

BONFIRE NIGHTS and DAYS

Dear Readers

I nearly died earlier this year when someone lit a bonfire whilst I was sleeping in the stack. Fortunately I was rescued and lived to tell the tale. It's that time of year again and, on behalf of all hedgehogs and wildlife, I'd like to add this short note to the Parish Post.

Please remember to always move a bonfire stack before lighting. If unable to do that, please use a broom handle or similar to lift the bottom of it and thoroughly check with a torch for sleeping hogs or other creatures. Also, if you only light one side at a time then, if we are sleeping inside, we might have a chance of escape.

Thank you in advance.

Trinnie the hedgehog

**'On Whinberry Hill'**

Fifty children from Clunbury and Bucknell Schools visited the Black Hill on 17 October. They went there to learn more about its history and management and about the 9 acres of Parish Land lying within the forestry plantations. This land is the subject of the 'On Whinberry Hill' project, funded by the Shropshire Hills AONB and Clunbury Parish Council. The children were greeted by Sara Pearce of Forestry England who told them



about the Forestry Commission and its involvement since purchase of the Hill in 1952. Patches of Whinberry, Heather and Gorse were found, relicts of the vegetation which would once have covered the entire hill. At the Parish Land the children observed the contrast between its open aspect and the dense, dark cover of the adjacent conifer plantations. They sampled Whinberries and heard how

Clunbury School used to close when the berries were ripe as the children were away gathering them for sale. And amongst the dense cover of Bracken, they were able to observe that a good scatter of Whinberry bushes survives.

The learning of the day was consolidated on return to school. And here Witches' Broom Sticks were made from Broom gathered from bushes on the Hill. The sun shone throughout and the children learned much; they had a good time too.

Tom Wall



Environment

Monitoring the Rivers Clun and Kemp

As reported last month, we have been supplied with a river-water monitoring kit courtesy of Shropshire Wildlife Trust and our Parish Council. It has now been used twice at the ford in Kempton, and at Clunton Bridge and the ford at Hill End. Sampling will continue monthly, with the possibility of additional places and greater frequency in the future, particularly if more volunteers come forward. If you would like to join us, do get in touch.

Through the River Clun Monitoring Group, we are seeking to develop a better understanding of the Clun and Kemp, and are working with the Environment Agency and others with the objective of contributing to the improvement of water quality, which is known to be sub-standard.

The tests we carry out are straightforward and require no prior knowledge. We measure the levels of Phosphate, Nitrate and Ammonia and take readings for flow rate, pH, temperature, electrical conductivity, total dissolved solids and turbidity. Finally, we sample the invertebrate life of the river, as this is a good indicator of river health.

Next month we will start reporting on our preliminary findings, but we'll need a long run of records before we can draw any conclusions.

Climate and Environment Group

Contact Tom Wall: walltom@hotmail.co.uk

Litter Picking

The Climate and Environment Group is organising the first litter pick of the winter on Saturday 12 November. Please join us at The Hundred House at 10am. Litter pickers, hoops and bags will be provided, but bring your own gloves and a high-viz jacket if you have one.

Support for Clun Valley AED Scheme (defibrillators)

On Saturday 1st October, the small homely community hall in Kempton was filled to capacity with residents and locals dancing and foot-tapping to the sounds of the Bluzebox Band, pausing to enjoy the excellent hog-roast supplied by Mark Yapp of Castlemoor Farm. With Fiona Hoskins welcoming everyone at the door, the hall was soon buzzing in anticipation of the evening ahead. 'Fluid entertainment', supplied by Ludlow Brewery, Majestic Wines and Heartsease Farm, was expertly dispensed by



Colin Pentecost and John Hoskins.

The event was organised by Claire Hern with the aim of raising some funds for a local charity and, having not long ago attended a training and refresher course for the use of the community defibrillator, the Clun Valley AED Scheme was chosen as a most worthy cause. The charity relies entirely upon donations and occasional grant funding to provide training in the use of and maintenance of the equipment. The profit from the event, topped up with donations, enabled a cheque for £200 to be presented to Scheme co-ordinators Jack Limond and Andy Hullah.



Ed Cooper



Craft and Collectables Christmas Market

Aston on Clun Village Hall

Sat 19th November 10am – 1pm

A variety of antiques, crafts, plants local food

Free entry Café Parking

for more information call Andra 01588 660492

Giant pork, sage & apple roll (serves 6 to 8)

The sausage filling also makes excellent small sausage rolls.

Ingredients

- 800g pork sausage meat
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp freshly chopped sage
- 1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 500g pack of puff pastry
- 1 large shallot finely chopped
- Dash of Tabasco sauce
- 1 eating apple, cored & finely diced
- Flour to dust
- 1 lightly beaten egg



1. Preheat the oven to 200C (180C Fan). In a large bowl mix all ingredients except the egg together. Season with salt & black pepper.
2. Lightly dust a work surface with flour and roll out a third of pastry to make a 12.5 cm x 30.5 cm (5in x 12in) rectangle and lay on baking sheet.
3. Arrange pork mixture on top of this allowing a 1.5cm(2/3in) border all round. Brush meat and visible pastry with beaten egg.
4. Roll out rest of pastry to make a cover for the meat and lay over and seal edges. Make slits across the roll through to the meat.
5. Glaze with more of the beaten egg and cook for 40 – 50 mins until golden brown. You may need to turn the baking sheet around halfway through cooking to ensure an even golden colour. Leave for 10 minutes before serving.

Clunton November

- 1st. Maeve Pearson
- 2nd. Caron's mum
- 3rd. Joy Jaggar



Clunbury

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| Valerie Redgrave | £20 |
| Maddy Matveieff | £15 |
| Anabel Morris | £10 |
| Eileen Breach | £5 |
| Pat Harding | £5 |

CLUNTON SCRUMPERS - APPLE PRESSING DAY

Glorious sunshine fell on the Clun Valley on Saturday 15 Oct and Clunton Village Hall hosted the annual apple pressing for local residents. The day started early and the pressings carried on into the late afternoon. It was a very busy day and the team were fantastic, as always, and happy residents left with bottles, cartons and all sorts of other containers filled with fresh juice from their own apples. Delicious teas, homemade cakes, soups and other refreshments were served in the village hall and everyone attending had a wonderful time. Many thanks to all involved.



South West Shropshire Gardening Club

Talk by Andrew Wyton:

“The Monster, the Mountain and the Monkey”

Lydbury North Village Hall on Wed 23rd November.

Starts 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)



Seed orders

Orders need to be returned to Sandy at the November meeting. The discount on orders this year will be 30% on group orders over £200, and 50% if we go over £500.

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Clunbury Village Hall
Invites you to join us for a



**Winter Warmer
Bangers and Mash Bash**

Sausages, mash, peas and gravy
Veggie option available, please
let us know in advance.

Glass of mulled wine and tea
and coffee included

Thursday 1 December

From 12:30

£8 per person

Come and enjoy, all welcome
Wrap up warm !

Contact: Alister 661180
Barbara 660629

Friends of Clunbury School

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CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th November 2022
6pm for 6.30pm start

Clunbury Village Hall

£10 per person to inc. curry & quiz

Teams of up to 6

Bring your own
booze!

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Pudding
& refreshments
available!

To enter call/message:
Nicki - 07814 944368



Trevor and Barbara Jones

Trevor and Barbara Jones have just celebrated their 90th birthdays with a very special and enjoyable family gathering. They have lived in Clunton for over 52 years and have seen a lot of changes during this time. Barbara has been and still is a great supporter of anything going on in Clunton. She used to help out at The Bazaar fete which was held every year in the school (now the Village Hall) in Clunton. She worked for 32 years in The Old Spice Works in Clunton (previously a Methodist Chapel) packing herbs and spices. Barbara also cleaned the church regularly and was on the flower rota, and still supports the church. Trevor spent all his working life in forestry. They now enjoy a quiet retirement but still like to keep up with everything happening in Clunton.

We send our congratulations and wish them both well.

Church News



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

St Swithin's was decorated better than ever at the Harvest Festival on 30 September. Paul Grimes donated magnificent vegetables and flowers that were beautifully



arranged around the church by Mary Jones and the team of talented flower arrangers. The school had a service in the afternoon having decorated the porch and they brought food.



The food was all donated to the Food Bank. There was a lovely harvest service taken by Rev Caroline Bullimore that was followed by wine and refreshments

and a jolly time was had by all. It was good to use our new facilities. The collection of £257 was given to the DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal. Many thanks to everyone who made this such a success.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 06 November 6pm Evensong

Friday 11 November 10:45 Remembrance Service

Sunday 13 November 12:30 Remembrance Service at Cenotaph, Purslow

Sunday 20 November 6pm Evensong, Clunton

Sunday 27 November 10am Holy Communion

Change of church service times.

Could readers please note that in future all regular Clunbury and Clunton Sunday morning services will be at **10am** instead of 11.15am. The exception to this will be on Christmas Day when the Holy Communion service will be at 9.30am.

Regular services at Hopesay will in future be at **11.15am**

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Notices

Calendar November 2022

Date	Event	Venue
Thurs 10 Nov	Clunbury Café 10 – 11.30 am	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 12 Nov	Christmas Shopping to Cheltenham	M&J Travel 01588 640273
Sat 12 Nov 10am	Litter Pick	Meet at Hundred House
Sat 19 Nov 10am – 1pm	Craft and Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 23 Nov 7.30pm	The Monster, the Monkey and the Mountain :Andrew Wyton	SWS Gardening Club Lydbury North Village Hall
Thurs 24 Nov	Clunbury Café 10 – 11.30 am	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 24 Nov 7.30pm	Kempton Village Hall AGM	Kempton Village Hall
Sun 27 Nov	Christmas at Wightwick Manor	M&J Travel 01588 640273
Thurs 1 Dec 12.30pm	Winter Warmer Bangers & Mash	Clunbury Village Hall