

A Souper Turnout for Clunbury Soup and Pudding!



It was lovely to see so many people supporting Clunbury village hall and enjoying the delicious soups and pudding made by very willing and able helpers. Getting together is so important especially after the last two years and judging by the atmosphere I think a good time was had by all.



A big thank you to everyone who supported us and to all those who contributed to making the event so successful.

Lynne Thompson

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Climate and Environment Group News

'On Whinberry Hill'

On 5 February, 26 volunteers rocked up for a task 'On Whinberry Hill', the Parish Land on the Black Hill. (By the way, the project's title references the song 'On Blueberry Hill', best known in Fats Domino's version of the 1950s. If you don't know it, try YouTube; it's special.) The volunteers, aged 8 to 93, came to fell and burn invasive Sitka Spruce. Whinberry tartlets were on offer, as were baked potatoes (but not simultaneously) and we were blessed with brilliant weather. An application has been made for a licence to fell the larger trees round the fringe of the Parish Land. It is all part of the effort to safeguard this island of open ground marooned amongst the dense conifer plantations.



Pick

in Clunton at the Crown Inn car park at 10.30am on day 11 March, all welcome, kit provided but please gloves and high vis if you have it. Session will last an hour or so.

Water monitoring

We continue to monitor at Clunton, Clunbury and Kempton as part of the wider work of the River Clun Monitoring Group. We liaised in February with the Environment Agency over high nitrate readings, and if necessary will continue to do so when the more precise equipment we are acquiring comes into use. We had a helpful meeting with National Farmers Union staff and will have further discussions with them about the drive to improve water quality.

Parish Ramble

Our next 'understanding our countryside' Ramble, the sixth, will be on **Wednesday 29 March, meeting at 6pm at the Keeper's Cottage near Burrow Hill**. Luke Powell and Sam Gough have kindly agreed to show us something of their work as gamekeepers. Whatever your attitude to game shooting, do please join us for an hour and half's walk and discussion. It will be up and down but steady in pace and not too taxing. To find the meeting place, as you travel from Little Brampton to Aston-on-Clun, take the first driveway to the left. It will be signed.



Clunbury Climate and Environment Group
Contact: walltom@hotmail.co.uk

Litter Pick in Clunton

Date and time: Saturday 11 March 10.30am

Venue: Crown Inn car park

Duration: an hour or so

Tools: High viz jacket and gloves
(if you have them)



PHLEASANT WALK

with Gamekeepers Luke & Sam

Wednesday 29 March
6-7.30pm

See Parish Ramble
on Climate & Environment page

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

**CRAVEN ARMS
METHODIST HALL**

SATURDAY 22ND April
9.30am – 2pm

In aid of Clunbury School

For tables contact
Suzanne Hadwen
01588 640119

Clunton March

- 1st Mary Gittins
- 2nd Alister Thompson
- 3rd Marley Davies



Clunbury

- Alice Whitehead** £20
- Sarah Watkins** £15
- Marjorie Davies** £10
- Eileen Morris** £5
- Mark Wadsworth** £5

Charity news



LUDLOW ROTARY CARES 2023

'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is the name the Club has given to 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.

Over the past 8 years the Rotary Club of Ludlow has been able to invest over £40,000 from funds it has raised in over 85 local community projects in and around Ludlow through this scheme. After 2 years when fund raising has been difficult due to Covid restrictions, the Club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

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 will be applied and a simple application form. Organisations which meet the criteria will need to get their applications in by **17 April 2023**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on **23 May** 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 including those that have applied in the past or have been awarded grants in the past, 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 Irc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk.

Barry Forrester, Ludlow Rotary Club

Clunton Village Hall Committee

The committee is in need of more members. To find out more and hopefully join the committee, please contact the chairperson Jack Huffer 660539 or any committee member.

Kempton Village Hall Booking Forms

Now available in the porch of the Village Hall.

Aston Craft & Collectables Market

The market has now been running for nine years. Usually it is held on the third Saturday of the month from March to December at Aston on Clun Village Hall. The marketeers are a mixed bunch of highly skilled craftspeople, antique specialists & a pork butcher. All have been recruited because of the quality of their products and their contribution to a showcase of local arts & crafts. The crafts range from spinning with demonstrations, fine woodwork, unique knitted jumpers, festive products & cards & items to enhance the home.

Two knowledgeable antique dealers bring many small silver items, vintage & unusual collectables ideal for presents. The local pork butcher is very popular, his homemade sausage rolls sell out by 10.15! He brings a range of pork cuts, bacon, sausages & excellent faggots. Our café with homemade cakes is well supported & we welcome anyone to just call in for a coffee & a chat.



We run the market on non-profit making basis & have supported a number of local charities with modest donations nominated by the stall holders. If anyone is interested in joining our market community £13 will secure a table which has to be prebooked. Please contact Andra 01588 660292 or Judith 01588 660492 to discuss what you would like to bring. **The next market is 11th March**, then we revert to our usual pattern of third Saturday in the month.

A Remarkable Historical Record - Black Game on Black Hill

Some historical information of interest relating to the Black Hill has recently come to light. It is in the form of a copy of an extract from the Game Register of the Cwm Hall Estate for the years 1905-10. The copy was made by the late Guy Smith(1939-2020) who lived nearby and was a prolific and successful author, including books about game and shooting.

Year	Plovers	Partridge	Pheasant	Hares	Rabbits	Woodcock	Snipe	Grouse	Black Game	Woodpigeon	Various	Total
1905	2	92	161	6	212	1	2	25	-	40	-	541
1906	-	161	179	2	178	-	-	45	2	75	6	648
1907	2	87	87	3	104	1	1	28	2	18	1	334
1908	-	56	156	2	105	1	-	24	5	21	-	370
1909	-	97	301	2	269	3	-	11	1	21	4	709
1910	-	70	187	1	1312	5	-	41	10	10	-	1456

The Register takes us back to what seems like a different world in which Red Grouse were still quite common and Black Game (Black Grouse) were unexceptional. Both will have been shot on the open hill land covered in heather and whinberry. The hill was subsequently planted with conifers, apart from the 9 acres of parish land which are the subject of the 'On Whinberry Hill' project. Black Grouse had disappeared from Shropshire by the 1950s and now the only Shropshire sites for Red Grouse are The Stiperstones and The Long Mynd. The partridge column is of note too: these will have been Grey (otherwise known as English) Partridge, not the introduced Red-legged or French Partridge which are nowadays released in large numbers for shooting. The English Partridge is now effectively extinct in south Shropshire, although there are some releases of captive-bred birds. 'Plovers' may well refer to Lapwing, although Golden Plover may have visited the Estate in winter. Finally, what about the prodigious numbers of Rabbits?

This is a reminder of how remarkably common they once were, indeed they will have been the most frequently eaten meat in many poorer households. They remained prolific until the introduction of myxomatosis in the 1950s, when it is estimated that the population fell by 99%. For better or worse, it has never really recovered.

Tom Wall

Church News

Services for St Mary's, Clunton and St Swithin's, Clunbury

March 2023

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 5th	6pm	Evensong	Clunbury
Sunday 12th	10 am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 19th	10 am Newcastle	Mothering Sunday	Clun, Bettws, Newcastle
Sunday 19th	11.15 am Hopesay	Mothering Sunday	Hopesay, Clunbury, Clunton

**All further services to be arranged.
Contact Church Warden David Mansfield or
Pat Harding for information.
David : 01588 660356, Pat : 01588 660169**

World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March at 7pm, Aston on Clun Village Hall

A service for everyone: "I have heard about your faith"
- prepared by Christian women of Taiwan.

Come and enjoy readings, prayers and singing and be
part of a huge wave of prayer that circles the earth.

All welcome.

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Aston on Clun Community Shop

for their help in the purchase of a new printer and to the **Parish Council** for their assistance in expanding the capacity of our email inbox.

Calendar March 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 8 th March 10am to 12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 9 th March 10am to 11.30am	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 11 th March 10am to 1pm	Craft and Collectables Market	Aston Village Hall
Thurs 16 th March 7.30pm	Meeting of the Parish Council	Clunton Village Hall
Wed 22 nd March 10am to 12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 23 rd March 10am to 11.30am	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall

Please let us know about your events in April by 20th March
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