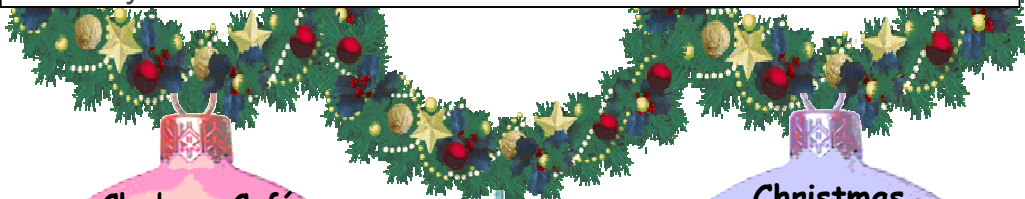


The Parish Post



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A Merry Christmas to all our readers from The Parish Post team



Clunbury Café
Craft stalls morning
Thursday 5 December
10 to 11.30am
A great opportunity to buy
Christmas presents
and, as always there's
Fairtrade coffee or tea
and homemade cake
for just £1

**Clunbury
Village Hall
Christmas Social
Sat. 28 December
5.00pm. Free!
Bring and share
supper**

**Christmas
Coffee Morning**
The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed. 11 December
10.30am
bring & buy, raffle
all in aid of
St Mary's church



Burns' Night
at Kempton Village Hall
Saturday 25 January from
6.30pm
**Traditional Haggis Supper will
be served at 7pm**
(or vegetarian haggis if ordered when booking)
Tea and Coffee included
Please bring your own alcohol
Scottish music & dancing
by Ron & Dot Cox
Draw
Tickets: £10.00 Bookings: Richard
Bright 660250, Edward Cooper
660687 or Margaret Goodwin 660388
Please book by Saturday 18 January

**Clunbury Village Hall
Soup and Pudding Lunch**
Thursday 23 Jan.
12.30 - 2pm
£3.50



**Back by popular
request -
last year was a
sell-out so
don't come late!**

Clunbury School Corner - To York and Beyond

Members of Class 2 recently went on a three day trip to York. November has also seen lots of fundraising!

"The first day at York we went to Danelaw. We dressed up as Vikings and were put into families, we were told where our houses were and what they were made from. We made oil lamps from clay. Mine kept getting holes in it but I finally did it right. Then some of us went to get firewood, we had to ask the Lord of the village first. Finally we were trained to be guards and chased off a stinky Saxon. On the second day we went to the Jorvik Centre where we saw and smelt what it was like in the Viking age, and we saw REAL Viking weapons and also a copy of a real Viking helmet. We went to the Jorvik dig centre where we dug up old bones and pots, and inspected bones from the past. Last but not least we went to the York Minster, the length was FIVE Blue Whales and the height was 2 blue whales. The final day we went to the Yorkshire Museum where we saw dinosaurs and extinct birds and beavers and otters." Jake



One Friday we wore spotty clothes and brought in a pound each to raise money for Children in Need. For the Poppy Appeal, Colonel Savill came to us to tell us why we should remember the soldiers who fought in the war for us. We were the only school in the county to trial selling new poppy products to raise money, and we raised £102.19 for the Royal British Legion. We also raised over £300 for school funds by getting sponsored to run around the school in our pyjamas, and we all got a hot-dog at the end. We are all working hard and looking forward to our Christmas Performance which will be on 12 December.

Tengri

Remembrance Day and World War I Commemoration Reminder

The Reverend Robert Payne conducted an excellent Service of Remembrance this year - a difficult job as he followed in the footsteps of Colonel Raymond Savill, who had so ably led the service for the last 25 years.

Christina Whitehead

Do you know any of the families or connections of those named on our Church and War Memorial plaques? Perhaps your relative was fortunate enough to return alive from the War, what happened to them? How did they settle back into civilian life?

Perhaps your family treasures the memory of someone lost in the Great War whose name appears on a Memorial elsewhere? Do you have their medals or letters or story? These memories of Clunbury past and present will form the basis of our hundred year commemoration event next year. We can trace our relatives and their involvement in this First World War using the wealth of information available at the websites below (please note that some of them make a charge for searches).

Cwgc.org.uk (Commonwealth War Graves Commission), Ancestry.co.uk,
Forces-war-records.co.uk, Iwm.org.uk (Imperial War Museums)

Nationalarchives.gov.uk, Findmypast.co.uk

Contact Christina Whitehead on 660424 with any thoughts, ideas or information.

Carol Griffiths

NHS 111 Service Up and Running

Call 111 if you

- urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a 999 emergency or life-threatening situation.
- don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call.
- need health information or reassurance about what to do next.

For immediate, life-threatening emergencies, continue to dial 999

The NHS 111 service is staffed by a team of fully trained advisors, supported by experienced nurses and paramedics. They will ask you questions to assess your symptoms, then give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you straightaway to the local service that can help you best. That could be A&E, an out-of-hours doctor, an urgent care centre or walk-in centre, a community nurse, an emergency dentist or a late-opening chemist.

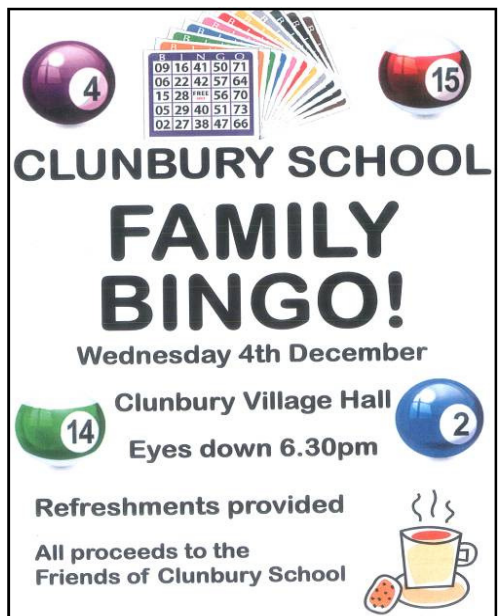
Where possible, the NHS 111 team will book you an appointment or transfer you directly to the people you need to speak to.

If NHS 111 advisors think you need an ambulance, they will immediately arrange for one to be sent to you.

Lin Brown, Community First Responder

Parish Website Update

A revised and more basic parish website is now available. It contains the current issue of The Parish Post as well as all the back issues. There is also information about our Parish Council including minutes of past meetings. Much of the content of the 'old' website can still be accessed but is not currently being maintained. If you would like to help maintain and develop the site please contact David on 660355. No previous experience of website creation required.



The poster features a central bingo card with numbers 09, 16, 41, 50, 71, 06, 22, 42, 57, 64, 15, 28, 44, 56, 70, 05, 29, 40, 51, 73, and 02, 27, 38, 47, 66. It is surrounded by colorful bingo balls with numbers 4, 15, 14, and 2. The text reads: **CLUNBURY SCHOOL FAMILY BINGO!** Wednesday 4th December, Clunbury Village Hall, Eyes down 6.30pm. Refreshments provided. All proceeds to the Friends of Clunbury School. An illustration of a cup of tea with a biscuit is also present.

Bidding Bonanza

Another successful Promise Auction at the Hundred House, Purslow, raised over £4,000 for Clunbury and Clunton Churches. This is the tenth bi-annual auction held since its inauguration by Ron Mold in 1992. Our thanks must go to Les Thomas our Auctioneer, Sue Berry and Rhys Jones of the Hundred House and the many generous donors and bidders.

Nick Matveieff

Don't Miss the Post!

Last Posting Dates in December

Airmail: Asia, Far East (including Japan), New Zealand - Wednesday 4; Australia - Thursday 5; Africa, Caribbean, Central & South America, Middle East - Friday 6; Cyprus, Eastern Europe - Monday 9; Canada, France, Greece, Poland - Tuesday 10; USA - Friday 13; Western Europe (excluding France, Greece, Poland) - Saturday 14.

Inland: 2nd Class - Wednesday 18; 1st Class - Friday 20.



Clive Seabury-The Farmers Year

The arable situation didn't look very promising at the turn of the year, with many autumn sown crops having failed



due to the wet weather, which had to be re-sown with spring crops, i.e. barley and beans.

However, the good summer weather produced better than expected results, and although yields weren't great, farmers were satisfied with the overall results.

Clunbury farmer, Clive Seabury, chatted to me over a lovely meal at The Crown Inn in Clunton about how he had fared in 2013.

"It's been a good year, mainly down to the weather and having rain at the right time! It's been the best summer for some 5 or 6 years. The hay was made in a good, hot, dry spell and most of that was first class! We had an abundance of grass, so the cattle and sheep have done fairly well."

I asked Clive how different things were from his grandfather's day. "The mechanisation is the biggest thing, which has reduced the amount of labour employed on the farm; and the introduction of the continental breeds of

cattle, which grow faster and mature earlier, but are prone to being more temperamental."

Is the badger cull likely to make a difference, I asked? Clive replied, "It's hard to tell at present. I think TB's going to be the big issue for years to come."

He went on to explain that the cattle have to be TB tested annually and within 60 days prior to sale, or movement off the farm, and if any beast tests positive, not only do they have to be destroyed, but the whole of the herd must be re-tested every 60 days. A horrible, stressful situation that a lot of farmers are facing.

I enjoyed listening to Clive's stories about his grandparents, who first settled in Clunbury, and how the family had established themselves here but that's a story for a later date.

On a personal note, I would like to say how welcoming Clive was to us when we became his neighbours (as indeed everyone has been). As he says, "I started school the same day as John Croxton and Brian Marsh, but there's not many folk still around that were here when I was a lad!"

Thank you, Clive, have a good Christmas and all the best for 2014!

Lin Brown

AED Training Clunbury Village Hall Sunday 26 January 9.45am – 2.30pm

Learn to use the AED unit soon to be installed at the village hall.

Please bring 2 forms of photographic identification and a recent utility bill detailing your name and address.

For more information or to book a place ring Lin Brown 660578.

Memories of Christmas Past - Do you remember this?



The cast of Clunburyella [photo by Peter Bartlett from Anne Wadsworth's collection]

In 1980 members of Clunbury WI, along with some children from the village, performed a local version of the pantomime Cinderella. It was written and produced by Veronica Oates, pictured right.

Clunbury Café dates for your diary

5 December - special craft
stalls morning
19 December,
2, 16 and 30 January

Clunbury Village Hall AGM

Monday 6 January 7.30pm
Everybody welcome, come and
tell the committee what events
you would like to see happening
in the Hall

News from Tim Wood in Clun

Wednesday 4 December - opening of
Christmas Exhibition at The Old Surgery
Gallery

Friday 6 & 13 December - late
shopping at The Old Surgery Gallery until
7.00pm in aid of St George's Church

Wednesday 11 December Christmas
Shopping or Sightseeing trip to Chester;
depart Clun 9.30am, Clunton 9.40am,
Lydbury North 9.50am, Bishop's Castle
10.00am and Church Stoke 10.10am.
Fare £10; book with Tim Wood on
640506

Friday 20 December - Carol Service in
St George's Church, Clun, 7.00pm

Parish Council Meeting Report

Nine Councillors present, the Clerk and six members of the public.

Matters Arising: Rural Broadband is being discussed with our MP, DEFRA, and the Minister concerned. A consultant who spoke at the recent Local Joint Committee meeting gave a negative impression as to the future for rural, outlying areas – the implication being that a higher priority would be given by Shropshire Council (SC) to Shrewsbury and Telford! The Chairman agreed to write to our MP and Cllr. Hartin re-emphasising concerns regarding isolated areas of the parish particularly as many constituents running small business are becoming more and more reliant on Broadband. It was reported that, recently, the 'on-line' petition wording had been altered to say that outlying areas should be prioritised.

Clunton Burial Ground - Public Access: The Clerk has become involved in a 'treasure hunt' type search for the pre-registration deed. This has taken her (by post) from a solicitor in Bishop's Castle via a retired Methodist minister (previously of Minsterley), to someone in Ashford Carbonell who was just about to holiday in Spain! On his return he will search for the missing 'treasure' and the council will then attempt to establish the legal position regarding access so that appropriate action can be considered.

Clun Valley AED/CFR Scheme: Graham Barker has now taken over responsibility. A defibrillator at Clunbury VH is to be installed and a training course will be held on Sunday 26 January 2014.

LJC: Concerns raised included, **Broadband** (see above); **redundancies** at SC and fears that these would lead to a significant reduction in communication with officers; proposed changes to **planning regulations** whereby decisions

will be made by a Planning Officer with the Planning Committee only hearing contentious issues and appeals. How does this affect Parish Council decisions? Who decides what is contentious? It was agreed to keep a close eye on this and to invite Cllr. Hartin to the January meeting to provide some clarification.

Planning: There were no objections to alterations to The Gardens in Clunbury. Clarification from planners will be sought regarding a request from Clun Valley Lodges, Bush Farm, for change of use for one of the Lodges from a holiday let to a permanent home for a manager.

SAMDev Meeting: A list of the questions raised at the meeting has been circulated to councillors. SC need something in writing by the end of the year and it was agreed to use the form provided but remove the fact that in it we were linked with Clunbury (for whatever reason!) and add Kempton and Clunton (who had been omitted!) to the report. A rider will be added that this will form a large part of the Parish Plan Review in 2014 when all residents will have the opportunity to express their views. It was emphasised that a decision to opt for 'countryside' status at present can be reversed in the future. SC were congratulated for introducing a Local Development Framework as some counties, where measures have not been taken, are now facing planning problems.

Roads: Residents of Twitchen want a 30mph speed limit and interactive speed signs; a request will be registered with SC for inclusion in the Capital Expenditure budget for 2014/2015; the bollard at the War Memorial has been mended; overhanging bushes at Clunton have been dealt with; the broken street light bulb outside the Malt House will be reported; the clerk is to remind SC that road patching from Brampton Bridge to Clunbury still needs completing.

Correspondence: A letter from Matthew Mead regarding the proposed loss of Clun Fire Station and other county cuts, and giving notice of a meeting (NOT open to public) on 29 November in Clun. The Chairman will attend this and also a meeting of the NFU who are expressing grave concerns re this proposal.

A letter from the Department for Communities & Local Government asking for proposals under the Sustainable Communities Act – help from anyone who understands this gratefully received.

Finance: Current account: £927.54; Saver account £3712.14. The External Auditors report that all is in accordance with current practices and all criteria met.

Any Other Business: Review of Parish Plan – a grant is available from SC for costs provided the PC put in up to 5% in cash. It was agreed that up to £100 be set aside for this.

Clun Valley Fair Trade Project. - the Clerk will check whether a letter of support has been sent.

Parish Website - Central Government have apparently decreed that, legally, every Parish should have a website. In the past only the Parish Post has had a site and this has been discontinued as no-one could be found to maintain or update it. Contact will be made with Bucknell Parish regarding how they run their site. At the very least we could have a site with contact details of councillors and the excellent Parish Post Magazine which could be easily downloaded.

Next Meeting: Thursday 16 January 8pm, Clunbury Village Hall.

Nick and Sheila Downes


 **The Parish Post team are having a break over Christmas. The** 
next edition will be distributed at the end of January.
 **Deadline for contributions is 20 January. Happy New Year!** 


SWSGC at Clun Memorial Hall

Christmas Quiz and Buffet Lunch, Wednesday 11 December, 12.30 - 2.30pm.

“Designs on your garden” a talk by Kristian Hickson-Booth, Wednesday 22 January, 7.30pm.

Kristian has a background in horticulture and she has been developing and managing the award winning gardens at the Severn Hospice (Bicton Heath and Apley Castle) with volunteers since 2000. Why not start the New Year with some fresh inspiration for your garden?

Both events are free to members, visitors welcome at £3 per person including refreshments.

Will you be Warm this Winter?

Marches Energy Agency is a local charity offering help and advice for improving the energy efficiency of your home to keep it warmer and reduce energy bills. They can advise on government grants available to help pay for insulation and repair or replacement of old boilers. With winter just around the corner and the recent energy price rises, don't delay in contacting them for no obligation advice. Call 0800 1123 743 or email eco@mea.org.uk.

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Events Diary for December 2013 and January 2014

Sun 1	10.00am	Benefice United Service for Advent Sunday	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 1	7.00pm	Songs of praise in four-part harmony	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 2	9 - 11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 4	6.30pm	Clunbury School Family Bingo	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 5	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café special pre-Christmas craft stall event	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 6	6.30pm	Flicks - Despicable Me	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Fri 6	8.00pm	Flicks - Anna Karenina	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 7	2 - 4.30pm	Christmas Market in the Church	St. Cuthbert's Clungunford
Sat 7	7.30pm	Flicks - Song for Marion	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 8	10.00am	Family Service of Christingle followed by	St. Cuthbert's Clungunford
Sun 8	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 8	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 9	9 - 11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 9	7 - 9pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 11	10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning - bring & buy, raffle - all in aid of St Mary's church	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 11	12.30 -2.30pm	SWSGC Christmas Quiz and Buffet Lunch	Clun Memorial Hall
Wed 11	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Moonrise Kingdom	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 12	7.15pm	The Royal Ballet Live - The Nutcracker	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Fri 13	7.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 15	4.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 16	9 - 11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 16	6.30pm	School Carol Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 18	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 19	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 19	6.30pm	Flicks - The Muppet Christmas Carol	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Sun 22	6.30pm	Carol Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 24	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight - for all with children in mind	St. Cuthbert's Clungunford
Tue 24	11.30pm	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sat 28	5.00pm	Christmas Social - bring and share - free!	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 2	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 5	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 5	7.00pm	Songs of praise in four-part harmony	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 6	9 - 11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 6	7.30pm	Clunbury Village Hall AGM - everyone welcome	Clunbury Village Hall
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Wed 15	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 16	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 16	7.00pm	Flicks - About Time	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Thur 16	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting - open to the public	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 19	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 20	9 - 11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 22	7.30pm.	SWSGC "Designs on your garden"	Clun Memorial Hall
Wed 22	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Nostalgia for the Light	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 23	12.30 - 2pm	Soup and Pudding Lunch £3.50	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 24	8.00pm	Flicks - Song for Marion	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 25	6.30pm	Burns' Night -traditional haggis supper	Kempton Village Hall
Sun 26	9.45am-2.30pm	AED Training	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 26	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 27	9 - 11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 27	7.15pm	The Royal Ballet Live - Giselle	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Thur 30	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 30	7.00pm	National Theatre Live - Coriolanus	AoC Village Hall and SPARC