

This is a joint December 2022 and January 2023 issue
with an additional insert.

Climate and Environment Group News



Litter pickers and samples of their finds.

Left to Right :
Malcolm Redgrave, Lauren Egan,
Mike Johnson, Tom Wall, Jeremy
Freeman, Fiona Hoskins and John
Hoskins. Gisèle Wall was behind the
camera and Richard Hopkins and
Steve Molyneux were still busy
picking.

A record group of 10 gathered at the Hundred House on 12 November to pick litter from the verges of roads leading to the Twitchen, Clunton, Kempton (via 'the back lane') and Little Brampton, and from there to Kempton (via 'the top road'). Most of us needed two bin bags each to accommodate the shocking amount that had accumulated over the last year. As usual there were items that defied explanation, including a car's petrol tank. **Our next pick will be in February.**



Parish Rambles On 30 October Jo Weightman, ably assisted by Rob Rowe, both of the Shropshire Fungus Group, led us on the shortest of rambles in Clunton Coppice, courtesy of Shropshire Wildlife Trust. There was so much to see and describe that we covered less than a quarter of a mile. Rob forayed, while Jo examined his finds, describing the defining features of a diverse array that included the 'edible' (Blushing Wood Mushroom), the 'to be avoided' (False Deathcap) to the 'extremely dangerous' (Fly Agaric). There were Bonnets, Puffballs, Brittlegills and much more besides, with a list that eventually ran to 45 species. Our group of 16 were enthralled by Jo's expertise and graphic descriptions.

Our next ramble, which is on **Tuesday 6 December**, won't be long either. Staff of Severn Trent have kindly agreed to show us round two contrasting Sewage Treatment Works, Clunbury and Bishop's Castle. Meet at 10am at the Clunbury Works. Parking is limited, so it would be helpful if local residents could walk there and hitch a lift from those from further afield for the drive to Bishop's Castle.

On Whinberry Hill

On 20 November a group of 17 started the big task of cutting down the self-sown Sitka Spruce growing on the Parish Land on the Black Hill. We made a good start, but our efforts were curtailed by a heavy and prolonged shower. We are grateful to the 'Wooders', a group of National Trust volunteers who joined parishioners for the task; they usually work at Walcot Wood, the Trust's property at Kempton.

We return to the Black Hill on Sunday 5 February. Do get in touch if you would like to join us. The work is not demanding, no experience is required, the site is attractive and the company convivial.

The Problem



The Solution



Water monitoring

The River Clun Monitoring Group sampled the Kemp on 11 November followed by the Clun in Clunbury on 13th and at Clunton Bridge on 14th, where we also sampled the stream that runs down to the main river from Gunridge. For this last session we were joined by staff from the Environment Agency, Natural England, Severn Rivers Trust and Severn Trent, who were all very encouraging and supportive of what we are doing and offered helpful advice as to procedures and reporting. We had hoped to start sharing our findings with the readership at an early date but we need to get a good run of results before a picture starts to emerge and we can pass on any meaningful information.

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**Trevor and Barbara Jones
of Clunton who celebrated their
90th birthdays recently.**

South West Shropshire Gardening Club



Christmas Event

Old Herbaceous

A one-man play by
Alfred Shaughnessy.

14th December
at 7.30pm

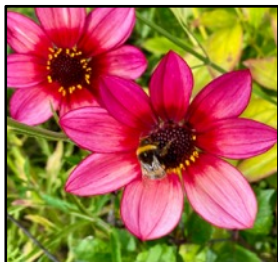
Tickets £7.50 for members and
£12.50 for non-members.

Phone 01588 680454

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www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Gardening Corner



Winter. After a mild and wet autumn, acknowledgement that the seasons have changed comes with the first of the heavy frosts and the shortening days. Dahlias hang their heads and the decision to lift them, storing the tubers till spring becomes more pressing. Single dahlias have won me over. Pollen laden bee's sat jewel like in their nectar rich centres, early to bloom and productive over the hotter months and interlacing comfortably in mixed borders, flowering into November.

Fruit production this year has been mixed. Sawfly larvae stripped the leaves of the red and white currants and gooseberries last year. This season with the introduction of nematodes the plants weren't defoliated but it felt like a losing battle. The solution is to move the red and white currants to an exposed part of the garden along with the gooseberries, hopefully deterring the female Sawfly, who prefers sheltered conditions. Blackcurrants are unaffected by Sawfly and the early variety 'Ben Sarek' was crammed with fruit, making delicious jam.

'All Gold' raspberries cropped well, slightly blighted by mould in the autumn. The summer raspberry 'Malling Jewel' was prolific and worthy of any kitchen garden space. The apple tree 'Red Falstaff' produced the most fruit, holding its shape perfectly when cooked in cakes and Tarte Tatin. The thornless blackberries and logan berries suffered with the heat and lack of rain. The first of the plums 'Haganta' and 'Victoria' were eaten straight from the tree, simply delicious.



New gardens are slow to attract certain birds and it was a pleasure to spot a small flock of Goldfinches feeding on seed heads this week. The soft fruit was worth growing for the sight of a song thrush in the summer hopping over the back lawn, an image that will carry me through the darkest winter days.

Lucey Van Den Bergh

Kempton's Pumpkin Competition

On the lead up to Halloween Kempton villagers were invited to show case their pumpkin carving skills, and they didn't disappoint. We had 14 entries, of all shapes and sizes.

They were displayed ready to be judged by Richard and Anne Bright, who take the role very seriously, having a good look at each one. 1st, 2nd and 3rd received a prize for their efforts. Prizes were donated by my mum, Liz Lewis, thanks mum! A huge thanks to all that took part, I'm sure people enjoyed seeing them.



Congratulations to Lucey for winning 1st place, Catherine 2nd, and Maisy joint 3rd with Karen and Ian.

Lucy Lewis



Clunton
December

- 1st. Marley Davies
- 2nd. Malcolm Jones
- 3rd. Ann Wadsworth

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Please see additional insert for Church services in December and January

Bible Yarns
The threads that bind us together
St George's Church, Clun

Saturday 17 December to Thursday 5 January

Over Easter earlier this year you have seen our exciting display of 25 Bible stories in Clunbury church. Stories familiar to us all, knitted and sewn by a small group of women in Clun. If you missed it, then there is another opportunity to enjoy it as it will be on show in St George's Church, Clun from Saturday 17 December to Thursday 5 January. Entry is free so why not come along and see Joseph and his scheming brothers, Moses in the bulrushes, Jonah in the whale, 99 sheep (and one lost one) and a wedding feast to die for as well as lots more.

In the last 12 months the exhibition has been shown in 5 other churches and seen by hundreds of people. If you would like to know more about it, please contact Joan Kerry 01588 640401 joan@cartway.plus.com

Church News

Richard Wadsworth

On 03 November St Swithin's was full with the many friends and relatives of Richard Wadsworth who attended his funeral. Richard was buried in Clunbury Churchyard. Richard attended Clunbury School and lived in Clunbury throughout his married life to Ann. Most of his working life was spent as an Insurance Agent in the Clun Valley and on retirement he loved helping his son Mark around the farm. The generous donations at the funeral were shared between St Swithin's Church and the Air Ambulance. The church is most grateful for their share. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Ann, son Mark, daughter Sally and their families.



Harry and Rene Collins

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of Harry and Rene Collins at St Swithin's Church, Clunbury on **Saturday 17th December 2022 at 11.30 am.**



Remembrance

Clunbury remembered the fallen of the wars and Mary Jones decorated the church beautifully with poppies and laurel. The school service took place on 09 November and they brought a display and had made a cross for each person who had died during the wars. Rev Caroline displayed these on the screen.

Rev Caroline had written a lovely new service that took place on Remembrance Day with the 2 minutes silence at 11th hour on the 11th day.

On Remembrance Sunday, 13 November there was the usual laying of wreaths at the Purslow Cenotaph. There was a good attendance including members of the Clun Fire Brigade with their new Fire Engine, and, we welcomed Katherine Garnier one of the Deputy Lord Lieutenants of Shropshire.

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To ensure we can include as many articles as possible, the maximum word limit is 200 words. The editorial team does not accept responsibility for any opinions expressed by contributors and reserves the right to edit contributions if deemed appropriate.

Please remember the next issue is in February.

The Parish Post Team
would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas
and a wonderful New Year.

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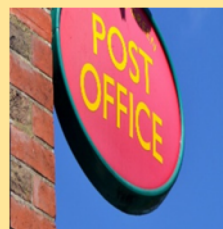
Thursday 11.45 -12.45 Village Hall Car Park

Clunton

Thursday 13.00 -13.30 Village Hall Car Park

Clunbury

Thursday 13.35 -14.05 Village Car Park



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**Come to Clunbury CE Primary School
and Nursery**

Open Afternoon

Thursday 1st December 2022

1.30pm - 4.30pm



'Pupils are
extremely
happy coming
to school'
OFSTED:
September



'loving, nurturing
relationships are a
strength of this
school'
SIAMS:
September 2022

Discover your local Primary and Nursery
School. You are invited to our open
afternoon with a chance to meet the
children and staff at our creative and family
friendly, rural village school.



Carols in the Clun Valley

If you enjoy good carol singing, here are plenty of opportunities in the Clun Valley this month.

Joan Kerry, Benefice Administrator.



Services in the Clun Valley Benefice Churches December

December 2022			
Friday 9	Hopesay	6pm	Carols around the parish
Saturday 10	Newcastle	3pm	Live Nativity, Brook House Sanctuary
Sunday 11	Clun	6.30pm	St George's hosts the United Pack Carol Service
	Newcastle	6.30pm	Carol Service
Wednesday 14	Clunbury	2pm	Clunbury School Christmas Service
	Clun	6pm	Clun School Nativity
Thursday 15	Newcastle	2.30pm	Christingles
Friday 16	Newcastle	4pm	St Nicholas Carols, Crown Inn
	Clunton	7.30pm	Carol Service
Sunday 18	Clun	10am	Carol Service at CMC
	Bettws	6pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 20	Trinity	10am	Carol Service
Wednesday 21	Clunbury	7pm	Carols round the Tree
Thursday 22	Clun	7pm	Carol Service
Friday 23	Hopesay	6pm	Carol Service

Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Saturday 24	Clun	3pm	Crib Service
	Clun	11.30pm	Benefice Midnight Mass
Sunday 25	Clunbury	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Hopesay	11.15am	Holy Communion





Clunbury CE Primary School
Christingle Service
7th December
2pm



***SERVICES FOR ST MARY'S, CLUNTON
and ST SWITHIN'S, CLUNBURY***

December 2022			
Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 4th	6.00pm	Evensong	Clunbury
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Wednesday 14th	2.00 pm	Clunbury School Christmas Service	Clunbury
Friday 16th	7.30pm	Carol Service	Clunton
Wednesday 21st	7.00 pm	Carols around the tree	Clunbury
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Clunbury

January 2023			
Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 15th	6.00 pm	Evensong	Clunton
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Benefice United Service	Clun Methodist

CLUNBURY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**Around the Yew Tree
St Swithin's Church
and other festive songs**

**Wednesday
21
DECEMBER
6pm**



Come and join us to brighten things up with a happy singalong in the churchyard. Everyone welcome to cheer in Christmas with Rev Caroline Bullimore leading us. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies. Please wear warm clothes, bring a torch and a chair if you wish.

Clunbury Village Hall
Invites you to join us for a
**Winter Warmer
'Bangers & Mash,
Bash'**

Sausages Mash potatoes
peas & gravy.

'Veggie' option available
please let us know in
advance.

Glass of Mulled Wine & Tea
& Coffee incl.

**Thursday 1 December 2022
From 12.30pm - £8 per
person**

Come & enjoy, all welcome.
Wrap up warm.



Craft & Collectables

Last minute Gift Market
**Saturday December 10th
2022**

10.00 – 1.00

Aston on Clun Village Hall

Lovely Christmas gifts &
decorations

Local food producers
Delicious cakes,
tea & coffee

Free Entry Parking

Contact Andra on
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