

Locals Shop for Success!

The rain held off long enough for Aston on Clun Community Shop volunteers, past and present, to toast 10 years of successful trading on 13 April 2023. Pauline Johnson, current Chair of the Shop stated: 'When a group of enterprising villagers took on the ambitious project of starting a community shop, they could not envisage that ten years later, the Shop would have taken over £1 million and would be a vital part of the local economy. The Shop has become much more than a place to buy necessities - it is a vital hub for socialising and communication.'

Open every day, except Christmas Day, the Shop is exceptional in that it is managed and run by volunteers only; of 400 community shops around the country, only 20 operate with no paid staff.

Volunteers said they love 'giving back', 'it is lots of fun and you meet lovely people'; customers comment, 'there is always a friendly face', 'prices are very reasonable in these difficult times'.

Shropshire Council recently renewed the trading licence, so the volunteers not only toasted their accomplishment so far, but raised a glass to the future and the continued success of this rather special local enterprise with the community at its heart.



Climate and Environment Group



Parish Ramble: 29 March

On 29 March, Head Keeper Luke Powell and Beat Keeper Sam Gough led a group of 14 (age range 5 to more than 75) on a walk on the Kempton Shoot. They told us about the annual releases of Pheasants and Red-legged Partridge, how the birds are fed and managed and how a shoot day is organised. Whether in favour, against or just sceptical about game shooting, it was a fascinating insight and exemplified the theme of these walks: 'understanding our countryside'. We owe warm thanks to Luke and Sam for their time and trouble.

Parish Ramble: 8 May

On Monday 8 May, Peter Carty of the National Trust will lead a walk for us round Walcot Wood at Kempton. This little-known nature reserve has been owned by the Trust for a couple of decades; it is renowned for its ancient oaks and at this time of year there should be a fine show of Bluebells and other woodland flowers. We start at 6pm and the walk will last about an hour and a half to include plenty of stops when Peter will talk about woodland wildlife and management. For directions, please see contact details below.

Litter Picking

Seven of us met at The Crown on 8 April to pick litter along the roads into and out of Clunton as well as on the 'top road' at Kempton. It was an opportunity to try out the litter grabbers purchased courtesy of our Parish Council. Finds included a pressure cooker, a length of guttering and some frilly knickers. Now that grass is growing fast along the verges we will need to wait until the autumn before our next event.

Climate and Ecology Bill

This Bill now has the backing not only of Shropshire Council but also those of Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Whitchurch, Ludlow, Bishop's Castle and others, including a number of Parish Councils. We are very hopeful that our Council will add its support when it meets next, on 18 May. The Bill, which is currently before Parliament, seeks amongst other things, to

- Require that the UK commits to doing its full and fair share to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees, enshrining this objective into law
- Ensure that biodiversity loss is halted and reversed by 2030
- Oblige the UK to take responsibility for its greenhouse gas footprint, by accounting for emissions related to imported goods and services
- Set up a temporary Climate and Nature Assembly

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Kempton Easter Tea Party

On Saturday 8th April Kempton hosted an Easter Tea Party which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Copious amounts of delicious homemade cakes were consumed washed down with gallons of tea and coffee all served on vintage china. The tables were decorated with jars of spring flowers kindly provided by Richard Bright, and adorned with Easter eggs. We even had a table 'A nod to the Queen' with a teapot and cup and saucer decorated with Lily of the Valley, the Queen's favourite flower, along with Paddington Bear and his marmalade! We had some super imaginative ideas for Spring in a Jar and some glorious Easter hats/bonnets. These were judged by Elle McCabe and Richard Bright. The children enjoyed colouring Easter pictures and making finger puppets. Thank you to all that provided the super raffle prizes and the delicious cakes. £134.38 was raised for the Village Hall funds.



A nod to the Queen



Easter Bonnet
winner Isabella



Spring in a Jar.
Winner Julia
Arrowed

Clunton

- 1st Brenda Jones
- 2nd Jean Jones
- 3rd Stephen Reynolds



May

Clunbury

- Toby Matveieff £20
- Steven Cornes £15
- Barbara Richards £10
- Bernard & Anne
- Wadsworth £5
- Julie Saunders £5

Ludlow Dog Day Sunday July 23rd 2023



There will be 'More to see in 2023' at this year's Ludlow Dog Day. With new highlights alongside old favourites, this year's event has been refreshed to appeal to all, whether or not they have been before.

Held in the beautiful grounds of Stokesay Court, situated approximately 6 miles north of Ludlow and just off the A49, the eighth Ludlow Dog Day is to take place on Sunday 23 July.

The day is all about fun for the whole family, particularly our furry friends. Dogs can take part in over *20 competitions*, from the scruffiest mutt and waggiest tail to the fastest sausage eater. There are *have-a-go* events including dog agility, flyball, hoopers, tricks and scent work, while gun dogs will be able to demonstrate their ability to retrieve...or not!

Demonstrations throughout the day include past favourites such as the *Paws for Thought Display Team* and *Bliss Gate Dog Obedience Team* alongside new additions including *All Positive Dog Services with hoopers, loose lead and learn a trick* and *Little Nippers Lurcher and Terrier Racing*.

As well as the doggy events, there will be plenty of stalls to enjoy whether selling dog and country related goods or pampering to human needs such as the food stalls, the drinks bar and the popular tea tent.

Money raised in past years has enabled Ludlow Rotary to distribute over £130,000 amongst a wide range of charities and community organisations. The club plans to use this year's event to support 'Ludlow Rotary Cares', the club's community grants scheme, as well as other deserving causes.

For more information on this opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day in a glorious setting while supporting numerous community and charitable needs, see www.ludlowdogday.org.uk.



Clunbury CE Primary School will be celebrating
The King's Coronation on Tuesday 2nd May 2023

You're



Invited

All welcome to join us in creating our King's Garden,
with refreshments, singing, fun and games, from 2pm onwards



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Clunbury CE Primary School is a part of the Blue Hills Federation



During the Coronation weekend you may be attending a village get together. Be aware that burglars may be on the look out for an opportunity to break into your home while you are out enjoying yourselves. Make sure your home is securely locked, and your crown jewels are put away out of sight. Enjoy the weekend.

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CORONATION QUICHE

1 x 20cm flan tin, serves 6

A deep quiche with a crisp, light pastry case and delicate flavours of spinach, broad beans and fresh tarragon. Eat hot or cold with a green salad and boiled new potatoes. Perfect for a Coronation Big Lunch.



Filling

125 ml milk
175 ml double cream
2 medium eggs
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
salt and pepper
100 g grated cheddar cheese
180 g cooked spinach, lightly chopped
60 g cooked broad beans or soya beans

Pastry

125 g plain flour
pinch of salt
25 g cold butter, diced
25 g lard
2 tablespoons milk

or 1 x 250 g block of ready-made shortcrust pastry

1. To make pastry:

- a) sieve flour and salt into a bowl: add fats and rub the mixture together using your fingertips until you get a sandy, breadcrumb like texture.
- b) add the milk a little at a time and bring together into a dough
- c) cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30 to 45 mins
2. Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the pastry to a circle a little larger than the top of the tin and approx. 5 mm thick.
3. Line the tin with the pastry, taking care not to have any holes or the mixture could leak. Cover and rest for a further 30 mins in the fridge.
4. Preheat the oven to 190° C
5. Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes before removing the greaseproof -paper and baking beans.
6. Reduce the oven temperature to 160° C
7. Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning.
8. Scatter 1/2 grated cheese in the pastry case, top with chopped spinach, beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture.
9. If required gently give the mixture a delicate stir to ensure the filling is evenly distributed being careful not to damage the pastry case.
10. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Place into the oven and bake for 20 to 25 mins until set and lightly golden.

Church News

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

May 2023

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 7th	12.15pm	Informal worship to mark the coronation followed by community picnic	Clunbury
Sunday 14th	10 am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 28th	10 am	Holy Communion	Clunton

Noel Shepherdson (1935 - 2022)

In tribute to Noel, over 100 family, friends and neighbours of the Shepherdson family gathered in Clunton on a sunny Saturday afternoon. After a walk up the hill to see the newly planted trees, everyone enjoyed splendid food in the village hall, prepared by Peggy Beedles. Thank you Peggy. Many had come some distance to be there and it was a lovely opportunity to catch up with folk not met for many years. Tributes to Noel were led by Maria and she spoke of his early years in West London, and training at Ealing Art School, marriage to Anne in 1960, raising their family and after holidays in Presteigne, moving to Clunton in 1973.

Their two sons attended Clunbury School and have stayed in the area, married locally and brought up their families here. Noel was inspired by the local landscape and many of his paintings are of this area although they travelled widely and Venice was a special place and a favourite for some beautiful paintings. He was painting fulltime but still managed to play tennis, chess and bridge and illustrated some local books.

Noel was a driving force in the setting up of the Clunton Scrumper's with the aim of re-generating old orchards and processing the apples.

He was a judge at the Purslow Show. He played a behind the scenes role in South West Shropshire Gardening Club with his meticulous handwritten listing of entries and results in the annual show.

Noel was fun to be with, would always find time for a chat when out on his daily walks. He was a well-informed but modest man, knowledgeable in many fields. He will be remembered as the perfect foil to Anne's infectious enthusiasm and would chuckle quietly and gently move things on.

Humanity is the lesser without Noel and he is greatly missed.

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Calendar May 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Tues 2 nd May	King's Coronation Celebration 2pm onwards	Clunbury Primary School
Thurs 4 th May	Coffee morning 10 – 11.30am	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 7 th May	Coronation Celebration 3pm	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 7 th May	Coronation Picnic Lunch 11am onwards	Clunbury Vicarage Orchard
Sun 7 th May	Coronation Celebration 1pm onwards	Kempton Village Hall
Thurs 18 th May	Coffee morning 10 – 11.30am	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 20 th May	Craft & Collectables Market 10am-1.00pm	Aston on Clun Village Hall

For all events on Sun 7th May, see April's Parish Post for full details

Please let us know about your events in June by 20th May

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