Clenchwarton Your Village News

October 2022



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH



Clenchwarton Church.

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Welcome to your Magazine

This is a monthly magazine and contains adverts from local businesses near you, village and church news and "what's on in the village" as well as articles from our parishioners and the church community.

We hope it is a valuable resource for newcomers to the village as well as our long-standing residents.

St Margaret's Church Services

Sunday 2nd October 10am Communion

Sunday 9th October 10am Harvest Festival

Sunday 16th October 10am Communion

Sunday 23rd October 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th October No service at the Church, instead joint service at Walpole St Peter



Everyone is welcome to our services, no matter what their age. We look forward to seeing you there.

Magpie Centre.

Tea with a Pony sessions are very successful and will resume in April 2023. To book, just call the centre on 01553 810202.

Planning ahead for Christmas, look out for the anthology, "Changing Tides", a collection of poetry, short prose and extracts from longer works by 'The Norfolk Writers Exchange', now in process of publication. Priced at £8.99p, it will make an ideal stocking filler. Copies will be available from the centre and other outlooks throughout West Norfolk from mid-October.

Alternatively, email TheNorfolkWritersExchange@outlook.com for bank transfer details or send a cheque for £8.99p, plus £2.60p post and

packing, payable to The Norfolk Writers' Exchange, c/o 31 Chapel Road, Pott Row, King's Lynn, PE32 1BS. Profits from the sale of this slim volume will be divided between West Norfolk RDA and West Norfolk Deaf Association.

Methodist Chapel Services

Sunday 2nd October at Chapel. Harvest Festival Service at 10.30am led by Angela Bishop

Sunday 9th October at Chapel. Chapel Anniversary Service at 10.30am led by Harold Smith

Sunday 16th October at Chapel. Morning Service at 10.30am led by Worship Team.

Sunday 23rd October at Clenchwarton Parish Church at 10.00am

Sunday 30th October at Chapel. Holy Communion Service at 10.30am led by Rev Jackie Goddard

Please check Chapel Notice Boards. All are welcome at any of our services. Any queries please ring 07792 677891





Village Diary



To all those organising events in the village, please let us know the date place and time so we may publish it in the Village Diary. Thank you.

Parish Council meetings 1st Thursday of every month.

Coffee Mornings St Margaret's Every Thursday 10-12 noon

Walking Group. Saturday 8 October 9.30am from Terrington
Methodist Chapel
Talk in the Church Saturday 15 October 2pm.

Talk in the Church Saturday 12 November 2pm. Craft Fair. Saturday 19th November 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Update Christmas Greenery now Saturday 3 December (not 10th as previously advertised due to a special family event at the Chapel). Fee event

To all those organising events in the village, please let us know the date, place and time so we may publish it in the village diary.

Parish Magazine

We are indebted to the many villagers who help distribute the Parish Magazine and in many cases help to collect subscriptions when they are due.

From time to time we lose helpers through ill health or pressure of work and so we are once more requesting if anyone can help once a month with the distribution. If you feel you can help please contact Debra or Grahame whose contact details are on the penultimate page.

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Coffee Mornings at St Margaret's Church

These are on Thursdays between 10-12 noon

Do come along for a drink and a friendly chat.

Please contact Debra if you require transport to get to any coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you.

(Debra McGowan)

Bible Study Group

Meetings take place on Wednesdays starting at 2.00pm

If you are interested in joining us please contact Penny Snape on 01553 773142.





Craft Fair

We are holding a craft fair at the church on Saturday 19th November from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

If you have any crafts that you would like to sell and would like to book a place in

the church for a charge of £5 (non refundable) please contact Debra on 07565 057216 or 01553 773467 after 6pm.

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Cost £2.00 to Clenchwarton Chapel for the Walk Donation to Terrington Chapel for Coffee

Walking Group

The October meeting is on Saturday October 8th and starts at the earlier time of 9.30am and starts from the car park at Terrington St Clement Methodist Chapel.

It will be in a similar format to the foot rally we held a few months ago in Clenchwarton and there will be an entrance fee for the rally of £2. This is because it is in conjunction with Clenchwarton Chapel for whom it is a fund raising event. You will be able to relax afterwards with a cup of tea or coffee. No doubt you will be competing for some kind of prize. Anyone can come and take part.



The November meeting will be back to our usual time of 10.30am on the second Saturday of the month from Clenchwarton School. As usual anyone can join us and there is no charge.

The Clenchwarton Lectures

The success of our September lecture on Bees has resulted in the Church also arranging their own talk in the church.

This is on **Saturday 22nd October at 2.00pm** and is entitled "<u>45 mph</u> <u>Couch Potatoes – The History and Life of Greyhounds."</u> There is no charge for the talk but any donations received will go towards the kitchen and toilet project. Tea and coffee will be served.

The week before on **Saturday 15th October at 2.30pm** at the Chapel the lecture is entitled "<u>Frank and his cars"</u> and it is by Penny Snape who is a thoroughly entertaining speaker and is likely to be very funny but at the same time can be thought provoking.

Our November lecture at the chapel will be on **Saturday 12th November at 2.30pm** and will be on an aspect of the <u>History of Clenchwarton</u>. It will be by Kathy Saunders and many of you will know that she has written an interesting book about Clenchwarton. With Christmas approaching it would seem an excellent opportunity to buy a Christmas present for a relation who has previously lived in the village.

All the lectures are free although any donations will be appreciated. Tea and coffee are available and questions to the speakers encouraged.

Pastoral Letter October 2022

Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....



At the end of this month, on 24th October, we have a Sunday which the Church in many places observes as Bible Sunday. The Bible is more than a best-selling book – it is a library, containing 26 books in the Old Testament, and 27 more in the New Testament, which is where we find the stories about the life and work of Jesus. And every line in the Bible is intended to help us know God, and live our lives according to his rules, though to be fair some parts of the Bible are more readable and understandable than others.

The Bible is not a book to be read from cover to cover in one go, like a novel. It is rather a volume to be dipped into. The Bible conveys God's message in poetry, biography, history, fiction, and law. Sometimes it is obvious which style is being used: the psalms are poetry, the parables of Jesus are fiction. At other times things are not so clear, but it really doesn't matter provided we are willing to dig below the surface and find out what spiritual message God is trying to convey to us, enabling us to draw wisdom and insight from the words.

There is a special prayer used in the Church on this last Sunday in October which sums up the importance of why we read our Bibles, whether we do it daily, or only occasionally, randomly or by using a more structured method, or even if we only hear it read when in Church.

"Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in your Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever."

Whichever version of the Bible we use, the truth that is contained in its pages is unrivalled and it remains as great a beacon of learning and faith. Our society owes much to the great scholars who have translated the Bible into so many languages over so many centuries.

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From the Little Yellow Smart Car

Sometimes we only know that we have lived through a significant moment in history after the event - maybe a long time after – as the past is reflected on and pivotal moments noted. However, the past few weeks have left us in no doubt of the importance of the moments we share. The death of our much-loved Queen Elizabeth, and the accession of Charles 111; the transition of power from monarch to successor; and all the ripple-effects of these events are only just beginning to be understood, but this is history lived large.

Our new monarch is Defender of the Faith and protector of all faiths. King Charles has pledged himself to uphold the security of the Church of Scotland and recognise how the history of our country has, at times, been pulled apart by differences in beliefs.

The freedom we enjoy – to choose the spiritual direction we wish to follow, to worship, to discuss and disagree – is very precious. We have seen in other parts of the world that, when the freedom of faith is restricted, it often comes with violence and oppression. We have seen what happens when religion is used to justify abuses, injustices and war. We have seen the damage to communities when the freedoms of faith are disrespected. However, often our freedom to follow whatever faith we choose is taken for granted, its importance dismissed, or beliefs ridiculed as irrelevant. We are blessed to have a constitution where our monarch declares to be our defender in matters spiritual and thankful that this is largely a symbolic declaration, rather than something which will lead him into conflict.

So, as we reflect on what the King has agreed to be and to do, perhaps it is up to us to reflect on what we believe personally and to think about how we are able to exercise the freedoms of faith. Our churches can be places for this reflection to occur, but other places can also become our holy places. Wherever you encounter the 'thinness' of the world, where, in Christian language we talk of heaven touching earth, I hope that you will find blessing this month. And if you have faith questions, or are searching for meaning and sense in life, I hope that you will enter into conversations about what you believe or don't believe.

For me, the Christian faith has the breadth and depth which brings hope, love and joy through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. His invitation to the curious and the questioning, to those who challenged him and those who had different backgrounds, was always, 'Come and see. Go and tell'.

I am happy to talk about my journey of faith and enjoy listening to the stories of others about their faith. It is in sharing together that we learn and grow as human beings together. Come and see what we do in church. Share with us and dialogue with us. This is what freedom of faith is all about.

Every blessing. Rev'd Jackie Goddard (Tel 07881 952098. Email: j.goddard@methodist.org.uk)

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A friend told me last week that she had a blackbird in her house which had come in from an open door or window. She said that she tried to catch it, and as she did the bird ejected it's tail feathers. Now I

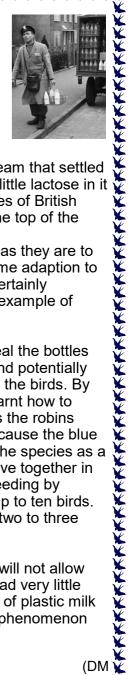
have never heard of this before, so I was a little surprised and to be honest, disbelieving. So my friend told me to research it, I have tried to find out the truth but the only answer I can find is the bird is probably moulting and therefore the tail feathers drop easily. Some birds such as blackbirds can manage perfectly well without their tail feathers which normally regrow within six weeks.

When my husband and I first moved to Clenchwarton
we brought with us our cat Seve, and during the
summer I always leave the top of our stable door open to allow
the air to blow through the house. Every time I went into the
kitchen, I noticed that the cat biscuits were thrown all over the
floor and I couldn't understand what my cat was getting up to.
One afternoon my cat and I had been sitting in the front room
watching the television, when I decided to make myself a drink.
As I got up and went into the kitchen Seve walked in alongside
me. As we entered the room there was a blackbird on the kitchen
floor eating the cat biscuits and throwing the larger pieces over
the floor. As soon as he saw us he let out a screech and flew
onto the bottom half of the stable door where he stopped long
enough to give us a piece of his mind before flying off.

Birds are very intelligent, if we are working in the garden and the shed door is left open our garden robin will often pop into the shed, grab a spider and get out again. During the day I have been leaving the church open, I leave the main church door open not only to air the church but also because we have a robin and a wren that will come into the church to hunt for spiders. They know their way in without any interference from us.

Nature Watch

We like many other people, still use the milkman for our milk delivery. We prefer the milk kecause it isn't homogenized, so we still get the 💃 cream at the top of the glass milk bottle.



At the beginning of the 20th century we all got our milk delivered to our doorsteps in bottles that had

no tops so birds had east access to the fat rich cream that settled at the top of the bottle. The cream of the milk has little lactose in it and this was what the birds were after. Two species of British garden birds learnt to siphon up the cream from the top of the open bottles: blue tits and robins.

🔀 Although they were not as intolerant to the cream as they are to milk, both birds digestive systems did undergo some adaption to cope with the new fat rich nutrient. This process certainly happened through Darwinian selection, a brilliant example of we evolution in action.

Then after the First World War dairies began to seal the bottles with aluminium foil tops to keep the milk fresher and potentially this new food source could have been cut off from the birds. By the 1950's the entire UK blue tit population had learnt how to pierce the bottle tops to reach the cream, whereas the robins never did. The reason for this is believed to be because the blue 💃 tits pass on their skills from one individual bird to the species as a whole. Then bringing up their chicks blue tits will live together in couples. Once the young blue tits are flying and feeding by 💃 themselves blue tits will move about in a flock of up to ten birds. The flock remains intact and will stay together for two to three months.

Robins, however, are territorial birds. A male bird will not allow another male to enter his territory. Young robins had very little opportunity to learn this skill. With the introduction of plastic milk bottles and the decline of doorstep deliveries this phenomenon has practically dried out.

Clenchwarton Parish Council

Clenchwarton Parish Council – 1st September 2022, 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

And so began a very surreal meeting where those few Councillors who actually turned up were outnumbered by members of the public 4 to 1; the Clerk advised Councillors Bell, Lucas, Moore and Moore to slim down the agenda because it was felt that there were some decisions that couldn't be properly reached, given that only 4 of them had shown up!

Open forum: The new second groundsman (Craig) reported that he had been clearing dykes around the field and was promptly asked for help and guidance with the churchyard. A resident then asked about the gate to the west of the village which had been damaged by a road traffic accident and enquired if it would be possible to sort it out along with a tasteful memorial to the lad who died too. Cllr Lucas said that there had been a discussion about a flat stone at the site plus perhaps a plaque on a bench somewhere too.

The Play Area working party reported that phase 1 of the project was now complete and open with just the payment of the invoice outstanding. The recent picnic/opening event was considered to be a great success. Thanks were made to all concerned.

A discussion then took place about a tree by the side of the Pavilion that is causing a safety concern. Things went round and round for a bit while the merits of cutting off branches vs obliterating the entire tree (because it risked damaging both the roof and the path) were debated. At this point, Cllr Whitby appeared from a prior meeting and everyone decided to cost things up and go to Finance.

As the meeting wore on, many things were either deferred or churned over in frustratingly microscopic detail without anything really being decided and then – you guessed it – deferred anyway. A glimmer of hope surrounded getting the hole in the carpark at the top of Hall Road finally sorted but seeing that it's taken 8 months to get a light fixed in the Jubilee Garden and the teen shelter is still in a poor state of repair it's evident that words are still not translating into action, unfortunately.

The next item requested that the PC should adopt the heated defibrillator unit currently sited outside Morrisons. Cllr Lucas questioned if the shop was looking to get rid of it completely or just looking for the village to pick up the electric costs and insurances.

Cllr Bell wondered if Morrisons would be happy to sponsor it with the PC contributing towards it too. The Clerk was asked to follow this all up and get further clarification.

Finally, Cllr Whitby gave his Borough report: a community solar generation scheme was being set up and was looking for people to sign up plus the recent ClL applications had proved to be very popular. He also advertised various fun events that have been and gone as we go to press. (Cllr Kemp was unfortunately delayed but her report is elsewhere in the issue.)

The meeting closed at 8:21pm to a round of applause(!)

Footnote:

I think it would be appropriate to acknowledge the efforts of parishioners for their contributions during the period of mourning after the sad death of Her Majesty; the church was opened daily so people could go and reflect, sign the book of condolence, and maybe light a candle plus a space was made in the Jubilee Garden for people to lay flowers should they wish to. Even over in the far eastern side of the village, we could hear the tenner bell at St Margaret's being rung on the day of the funeral and it was comforting to hear that our community was making its own contribution to mark the solemn occasion.

Thank you to all those involved.

(SF)

Parish Council meetings are usually the first Thursday of every month.

The Agenda's are published on the Parish Council website go to https://clenchwartonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

?? Puzzle Page ??



This months answers are all towns or cities in England.

- 1 Sounds like I am ahead at the present time.
- 2 Mr Fawlty meets a professor (probably of Spanish) in Essex.
- 3 You do not want a black car? The solution is to explain your needs to Henry?
- 4 Sounds like on the 24th June I buy an old motorbike.
- 5 Inter at a brisk pace.
- 6 Sounds like Chandler's detective.
- 7 Boyhood literary hero meets British Wimbledon Tennis Champion.
- 8 Manager at the office finds some trees.
- 9 Naomi's niece is somewhat left wing.
- 10 Instructions not to under cook?

Good Luck! The answers are elsewhere in the magazine.

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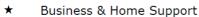


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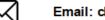
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<u>URGENT ACTION TO SAVE THE</u> CLENCHWARTON MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE.

Can everyone write a polite email, as soon as possible, to save Clenchwarton Mobile Library Service, even if you have already responded to the Consultation. The Conservative Cabinet takes its decision, any day now, about cutting half the mobile library budget. This could see Clenchwarton completely taken off the Mobile Library route, if residents do not tell the powers that be that this would be wrong. Write to Council Leader andrew.proctor.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk and to Chief Officer tom.mccabe@norfolk.gov.uk

What to write:

Dear Cllr Proctor and Mr McCabe,

Norfolk Council's strategic priorities include HEALTHY, FULFILLING AND INDEPENDENT LIVES. The Clenchwarton Mobile Library Service is a community outline outreach service, especially for families and older and disabled residents who cannot drive or use tablets. Clenchwarton has a high number of people in advanced older age and the Mobile Library Service reduces isolation. With the soaring cost of energy, it is not reasonable for NCC to say people could read books on kinder instead. These cost money to charge up. So I am asking the Conservative Cabinet to withdraw its planned £200,000 cuts to the £422,000 service budget, and to keep all the stops on the Clenchwarton route. The Mobile Library Service has large print books, talking books for the visually impaired, assistance to technology, warm and well books, blue badges forms, leaflets about health checks, and during the pandemic, the Mobile Library Service distributed Covid Test Kits. The Librarian looks out for vulnerable residents. This is a professional service, but if it were run by volunteers, it would depend on volunteers being available. If the Mobile Library Service did not run, books would be heavy to carry home on the bus from Lynn Library. Not everyone has a car. The Mobile Library Service is a way of getting information out to people who do not drive or have computers. It is a vital prevention service.

I went out on the van on the 26th August and I was impressed by the professional range of services available. You can also join the library service on the mobile library van, and even return a book you borrowed from Lynn Library. I re-joined in Station Road. If you are not already a member, or no longer have your library card, why not re-join when the Mobile Library Van next visits Clenchwarton. Next visits 21 October,18 November, 16 December.

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Memories of Clenchwarton

Richard Brown

I was asked to write my early memories of Clenchwarton. We moved here in August 1945 just in time for VJ day after my father bought the Beeches Farm from Mr John Barnes who was a farmer and a London Potato Merchant, I remember that he always wore a black Homberg hat. He carried on farming in the village for a few more years and his farm foreman was Mr Gilbert who lived in a house on the Main Road.

I was a very thin shy little boy although I soon had a few friends in the village, I think probably because being very friendly with me gave them access to some of the fields and buildings on the farm. I remember Tommy, Tony and Bridget although I did not get to know them very well as I was sent away to a Boarding School and only saw them in the holidays. I must admit that we did some things that are illegal now, such as collecting birds' eggs although there were probably a lot more birds. We also spent time playing in waterlogged fields and floating planks of wood on the pond. We of course had no television, no mobile phones and no laptops so it was a case of amusing ourselves. There was the radio and programmes like ITMA and Dick Barton.

Mr Barnes was I think a bachelor and although he had a large house would not have any London refugee children in the house and so he had a wooden Nissan hut erected to house them. This had running water and a coke boiler and we used it to play in when it was raining (the remains are still in the garden) I think that my mother was relieved that it kept a lot of muddy children out of the house. The old gardener, Charlie Jude, used to keep an eye on us and once or twice sent them all home.

Clenchwarton had a village policeman, P C Emmerson, who used to cycle around the village and the postman was Mr Lane JP who delivered two posts daily to most of the village. (Harold Smith was his son in law).

There was a shop and newsagent, Reeds, at the corner of Hall Road. There were also three pubs; The Black Horse, The Victory and The Wheelwright Arms. I think there was a small Post Office at Mr Lane's house. I think that Mr Fred Boon who lived behind the pub (Wheelwright Arms) was a Wheelwright.

Apart from farming, the main business in Clenchwarton was Warrens on the Main Road where the garage is now. There was a Blacksmith, a Carpenter's shop and a Builder's Yard, they were also undertakers. We also had a milkman who also later delivered eggs and potatoes.

When I was a little older I was allowed to take carthorses to the blacksmith and Col Coates used to shoe them. This was very interesting as the foot had to be trimmed, the shoe made in the forge and then nailed on to the hoof, he was very methodical and could not be hurried! He also used to repair agricultural machinery and make some. In the forge the carpenters would finish off the wooden wheels for farm carts by putting an iron ring around the wheel and then cooling it quickly so that it was tight, Col was very in charge.

My vicar did not like the vicar of Clenchwarton, who was a strange man and he apparently owned a string of fish and chip shops on the South Coast. So we went to West Lynn Church where I was a choirboy although I could not sing.

Puzzle Page Answers. How did you do?



1 Leeds
2 Basildon
3 Telford
4 Midsomer Norton
5 Canterbury
6 Marlow
7 Biggleswade
8 Brentwood
9 Redruth
10 Bakewell

Pepper Fen. Episode 20

(The village of Pepper Fen is fictitious and is not based on any particular village. None of the characters are based on real people living or dead.).

That evening, after her shift, Gabrielle met Matis in the pub. He was as charming as ever. She asked him about his day on the farm. He asked her about her day at work. He was surprised to learn she had no idea how the official enquiry into the murder was getting on and she patiently explained to him that she was in plain clothes and had nothing to do with CID, however she then told him she was making enquiries in her own time. "I have found out who the girl you mentioned must be. There is only one girl in Pepper Fen who is not of Primary School age. It must be her."

He nodded his head thoughtfully. "I am not sure you should be investigating though. After all you might be getting yourself involved in something dangerous. I care for you Gabrielle. I would not want you to get hurt".

"Oh don't worry about me. Besides I am not doing anything dangerous". Gabrielle was however pleased he was concerned about her.

He walked her home and they arranged to meet again at the weekend. Her shifts prevented an earlier liaison. "I may have a surprise for you" he hinted, but he would not elaborate any further. She did not know how she was going to last to the weekend.

The children had returned to school but Dan and Lisa found their problems were not over. Dan had found a new job but it was only part time so their money worries were not diminished and Dan's confidence had been knocked so he was often grumpy which Lisa found hard to take. She tried to tell him that so many people were struggling and well paid full time jobs in the area were hard to obtain but he found it difficult to listen. He did obtain some reprieve by taking long walks which pleased the dog but even the dog could sense that all was not quite right in the house. It was on one such walk in the early evening that he passed a group of, whom he termed, young people grouped together. They watched him as he passed them but made no comment. He wondered who they were. Where did they live? There were not that many houses in the area and most looked too young to drive. He wondered about his car. He could barely afford to keep it on the road but he could not afford to lose it as it represented a chance to get to a better paid job. He wondered about his old job. Would things improve and he be offered the job back? He hoped so. He missed the job. He missed his old work mates. He missed not having too many worries about money and providing for his family. He felt he was letting them down. He felt he had no control over his life. He felt useless. When he eventually returned to his home he of course passed the church and the vicarage. He did not really notice either, but someone noticed him.

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Pepper Fen. Continued

The vicar was also feeling lost and somewhat useless but he saw the disconsolate trudge undertaken by Dan leading his dog back to his house. He recognised the despair. From the depths of his own depression he knew he was being called to. Dan needed help. He should be the one to provide it.

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Poetry

Corne

"Don't Quit"

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road ahead seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
and you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
when care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out, the silver lining of the seeds of doubt, and you can never tell how close you are, it may be near when it seems so far, so, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.....

It's when things go wrong that you must not quit.

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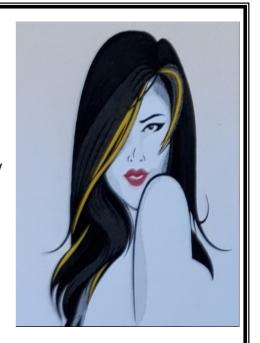
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I can recall Harold Smith being a postman in Clenchwarton for most of my childhood years. He is a lovely person and always stops to say hello and have a little chat occasionally. He married Barbara Lane who I believe was the daughter of Fred Lane who's family were all post office staff. Harold was saying he was his son-in-law so he accepted the job at the post office. He told me that it was a blast from the past as he was holding the photo of himself at a younger age.

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