**CLYST ST GEORGE & EBFORD SECTION OF THE MARCH 2019 CLYST VALLEY NEWS**

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**Wednesday Morning Prayers at Clyst St George Church**

Join us on 6th and 20th March at 9.30 am for half an hour of quiet prayer, followed by a short period of fellowship with a cup of tea or coffee. Do come and join us.

C**lyst St George Parish Council Chairman’s Report: March 2019**

We have just had a ditch cleared out in Ebford, full of rubbish and mud, so for 2019 please do not put your garden rubbish on the verges or in the ditches. It will stop the water getting away, and could lead to flooding. Thanks.

Our website is <http://clyststgeorgeparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/>. I know it’s not a very good website, and the PC have started the process of replacing it with a new address and a site that’s easier to access and update. I am sure that it will be an improvement.

The Clyst Trail which was planned to run from Clyst St Mary and through Clyst St George was vetoed by Devon CC Highways. The Parish Council have objected to the veto - it would have meant a safe crossing for the B3179 and A376. Our County and District Councillors have also objected, so hopefully not the end of the project, or the crossings. John Manser

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**Quiz Night**

Clyst St George and Ebford Village Hall Committee are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 2nd March at Clyst St George and Ebford Village Hall.  This will be in memory of Nick Maguire, our former secretary, who ran the regular quiz nights and sadly passed away last year.  Half of the proceeds raised will be going to Exeter Leukaemia Fund, the other half to the Village Hall Fund.  Tickets are £5 a head and teams of up to six are invited to enter - places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.  Bring your own drinks and nibbles.  For more information or to book your team, please email clyststgeorgeandebfordvhall@outlook.com or ring 07835 234546.  Tickets are also available from Paul Bragg or Helen Cragg in Clyst St George or John Manser in Ebford.

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**Coffee Mornings at Clyst St George and Ebford Village Hall**

On Wednesday 6th March, the Hall committee will be holding a coffee morning 10.30 – 12.30, hosted by John and Jacquie Manser. Everyone is welcome to pop in for a tea or coffee and a biscuit for £1. Get out of the house and socialise with your neighbours. We expect to hold these regularly on the first Wednesday of each month. Do drop in.

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**Ebford Good Neighbours Scheme**

The Ebford Good Neighbours Scheme started in December 2017. It provides the type of short- term help you would expect from a friend or neighbour. The volunteers have been DBS checked. They have received advice and training from Westbank League of Friends and the community police. All information is confidential. We provide help such as:

- shopping or picking up a prescription

- pet care such as dog walking or visiting the vet

- letter writing or form filling

- advice on contacting support or help agencies

- small DIY fix-its or just changing a light bulb

If you could do with some neighbourly help or advice please call us on 07522 517900 9 am to 6 pm.  Vaughan Rosser, Chairman of Ebford Residents Group

**Ebford Neighbourhood Watch**

Ebford Residents Group took over the co-ordination of Ebford Neighbourhood Watch in December 2018 with Andrew Teasdale as its coordinator. Ebford residents can join their local scheme by going to [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/) and entering their postcode and going into the menu. Residents in other areas can join their local groups in the same way.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes aim to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.
The goals are to to help residents:

-share advice on home security

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-become more vigilant

-receive police information on crime trends and other local issues.

A number of insurance companies will give a home insurance discount if you are in a scheme.

**Lady Seaward’s C of E Primary School**

Marley, Eva, Eden, Ashley, Grace and Macy (Year 6) write:

*Our Egg-cellent Visit!* On 28th January 2019, the British Hen Welfare Trust visited Lady Seaward’s Primary school in Clyst St George. Charlotte and Lucy came from ‘The British Hen Welfare Trust’. They brought two hens called Princess Snowflake and Marshall. They came to inform us about the hens. They taught us that;

* 1uk is a free-range egg where chickens are free to run about, 2uk is an egg laid in a barn and 3uk is a battery farmed egg. It’s best to buy free range eggs.
* They are the closest living relative to the T-Rex dinosaur.
* They can see UV light.
* They store food in their throat and they eat grit to help with digestion.
* It takes 25 hours to form an egg.

Amelia, Year 6 student said, ‘I have learnt a lot from the visit; it was great to see the hens looking so healthy and well looked after!’

Simon Westwood, the headmaster, shared, ‘We really appreciated the visit from the British Hen Welfare Trust as it was very informative for the children to learn about the welfare of animals. The day was a great success.’

Sophia, Year 1, said, ‘I really liked it because I got to stroke a chicken.’

Charlotte from the British Hen Welfare Trust explained, ‘We visit schools because we want everyone to care for chickens as much as we do. By visiting schools, we allow children to become aware of the different conditions egg-laying hens live in. We hope that as they grow up, the children will take animal welfare into consideration when buying their food and learn to care for all animals. We are also bonkers about chickens and their great little personalities. We want children to see how amazing these animals really are!’

Charlotte also commented, ‘All the pupils and staff at Lady Seaward’s were so welcoming and polite! Everyone was so kind and calm around the hens too.’

**Charity Chicago Bridge**

Charity Chicago Bridge afternoon in the Clyst St George Village Hall, on Saturday 16th March 1.45 for 2 pm. Lots of prizes, with a great tea. £8 per entry and for more details please contact Paul on 07531 838719 by 14th March.

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**Greetings Cards**

![C:\Users\Peter\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\1FDI5CWD\birthday-card[1].jpg]()We are always grateful to receive cards (except Christmas ones) for remaking and they can be left in the church which is normally open between 9 am and 5 pm each day. Visitors will also find boxes of made up cards for sale covering birthdays, get well, sympathy, new home, thank you, anniversary, etc as well as

cards with no message or wording suitable for any occasion. Do call in and enjoy a few quiet moments browsing and perhaps buy a card. Linda Wilkerson (01392 875705)

**Nature Garden**

Clyst St George has a delightful nature garden by the side of the parish church. The aim of the garden is to grow local Devon indigenous plants and trees and to encourage a Devon meadow with local wild flowers. Should you wish to help develop this ‘green’ facility, you can come along on the first Saturday of every month from 9.30 to 11 am.

**Little Dragons Pre-School**

We are pleased with the outcome of our Ofsted inspection in April 2018, where we were judged to be ‘Good’. We still have a few spaces for children so do come and visit and meet our highly experienced staff team. We are based in Lady Seaward’s School and open four days a week, from Monday to Thursday 8.45 am - 3.15 pm during school term times. For more information please telephone Elly on 07939 995486 (in school hours), email littledragons@live.com or visit our website www.littledragonsclyststgeorge.com.

**Cato**

Cato hasn’t come back yet. He went missing from Seaward Park in Clyst St George during the evening of Saturday 29th December. Cato is a 10 month-old Bengal X with distinctive markings and the typical spotty belly of the Bengal breed. He is similar in colouration to a tabby. He is microchipped and neutered. He is a much loved pet and his family misses him terribly. Please report any sightings to Germaine on 07540 697595.