



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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**WELCOME:** Remembrance Weekend was very busy for Clavering. Cllr Barrow laid a wreath on behalf of Clavering Parishioners at the Sunday Service in Newport, while Cllr Gill did the same at the Christian Centre on the Monday, when children from the Primary School with great respect read out the names on Clavering's War Memorial. The History Group arranged a showing of a wartime film and a 'My Family at War' Exhibition; St Clare Hospice held a well-supported Food Fair fundraising event and the Village Hall Committee staged a Safari Supper for their own funds.

### Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October

Four parishioners in attendance: District Councillor Oliver and ECC Councillor Gooding in part. Cllr Ryan sent apologies which were accepted.

**Public Participation** – After speaking, a parishioner was asked to pass papers (as read from) to the Clerk for determination if a response could be given;

a parishioner passed over to the Clerk a copy of a letter addressed to the Clerk but which had been placed at a family member's place of work; a parishioner spoke and reported on a conversation with another parishioner and was asked to refer back to the other party of the conversation; the Chair confirmed to a parishioner helping with 'Carols on the Green' that there was a budgeted item to cover refreshments.

**District Councillor's Report** – Cllr Oliver reported that, with the upcoming election, UDC Officer resources have been redistributed and meetings have been cancelled. It was expected that a letter on the Local Plan with comments from the Inspectors would have been received recently; the communication actually received has stated no letter will be sent out before the Election and the expected date is now in the New Year. Re the Appeal behind the school, no Section 106 Agreement had been delivered to date.

**County Councillor Report** – Cllr Gooding had attended the public meeting on speed reduction on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Gooding detailed the continuing concern re. County Lines and detailed the cross-party group at ECC concerning children 'missing in education', who represent 1% of the total number of children who should be in school. He also spoke on the shift in the nature of crime against the person or property as this is now of an online 'scamming' nature, with those over 60yrs most vulnerable.

**Resident's Request for lowered Speed Limit on Oxleys Close** – report received – see notes below. Council to follow up recommendations.

### **New Defibrillator in southwest part of the village-**

While out of the country, the Chair had received a phone call that the defib was ready for collection. Tender to be written when electrical requirement details received.

**Council Meeting Dates 2020** – agreed for second

Monday of each month, excepting Easter Monday when moved to 6<sup>th</sup> April. Annual Meeting of the Parish proposed for 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Village Hall as meeting venue** – a report of the Village Hall AGM was received; a letter regarding rental agreement for Village Hall read out. On cost grounds, it was determined to ask the Christian Centre if the PC's monthly meetings could be scheduled there. Annual Parish Meeting would be booked at the Village Hall.

**Planning & Enforcement** – report received; determined to write to UDC for more information.

**Carols 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Rev M. Davis currently available: musicians to support singing still being sourced. A villager had volunteered to help set up and hang the lights on the day.

**Parking on Hill Green** – The parking which had taken place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November had not damaged the Green.

**Hedge behind Village Sign at Blacksmiths Corner-** A councillor offered to face-up the hedge

**Clerk's Report** - noted

**Allotments** – working party of councillors to determine the specification for required hedge work.

**Jubilee Field representative report** – a report of the Jubilee Field AGM was received.

**Website & Emails**- clerk to verify progress to date

**Risk assessment** – 11<sup>th</sup> November: defibrillator at village hall checked and found to be rescue ready; new pads to be purchased. Fallen Tree in Dick Ball Meadow from neighbour's property removed completely 11<sup>th</sup> November. Overhead utility cables noted to be near trees opposite Clavering Court - UKPowerNetwork to be contacted.

**Finance** – Cheques approved. Verbal report on account inspection given over by councillor acting as financial overseer

**Operation London Bridge & Dispute-** per advice to the Council, discussions held in camera as matters sensitive &/or confidential &/or legal.

### **Planning Received for PC Comment:**

**UTT/19/2699/HHF & 19/2700/LB Homefarm**

**House High Street** Demolition of shed and erection of single storey garden room extension. Demolition of carport and erection of cartlodge style garage with

studio room in the roof space **Comments made concerning the height of cartlodge in relation to setting and also unstable well in area of the build UTT/17/3457/LB & UTT/19/2578/HHF Saddlers, Hill Green** Replace existing conservatory with new timber frame and slate roof. Reduction in size of window above conservatory to accommodate pitch roof **No Comments**

**UTT/19/2581/FUL M And M Supermarket, Stortford Road** Conversion of loft area to form 4 no. self-contained 1-bedroom apartments. **No Comments**  
**UTT/19/2754/HHF Bank View Hill Green** Proposed new windows and doors to garage/store and internal layout changes. **Comments to be made at December CPC meeting**

#### **Planning Decisions made by UDC:**

**UTT/19/2119/FUL Butts Green Farm Butts Green** Part demolition and conversion of existing barns to create 1 no. three bedroom residential dwelling with associated parking and amenity area. **Refused**

#### **Planning Appeals Lodged:**

**APP/C1570/W/19/3233513 Land South Oxleys Close Stortford Road (UTT/18/3369/FUL)**

Erection of 13 no. dwellings & associated development (amendment to previously approved application UTT/15/2606/DFO)

**APP/C1570/W/19/3233882 Land to Rear of Clavering Primary School, Stortford Road (UTT/18/1256/OP Land To The West Of Stortford Road Clavering)** Outline application for up to 31 no.

Dwellings (net gain of 30 units), with all matters except access reserved. Demolition of 'Poppies' and alterations to access onto Stortford Road to create access road. Provision of 38 no. parking spaces for visitors to adjacent school. Extension of school playing field and creation of sports pitch. Provision of open space and play areas, balancing pond and associated infrastructure. **Appeal Hearing currently scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**APP/C1570/W/19/3236287 Land At Stickling Green** The erection of 1 dwelling with associated access. (UTT/19/1275/FUL)

#### **Clavering Church Christmas Fair Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2pm – 3pm Clavering Village Hall**

Gifts and Christmas fare plus home-made cakes & produce for sale.  
\*Tombola \* Children's Competitions \* Raffle \*  
\*Bottle Stall \* Teas and Cakes \*

#### **Clavering Horticultural Society**

**The Gardens of South Cornwall – A talk by Robin Carsberg  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November Clavering Christian Centre 7.30pm**

Tickets £5 in advance from Nigel ()

Richard () Gerald ()

Or email [claveringhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:claveringhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com)

Refreshments and Raffle

**Approved Council Minutes and Financial Statements are to be found on The Parish Council website:**

[www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil)

**Draft Council Minutes are posted on the Parish Council Board and the website.**

**The Council meets the second Monday of each month. The next Agenda can be found in the week before each Meeting on the Parish Council's notice board, by the Post Box at Clavering Shop, and the Parish Council website with the latter also providing the supporting meeting documents**

**Date of next full Parish Council meeting, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at the Clavering Village Hall.**

**All welcome.**

#### **Mobile Library**

**The Mobile Library makes only one stop in Clavering on a Saturday.**

**Clavering Christian Centre**

**10.30am until 11am**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Village Green Waste Service**

**at Clavering Place Farm, Stickling Green**

This service is available for Clavering and Langley residents only: it is paid for via their parish precepts

**10.30am - 11.30am**

**16<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Essex Police – Staying in Touch!**

##### **Coffee with Cops**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 11am**

St Theresa's RC Church, High Lane, Stansted.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 11am**

Place on the Hill, Chapel Hill, Stansted

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10am -11am**

Costa, Knight Park, Saffron Walden

#### **'Drop in for Coffee' Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**10-12pm Clavering Christian Centre**

Do come and have a cup of coffee and a friendly chat with old friends and new.

If you are willing to make a cake or volunteer on the day, contact Frances.

#### **Village Carols on Hill Green**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm**

Do join us as we gather to sing in the Christmas Season.

Festive Nibbles, Mulled Wine,  
Soft Drinks.



A collection will be taken up in support of 'Clavering Care'

## DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE VILLAGE HALL

If you have to make a 999 call, the call handler may decide that the defibrillator is required.

You will be asked if you are able to go to the village hall to get the defibrillator, but this would usually only happen if someone else is able to stay with the person in need, as phone contact with the emergency service must be maintained at all times.

The call handler will give you the code to open the yellow metal box beside the village hall entrance doors.

The defibrillator is the small carry case – like a child's play-doctor kit – that is kept in the metal box.

Take the 'Ready Kit' (transparent pouch) and the carry case.

When you are back with the patient, open the carry case: you will then hear an automated voice giving instructions.

The call handler will also talk you through all that you must do and when the paramedics arrive they will take over from you.

### REMEMBER

**The defibrillator can go to the patient  
No special training is required  
The Emergency Services will guide you  
through everything**

## Clavering Jubilee Field Committee Quiz Night



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 7.30pm for 8pm

Clavering Village Hall

Teams of 8 – but don't worry if you are not an eight,  
we will make up the tables –

a great way to meet other villagers  
who also use and support the Jubilee Field.

Tickets available from Lynne Cooley -  
or email [claveringjubileefield@gmail.com](mailto:claveringjubileefield@gmail.com)

**£ 10 includes Luxury Ploughman's Supper**

Licensed Bar with barrel beer.

**Currently we are concentrating on fundraising to  
replace the very tired Adventure Playground**

### Concerned about Cyber Crime?

If you feel you have been the victim of a possible  
Fraud or Cyber Crime, contact this Action Line:

**[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)**

**0300 123 2040**

National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

## CLAVERING FETE

### YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOUR HELP !!

After 11 years of tireless organising and thousands of pounds raised for the village, a large number of the current Village Hall Fete Committee are taking a break

For this wonderful fete to continue we need some new members with new ideas to help organise and run this fabulous yearly event

If you can spare some time to help  
(one meeting per month & some background work)  
please contact

Stephanie Love at [mrslove200@hotmail.com](mailto:mrslove200@hotmail.com)

otherwise Clavering is at risk of not being able to hold this traditional yearly evening in 2020 and beyond.

**Clavering Jubilee Field:** At the recent AGM, it was confirmed the new Trust Deed had been accepted by the Charity Commission. After the outgoing Club representatives present gave reports, the new Committee of Management - members are also Trustees - was elected. Six organisations of the eight named organisations in the Trust Deed appointed one member each: Seven parishioners were nominated to be Elected Members (up to 11 allowed) and voted in. Charlie Balaam stood down as Chair after 5 years' service and was thanked by those present for her unstinting work. Officers: Donna Duckworth elected Chair, Amy Green and Chris Swales remain as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The accounts for the year ending Sept 2019 presented were very healthy and these will be passed over for Examination by RCCE for best practice purposes. It is anticipated that the Playground replacement project costs will be £75,000+ (match funding grants will be sought). As the required three quotes have now been received, its working party is to meet soon.

### Clavering Friends of St. Clare Hospice

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who attended Saira Hamilton's cookery demonstration, which raised £780 for St. Clare Hospice. Saira kept everyone amused with her Masterchef kitchen anecdotes and details of her work since then. Whilst demonstrating some of her favourite family recipes detailed in her new book, she gave an insight into growing up in Bangladesh.

Our thanks to Waitrose & Partners for the help given to Saira and for donating a wonderful food hamper prize for the lucky ticket holder. Also our thanks to those who took stalls on the day and donated raffle prizes.

## UTTLESFORD FRONTLINE

This is a new community project to help the general public find details of health and wellbeing services. The information can also be sourced via Healthwatch Essex: ph. 0300 500 1895 (Monday – Friday 9am -5pm)

## Newport Clavering & District Royal British Legion

Although the work of the RBL is ongoing throughout the year, November is considered to be its highlight. From the national expressions of commemoration at the Royal Albert Hall & The Cenotaph, our own Parade at Newport then the service at the Christian Centre: proper respect was shown to all who made the supreme sacrifice.

At the AGM, Officers were re-elected 'en bloc' and stated that they would continue to do their best for the Legion in the coming year.

Also, the Clavering Parish Council Chair gave us a detailed report of the Queen's pageant master's plans so far towards the 2020 celebration by the whole country of the signing of the end of World War Two in Europe.

The weekend of May 9th 2020 will be a national holiday – VE75 – and it is envisaged that towns and villages will want to celebrate the event. The suggestion is that, locally, we pool our resources and plans, so that we don't overlap. The meeting agreed with this and will be developing ideas over winter.

Next meeting: The Bull PH on Tuesday 10th December.

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## 2020 Diary Dates:

### Clavering Cricket Club AGM:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. 8pm Fox & Hounds PH

### Clavering Cricket Club Annual Dinner:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Clavering Village Hall

### Clavering Landscape History Group:

(Christian Centre unless otherwise stated)

### Coffee Morning and talk about the lost chapel & the Miracle of the Ring.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. 11 am

### Spring Lecture Maria Medlycott, ECC

Archaeological Landscapes of Essex – new findings

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. 8 pm

### Visit to Gibson Library - Guided tour by Martyn

Everett, Chair of the Gibson Library Society

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Afternoon time tbc

### AGM then talk by Simon Coxall, landscape archaeologist – Landscape, lordship and life...

### Claveryng before the Reformation

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 7pm

## Public Meeting to discuss Oxley Close current speed limit and other speed limit concerns in the village facilitated by CPC, 30<sup>th</sup> October. Cohosted Cllr Gill & Cllr Gooding. Attendees: Cllr Oliver and three parishioners

Apologies from three parishioners and also the village's SpeedWatch Representative.

A full report of the public meeting and discussions held is available online (see November PC Meeting pack).

The Parish Council determined at the November meeting to look further at the following recommendations:

1. Oxleys Close – Apply via Local Highways Panel (LHP) for *20 is Plenty* advisory signage, possibly with children's input re designs. Approach the local PSCO for help with Road Safety Education as it was reported that children are sitting in the road to play and so are not visible to drivers due to the cars parked.
2. Anomaly at Middle Street and Lower Way where the speed limit remains at 40mph, though the area meets the criteria for 30mph. - Apply again to Essex Highways for this to be altered. (A traffic order will be required.)
3. Speeding B1038 along Upper & Lower Hill Green – The speed limit cannot be reduced from 30mph as B1038 is a PR2. CPC to investigate costings of purchase/hire, maintenance and insurance of a movable VAS, verifying with Highways where such may be positioned & ascertaining who will be responsible for supervising the equipment before any purchase is determined.
4. Broken VAS sign at the shop - Cllr Gooding advised CPC to badger LHP as it seems funding is cyclical. There is an up-to-date traffic survey which will be evidence.
5. Advisory Signs on B1038 bends - The Local Highways Panel are looking to place advisory 20mph sign on the sharp bends on the B1038 from village centre through to Herts border.

## Website Link to report Highway problems to Essex County Council

<http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx>

This website page can be used to report problems (such as potholes, traffic lights not working, pavement/kerb/drainage defects, overgrown trees or hedges, blocked/damaged footpaths, and more). We encourage parishioners to use this service as we find that Essex CC responds more swiftly to problems reported on-line and also a reference number for the report is generated immediately. This link can also be used to check outstanding queries, road closures, gritting routes and bus information.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

*Chair:* Stephanie Gill: *Vice Chair:* Robert Clayton:

*Councillors:* Brian Barrow: Richard Carter: Nigel Cook:

Ron Couchman: Mike Patmore: Martina Ryan: Rebecca Stanford:

*Clerk:* Mrs Jess Ashbridge: 07986 914991 *Email:* [clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk)

*Parish Council Address:* Clavering Clerk. PO Box 1376, CAMBRIDGE, CB1 0GS

*The Clerk's availability to parishioners is usually Tuesday 11am-2pm & Thursday 11am-2pm*

*Parishioners should note that as the Parish Clerk works from home, unannounced visits to her home are not to be undertaken.*