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UnityCommunity Pumpkin Tea

The first UnityCommunity event took place in Clunbury Village Hall when a pumpkin-themed afternoon tea party, at which everyone enjoyed free tea and cakes, raised a magnificent £145.57 in donations for the Community First Responders.

The pumpkins, grown by pupils at Clunbury School, were creatively turned into soup, tarts, tea bread and muffins by village, school and church members, and sold, along with the recipes. They were snapped up within minutes!

The winner of the "Guess the weight of the pumpkin" competition, run by Ruby Shepherdson from the school, was Liz Lewis.

Local First Responder, Lin Brown and colleague Eddie Jones brought along their medical equipment and defibrillator to show the visitors. The children were particularly keen to test various items on themselves, and it is hoped a session with Lin and Eddie will take place in the school in the near future to go into more detail with the children, and any adults that are interested.

Grateful thanks to Eirlys Ellams for organising, and everyone who helped and contributed, for this unusual and very successful event!

Lin Brown



Dilly Taylor and Jasper Grimes, purveyors of pumpkin products!

Clunbury Village Hall presents

An Italian Night

Supper followed by the original
1969 film

starring
Michael Caine



Bring
your own
drink!

Saturday 30th November 7.00pm

Tickets £6 (under 16s £3)

Seats limited - book in advance with
Eirly Ellams 660625 or Sue Hill 660355

ILLUSTRATED TALK

by A T D Evans

Early times in and around Kempton



Kempton Village Hall
23 November, 7.30pm

£3 to include tea/coffee and cakes

Remembering the First World War

The Remembrance service will be held on Sunday 10 November at 10.45am and as usual there will also be a short service at the Purslow War Memorial at 12.30pm to which everyone is welcome.

Each year the names of those killed are read out, and as in 2014 it will be one hundred years since the start of the First World War, we would like to find out more about the 30 people from this small parish who died in that war.

Please take time to look at the memorials at Purslow and in the church (there are three more names at Purslow than in the church) and if a relative of yours is named there, or you know anything about the families involved, please let us know. Some of you may have stories or letters or photographs, medals or other mementoes, or addresses of families who have moved away and these might help us to build a commemorative service by July next year. Contact Christina: 660424 or Nick: 660458.

Clunton News

A lovely **Harvest Festival**, led by Anne Ogram, was held in a beautifully decorated St Mary's Church, Clunton. This was followed by a supper at the Crown Inn provided by Della and Andy where around 30 people enjoyed a sumptuous feast.

Clunton Scrumpers held their apple juicing day on Saturday 5 October in glorious sunshine. Following a bumper crop of apples this year, a very successful day was enjoyed by juicers, helpers and a group of passing walkers, who sampled and purchased juice and then enjoyed tea and cakes. A very fine lunch of soup and apple deserts/cakes was enjoyed by visitors and helpers alike. **A note for your diary:** the Scrumperers are planning an event in February in Clunton Village Hall, details in the December edition. *Ruth Webb*

Ron Mold Memorial Promise Auction

at The Hundred House, Purslow
Friday 22 November 7.30pm
(viewing from 6.30pm)

Proceeds in aid of
St Swithin's, Clunbury
and St Mary's Clunton

If you can offer an item or promise for the auction please let us know as soon as possible so that the catalogue can be completed

Contact Maddy 660458, Mary 660316
or Pat 660169

Please come and support this enjoyable event

Clunbury Harvest Festival

The church was filled with generous gifts of food, given by the school children and families for their Harvest Thanksgiving, which were later taken to Churchill House. A service in the evening was followed by a very convivial Harvest Supper with all enjoying the cheese and apple pie menu.

With the beleaguered Christians of Syria in mind, proceeds this year will go to the Barnabas Fund which gives practical support and hope to Christian minorities all over the world. Thank you to everyone who made the church look so lovely – the flowers were quite outstanding, and to everyone who helped with our supper. *Christina Whitehead*

Parish Post Newsletter Association AGM

Wednesday 20 November
Clunton Village Hall, 7.30pm
All welcome

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'Cluster' or 'Countryside'? Development Plan Meeting

As reported in September's Parish Post Shropshire Council has asked Clunbury Parish Council to decide whether one or more settlements within the parish should be designated a 'Cluster', or if the whole parish should be designated 'Countryside' for planning purposes. The Parish Council has until the end of the year to respond. The meeting was called to gain the views of residents of the parish and twenty-three people (including six Parish Councillors) attended. Cllr John Hoskins gave a presentation concerning the development planning options that are available to the parish.

Settlements designated as part of a 'Cluster' would have the potential for new open market housing (and economic) development, but at a scale that is sympathetic to the character of the settlement and its environs.

Designation as 'Countryside' means that new development would be more strictly controlled, but does allow for small scale house building to satisfy specific requirements.

Both designations allow for affordable housing to meet local needs.

A lively discussion followed the presentation, during which it was pointed out that the wishes of the community, as identified in the 2009 Parish Plan, were more in line with support for a 'Countryside' designation. The need for new consultation with all parishioners was recognised, and Councillors said this should form part of the Parish Plan revision process which is due to take place in 2014. A decision now to adopt either option was not set in stone – changes could be made at a later date, although change from 'Cluster' to 'Countryside' was likely to be more problematic than changing from 'Countryside' to 'Cluster'.

A show of hands revealed a strong preference, amongst those in attendance, for the 'Countryside' option. This information will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 14 November (not 7th as previously advertised) in Kempton Village Hall at 8pm. The meeting is open to the public.

Fiona Hoskins and Sue Hill

Parent and Toddler @ Clunbury

Our group has been having such a lot of fun since we started back in September. We have been dressing up, cooking, painting, climbing, singing, building and playing amongst many other things. Here you can see some of us taking a quick rest in a big tyre when we went on a leaf hunting walk on the school field! We enjoyed homemade pumpkin soup and Halloween craft activities before half term as well.

Everyone is very welcome to join our friendly group at Clunbury Village Hall from 9am – 11.30am every Monday in term time; £2.50 per family to include refreshments. Come dressed in old

clothes for our next session – a messy play day on 4 November!

Suzanne Hadwen



*Back row left to right: Oliver, Eva, Finlay, Harry
Front row left to right: Rueben, Aggie*

The Abu Dhabi Charity Shop Experience

On my frequent visits to Abu Dhabi I attend St Andrew's Church which is in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. I have been helping out in their charity shop - known as The Thrift Shop - for a number of years.

The Thrift Shop was first opened in the early 1970s, based in a very simple pre-fabricated hut, next to the Church. It sold mostly clothes in the early days and, as there were no dress shops in Abu Dhabi at that time, most expatriate wives made their own, using fabric available from a few stalls in the souk. The shop sold the Abu Dhabi dress pattern which made a long modest dress, with cap sleeves and usually an elasticated neckline – sounds very stylish! In the early days, the Thrift Centre was the only place where expats could buy toys and it provided an exciting outing for children after school.

In 1984, the church moved to a new site and was consecrated on St Andrew's Day by the second Bishop of the Diocese, Harry Moore – now retired and living in Hopesay, Shropshire. A separate building houses the shop within the St Andrew's Centre, which is run entirely by volunteers, is open 3 days a week and is very busy with customers from every nationality living in the city. Donations pour in, as there is constant movement of expatriates in and out of the city – and therefore a continuous supply of unwanted goods. Stock ranges from clothes to household goods, toys and books - in fact almost anything can turn up, especially in early summer when many expatriate families have a clear out before they return home. A complete set of golf clubs arrived on a recent visit!

There is a regular turn round of books, and those replaced are collected for a library that has been set up at a work camp for construction workers. Volunteers check electrical items and toys to ensure they are in working order. I



Volunteers in the Thrift Shop

often have the job of putting toys together or counting jigsaw puzzle pieces!

There are frequent special sales – half price day – or a school uniform sale. This helps to clear the stock and make room for new. Items that remain unsold are sent to work camps, refugee centres or to Red Crescent – part of the International Red Cross. Very little is thrown away or wasted.

Many of the regular customers buy goods and send them back to their families in other parts of the world. Prices are very low – most clothes sell for a few dirhams – from 50p to £2, and there is rarely anything for sale at more than the equivalent of £10. Last year the shop raised around £85,000 which helped to provide charity schools and orphanages in India, and help needy people in Abu Dhabi.

In the UK, most high streets have several Charity Shops, but in Abu Dhabi – with a population of around 900,000 in the city, there is only one. The majority of people living and working in Abu Dhabi are expatriates, but there is a huge range of standards of living. It takes a team of dedicated volunteers to run this shop – but it is providing a valuable service. It is an experience I am glad I have not missed.

A Kempton Feast

Once again Kempton Village Hall provided an unforgettable evening's entertainment on Saturday 5 October. The "Anything Goes" band is certainly an accomplished group of local musicians.

As I entered the village hall, I wondered if we were going to have our ears blown off by such a number of live musicians in close proximity, but far from it: the music was controlled, virtuosic, and at the same time, stimulating and exciting. All 10 band members had an individual style and were as interesting and enjoyable to observe as to listen to. The most interesting for me at the outset, was the baseless double-base, which was a bit of a surprise - I kept staring at the end of the fretwork wondering if there was some kind of magician's smoke and mirrors job, as there was a 3 feet gap before the floor. My companions explained that the sound was transmitted from the electronic contraption half way up.

Looking around the room there were wide smiles and lots of arm movements and foot tapping to the irresistible swing beat. The Hall has been given lift by the new furniture and looked inviting. All helpers worked seamlessly to welcome the band, set up the raffle and provide the sumptuous supper. I am left hungry for another such experience.

Isobel James, Ludlow Correspondent

SW Shropshire Gardening Club

At the AGM, Pauline Edie gave an account of the club's year, which had been very enjoyable, and praised the Annual Show, which, she thought, had been the best ever. She thanked the five retiring committee members for their hard work over the past years, with special emphasis on Anne Shepherdson, without whom the club would not have existed. Anne was presented with a rose named after her and life membership of the club.

Three new committee members were elected, Angie Salmon, Mary Cooper and Pauline Owen.

The next meeting, about fruit trees, will be on 27 November at 7.30pm, in Clun Memorial Hall. For further details contact the new chairman Carol Clark 660753.

Old Surgery Reminder

You have only a few days left to view Noel Shepherdson's work in the, "Quartet Exhibition", at The Old Surgery Gallery in Clun. Other artists taking part include Jacqueline Fletcher, Keith Noble and Sophie Bignall. It is an exhibition well worth seeing but it must close on Monday 4 November, to make way for a new exhibition in the shape of "Brian Fletcher and Friends".

The gallery, which opens daily between 10.00am and 5.00pm, now has a Local Craft Section which carries the work, amongst others, of Clunbury jewellery maker Lin Brown. *Tim Wood*

Dancing the night away!

Forty people, ranging in age from teens to over ninety, turned up to enjoy a fantastic evening of music and dancing in Clunbury Village Hall.



Eirlys and Brian stepping out!

The event was summed up in an email received from Tony Hughes, our entertainer for the evening

"I enjoyed the night very much and appreciated your efforts to give the hall a good atmosphere, which makes all the difference. The audience were also enthusiastic dancers which always makes my job easier. Please let me know when you want to book me again, I would be very pleased to oblige."

If you missed it this time look out for future events. *Sue Hill*

Events Diary for November 2013

Fri 1	9.00pm	Live Music: The Baggage Handlers	The White Horse, Clun
Sun 3	11.15 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 3	7.00pm	Songs of praise in four-part harmony	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 4		Back to school at Clunbury	
Mon 4	9-11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 6		Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 7	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 7	7.00pm	NT Live - The Habit of Art	Aston on Clun Village Hall & SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Sun 10	10.45am 12.30pm	Remembrance Service War Memorial Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury Purslow
Mon 11	9-11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 11	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 12		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 13	11.00am & 1.30pm	Noisy Oyster - The Three Billy Pigs. Age 3+	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Wed 13	7.00pm	Live screening - Royal Shakespeare Company-Richard II	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Wed 13	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - A Late Quartet	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 14	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting (open to the public)	Kempton Village Hall
Fri 15	8.00pm	Flicks - Argo	Clunbury Parish Hall
Fri 15	9.00pm	Live Music: String Thing	The White Horse, Clun
Sat 16	7.30pm	The Harmonettes - live show	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 16	7.30pm	Flicks - Summer in February	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 17	4.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 18	9-11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 20	7.30pm	Parish Post newsletter AGM - everybody welcome	Clunton Village Hall
Wed 20	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 21	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 21 to Sat 23	7.30pm	CADs - "She Stoops to Conquer"	Clun Memorial Hall
Fri 22	7.30pm	Ron Mold Memorial Promise Auction - view from 6.30pm	Hundred House, Purslow
Fri 22	7.30pm	Rocket Theatre - Lord Arthur Saville's Crime	SPARC, Bishop's Castle
Sat 23	7.30pm	Illustrated talk by David Evans-Early times in and around Kempton	Kempton Village Hall
Sat 23	7.30pm	Flick - Lincoln	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 24	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 24	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 25	9-11am	Parent and toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 26		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 27	7.30pm	SW Shropshire Gardening Club - fruit trees	Clun Memorial Hall
Wed 27	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - The Hunt	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 29	9.00pm	Live Music: Tommy Allen Band	The White Horse, Clun
Sat 30	7.00pm	Italian Evening - supper + 1969 film 'The Italian Job'	Clunbury Village Hall

Clunbury Automated External Defibrillator Scheme

An AED will be installed on the outside wall of Clunbury Village Hall very soon. The money for this was generously donated by the Purslow Show Committee and it was not previously installed as no one came forward for training. Now several people have volunteered and we will be organising a day towards the end of November. It just involves about 4 - 5 hours of your time, so if there is anyone who hasn't already spoken to me who would be interested in training, or anyone who would like to know more, please ring Lin Brown 660578 as soon as possible.