

The Parish Post

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A Fond Farewell from the Parish Post Chairman



In the beginning in 2009, when the Clunbury Parish Newsletter Association was formed, we had no idea whether or not the project would gather enough support to keep going, even in the short term. I think I can now say that it has been a resounding success. The need for the dissemination of news and information about events in our large rural parish was identified in the Parish Plan. Having been part of the Parish Plan Group, I agreed to co-ordinate efforts to start a newsletter, little thinking that I would still be helping to produce it ten years on!

The Parish Post has always been a team effort relying on the support of many committed individuals over the years and I would particularly like to thank Gisele Wall, Pat Harding and my husband, David, who have been part of that team from the very beginning. I think it's fair to say that none of us knew what we were doing at the start but we have learned a great deal along the way.

I am now standing down as Chairman of the Newsletter Association, and from involvement in the production of the Parish Post. It has been a privilege and a pleasure (well most of the time anyway!) to have been associated with a project which has, I think, contributed a good deal to our parish of Clunbury and will continue to do so. I have every confidence that the new recruits, who have recently volunteered their services will bring the fresh ideas and enthusiasm that will keep the Parish Post in production for many years to come.



Sue Hill Chairman 2009-2019

Without Sue (and David!) the Parish Post would never have started, let alone continued now for a decade. Thanks Sue and David. We will do our best to keep your initiative alive into the future.

The Editorial Team

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

The Orchard, Clunton

**Friday 6 December
from 10.30am**

Bring and Buy, Raffle

Coffee and Biscuits

£1 entrance

In Aid of St Mary's Church, Clunton

Next issue in February; contributions by the 20th of January



Everyone is invited to the
Clunbury School

CHRISTMAS BINGO!

Wednesday 11th December

Clunbury Village Hall

Eyes down 6.00pm

Fantastic Prizes!

Refreshments provided

All proceeds go to Clunbury School



Harvest Supper

As usual, the proceeds of the Harvest Supper were donated to an appropriate charity which this year was the Rural Support Network. The delicious supper was enjoyed by some 30 people and thank you to everyone who contributed the food. Total profit was £272 and this has been sent to the Rural Support Network.

Julia Mansfield

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The people of Clunbury Parish were very kind this year with £212.03 being donated, more than double the amount collected last year. Their generosity is very much appreciated. The Remembrance Sunday Service on 10 November was well attended. The church collection amounted to £227.43 and this has been sent to the Royal British Legion.

David Mansfield



Don't Miss the Christmas Post

Last Posting Dates in December:

Inland:

2nd class: Wednesday 18th

1st class: Friday 20th

Airmail

Australia: Thursday 12th

Canada, USA: Saturday 14th

Europe: Saturday 14th



Clunbury Village Hall Invites you to their Annual General Meeting 'AGM'

Monday 6 January 2020
7.30 pm

An informal meeting with
mulled wine & mince pies
Everyone is welcome

contact: **Alister 661180** or
Barbara 660629



There will be a display of
Nativity Scenes
in Clunbury Church from
6 December
You are welcome to bring one of your
own to add to the display. You can be
as creative as you wish!

A Christmas Service at St Swithin's

Sunday 22 December, 4pm

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies
a Nativity display
and all the best carols

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Top Grade for Clunbury School Gardens

Clunbury School gardeners recently heard they had received a Level 5 award from the RHS school gardens scheme. The garden has been developed over 7 years and is tended by a popular gardening club. It includes a vegetable plot, a fruit garden, a herb bed and a bugs, bees and butterfly garden. The children also grow flowers in 2 beds and in pots. Their greenhouse provides a place to bring on seedlings and is full of tomatoes in the summer. By selling surplus produce the garden is self-sustaining, only needing additional funds for major works such as fencing. The £200 gardening vouchers which went with the award will be used to develop the wild flower bank and to repair the greenhouse as some of the panels have been damaged.

Eirlys Ellams



Eirlys and the deserving winners

Clunbury November 100 Club

Stephen Cornes £20; Liona Jones £15;
Eileen Addy £10; Brian Marsh £5; Gill
Deakin £5.

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The editorial team does not accept responsibility for any opinions expressed by contributors and reserves the right to edit contributions if deemed appropriate.

Clunton Scrumpers

This is a small non-profit group of people that press apples for the local community. It began in 2005, when there was an apple glut. We received a grant from "Sprout Project", with money from European Funding. This enabled us to purchase some basic equipment.

The first apple juicing day was November 2005. We had several frosts prior to juicing which meant the apples were frozen and kept blocking the scatter (chopper). We were all new to juicing and have learnt by our experiences.

We obtained a further grant in 2012 of 50% to enable us to purchase more equipment.

Since 2005 we juice every year in Clunton, usually in October. People can buy waxed containers for freezing, glass bottles for pasteurising or bring their own containers. We also offer cakes, hot drinks and a light lunch. We make cider in November, hold a social evening in January and a cider barrel opening in June. The spent apple mash is taken away by a local pig farmer. We also have demonstrated juicing locally in schools, and at apple days.

We make a small charge for juicing and fund-raising at the social evening and barrel opening. This is necessary to cover costs and maintain and buy new equipment. Each year we give a small donation to a charity; this year the sum of £100 was donated to Severn Hospice.

If you have not been to any of our events please come and see what we do.

Ruth Webb

Clunton Scrumpers

Saturday 11 January, 7.30pm

Clunton Village Hall

Quiz

Ploughman's Supper & Pudding

Includes a Mulled Drink

Bring your own Drink

Tickets: £10

Clunbury Parish: Invitation to Climate and Ecological Awareness Event

In October, Clunbury Parish Council joined many other local parish and town councils in declaring a climate and ecological emergency. Many members of the parish are already working towards reducing their carbon footprints, but we are seeking to work as a community both within the parish and in partnership with other local parishes. To this end, the Parish Council has formed a sub-group to develop an action strategy for the parish. The first stage of this is to consult with all members of the parish to find out their views and aspirations.

Clunbury Parish Council are holding a Climate Awareness Event on 25 January 2020 in Clunbury Village Hall. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend with the aim of sharing views and opinions on how best to tackle this Climate and Ecological Emergency.

We hope to have a visiting speaker and various exhibits, activities and climate games around the hall (see advert below). The event will offer help and advice and will give you the opportunity to share your ideas and concerns.

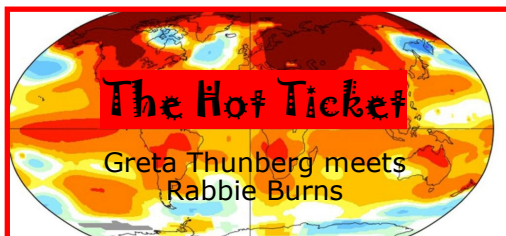
We've Never Seen Anything Like it!

This is what everybody said when flood waters rose. Roads were impassable and fields became lakes as shown in the photograph taken from Peter and Linda Monk's garden in Kempton.



Please send us your pictures of the floods in your area.

The Editorial Team



The Hot Ticket
Greta Thunberg meets
Rabbie Burns

Climate and Ecological Emergency Event

A warm-up before Burns' Night
Saturday 25 January 2020
Drop in: 11am to 3.30pm

Clunbury Village Hall

Activities, music, games & presentations

For all: children, teenagers & adults
Shortbread, coffee, tea & soft drinks

Organised by the Parish Council's Climate
and Ecology sub-group

'Mighty oaks from little acorns grow'

The Crown Inn Clunton

After 2 disastrous floods in the last few weeks, the Crown Inn is OPEN. No carpets, but otherwise fully back up and running. Locals enjoyed a "wellie party" during the 2nd flood as the water rose around their feet. Photos on Facebook. Do come and support us.

Wildflowers in Our Parish Verges

Three hundred pounds has been awarded to the Parish Council by the Aston on Clun Community Shop for planting wildflowers in the local verges. Judith Payling will be acting as project co-ordinator, and the plan is to start work in the early spring. If you are interested in being involved please come to the Climate & Ecological Emergency event on 25 January at Clunbury Village Hall to talk about ideas for making the project a success.



We will need to identify some verges around the parish and survey them, which could be done as a family activity in the Easter holidays, find some volunteers to prepare ground ready to receive plugs of wildflowers in April/May and, perhaps, other people could volunteer to plant seeds in recycled cartons ready to be planted at about the same time (some kits could be put together with instructions for this). It will be good to recruit some people in the different villages to be 'verge caretakers', perhaps this is a role for you? Please contact Judith if you want more information on 01588 660292.

Judith Payling

Correspondence

I always read your Parish Post with the greatest interest. Reading your "wildflower" article, I remembered when Keith Ritherdon who lived in Kempton, opposite the Lodge, came to Lower Down as part of a Bishop's Castle WI evening to "read" the age of the garden by identifying the herbs around the hedgelines. This has always fascinated me.

If a farmer takes up a boundary hedge, as used to be done for ease of cultivation with larger machinery, when sheep are put to graze that land the first place they go to is the old hedge line where the herbs are available to them for nutrition. Food for thought!

Jackie Williams

Dreaming of a Green Christmas

According to research from Manchester University, it may surprise you to learn that the ingredients that make up the average British Christmas dinner will have travelled a combined distance of 49,000 miles. That equates to 6,000 car trips around the world. Added to this is the amount of food that we throw away; it is equivalent to every third shopping bag ending up in landfill at great environmental and financial cost.

So how can we have a great Christmas as well as considering the impact of the environment?

- Buying local and seasonal produce will support local businesses and reduce your carbon footprint.
- Buying less will reduce waste and maybe save your waistline.
- Use up the leftovers – there is a great website called *Love Food Hate Waste* with lots of ideas for using up left over food.
- Compost all your peelings.
- Recycle cards – Recycle Now has teamed up with the Woodland Trust card recycling scheme, encouraging people to recycle cards at participating retail outlets throughout January.

NB: glitter and metallic cards and paper cannot be recycled and end up in landfill.

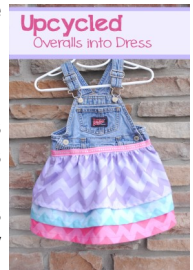
Have you got any tips to share? Let us know.

Lynne Thompson

Clunbury Craft Group

Following on from the article for recycling and upcycling clothes, one of our local residents, Faith, has kindly offered to give us some lessons on making our own patterns. This is a really great opportunity to develop new skills and help us create clothes with individuality. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Lynne Thompson 661180.





Grass Snake, note the diagnostic yellow collar

Seen any reptiles lately?

A recent sighting of a Grass Snake at the north-east end of Clunbury Hill (see the photo by Jude Bowers), prompts a question. Have you seen any reptiles in the parish over recent years? Any Grass Snakes, Slow Worms or Lizards, or even perhaps Adders? I did hear that a Kemp-ton resident was mortified this summer to catch a Slow Worm in the lawn mower, but I've never seen or been told of any Lizards locally, although there must surely be some about. And what about in the past? Sometimes a close reading of Ida Gandy's 'An Idler on the Shropshire Borders' reveals such things, but a quick flip-through has drawn a blank. Please let the 'Post' know of any recent or past sightings for inclusion in the next issue.

Tom Wall

The All Year Bulb Garden

A Talk by Jim Almond

Wednesday 22 January

7.30 pm

Lydbury North Village Hall

The talk is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £5 per person including refreshments. Any further queries to Annie Frost 01588 620953 or on our website:

www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk



Over the last 4 years the Rotary Club of Ludlow has been able to invest over £20,000 in a range of local community projects through the initiative 'Ludlow Rotary Cares'. Once again, following a very successful Ludlow Dog Day event in July last year at Stokesay Court, the Club is looking to invest again in our community.

'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is a scheme aimed at encouraging funding applications from charities and other organisations supporting community life in and around Ludlow which could benefit from a modest grant of up to £500.

The Club intends to be very open-minded about the types of activities it will support so long as the project or programme responds to a community need, in or within 15 miles of Ludlow, and meets its criteria on the giving of grants. What the Club will need to understand is exactly what the money will be used for, who will benefit from it and how much difference it will make.

Further information can be found on the website www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk which includes details of the criteria that required and a simple application form. Organisations which meet the criteria will need to get their applications in by **29 February 2020**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at the Ludlow Mascall Centre on **31 March** at which they will be asked to explain their project for a few minutes to a small panel. There will also be an opportunity to meet other applicants, as well as members of the Rotary Club. Cheques will be handed out very soon afterwards!

The Club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations so if you are involved in or are aware of one which might benefit, do take a look at the website and follow the link to download an application form. For further information please email

lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk .

Barry Forrester – Ludlow Rotary Club



Happy New Year



New Year's Eve Dance *Aston on Clun* *Village Hall*

Celebrate the New Year with old
friends and new
7.30 pm 'til late

Live Music from Beccy Lee

Bring your own drinks
Includes a hot,
sit down meal

Admission by tickets: £12
Early Booking advised
Contact Wendy Heighway
07958 216900



Clungunford Village
Hall presents the
world premier of
Dick Titterstone
and the mayor of
Clunford

Friday 10 January, 7.30pm

Saturday 11 January, 2.30pm

Adults: £6; children: £3

Family (2 adults + 2 children):
£15

Additional children: £1

Tickets from Gunnas Bar

or call: 660152

Refreshments available. All proceeds
to The Village Hall Charity.

Clunbury Village Hall pre- *sents a*



The Greatest
Showman
Saturday
18 January

Doors Open 7.00pm

Film & Supper Night

Supper, American Pie (veggie
option available)

Please bring your own drinks

Contact :

Alister 66180/Barbara 660629

Events Diary for December 2019 & January 2020

Mondays 9-11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mondays 10.00am	Table Tennis every Mon not the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tues 9.15-10.45am	Yoga Sessions every Tuesday – Beginners Welcome	Clunbury Village Hall
Wednesdays 2.00pm	Clungunford Bowls 07951 292496	Clungunford Bowling Club
Thursdays 2-4pm	Table Tennis £3 per session – 660847/07970 577614	Clungunford Parish Hall
Thurs 5 10-11.30am	Clunbury Café alternate Thursdays	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 1 11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's Clunbury
Tue 3 7.30pm	Flicks – Yesterday 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 4 8.00pm	BC Film Society – Eaten By Lions 01694 328261	Bishop's Castle Three Tuns
Thur 5 7.00pm	NT Live – Present Laughter 630321	SpArC
Fri 6 10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning	The Orchard Clunton
Fri 6 7.30pm	Flicks – Green Book 01547 530282	Bedstone & H C Village Hall
Fri 6 7.30-10pm	Bishop's Castle Railway Society 638998	Methodist Hall BC
Fri 6 7.30pm	Flicks – Toy Story 4 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 7 7.00pm	NT Live – Present Laughter 630321	SpARC
Sun 8 11.15am	BCPHC	St Swithin's Clunbury
Tue 10 2.15pm	Clunbury School Carol Service	St Swithin's Clunbury
Wed 11 3.03-3.15pm	Mobile Library	Clunbury Bridge
Fri 13 8.00pm	Flicks – Stan & Ollie 660159	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 14 10-1.00pm	Aston on Clun Craft & Collectables 660492/660292	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 15 11.15am	United BCPHC	St Mary's Clunton
Tue 17 2.00pm	Flicks – Get Santa 630321/638038	SpArC
Wed 18 10-1.00pm	Clunbury Craft Group 661180	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 18 7.30pm	SWSGC – The Natural History of Christmas 680454	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 20 7.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's Clunton
Sun 22 4.00pm	Carol Service	St Swithin's Clunbury
Wed 25 11.15am	Christmas Day CWHC	St Swithin's Clunbury
Sun 29 10.00am	Benefice United CWHC	St George's Clun
Tue 31 7.30pm	New Year's Eve dance	Aston on Clun Village Hall
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Fri 3 7.30-10pm	Bishop's Castle Railway Society 638998	Methodist Hall BC
Mon 6 7.30pm	Clunbury Village Hall AGM	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 8 3.03-3.15pm	Mobile Library	Clunbury Bridge
Wed 8 8.00pm	BC Film Society – Woman At War 01694 328261	Bishop's Castle Three Tuns
Fri 10 7-7.30pm	Pantomime – Dick Titterstone & The Mayor of Clunfunford	Clungunford Village Hall
Sat 11 2-2.30pm	Pantomime – Dick Titterstone & The Mayor of Clunfunford	Clungunford Village Hall
Sat 11 7.30pm	Quiz & Ploughman's supper	Clunton Village Hall
Thur 16 7.00pm	Flicks – Downton Abbey	SpArC
Fri 17 10-1.00pm	Clunbury Craft Group – Sewing workshop 661180	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 18 7.00pm	Film night and supper – The Greatest Showman	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 21 2.00pm	Flicks – From Time To Time	SpArC
Wed 22 3.03-3.15pm	Mobile Library	Clunbury Bridge
Wed 22 7.30pm	SWSGC – The All Year Bulb Garden 680454	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 22 10-1.00pm	Clunbury Craft Group 661180	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 22 8.00pm	BC Film Society – Padre Padrone	Bishop's Castle Three Tuns
Fri 31 6.00pm	NLive – The Little Princess	SpArc