



Hundon Herald

November 2022

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2022 SERVICES

Sunday 13 November
11.00a.m. Service of Remembrance
at the War Memorial
Rev. Mark Woodrow

Sunday 27 November
4.00p.m. Evensong

HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB
BINGO

Saturday 12th November
Doors open 7pm — Eyes down 8pm

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Friday 18th November

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Hundon Community Primary School



Laying the foundations for a bright future

The Parable of the Wise and the Foolish Man
(Matthew, Chapter 7, verses 24 to 27 and the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6, verses 46 to 49)



There is a caring and loving ethos which runs throughout the school.

All staff are highly vigilant and care for pupils very well. There is a strong culture of safeguarding and a high regard for ensuring pupils' well-being.

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Behaviour and attitudes: "Outstanding"
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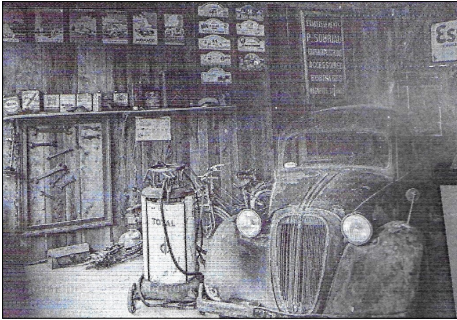
Leaders place a strong emphasis on developing pupils' personal development and well-being. The federation's philosophy is: 'laying the foundations for a bright future'. There is a clear vision for children to become the 'best that they can be'.

OPEN MORNING

Thursday 8th November 2022, 9.15am until 12pm

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Applications

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Reside within the Parish of Hundon.

Please apply by email giving the following information:

Name and address of student.

Age of student.

Your sort code and account number and the exact account name. Details of your application.

Due to restricted funds the trustees cannot normally make grants for routine traveling expenses.

General Data Protection Regulations

Your details will be recorded on the Foundation's records for audit purposes but your bank details will be deleted from our records once any payment has been made. So, if you have made an application in the past you will need to supply your bank details again.

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beaufordlodge@hotmail.com by 6 November 2022

and will be acknowledged and dealt with in the strictest confidence. Letters, if essential, can be sent to Beauford Lodge, Mill Road, Hundon. Please phone the Administrator, Bernard Beer on 07899-922418 or 01440-786942 if you need any further information.

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If you feel able to help us, and by helping us, help those who may find the winter months difficult, trying to heat homes and feed the family, we would be very grateful if you could consider donating anything from the following such as:

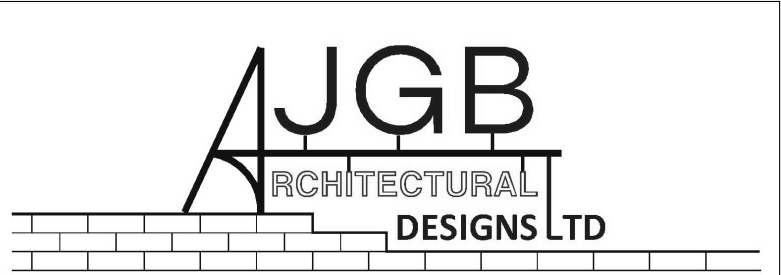
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Biscuits
Toilet rolls

We are being supported in our efforts by the Boomerang Petfood Bank to whom we say a big thank you, so our four-legged friends are not forgotten either!

Please ensure that items are within their sell by dates.

Sometimes it is difficult to ask for a little help when the road becomes bumpy and we hope that by encouraging people to ‘Take what they need’ without any judgement it will make life a little more comfortable. We are fortunate in having a great community spirit in our village so during the winter months ahead let’s all keep an eye on neighbours and friends. The church is open daily from 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.

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HUNDON W.I. A Great Bake

Ian Cumming visited Hundon WI to tell us of his journey from being a semi-finalist of the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition in 1989, to becoming a finalist In the Great British Bake off 2015. What a journey it has been!

His love of photography started when at aged fourteen he spent a year in Chile, Ecuador, and the Galapagos islands, one of the photos taken during the trip, a seal & pup won him his place in the Young Wildlife Photographer competition. This was to become the start of an accomplished career.



He continued to have the opportunity to travel and take photos, this time Jamaica & the Caribbean where he took one of his most iconic photos on a beach in Antigua. Then in 1995 he went to India, the Himalayas and Tibet, where he met & photographed the Dalai Lama. This in turn lead him to becoming the Dalai Lama's photographer whenever he was in London which was a huge honour. With his love of photography and travel he combined the two and became a travel photographer, working for travel companies, travel magazines, and much more.



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Skipping forward to 2014, having moved from a town to a small village in Cambridgeshire he found himself baking bread, and watching GBBO. His wife convinced him to enter the 2015 competition. 23,000 applied that year and after a rigorous audition and elimination process Ian got through as one of the contestants!



During the process he had been asked what his ethos was, he had said "taking risks" and he certainly took some of those during the competition. He did not just make a cake; some weeks he engineered bakes quite literally!

He confesses that he is not an articulate or fancy cake maker, so he relied on his ingenuity and energy which obviously paid off as he was named Star Baker in weeks 2, 3 and 4. Week 1 however was not so good when Paul Hollywood likened one of his bakes to "like chewing wallpaper paste". One of his more interesting bakes was during Pastry week when he made a Roadkill Pie. Chocolate week saw him engineer a working well made entirely of chocolate which 7yrs later he still has!! Sadly, he did not win the competition, but he certainly is a Star Baker! The Sticky Toffee Cake he brought along with him for us to try was delicious.

These days he confesses his life is more of a juggle between a young family, an old house, photography and of course baking, but his energy and enthusiasm means that he is always ready for the next adventure watch this space!

Our next meeting will be on 10th November, Glass Fusion at Snobby Eddy in Haverhill.



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THE RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS: "REMEMBER, REMEMBER..." – NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Friends,

"Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot..." runs the old rhyme, but of course this is a relatively late tradition. In 1605 Guy Fawkes together with accomplices were discovered trying to blow up King James I in the Houses of Parliament. Their subsequent trial and execution is remembered each year in our Bonfire Night, though whether many today look beyond the fireworks and sparklers to the darker roots I very much doubt, but it has become a well-established tradition.

So it's worth having a think about what we value as traditions and why. In my youth, I would happily have swept away all "old fashioned" traditions in the name of "modernity" – but many years later, and having been ordained 9 years ago, I find I have more than a little sympathy with those who love a well-turned phrase from the King James Bible or that the "rhythm" of the old Book of Common Prayer that has nurtured them for a lifetime and which still hits a spot that modern liturgy doesn't always quite manage.

But there are two things that I must say. The first is that we, as Christians, must never find ourselves rooted to the spot. God is a God who calls us onwards to "what we might become" – and too many of us, myself included at times, find it easy to settle into a comfortable rut. The question must always be: "what has the life in Christ taught me, and how have I grown in it?" If we and our churches find ourselves in the same place, always doing the same things, then perhaps it is because we might need some new challenges.

And second, let's not forget how radical the Book of Common Prayer was: originally it was desperately unpopular, and people longed for a return to the old Latin Mass! Neither was it the greatest word in liturgy: no proper structure of the Ministry of the Word, no formal prayer of Consecration. Indeed, one of the criticisms that may be laid at its door is that it omits the sharing of the Peace. Former rites included it, and Cranmer's liturgy does tend towards a rather "private" version of the Eucharist that was rather foreign to the Church of the time, indeed until 1965 it was technically unlawful to sing hymns at a Prayer Book Communion!

Hymns as we know have always changed, I often find it amusing when speaking to families about funerals and they suggest a particular hymn and I ask them what tune they would like - to which they often respond, "oh the usual one", which inevitably leads me to run through at least 3 or 4 different tunes until we find what their "usual one is". The words to hymns also change, take the hymn "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" which had the lines "Saints triumphant bow before him" in older versions but has long since become "Sun and Moon bow down before him..." I will readily admit that not all change is always good change, one hymn book I know has changed "Onward Christian Soldiers marching as to war" to "Onward Christian Pilgrims, Christ will be our light", and whilst I appreciate the anti-war sentiment, it still jars a little when I sing it. But many newer hymns and tunes are more than worth embracing.

Tradition is important: in fact, it is one of the three pillars of the Anglican Church – "Scripture, Tradition and Reason." That doesn't excuse us from change of course – and the challenge of the time is one of how to transmit our values and faith to the next generation. In that task each of us has to be fully engaged – in fact, in Christian terms it is our duty

With every blessing.

Mark

The Revd Mark Woodrow



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HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL—Full Minutes will be available on the Hundon Parish Council Website

Hundon Parish Council met on 19th October 2022 at 7:30pm, Social Club, Village Hall, Hundon

Village Matters

Please remember members of the public can report any highways issues via the reporting tool at Suffolk County Council, if you can provide photos of the concerns and the exact location of the issue to support the submission.
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-pavements-and-verges/report-a-highways-issue/>

Football Club – The changing rooms on the football pitch will be removed within the next few weeks.

Village Hall/Village Website – The Parish Council agreed a £250 donation to the cost of the new website.

External Audit – This has been completed by PFK Littlejohn. All documents are available on the Parish Council website.

Jubilee Celebration Accounts – These are available to view on the Parish Council website. Any surplus funds will be available for future whole village events.

Planning Applications

These can be viewed via West Suffolk Council. A full list of applications received will be published on the Hundon Parish Council website.

Planning Applications

None

Application Decisions

DC/22/0832/FUL - Rose Cottage Brockley Green Hundon Suffolk CO10 8DT

Planning application - change of use to include .25ha of land within curtilage of Rose cottage as part of garden

Granted

Update from WSC – Cllr M Rushbrook, Cllr K Richardson, Cllr N Clarke

Financial Support for community groups and residents.

Funding is available via the Collaborative Communities Board to help community groups to help meet the cost of running community spaces.

West Suffolk Council website has a residents section, which contains links of where to get support, grants etc (follow Residents Link). For those who do not have access to the internet, please contact Customer Services for information 01284 763233 Monday-Friday 08:45 to 17:00.

The council has also set up a cost-of-living webpage at <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/cost-of-living> which it will update with helpful information and advice.

Are you worried about heat loss and winter bills in your home?

Residents on low income, low energy efficient homes, concerned about the impact of energy bills this winter, are being encouraged to see if they qualify for free help.

Households with low energy performance ratings and whose household income is less than £30,000 may qualify for the work which includes improving insulation so that residents don't need to use their heating as often or for as long to stay warm.

The work, which is subject to Government criteria, is being targeted at people who own their home or are paying a mortgage. Tenants who are in a private rented home can also qualify but their landlord would need to pay for part of the work. Housing association tenants should contact their landlord to see if they qualify for improvements.

The scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency of homes that have a low Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D to G. Residents can check their EPC rating at [GOV.UK - Find an energy certificate](https://www.gov.uk/find-an-energy-certificate) - the website contains useful information for all households on steps they can take to improve the energy efficiency of their home. If your property doesn't have an EPC, one will be carried out as part of the scheme.

After registering, you will be contacted to arrange a site visit from a council officer to discuss the work that will be most beneficial to their home.

The money for the scheme has been awarded by the Government's Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and is subject to Government criteria.

Face to Face Parish Council Meetings

If you would like to attend the parish council meeting in person, please contact the clerk at clerk.hundonpc@outlook.com as there is limited availability.

Next Meeting 16th November 2022 at 7:30pm, Hundon Social Club

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HUNDON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Hundon Relief in Need Charity is a branch of the Estate Charity of Thomas Rogeron. It provides monetary help in cases of hardship and need to any resident of the Parish of Hundon.

With the pandemic in mind and the impact of redundancies, part-time rather than full-time working, the significant increases to home heating and energy costs as well as those related to food, Hundon residents are reminded that financial help is available from the charity and all applications are treated in absolute confidence.

If you, or some you know, would like more information about the grant application process please contact trustee **Sarah Upson** on **01440 786668** or at **supson1952@btinternet.com**

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The Plough Inn



As you will be aware The Plough has found a buyer who is keen to take over my business and re-establish its reputation. Whilst he was originally hoping to take over by the end of September we have agreed for various reasons that handover will take place on October 31st. My buyer, who already successfully operates a similar business in Essex, has told me that he intends to carry out a certain amount of refurbishment on taking over but will certainly be looking to re-open as soon as possible.

In the meantime, because I have been unable to recruit a chef, it has not been worth opening - the main reason why people come to The Plough is its reputation for food. I apologise to those who have been inconvenienced as a result of this and trust that you will soon return to sample the excellent fare which the new owners will be providing.

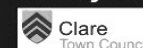
I already have a long list of those who have enquired about "The Plough's" Christmas Day Lunch and my buyer is planning a 5-Course selection which will be available as soon as possible.

Thanking you all for your kind support over the last 3 years.

David

CLARE Christmas FAIR

Carter Jonas



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HUNDON WINE CLUB

So many things have taken place at Hundon Wine Club in October.

Firstly we had a presentation from George Unwin from Baythorne Hall where he displayed some interesting wines from his cellar. There was a Sauvignon Blanc/Gros Manseng blend, a much underrated grape generally used in Bordeaux and South Western France, this example from Gascony. He followed this with a white Rioja and then a surprise wine; a wine from Georgia. This country which has a very old wine-making tradition and has recently become resurgent in producing excellent wines. On then to the reds from Portugal, Rousillon and South Africa. I am unable to comment on the wines that were tasted since I succumbed to a bout of Covid and couldn't attend.

However, I recovered sufficiently to take part in our next activity. Following on from the visit of Nick, the proprietor of Cooper's Croft vineyard in Wickhambrook, we were invited to with this year's harvest. So on Wednesday 5th October several members of our club helped Nick and co. bring in the white grapes, then on Sunday 9th October we harvested the red grapes. A very good time was had by all, and an unusual experience for us all. The weather and setting was fabulous too, so nice to "get back to nature", breathe some fragrant air and achieve a great result; 1 tonne picked each day. In addition, we were treated to a coffee break with delicious homemade cakes, and a lovely al fresco lunch with samples of last year's vintage.



A well-earned break



The results of our labour

Our third activity of the month was on 13th October when some doughty members of HWC plus one member from our Eastern Scotland branch made our way to Rudesheim in the Rheingau where we settled into a comfortable, traditional, German hotel from where we had a marvellous

4-day sojourn in this ancient wine-producing town.

We managed to fit in plenty of tastings of the wonderful Rieslings, Spätburgunders and Dornfelders that are grown in the area. We started at what was to become our nightly aperitif spot; a wine booth in the town square (how's that for civilisation?).

Our visits were both modern and ancient. The first was a display of over 250 different wines where you put a token in the slot of a high-tec dispensing cabinet and a measure of the nectar sloshed into your glass! As a total contrast we visited Schloß Johannisberg which is one of the oldest wineries in Europe, wine having been produced here since the 10th Century. We had a tour of the winery, and a tasting of several wines in the barrel-filled, yeasty-walled, darkened, deep, old cellars which was an ideal place to try these high quality wines. It also has a wine library containing examples dating back centuries.



The ladies tasting 250 wines!

Of course many local food delicacies were consumed- Schnitzel, Rahmgeschneitzers, Beinenstich and Schwärzwaldkirschentorten to name a few. Love those compound long words! Another speciality was Rudesheimer coffee using the Asbach brandy produced here.

On 24th November Alan and Jill Weston will be presenting wines from Tasmania.

So if you would like to join in, contact me for more information, or just turn up at the village hall on the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 where you would be made very welcome.

19th October

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HUNDON GARDEN CLUB NOVEMBER 2022

Correction for the October Newsletter: Clare Howard was awarded two trophies, most points for Flowers and Fruit. Apologies! Here are all the winners:



And to come for the rest of the year:-

Thursday 20 October –

We welcomed Kevin Sawford a Wildlife Photographer. He gave us a fantastic evening showing his Backyard Safari, Garden Wildlife through the seasons.

Saturday 29 October - A visit to Caldrees Manor, Ickleton, Cambs. 10.30 - 4 pm £7 NGS Open Day to see the Autumn Colours. The garden is open to the public. For all those members who would like to go, we are meeting at the Village Hall at 11am for those driving and requiring a lift. Or, make your own way there at the time you would like to go. Refreshments and loo's available.

Thursday 17 November - Perrywood Garden Centre - 'How is a Garden Centre Run' with Jade Coffey. £2 members £3 Visitors 7.30pm at the Hall

December there will be no meeting. We will be celebrating our 30 years in January 2023.

We would like to give you all notice of the subjects for our 2023 Show Photography Classes:

'It makes me smile'
'Harvest Moon' (one is due in July 2023)
'Right Plant (growing in the) Wrong Place'
A four picture entry, mounted on card - 'Clouds - in different forms'
'Frost'
'Wildlife in the Garden'
'Before and After'

Janet Burrows

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Market Dates 2022

6 March, 3 April, 1 May, 3 July, 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec
No Markets in June (Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations) and Aug (School holidays)

HERALD ARTICLES

Remember—you can submit articles for the Herald at any time in the month, you don't have to wait until the deadline. Items for inclusion can be emailed, typed or written.

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It is that time of year when the more organised among us start to think about writing and sending Christmas cards. Your shop has a very wide range of all greetings cards and Christmas cards will soon be available too. Don't forget your stamps which are available through the Post Office or through the shop till.

The Shop AGM took place recently. Your shop committee for the next year is: Stewart Alderman (Chairman), Bernard Beer (Treasurer), Denise Thompson (Secretary), Bob Shepstone, Julie O'Leary and Margaret Timothy.

Our apologies that it was necessary to close the Post office for a week in October due to both of our Post Office staff contracting Covid. It demonstrates that the pesky virus is still with us and still has the ability to cause some disruption and inconvenience. I'm happy to report that everyone is fit and well again and normal service resumed on 24th October.

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CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

One of the Park's nearest neighbours is Clare Priory which lies through an old oak door tucked away across the railway bridge from the car park. The Priory is a jewel in the crown of Clare's heritage, with its history inextricably linked with that of Clare Castle over many centuries.

In 1248 Richard de Clare, Earl of Hertford and Gloucester, and owner of Clare Castle, invited the Augustinian Order to establish their mother house in England on land adjoining the Castle. The de Clares continued to support the Order, with Elizabeth de Burgh (nee de Clare) financing the building of the priory church in the 1330s. With the family's close ties to royalty, Clare Priory became the final resting place of eminent family members including Joan of Acre, Elizabeth's mother and daughter of Edward I; and Lionel of Antwerp, a son of Edward III.

In 1538 Henry VIII's men laid waste to the Priory. The church and cloisters became a ruin and the remaining buildings fell into private ownership. By the 1870s the Prior's House had become a school for boys, promising such luxuries as a weekly tepid bath "unless a special request is made to the contrary".

Despite offering all mod cons, Priory School closed and the house became a private home again, the sitting room featuring in *Country Life* in the 1920s. A spacious billiards room was added. At some point, stained glass salvaged from the church had been installed in the house. One such window contained the white rose of York. This is another reminder of the Priory's close links to Clare Castle, which was inhabited in the 1460s by Cecily of York, mother of King Edward IV and Richard III.

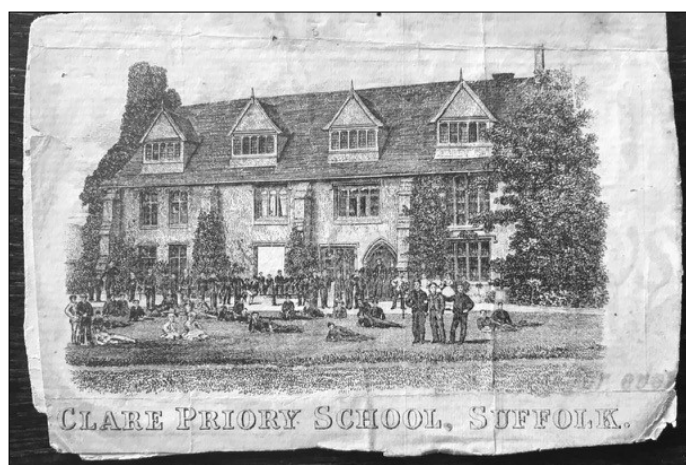
In early 1944, King George VI and other senior figures travelled by train to Sudbury and met General (later Field Marshall) Bernard Montgomery who was staying at Clare Priory. At the time the visit was shrouded in secrecy and even now little is known about it. A corridor in the Priory displays a copy of a letter from Viscount Montgomery, confirming that he visited the Priory in February 1944, ".....before we went over to Normandy.....".

The Priory returned to the Augustinian Order in 1953, thanks to the generosity of the last owner's family, who allowed the Order to purchase it at a fraction of its value. Mass was celebrated at Clare Priory that year for the first time in 415 years. The sanctuary lamp was lit by the last owner's son, Tony de Fonblanque who played another important role in Clare's history when he gave the town a major part of the land that now forms Clare Castle Country Park.

Upon their return the Friars created a church in the ancient infirmary, by then a barn, and this became the local Roman Catholic Church. The sitting room which had featured in *Country Life* became a classroom for novices learning theology and philosophy. In time the classroom became an oratory, allowing the congregation to celebrate Mass in the relative warmth of the house, rather than the bitter cold of the church. The billiards room became a social club and the Friars welcomed visitors from Clare and the surrounding area, with a local paper of the day referring to them as the Bingo Brotherhood.

Clare Priory saw another change in its long and eventful history in 1998, when the derelict glasshouse and stables were replaced with en-suite facilities for people on retreat. This now forms a significant part of life at the Priory. With the growing congregation no longer fitting inside the church in the medieval infirmary, a new church was completed in 2013.

Today four priests and a lay member of the Order live at the Priory, providing spiritual guidance to their congregation and visitors. The house itself is closed to the public but the grounds, current and former churches, shrine and ruins of the original Norman church and cloisters are open to the public. Visitors will find a plaque in the church ruins placed by the Richard III Society, marking the final resting place of the King's ancestors. The Priory is a key site in the Clare Town Tours www.claretourguides.co.uk And next time you're in the Park, make time to go through the old oak gate: you will find something very special behind it.



Derek Blake

CLARE COUNTRY PARK (Article delayed from October issue)

I make no apology for talking about the Park's railway heritage again this month, as it is a significant part of our offer, and an aspect of the Park that people calling at our Visitor Centre often want to talk about.

The doors and windows of the station buildings have just been repainted. We decided to go with a blue tone similar to the historic British Rail blue. Used throughout the country from the mid 1960s, dark blue had been the predominant colour for signage in the Eastern region from the early 1950s, with old photos of Clare station showing blue enamel signs in place.

Our new livery will complement signs we have recently been gifted by former railway engineering manager David Newton from Hundon, and the Mid Suffolk Light Railway Museum; and loaned by the East Anglian Railway Museum. These are a mix of early 1950s enamel British Railway signs and earlier London & North East Railway (LNER) signs. LNER operated the station at Clare before nationalisation, taking over from Great Eastern Railway which opened the line in 1865.

Once installed on the station buildings, the signs will help bring the site's railway heritage to life. We hope that visitors won't be confused by the eye catching three foot long "Gentlemen" sign which is being reinstated in its historically accurate position, since this is now the location of the Park Office!

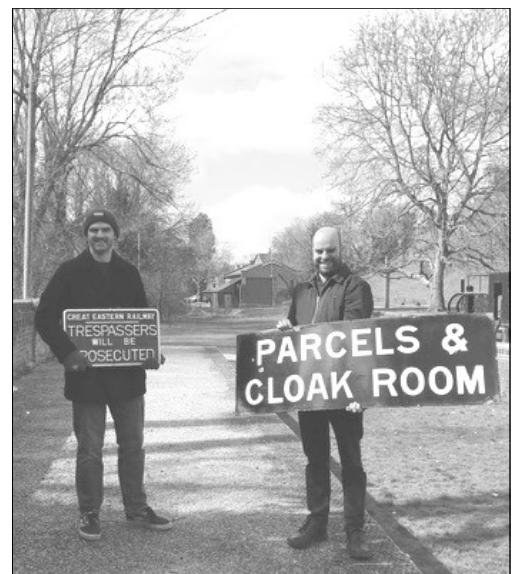
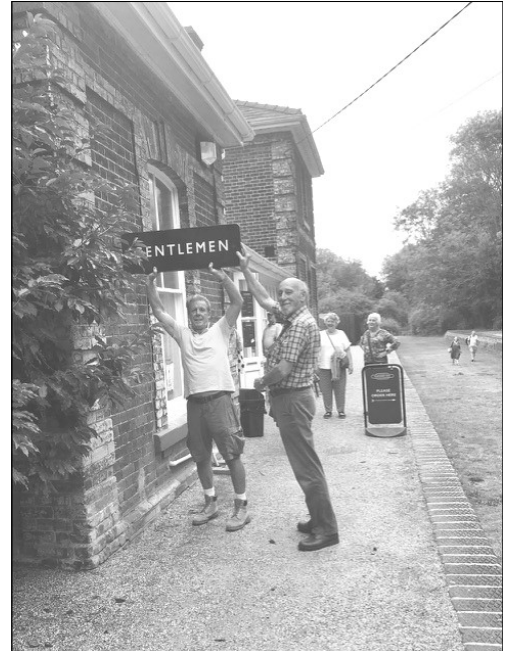
We have just received listed building consent and so can proceed with the installation of the signs later this year. The buildings are listed Grade II because they are the only surviving set of approximately 30 'Great Eastern Railway 1865 type' stations built to a standard design. This type had architectural uniformity for all the station buildings, even extending to the joinery and brickwork. Our other claim to fame is that Clare station is believed to be the only one in the world built within the bailey of a castle, the Victorians taking a somewhat more relaxed approach to heritage than we do today!

The signal box was sadly lost to fire in the late 1960s, but the remaining buildings can be seen by visitors today. If you visit on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday our visitor centre in the former south platform waiting room will be open and is well worth a visit for its photos, railway memorabilia and film footage, as well as maps, leaflets and information about the Park and Clare.

Alongside the new signs we'll be installing a vintage bicycle promoting the monthly Clare market, courtesy of West Suffolk Council. It will be adjacent to the Old Goods Shed, a reminder of the many bicycles involved in distributing packages arriving by train at Clare.

Finally, a word on the 'N' gauge model railway we are hoping to install in the visitor centre. This has been much delayed by the unfortunate serious illness of the modeller but the model is now in Clare, is being worked on by a small team of volunteers with the necessary expertise and will be installed in due course.

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CLASP operates:

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Every Wednesday from 10.30 to 3.00pm. in the Clare Old School Community Centre. Morning coffee, a three course lunch, and afternoon tea are provided for a small charge for as many as 30 clients, who can participate in table games and other activities. The **CLASP minibus** service picks up clients with transport problems from Clare and some nearby villages. *Contact Sue Packer on 07561 115158.*

CAR AID

A pool of about 20 volunteer drivers take "clients" needing transport from their homes in the Clare area to hospitals, doctors, dentists or other medical practices. **This is free of charge**, but many clients make voluntary contributions to petrol costs.

Contact John Webb on 07724 698283.

The CLASP MINIBUS

Operated by qualified volunteer drivers, is available for hire at very modest rates for use by local organisations. It also collects "clients" from Clare to take shopping to **Supermarkets in Haverhill**, generally on a Tuesday, for which a small charge is made. *For more information, contact the Senior Centre Phone 07561 115158.*

FUND-RAISING EVENTS

Are also organised by **CLASP**, principally Table Sales in the Clare Town Hall seven to eight times per year, not only to help fund the activities mentioned above, but also to make donations to other local worthwhile causes, such as recently committing to the part funding of a defibrillator for use in Clare.

CLASP is totally managed and run by **VOLUNTEERS** and is always delighted to welcome new people to assist with its activities.

Despite having existed in Clare for many years it is surprising how many residents of Clare and the surrounding area seem to be unaware of the services **CLASP** provides, and it is hoped that viewing this article will encourage local residents to take advantage of and/or assist with **CLASP's** charitable work.

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We are currently seeking another Trustee and a Secretary to help with the various tasks. The Trustee commitment is not great and would involve a few hours once per month on a regular basis and occasional involvement in supporting activities and projects. The secretary role will involve some paperwork and keeping the Trustees organised!

These roles are open to anyone - younger or older - retired or active - and no previous experience or qualifications are needed!

If you would like to contribute to this great community asset, please ring or email me.

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January to August 2022. CAREER ASSISTANCE FOR A YOUNG MAN.

A CarAid user asked if temporary assistance could be provided to take her son, a young man from Clare, to a gardening job in one of the outlying villages. Normally his father would take him, but unfortunately the father had received a leg injury that prevented him from driving for about six weeks. CarAid could not officially help because this was not classifiable as a medical trip for the son, but the request was raised informally with the CarAid volunteer drivers, and a number offered their support to get the young man to and from work. Having obtained this guaranteed transport to his work, the young man sadly subsequently lost his job through no fault of his own. Word of his predicament was passed around within CarAid and CLASP, and he was helped to find a number of gardening jobs in Clare. The number of jobs has increased considerably over the spring and summer, and has been facilitated by him recently passing his driving test, to provide him with transport flexibility to support his gardening career.

July 2022. A LONG DAY FOR A CARAID VOLUNTEER DRIVER.

An excellent example of the CarAid commitment, which demonstrates the length to which CarAid volunteer drivers may be asked to go to provide their services. A Clare resident was taken to Addenbrooke's for a 8.30am. appointment. This was a return journey of two hours for the driver. The driver agreed to return to Addenbrooke's to collect the patient at 3.00pm., but unfortunately the patient had to wait for the issue of medications, and was not discharged until just after 6.00pm. The driver waited, meaning that a further five hours had been used on this part of the service, ie. another two hours return trip driving plus three hours waiting at Addenbrooke's. This meant that this volunteer driver gave up seven hours of his day to provide our CarAid service, which remember is free to the user.

IN PRAISE OF CLASP'S CAR AID! *Published in a recent addition of The Parish Pump*

I have often seen CLASP featured in the Parish Pump but, as we live in Denston, I didn't think we'd qualify for being able to use Car Aid. How wrong I was. When an urgent optician's appointment was needed, that would mean no driving for some hours afterwards, I rang the organiser, John Webb (07724 698283), who told me not to worry as Denston is virtually en route from Clare to Bury St. Edmunds and he would be happy to help. Within an hour a volunteer driver had been found who could take us the following day, wait, and bring us home again - amazing. I am really very grateful to CLASP. Why not become a volunteer driver yourself - after all the longer the list of volunteers the fewer trips each will need to make. romandroger vergine

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