

## Clunbury CE Primary School Harvest Festival 2021



On Friday 7 October Clunbury School had their Harvest Festival in the church. It was well attended by parents and people from the village. It was lovely to see everyone together again in the beautifully decorated church. The year 6



children helped to serve the teas and beautiful cakes. We raised £102.63 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to the people who donated the delicious cakes.



The children brought produce which will be donated to the Bishop's Castle food



bank. Class 1 have decorated the community tree at the bottom of the school drive with shape scarecrows and printed apples and pears. Class 2 and Class 3 have created a display of harvest poems and harvest around the world in the church.



*The children of Clunbury school*

What a wonderful Harvest Festival!

## Clunbury School's Curry and Quiz Night



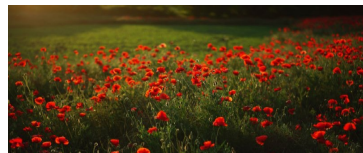
Saturday 13 Nov 2021 Clunbury village hall  
6pm for 6.30pm start. Teams of up to 6.  
£10 per person including curry and quiz entry.  
Puddings and light refreshments available.

Bring your own booze!

Call or text 07814 944368 to enter

## Remembrance Sunday 14 November

There will be a Remembrance Service at St Swithin's Church, Clunbury at 10.45am and also at the Purslow Crossroads at 12.30pm.



Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month



## BERNARD PUGH

The funeral of Bernard Pugh was held at Swithin's Church on Thursday 7 October and for the first time in many months the church was full, with the family and many friends of this much loved man. Bernard was born in Clunton where he grew up and started the family haulage firm with a single lorry when he was 16. He grew the business with the help of his mother and brother Tony to a fleet of 14 lorries transporting livestock and all sorts of goods throughout the area. He married Mary in 1954 and they had two daughters, Susan and Diane. Mary sadly passed away with leukemia in 1985 and later he met Rhea who he married in 1993. On retirement Bernard and Rhea moved to Rowton where he enjoyed his lifetime ambition to farm. Bernard supported Clunton and Clunbury churches throughout his life. During latter years he sadly developed dementia and spent the last couple of years in the Uplands Nursing Home, Shrewsbury where he was very well looked after. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Rhea, brother Tony and daughters Susan and Diane. The donations went to Dementia UK and totalled £845.

## A Star in the Milky Way



Mike Windsor has been a dairy farmer for 40 years. He rears pedigree Holstein cows on the farm and takes great pride in his herd. Sadly, TB has been an on and off problem for years, and some of his best cows have had to be slaughtered. However, this year, Mike entered the Shropshire Herd competition and won the Champion Herd category. He was then entered into the Western Regional competition and also became the Western Regional winner in the Premier Herd competition.



## Correspondence: Mills enquiry

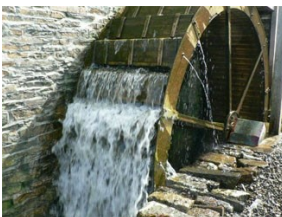
I have just come back from a stay at Cwm Hall, Coach House. I have been researching 'lost' water and windmills in my home county of Cheshire. Visiting a new place inevitably gets the detective at work.

I went to Clun Mill and had a good look round. I understand mills were also at Hurst, Clunton and Aston-on-Clun; not sure about Clunbury, though it looks ideal.

Natural curiosity leads me to ask if any information exists as to mills at these locations. I would really appreciate any information especially as to sites and, if possible, images of any kind.

Please send information to [theparishpost@gmail.com](mailto:theparishpost@gmail.com)

David Keogh in Delamere, Cheshire



## Kitchen Cupboard

Nights are drawing in and there is a chill in the air, time for a little comfort food and these recipes will definitely fit the bill!

**Beef in Stout** *Can be made into a pie or served with fresh veg.*

15g butter; 15g veg oil; 900g stewing steak cut into cubes; 4 medium onions skinned and sliced; 225g mushrooms halved; salt & pepper; 2 tbs plain flour; 300mls stout; 1 bay leaf; 1 tsp dark brown sugar.

### Method

Heat butter and oil in large pan, cook meat for 10 mins until brown all over. Remove meat from pan, add onions and mushrooms with more oil if needed. Fry until soft and season with salt and pepper. Add flour, stir well to absorb the fat. Return meat to pan, pour in stout and sugar, mix, cover and cook in casserole pot in oven (180°C 160°C fan gas 4) for 2 1/2 hours or in a saucepan on top of cooker—gently until tender.

Ideal for slow cookers and what a treat to come home to!



**Cider Cake** ( makes 16 squares, double the recipe for bigger tray bake).

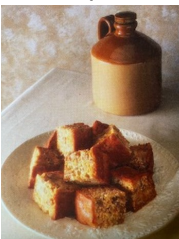
18cm square tin greased and lined; 150ml dry cider; 225g sultanas (put cider and sultanas in

bowl to soak for 24hrs) 100g butter; 100g soft brown sugar; 2 eggs beaten; 225g plain flour; 1 tsp bicarb soda

### Method

Cream butter and sugar together until soft. Slowly beat in the eggs. Add 1/2 the flour and bicarb soda, beat thoroughly. Pour in cider and sultanas, mix well.

Fold in the rest of the flour. Pour into a greased lined tin. Bake for 1 hour or until firm to touch and well risen on temperature 180°C 160°C fan gas 4.



Mary Jones

## AGM and fond farewells

The Parish Post AGM will be held on Mon 22 Nov at 7.30pm in the Clunton Village Hall. There will be mulled wine and mince pies.

It will be the last AGM as officers of the PP for Gisèle Wall and Lynne Thompson. They have given their time and energy for the past 12 and 5 years respectively and have decided to step down at the end of the year. A massive thanks to both from everyone in the parish!

That does mean that there are places vacant on the PP committee that need to be filled. If you enjoy the PP and find it useful and wish it to continue then your help is needed. We meet once a month to discuss items for inclusion. Please contact the Parish Post by email [theparishpost@gmail.com](mailto:theparishpost@gmail.com) to volunteer. **Without new members we are afraid that the PP will close at the end of the year.**

Peter Monk



October

### Clunton

1st Christina Whitehead  
2nd Mike Minns  
3rd Marley Davies

### Clunbury

Ned Morris £20  
Sibilla Whitehead £15  
Anthea Fell £10  
Laura Richards £5  
Jane Rose £5

## Clunbury Poem

This poem was sent in by Megan Lloyd-Phillips of Jasmine Cottage. It expresses her feelings since she moved to Clunbury.

On the edge of England,  
At the bottom of a hill,  
There hides a secret village,  
That lies sleeping, dreaming, still.

Each house could tell a story of the many  
years gone by,  
And the hills of pasture gold and green,  
Reach up to kiss the sky.

In the heart of the village,  
A church stands tall and proud.  
It warms my heart throughout the day,  
To hear the bells resound.

There are flowers in every garden,  
That make the air smell sweet.  
And there's a smile from every face of all the  
villagers you meet.

In spring, wildflowers and daffodils appear in  
all their glory.  
Hydrangeas and the honeysuckle tell a  
summer story.  
Autumn sees the harvest and the gathering  
of the corn.  
Then winter covers the land in frost and  
gives a sleepy yawn.

In daytime, red kites circle and glide about  
the sky.  
The sound of birdsong fills the air,  
And makes my soul fly high.

At night, when all is quiet,  
Two owls call to each other.  
And all the while, inside I know,  
This place is like no other.

*Megan Lloyd-Phillips*

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Operation Christmas Child is now the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal and sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to over 100 countries around the world. If you would like to fill a box with gifts for a child, visit the website Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse UK. Choose the gifts you would like to send to either a boy or girl - aged between 2 and 14. The national collection week is November 15th to 22nd.

Contact Pat Harding if you need any information or help with sending a box. 01588 660169

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Please check your meadows at this time of year for bright waxcap fungi. They are yet another indicator of old unimproved grassland and can be quite spectacular. Feel free to email photos for ID or ring if you feel you have a quantity of them and would like me to visit.  
Rob Rowe [rob@robrowe.co.uk](mailto:rob@robrowe.co.uk) 01588 630648



## Nature and the Environment

### Litter pick

Please join us for our second litter-picking session at 10.00am on Saturday 13 November, meeting at the Hundred House. Equipment will be provided but please bring gloves and a high viz top, if you have one. Like last time, we'll work in pairs for an hour or so. Back in April we collected 15 bags of litter along 2½ miles of road, so there is definitely a job to be done. See you there!

Tom Wall

### Clarion's calling

Glaswegians will soon share the amazement of those from Clunbury Parish who were in Bishop's Castle on 10 October to see the departure of Clarion, the 10 foot tall Polar Bear on his walk to Glasgow for the opening of the COP 26 Climate Conference.

Go to <https://clarionthebear.fish/> to learn more.



### Walking the Parish

'Learn to talk together and build community', is the message of Bamber and Clarion, and this is one of the hopes behind a new initiative – a monthly parish walk. The proposal is to persuade farmers, woodland managers, naturalists and others to lead us on short walks within the Parish looking at the countryside from their perspective and discussing with them how they see its future. We aim to organise the first such walk in December. The date for the first walk will be announced in the next PP.

### Many Jays and a Great White

Have you noticed how many Jays are about at present? Always more obvious at this time of year as they gather and bury acorns for later consumption, it seems that there are more around than usual; perhaps there has been an influx from the continent, as occurs from time to time. Meanwhile, keen Kempton observers Dave Simpson, Gary Hickinbottom and Maisy Angell have spotted a Great White Egret flying along the Kemp, commuting presumably between Walcot Lakes and the River Clun.

Tom Wall

### It's Fungi Season

St Swithin's churchyard has some lovely specimens of pink tutu-like Ballerina Waxcaps (*Hygrocybe calyptriformis*) and Witch's Hat or Blackening Waxcaps (*Hygrocybe conica*) which change colour when you knock them. The beech trees next to the church have wide, sprawling Beech Knight (*Tricholoma sciodes*) at their feet. The old, unfertilised pasture up Merry Hill in Kempton is festooned with a pleasingly wide variety of waxcaps - I've recorded over 15 types - indicating rare, species-rich grassland; Parrot Waxcap (*Hygrocybe psittacina*) and Scarlet Waxcaps (*Hygrocybe coccinea*) are the most colourful. My favourite at this time of year looks like something washed up from an ocean reef - Meadow Coral fungus (*Clavulinopsis corniculata*).



Meadow Coral

Janie Mitchell

## Neighbourhood Matters

West Mercia Police have launched Neighbourhood Matters - a new community messaging service. You can sign up for local police alerts, receive information about crime in your area, attend drop-in sessions, answer surveys and more. Sign up at <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> For a full report go to the Parish Post website

## Harvest Festival

The church looked spectacular for our Harvest Festival on 1 October.



A huge thanks to Paul Grimes who provided us with his prizewinning dahlias, carrots, parsnips, marrows and onions and to all our talented flower arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully. Sonia Phippard conducted a lovely service, and we all enjoyed delicious food and wine afterwards, provided by the many helpers to make it a very enjoyable occasion. Donations this year were for the Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal and totalled £244.



*Julia Mansfield*

### Events Diary for November 2021

Every Monday	Parent & Toddler Group in term time	Clunbury Village Hall
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis 2.00– 4.00pm 01588 660847	Clungunford
Every Thursday	Mobile Post Office: 1.15–2.00pm	Clunton Village Hall
Every Thursday	Mobile Post Office: 2.15-3.00pm	Clunbury Village Hall
Every Friday	Bar Night 7pm-10pm	Clungunford Village Hall
Thurs 4	7.30pm Live theatre: JABS	SpArC
Thurs 4	7pm Talk: The Stepping Stones Project Charlie Bell National Trust	Bishops Castle Town Hall
Tues 9	6.30pm-8.30pm Open Mic Night for Young Performers	The Underground, Bishops Castle
Tues 9	7.30pm SWSHAS AGM followed by the Albert Howard Society Pat Robinson & Trevor Chalkley	Church Barn Bishops Castle
Thurs 11	7.00pm Film: The Truth	SpArC
Sat 13	10am Litter Pick	The Hundred House, Purslow
Sat 13	7.30pm Live Music: The Flying Toads & Grey Wolf	SpArC
Sat 13	6.00pm Clunbury School Curry & Quiz Night	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 14	10.45am Remembrance Service	St Swithin's Clunbury
Sun 14	12.30pm Remembrance	Purslow Memorial
Tues 16	2.00pm Film: The 39 Steps	SpArC
Tues 16	10am - 4pm Green Willow Weaving course	CA Discovery Centre
Thurs 18	7.30pm Live: Looking for Me Friend: The music of Victoria Wood with Paulus	SpArC
Sat 20	10am-1pm Aston Craft & Collectables Christmas Market	Aston-on-Clun Village Hall
Mon 22	7.30pm Parish Post AGM	Clunton Village Hall
<b>December Forward Notices</b>		
Sun 19	6pm Christmas Carols & Festive Songs around the yew tree	St Swithin's Clunbury
Sat 25	9.30am Christmas Day Holy Communion	St Swithin's Clunbury