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CLUNBURY VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS

Saturday 29 November at 7.00pm
A film and supper evening featuring

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

(Cert. 12A)

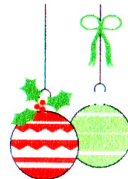
Indian Food - a range of curries
(English and vegetarian options also available)

Bring your own drinks

Tickets £7.50 (age 12-16 £5)

Seats limited – book in advance please
with Eirlys Ellams 660625
or Sue Hill 660355

Christmas Craft Fair



A
wonderful

Christmas Craft Fair
in Clunbury Village Hall
Saturday 22nd November
a wide selection of handmade
goods and Christmas gifts from
talented Shropshire craftspeople
jewellery, fabric and knitted items, cards
boxes, sculptures, memo boards, candles,
silk scarves, notebooks, gift tags, bookmarks,
soaps, sweets, decorations, cakes, preserves,
and more! Refreshments available all day

10 to 4pm

Free entry

Don't miss it!



Proceeds to The Parish Post
Organiser Lin Brown Tel: 660578

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, run by Samaritan's Purse, the Christian relief and development organisation.

Since it started in 1990, over 100 million shoeboxes have been given to under-privileged children in over 130 countries.

If you would like to be part of this worthwhile project, pick up a leaflet from church and have your filled box ready by 15 November. The leaflet will tell you what to include in your box and a £3 donation will pay for transportation. Pat Harding co-ordinates the project in this area and can provide you with a decorated box and details of collection arrangements. Tel: 660169



**Parish Post Newsletter
Association AGM**
Tuesday 25 November, 7.30pm
Kempton Village Hall
All welcome

The next edition of The Parish Post will cover December & January. If you have an event during that period you want us to publicise, please send the details by 20 November

Janie, Annemarie and Mary Webb

Forget Housman or Wilfred Owen; if you want to read the best poems about Shropshire go to the poetry of Mary Webb. So says Janie Mitchell, who lives in Kempton and with fellow singer and musician, Annemarie Summers, has just released a CD of song-settings of Mary Webb poems.

Better known for the novels *Gone To Earth* and *Precious Bane*, Edwardian Mary Webb wrote many poems about the flora and fauna of Shropshire in all its lovely detail and these are the basis for 'The Mary Webb Songs' CD by the talented Shropshire folk music duo, who go by the name of *Beguildy*.

"I'd done a thesis on Mary Webb at university and gave a lecture for the Mary Webb Society in Church Stretton in the late 80s" says Janie, who grew up near Broome. "I've always written songs and love setting poems which I think others will be moved by. I've set Shakespeare, Ovid and Wordsworth to music. When I revisited the poems of Mary Webb after moving back to Shropshire from London in 2005, I realised they scanned like songs; had verses, rhyme and regular rhythms; perfect for turning into folk songs."

After a chance meeting in Ludlow in 2012 with an old friend and Mary Webb Society member Margaret Austin (formerly of Tansy Cottage, Clunbury), Janie was invited to perform at the society's anniversary of Mary Webb's birthday at Meole Brace, Webb's home 'town'. Annemarie had gone to Bishops Castle School with Janie and had also recently returned to Shropshire to raise children. "We both wanted to do music in and about Shropshire," says Janie. The project grew into a full length show 'The Lives and Loves of Mary Webb' promoted by Arts Alive and a CD of the songs is the end result.

The duo, named after the wizard *Beguildy* from *Precious Bane*, as well as the village on the Welsh Borders, involved



some old school friends in the recording. Benji Kirkpatrick, who plays with the award-winning band Bellowhead, sings and plays bazouki and banjo; Ian Tengwall, from Mainstone, recorded and co-produced; Bishop's Castle based artist, Esther Thorpe, did all the art work for the CD.

"We wanted to keep the literary connection in the look of the CD. I had some early Jonathan Cape editions of her novels which had green and gold-embossed covers. This inspired the design." Janie and Annemarie had photos taken on the Stiperstones, which features in many of Webb's novels and poems. "Mary Webb was totally connected to her landscape; such a quietly passionate figure... She has always felt very close to us when we perform the songs," says Janie. "It got a bit spooky sometimes. Audiences told us they felt her in the room!"

Included on the CD are the WW1 poem 'The Hawthorn Berry' ("*so red that all the blood of men should never paint it so again*") and 'Going For The Milk, a song/poem about an old woman at Crosshouses workhouse remembering the passions of her youth with her "breasts as soft as silk".

Passionate indeed! And if you want to be moved by the beguiling sounds of *Beguildy*, CDs are for sale at the Castle Bookshop, Ludlow; online at beguildy.bandcamp.com, or send a cheque to Janie Mitchell, 3, Kempton, Lydbury North, SY7 0JG (£12, which includes p&p, payable to J Mitchell).

Pumpkin Time at Clunbury Café

Children from the Gardening Club at Clunbury School held a pumpkin produce stall at Clunbury Café. On sale, as well as some splendid pumpkins (all grown by the children in the school garden), were cakes, pies, tartlets and soup which had been made by friends and families of the children. Trade was brisk and the children raised £37.40 at the event. The money will be used to buy some “patio” fruit trees for the garden.

Eirlys Ellams



Playgroup Halloween Party

Here are: Alexander, Harry, Eva, Zack, Rosie, Leila, Archie & Molly enjoying their Halloween Party at Clunbury Playgroup. Please come along and join us in Clunbury Village Hall for fun activities every Monday morning between 9am and 11.30am (term time only). Tea and cake for adults and healthy snacks provided for the children.

Nicki Williams

South West Shropshire Gardening Club “A neurotic guide to growing vegetables” Richard Fishbourne



Wednesday 26 November

Lydbury North Village Hall, 7.30pm

Richard is an inspirational naturalist, wildlife gardener, writer and environmental educator. He was previously manager of “Wiggly Wiggles” which specialises in a range of garden products from worms, bird food, wild flower seed and goat socks (made from mohair). Now he hosts workshops and talks country wide, including debating with Terry Walton, the “Allotment Doctor” on Radio Two. Although I am not sure that I will ever be “neurotic” about vegetables, it will be a great opportunity to learn from someone who is passionate about the topic!

Entrance is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £3 per person including refreshments.

Further enquiries can be made to our Chairman, Carol Clarke 660753 or our Secretary, Allison Walter 620055 or look at our website: shropshiregardening.co.uk

Memories of Raymond Savill

I arrived in Beambridge a couple of years after Raymond and Beryl. I had not been there but a few weeks, when I injured my back lifting a patient (I was a District Nurse). Whilst I was recovering, a farmer friend arrived with a huge trailer full of logs, which he unloaded onto my drive, then went away. Raymond saw my plight, and with Beryl, and other neighbours he'd alerted, stacked all the logs for me.

Raymond had a rather portly, very stubborn horse called Dalesman. Passing the gate of the field where a nice little lady pony was kept, Dalesman would stop dead and all Raymond's attempts to get him to walk on were useless. If I was around, I would take the reins and lead them on – but if no-one was around Raymond would have to get off and do it himself!

If anything was wrong in Beambridge, (power cuts/road danger etc) Raymond was always the first to ring up and get it seen to, and ring us all to say it was done and he never forgot anyone's birthday.

Rosie Evans (neighbour for 30 + years)

Raymond donated seeds and money to plant poppies in the school garden in remembrance of the First World War. He was so pleased that they were in bloom for the 100 year anniversary of the start of the war.

Eirlys Ellams

Raymond will be missed in so many places. Though almost 93 he was independent and busy to his last day but one, and had so many interests – family, friends, village life, the church, Royal British Legion and (his passion) trains! In Clunbury Church he will leave a great gap, particularly as he led the service of Remembrance for 25 years. I shall miss his precise and detailed letters with their many underlinings, and the exhortations on Sundays full of practical life guidance. But most especially he was a good friend,

and a convivial and generous host. I will remember especially his 'Ladies' Lunches' - sitting on his lawn with a plate of goodies and a glass of wine enjoying the company.



When Raymond's wife Beryl died he presented a watercolour of Clunbury Church to the village hall in her memory. Now another, this time of their home, Rose Cottage, has joined it. Both pictures were painted by Nina Heber, Raymond's sister. The one of Rose Cottage she gave to his niece, Charmian Rabey, with the wish that it should be presented to the community in Clunbury on her brother's death. We are grateful to Nina and Charmian for giving us a special memory of Raymond.

Christina Whitehead

Clunton Scrumpers

Clunton Scrumpers had another great juicing day with lots of apples. We juiced a little earlier this year as there are so many apples. Very sweet plus plenty of juice.

Anne Shepherdson

Out of the Land Our Stories are Born

An evening of song and poetry at St. Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford
Saturday 8 November at 7.30p.m.

Tickets £6 adults, £3 children

Please contact Christine Flitney 661056

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 29 November

St. Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford

Doors open 11.00am until 3.00pm

Free admission

Refreshments available

Clunbury 100 Club October Draw

Barbara Freeman £20; Sue Berry £15;
Mathew Whymark £10; Gill Deakins £5;
Olive Payne £3

Bloody Hell

A poem reflecting on World War 1 by Tim Record

A hundred years of madness rolled in marly mud.
The flower of youth and chivalry which never came to bud.
And on the dim horizon where smoke now meets the sky,
I see young lives a-dying and souls a-rising high.

Hark! A pause! The guns are still, the curlews break the calm.
A time for love and peace to reign and fill us with their charm.
But all too brief an instant, the thudding starts again,
As man's insanity to man on battered life doth rain.

Who started all this conflict? Why all this hate and war?
A big plot of the devil's to sink his deathlike claw?
That all may lie a-suffering, that all good deeds must die
And dead designs will rule the day beneath the deathly sky.

What little in the silence can come to give the lie
That all hope is now ended, while we wonder why.
Where have all our dreams gone? What happened to life's long song?
When we went a-courting and summers seemed so long.

Then, a tiny thing on softest wing goes a-fluttering by.
And innocent little butterflies on yonder poppies lie.
Why all this mangled mayhem? Why these lives reduced to dust?
When we were taught to love the Lord and on Him always trust.

For sure the Lord is gracious. For sure the Lord is good.
If we could only love him the way we know we should.
Full faith have I as out the sky death rains down once again,
For I know that by and by you'll free me from this pain.

So if you have a moment to save me from this hell
I know that I will love thee and all shall then be well,
But if perchance you take me up and plant me at your side
I'll still have won for the gate to the Son is standing open wide.



Hedgehog Alert

Please check bonfires carefully for sleeping hedgehogs before lighting. Use broom handles to lift from the base of the pile and shine torches, looking and listening carefully for any sign of life.

Coach Trip to Cheltenham

28 November
Shop till you drop
Coach leaves Aston on Clun Village Hall at 9am and arrives back in Aston at about 6pm.
Tickets: £12
To book:
David Jones 660493
or Jeff Else 660893

Remembrance Services

Sunday 9 November

10.45am Joint Service

at St George's Clun

followed by

12.30pm Service

at Purslow War Memorial

to remember those from Clunbury Parish who sacrificed their lives in wars

Both services will be taken
by the Rev Robert Payne

Clunbury Church will be open for private prayers from 10am till 12 noon

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Events Diary for November 2014

Sun 2	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 2	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info. Note: There will be no 'Songs of Praise' meeting in December due to the Bible Conference at Cfen Lea Park, in Wales.	Kempton Village Hall
Tue 4		Clunbury School re-starts	
Tue 4	7.30pm	Flicks - The Book Thief	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 5	10.30am	BC & District Carers Group trip to Coed Y Dinas	BC Auction Yard
Wed 5	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - The Rocket	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 6	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 6		Tim's Travels - 'Dangerous Corner' - 640506	Birmingham Rep
Thu 6	7.30pm	Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group 'The Elusive Pine Marten'	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 8	7.30pm	'Out of the Land Our Stories are Born'- for details 661056	St. Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Sun 9	10.45am	Joint Remembrance Day Service	St. George's, Clun
Sun 9	12.30pm	Remembrance Day Service at Purslow	Purslow War Memorial
Mon 10	9-11am	Parent & Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 10	7-9pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 11	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Thu 13	7pm	Flicks—The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared - SpArC	
Thu 13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 15		Christmas Shopping Trip - Cheltenham	M&J Travel 640273
Sat 15	7.30pm	Ludlow Choral Society-Fauré's Requiem - 01584 878141	St. Laurence's Church
Sun 16	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 17	10am-3pm	BC & District Carers Group 'Coping Well with Stress & Anxiety'	The Community Centre, BC.
Wed 19	9.15pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 19	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Paths of Glory	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 20	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 22	10am-4pm	Craft Fair in aid of The Parish Post	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 22	7.30pm	Flicks - The Monuments Men	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 23	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Clunton
Tues 25	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tues 25	7.30pm	Parish Post Newsletter Association AGM	Kempton Village Hall
Wed 26		Tim's Travels - 'The Full Monty' - 640506	Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton
Wed 26	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club 'A Neurotic Guide to Growing Vegetables'	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 26	7.15pm	Royal Opera House Live - L'Elisir D'Amore	SpArC
Fri 28	9am	Christmas Shopping Trip to Cheltenham - 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 29	11am-3pm	Grand Jumble Sale	St. Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Sat 29	7pm	Clunbury Supper & Film Evening 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 30	11.15am	Benefice United Service	St. Mary's, Hopesay
December			
Sat 3	6pm	Friends of Clunbury School - Bingo	Clunbury Village Hall

National Theatre Live at Aston on Clun

9 December: DV8 Physical Theatre's production of 'John'. Only suitable for adult audiences.

22 January: 'Treasure Island' a new production of Robert Louis Stevenson's story.

Doors open 6.30pm; performances start 7.00pm. Tickets: £10 (£6 under 18s). Phone David Jones 660493 or Jeff Else 660893. Easy access, warm welcome and good ambience. Quality refreshments at reasonable prices.