



WINTER

Happy New Year to All Our Readers

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KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

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We formed a committee The Clapham & Patching Community Shop and Cafe Project in May 2014 to help safeguard the future of a cafe/shop serving the area. Since inception the committee has worked together to highlight key issues with the building, the business, the location and villager concerns. It was quickly realised the building in its present state needs modernisation or replacement to further support a profitable cafe/shop. External funding would be needed to realise these aims..

The committee has researched the many different types of building option, explored the water and sewage questions, had discussions with the Trustees and potential funders and worked with the present owner to develop a successful business plan..

Alongside these laborious time consuming tasks the committee has also run fund raising events with much help from many villagers. To date we have raised well over £3000 which it is hoped will help funders see that the village is committed to further developing the current shop/cafe.

XMAS RAFFLE GRAND DRAW

Clapham businessman Mike Cooper very kindly donated a Cooper bike for our Grand Raffle. Some of our other local businesses also made some lovely prize donations to produce this a spectacular raffle. Father Christmas made an appearance and Actress Alex Childs (Lady Lyzera, Wizards vs Aliens) from CBBC helped draw the tickets for the lucky prize winners. Around £650 was raised for the project



Date for Your Diaries: Next Event
80s Night — 28th February at The Village Hall

Back to the 80s

Skool days with late detention

Christmas Fayre



We would like to thank all those that helped make this event another successful date on the calendar. The donation to the project is gratefully received. Looking forward to another successful event this year. MANY THANKS



Home delivery

To gain funding for the new project a sound business plan has to be produced and the existing operation is likely to be scrutinized. As part of pushing the concept forward the Junction is considering providing a home delivery service, not least to assess demand for this type of provision.



AGM

Will be held 15th May 2015—Clapham and Patching Village Hall

ONGOING FUNDING

We are pressing ahead approaching funders to perhaps secure some help with the project. Meanwhile fund raising events will continue this year showing local commitment to the future of this project. A **Film Night** is to be planned for the spring. Any ideas or help are always welcome, feel free to contact any of the committee below.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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