

Climate and Environment Group News

River Water Monitoring

On 30 August we received a water monitoring kit supplied by Shropshire Wildlife Trust and largely paid for by our Parish Council. The hand-over was performed by our MP Philip Dunne (see photo) who is Chair of the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Select Committee and is active in seeking improvements in water quality in our rivers. We gave the kit a trial run on 11 September at the ford in Kempton and will be sampling there or elsewhere on 9 October; do make contact if you'd like to join us.



Left to right: Philip Dunne MP, Dave Lewis (River Clun Monitoring Group), John Croxton (Chair, Clunbury Parish Council), Tom Wall (Clunbury Climate and Environment Group)

'On Whinberry Hill'

We had expected to be able to report that Clunbury School pupils had visited the Black Hill, but their visit had to be postponed due to the Queen's funeral. The children will be working towards a John Muir Award which encourages them to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places like the Parish Land.

Parish Rambles: Fungus Forays

On 30 October, there will be a Fungus Foray in Clunton Coppice, courtesy of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust – see the advert on page 3 for further details. We are hoping to organise a 'wax cap walk' too, but are waiting for them to show. Get in touch if you are interested via walltom@hotmail.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLUNTON

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

7.00pm, SATURDAY 8th

OCTOBER

followed by a soup and puddings
supper at The Orchard

Donations at the supper to go to
Disasters Emergency Committee -
Pakistan Flood Appeal



We are a community orchestra and welcome all players with the will and commitment to join and support others in making music. We rehearse at Lydbury North Community Hall on Thursday evenings 7.30-9pm and are ready to welcome new players.

Full information and performance dates can be found on our website:

bcorchestra.org.uk

Flicks in the Sticks

OPERATION MINCEMEAT (12)

Bedstone & Hopton Castle village hall SY70BE

Friday 14th October, 7.30, £5.

Refreshments served. Bring your own beer/wine.

01547 530282 to book/info.

Church Services

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| Sun 2 October, 6pm: | Evensong, St Swithin's Clunbury |
| Sat 8 October 7pm: | Clunton Harvest Festival and supper |
| Sun 9 October, 10am: | Holy Communion, St Swithin's Clunbury |
| Sun 16 October, 6pm: | Evensong, St Mary's Clunton |
| Sun 23 October, 11.15am: | Holy Communion, Clunton |
| Sun 30 October, 10am: | Benefice United Holy Communion,
St Mary's Hopesay. |
| Tues 4, 11, 18, 25, 10am: | Holy Communion, refreshments after,
Trinity Church, Clun |

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Hundred House Purslow Quiz

Many thanks to Jacqueline Guthrie, landlady of The Hundred House, Purslow, for an entertaining quiz evening in aid of Shropshire Rural Stress, the local charity offering mental and other support to struggling farmers.

Andy Bebb gave a short talk on the purpose and history of the charity, Jane Latter sold raffle tickets,, and amid much laughter £170.12 was raised.

The Hundred House runs a quiz every 2nd Wednesday..

Fungus Foray

with local expert, Jo Weightman

Sunday 30 October
10.30am

Clunton Coppice

*Follow the road behind
The Crown for half a mile,
to car park on right*



Clunton



- 1st. Harriet Price
- 2nd. Noel Shepherdson
- 3rd. Dorothy Morris

October

Subscriptions for 2022/23 are due now.
Please pay into bank account if possible.
Contact Pat for details

Clunbury

- Barbara Freeman £20
- Penny Grimes £15
- Anthea Fell £10
- Mary Price £5
- Anne Williams £5

Gardening Corner

Autumn. As the seed catalogues arrive in the post and thoughts of next year's planting and planning start to take shape, I've been reflecting on what has survived, thrived, and produced after this extraordinary dry and hot year. With the cost-of-living crisis, autumn sowing could provide fresh salads, soup ingredients and stir fry staples over the coming months, with a few packets of seeds shared among fellow gardeners.

Early last autumn as the maincrop potatoes were dug up and stored, I sowed red and white spring onions, American land cress, parsley, elephant garlic, rocket, Swiss chard, and old English mustard mixes. The spring onions germinated and were ready this year and lasted through to the summer. Land cress and lambs lettuce overwintered well and were prolific once the temperature started to rise. The mustard mixes were plentiful, young leaves picked for salads and sandwiches. Mustards can also be dug in as a nitrogen rich green manure and is a soil fumigant. The flea beetle season from April to August will affect mustards along with rocket and pak choi, so early and late sowings are best unless grown under protective fleece. Red Frills mustard escaped with the least damage and grows well in pots. The large bulbs of elephant garlic have given dishes a rich flavour, the flowering spikes can be picked before opening, cooked, and eaten in the style of asparagus.

The productive row of parsley has now run to seed with flowering heads swaying next to bronze fennel. They provide the perfect feeding perch for parasitic wasps and hoverflies, helping with a host of garden pests including aphids.



The highlight in the garden has been the sighting of the hummingbird hawkmoth feeding on lavender and verbena bonariensis. The audible hum from its wings and speedy darting habit are a true natural spectacle.

Lucey Van Den Bergh

Clunbury Craft and Social Group

Clunbury Village Hall

Meet every 2 weeks

Wednesday October 5th and 19th

10.00am – 12.00 noon



Whatever your level of experience or ability everyone is welcome. Bring your projects or fancy having a go at a new craft or maybe just come for a cuppa and a natter. We would love to see you!

Enquiries to Lynne 661180



Craft and Collectables Autumn Market

Aston on Clun Village Hall

Sat 22nd October 10am – 1pm

A variety of antiques, crafts, plants local food

Free entry Cafe Parking

For more information call Andra 01588 660492

Salop “Fur and Feather”

An exhibition by Sue Gould at Bishop’s Castle Town Hall

From Sat 24 September to Sat 22 October

Open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday



Sue lives deep in the Shropshire countryside and takes inspiration from the natural world that surrounds her.



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Kitchen Cupboard

Written by Beth Parmar

Middle Eastern Mushroom Kebabs



A delicious way to enjoy mushrooms. You can use any type of mushrooms, but chestnut mushrooms work particularly well. The spice mix za'atar gives the Middle Eastern flavour, but you could try cumin, coriander or mixed herbs instead. These are great served with flatbread or pitta and salad.

Servings: 4

Prep time: 10 mins

Cooking time: 10 mins

Ingredients

600g mushrooms
2 tbsp olive oil, plus extra
for frying
2 garlic gloves (or 1 tsp
garlic powder)
Juice of 1 lemon
1 tbsp maple syrup
2 tsp paprika
3 tsp za'atar
Salt and pepper
Fresh parsley to garnish

Method

Slice mushrooms into approx. 1cm thick slices.

Combine all remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Add mushrooms and mix well to coat in marinade mixture.

Leave to marinate for minimum 1 hour.

Thread the mushroom slices on skewers then fry in a little oil, turning regularly until cooked through and the marinade is a little crispy.

Serve topped with chopped fresh parsley



Clunton Scrumpers Juicing Day

Clunton Village Hall

Saturday 15 October 10am to 4pm

Light refreshments available

To book slot phone

Anne 01588 660309 or Pauline 01588 660120

Church News

St Swithin's Clunbury

REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II

This was the saddest time for our country. Like all other churches throughout the country St Swithin's carried out the wishes of the Church of England following the sad passing of our dear late Queen Elizabeth II. The church looked lovely during the mourning period, when many people came to pray and light a candle for her. The muffled bell was rung thanks to Roger Webb and Barbara Freeman. Roger also put up the St George's flag at half-mast. Evensong at Clunbury was well attended by those wishing to pray for our late Queen, and a very moving benediction communion service took place at Clun the following week.

JIM WHITEHEAD THANKSGIVING

Over 230 people attended a lovely and very fitting thanksgiving service conducted by Rev Caroline Bullimore, for the life of our local landowner Jim Whitehead who passed away during Covid in April 2020. Jim, a much loved and respected countryman, was buried on Clunbury Hill overlooking the valley he loved. His obituary was in the magazine in May 2020. Donations of £1628 went to Cancer Research and St Swithin's Clunbury. This was a difficult time for his wife Christina and daughters Alice and Billie but everyone appreciated being able to remember Jim, who was the epitome of a country gentleman. Some of the beautiful flowers for the service were kindly given by Paul and Alice Grimes and arranged by Mary Jones and Julia Mansfield. Rob Morris made a great job of tidying up the churchyard, as he does throughout the year.

A HAPPY OCCASION

We look forward to the marriage of Aaron Wilcox and Gemma Grimes on Saturday 15th October and wish them every happiness for the future.

POP CHOIR CONCERT

Cheer yourselves up as the clocks change and wintertime begins! Sunday 30 October, 3pm the popular Presteigne Pop Choir will be performing a concert at St Swithin's Church. The repertoire is diverse with songs by Billy Eilish alongside Burt Bacharach and Bob Marley.

Admission on the door: £5 Adults, children U12 (accompanied by adults) free. There will be refreshments in the interval.

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Notices

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Barbara Hutchinson from Hill End. Her funeral will be at St Swithin's Church on Wednesday 5 October at 11am. Our deepest sympathies to all her family.

Calendar October 2022

Date	Event	Venue
Sun 9 th Oct	Trip to Aberystwyth	M&J Travel 01588 640273
Thurs 13 th Oct	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 15 th Oct	Daniel Karlsson Trio Live	Bishop's Castle Town Hall
Thurs 20 th Oct	Deadline for submission of articles for Parish Post	
Sat 22 nd Oct	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 26 th Oct	Plantsman's Gardens: a talk by Gavin Stoneystreet	SWSGC Lydbury North Village Hall
Thurs 27 th Oct	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall

Please let us know about your events in November by 20th October
at articles@theparishpost.org