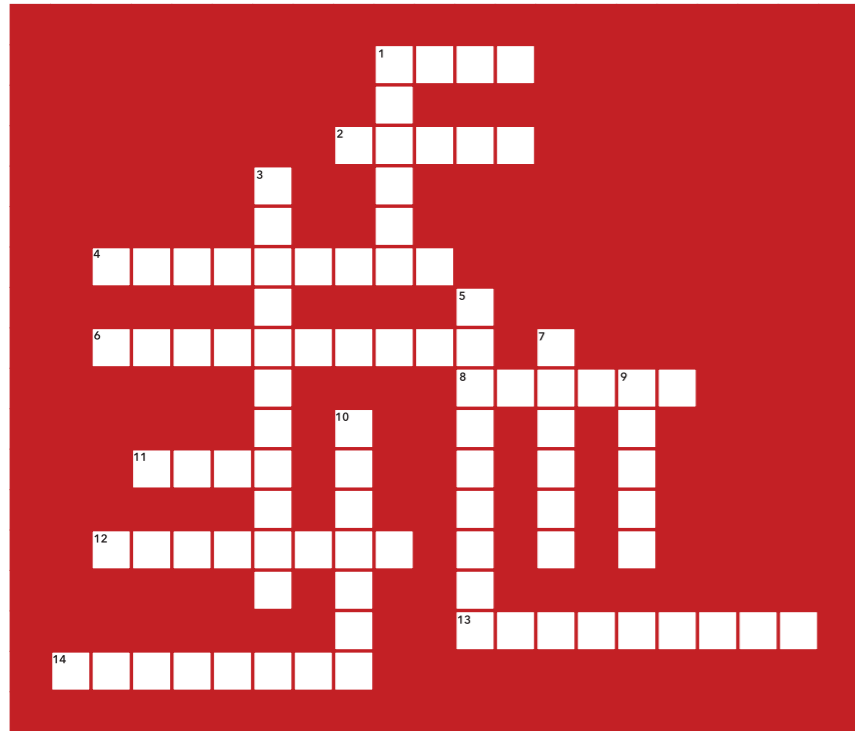


Christmas Puzzle



Down:

1. Ring-shaped decoration made of greenery
3. A sweet baked treat often shaped like a person
5. City where Jesus was born
7. Film featuring a mischievous green character trying to steal Christmas
9. Santa's little helpers
10. Victorian author, best known for his famous story about a grumpy man transformed by Christmas spirits

Across:

1. 1984 hit Christmas song 'Last Christmas' was performed by this British pop duo
2. Number of swans a-swimming in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'
4. Carol describing the night of Jesus's birth
6. Warm, spiced alcoholic beverage often enjoyed at Christmas
8. Traditional bird eaten for Christmas roast dinner
11. Ornament that goes on top of a Christmas tree
12. Actor who voices four characters in The Polar Express
13. A romantic Christmas decoration
14. Traditional Christmas pudding ingredient, often soaked in brandy



CLYMPING VILLAGE NEWS



Welcome!

This edition includes updates on some of the key issues affecting the village as well as dates for your diary. We are also giving you the opportunity to have a say in future newsletters by completing the survey within the newsletter.

A special thanks to Simon Wolf and Alisha Patel for their support in the production of the current newsletters.

Keep up to date with the Clymping Parish Council Group on Facebook! Scan the QR code to join.



View from the Chair

UPDATE FROM COLIN HUMPHRIS, CHAIRMAN AT CLYMPING PARISH COUNCIL

The children's playground at the village hall is now complete and we are keen to encourage families to make use of it. This project was jointly funded with Arun District Council (ADC) using funds we received as we have a Neighbourhood Plan.

We will shortly be finalising our roll out of defibrillators across the village with units at Climping Park, the Village Hall, Waterford Gardens and shortly, the Black Horse Climping Street. Ewout Benschop has kindly organised training and familiarisation sessions in the use of this life saving equipment.

An inquiry into the recent waste fire is being led by the Environment Agency (EA). Council has written to both the EA and WSCC (the Waste Authority) to ask that we are be consulted and kept up to date given the potential implications across the village.

Many in the village are affected by the closure of the footpaths over the airfield. WSCC are telling us that they have no power to force the developer to put alternatives in place as these closures are "temporary". For the PC this is simply not acceptable. As this affects Yapton and Ford as well there was a meeting for all the villages with the developer on November 21st to press them for sensible resolutions.

We were disappointed to be told that we have not been successful in our second application for WSCC Community Highways Scheme funding for improvements to Horsemere Green Lane/Church Lane. The Transport and Highways Workgroup is therefore now working on more targeted projects to improve safety that can be funded directly using the Parish Council's own funds alone. We will consult on these shortly.

Residents, especially those in Climping Street, will be aware of the movement of shingle and its use to reinforce the bunds behind the beach to reduce the threat of overtopping. This was privately funded. The EA has notified the Parish Council that it is likely that they will have a smaller budget for shingle movement in 2025. Council will therefore be considering options for on-going support for bund work and may need to consult the community in this regard.

Our primary focus is however to keep the EA actively engaged in their coastal protection responsibilities and ADC for the safety of the beach.

Dates for the Diary

ALL ARE WELCOME!

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th December 2024
10.30am-noon
Clymping Village Hall
Contact: Anne Miller

OPEN GARDENS DAY

Thursday 18th June 2025
Further details TBC
Contact: Colin Morris

UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 14th January 2025
Tuesday 18th March 2025

Starts at 7:30pm
All at Clymping Church Hall
Contact: Nadine Phibbs

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Beach Update

October brought high spring tides, accompanied with Force 7 south westerly winds, to Climping Beach. At the peak of the tide water over-washed and travelled down the gap in the shingle banks at Bread Lane as pictured below. This is what we expect to happen on a tide of this size, the water then gets into the ditch network and flows into the Ryebank Rife and discharges into the River Arun.



There was minor erosion and lowering of the shingle banks at Bread Lane and the end of Climping Street. A bulldozer was deployed to site and these shingle defences have been reinstated.



We have had questions from the community about the gap in the defence at Bread Lane and why this has not been blocked up. This is because obstructing the highway (or byway) is a criminal offence, which includes the placement of shingle banks over the top of it. Our powers do not allow us to override the general law, although if shingle washes there naturally, we have no legal duty to remove it.

In time we would like to have a continuous line of defence on the beach at Climping. Until then we continue to work with our partners to progress through the formal 'stopping up' (remove highways status and rights) application process.

Community Update

SKITTLES NIGHT

The first village skittles evening held at the Clymping Village Hall on Friday 25th October was a great success. 12 teams competed over a number of rounds in a closely fought and fun battle.

There were some interesting techniques adopted, some of which made life pretty "interesting" for those at the end of the alley resiting the skittles!

At the half time interval, hot food (mainly fish & chips, which proved to be a popular choice) was provided by the Yeates catering company. It was a lovely, fun, sociable village event that saw over 50 residents joining in the fun and popping in for a drink at the bar.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a success.

FUNDRAISING

As a result of monies raised at the Summer Event 4 long handled litter pickers, some super strong refuse bags and disposable gloves have been purchased for use in the village.

Please contact Anne Miller if you would like to borrow a litter picker(s) to do a local clear up.

In the meantime, the Parish Council are looking at setting up a more formal village litter pick, obtaining equipment from Arun District Council, who will then collect and dispose of the rubbish. Watch this space for a date when the community can get together to tidy up our village.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

We have established an emergency response group to look at practical ways of supporting the village in the event of a major incident.

RAFFLE

If you have any prizes to donate for the raffle, please contact Anne Miller to arrange collection.



The victorious "Langmead Lobbers" led by Kevin Foster and took the first place prize on Skittles Night.

Community Spirit Shines at St Mary's!

UPDATE FROM JUSTIN MURRAY, HEADMASTER AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We're delighted to celebrate the success of two recent grounds evenings, where community members came together to tidy and beautify the school grounds. Thanks to their hard work, our school looked its best for two well-attended Open Events that received glowing feedback, showcasing our welcoming and vibrant environment.

Our sports teams have also been making us proud, with the cross-country and football teams representing St Mary's with determination and spirit. These young athletes show exceptional teamwork and perseverance, and their dedication is inspiring!

We're thrilled to welcome the newest member of our team, Coach Coote, who joins us to enhance our commitment to student health, well-being, and fitness. Coach Coote will focus on fostering the children's physical fitness and athletic potential, enriching their school experience and supporting our growing sports program. Thank you to all for your continued support!

Help Us Improve!

We want to make the village newsletter more useful and relevant to you. Your feedback will help us decide how best to keep you informed.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by scanning the QR code and filling out the survey.

