

November 2020 Clarion Report

We need to start by recognising that this year our normal Remembrance Day parade will not take place, however there will still be wreath laying at the Memorial cross, but we still need to be mindful of our most vulnerable who are some of the ones who would normally be present to remember the fallen.

If you are thinking of being present, then please remember social distancing, wearing masks when needed, otherwise if at home we know you will be with us in mind on the day.

On the Cleobury Community Facebook page the Cleobury Royal British Legion branch have posted templates of poppies that children can colour in and put in their windows for Remembrance. To download an A4 poster go to (rbl.org.uk/donate) and if you cannot why not draw your own. From comments I have seen and been suggested, that they will stand on their doorsteps at 11am to have their silent reflection instead with the poster to show support.

You may have seen a lot of Police cars around on the evening of Friday 16th and into the early hours. This was a joint operation with the Town council to target our concerns over anti-social behaviour and cars racing through, so not just local. It covered out towards Kidderminster and up to Clee Hill and Catherton common. We had sixteen officers and eight cars from as far away as Oswestry to come and help us with a few arrests made too. Any incidents in Cleobury needs reporting on 101 so that these issues can be addressed and with our relationship with the local police and the support of their superiors you will see more over the coming months.

The Town Council are determined that our Christmas lights will shine this year as they have done in past years. There will be no official switch on, but your town will be lit up by the end of November or at the latest early December.

The Xmas trees this year are donated from Frank P Matthews of Tenbury Wells, and Alan Guest Mowing services and we are incredibly grateful to both.

With everything going on and still Covid rules may change, can we ask that over Christmas you keep an eye on your neighbours and especially the isolated ones who are alone, as in winter and without the usual visitors or normal life, they may find it really difficult this year. Let us all pull together and any concerns should be raised, through me if needed to follow up.

The Foodbank is going well thanks to all the generous donations and the volunteers every Friday morning at the Market Hall. It is open from 9.30am to 11.30am and if you find yourself in need we are here to help, also if you know someone struggling of any age then make them aware. We may need a couple of younger volunteers as time goes on due to Covid, so if you are interested and can spare a few hours on a Friday morning then please get in touch with the Town clerk.

Finally, can everyone support their local businesses as much as possible in the run up to the festive season as our local businesses need as much support as possible at this time of year. Small business weekend is usually the first weekend in December.

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