

Clearbrook Village Newsletter

November / December 2009

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to one & all!



Christmas Events in Clearbrook:

Decorating the tree. Please come along and help decorate the tree and the Hall on Saturday 5th December from 0930 hours to midday. All assistance gratefully welcomed.

Coffee Morning – Saturday 5th December. A special Christmas coffee morning will take place as usual from 1100 – 1200 with the star attraction being the Hand-bell ringing of some of the old favourites. If you have any spare pies, puds or cakes for sale bring them along. Mary will be our hostess.

Clearbrook Christmas Luncheon – Thursday 17th December. The lunch is, once again, fully booked. Please arrive at 1230 for sherry and a 1.00 p.m. service for the meal. Please do not be late as Sue and her merry band do not have the space to hold back odd platefuls! **DO NOT FORGET – BRING YOUR OWN WINE (COGNAC ETC)!** Please bring a prize to go into the lucky draw!

Vegetable Peeling. All assistance very welcome, the mass peel-in takes place on Wednesday 16th December at 4.00 p.m. If you can help please let Sue know on 852584.

Carol Singing – Friday 18th December. Come and join in the singing round the tree outside the Hall at 6.30 p.m. Get into the festive spirit with free mulled wine, soup and mince pies available afterwards!

Christmas Walk – Saturday 19th December. Get rid of your excesses from the previous week with a pleasant stroll across the moor from The Dartmoor Inn at Merrivale – meet at 10.00 a.m. for an easy two hour walk to build up your appetite (and thirst). Join Jo and Alan and see some fascinating local history. Please let them know on 859021 if you are planning to walk and / or eat.

New Years Day + One – Welcome in the New Year (again!!) with a Charity Breakfast Coffee Morning.

Saturday January 2nd. Get back on top with a Clearbrook Special Breakfast – served from 9.30 a.m. – 1230 p.m.

Full English to include: egg, bacon, sausage, hog's pudding, tomatoes, beans, mushrooms, hash browns, toast & marmalade.

Drinks: tea / coffee / juice - **Bucks Fizz or Black Velvet!**

All this can be yours for a mere £5.00. All profits to go to Devon Air Ambulance. Please, if you remember, let Chris or Sue know how many are coming on 852584!

Other January Events

Card Making – try your hand on Friday 22nd January

10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. A group of card makers are meeting in the Village Hall to make cards for Cancer Research to sell in their shops. Full instruction given, come along and give a hand. Please ring Val Dean on 853084 for more information.

Also Do Not Forget: Burns Night is coming back! Reserve Saturday 23rd January for the usual gastronomic (& alcoholic) extravaganza 'Robbie' may turn in his grave at the Sassenach efforts to read his poetry but tradition will be adhered to! You might even be able to try your hand at Scottish country dancing afterwards. Book a place early for this sumptuous four course meal plus wine and whiskey all for £12. Call Sue or Chris on 852584. Don't delay places are very limited!

'Thank You'

A very, very, big 'Thank You' to all who assisted with a most successful Bonfire Night. Particular thanks to David Worrin who once again created a monster bonfire which blazed superbly all evening, even though the weather tried to dampen it down! Also to Neil (with his tractorial assistance as well) and Nigel for their highly skilled firework display – and to all the rest who beavered away in the background to make it such an excellent evening.

Prize Draw

November winners were: John Brindle and Beth Scott. Congratulations to you both, please contact Ray Moorhouse on 854277 to claim your winnings.

Don't forget the bumper prize draw for December will take place at the coffee morning on Saturday 5th December.

Skylark News: Monday Nights are Villagers Nights. Every Monday Victor offers villagers and friends a selection of excellent dinners all for only £5-90. Available from 6.00 p.m. Don't miss out on 'Victor's Value for Money Meals'! Ring the Skylark on 853258 for bookings at any time.