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 Please submit articles and photos by 20th of each month. To ensure we can include as many articles as possible, we have revised the maximum word limit to **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.

Calendar - September 2023

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 6 th Sept 10 am to 12 pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 7 th Sept 10 am to 12 pm	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 21 st Sept 10 am to 1 pm	Craft and Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 21 st Sept	Michaelmas Fair	Bishops Castle
Wed 20 th Sept 10 am to 12 pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 21 st 12.30 am	Summer Lunch Note no café this week	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 21 st Sept 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 30 th Sept 10.00 am	Mac Milan Coffee Morning	Clunbury Village Hall

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Purslow The Llan & Twitchen

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Picnic on
Whinberry Hill
(see inside)



**Clunbury Village Hall
Invites you to join us
for
A Late Summer Lunch**



Clunbury Village Hall
Thursday 21 Sept.
12.30 £ 10.00 /pp.
Including main & pudding.
Come & join in, all welcome,
no Café this week.
**Contact: Alister 661180 or
Barbara 660629**



SUMMER BBQ

CLUNTON VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 9th September from 3pm
Chairman's BBQ
Salads and vegetarian option, plus puddings
Raffle
Licensed bar
Tickets £12.00
Primary school children - Free
Tickets available from Committee Members or
phone 01588 660169



Climate and Environment Group Invitation to a Get Together

We hope that you will join us at 7.30pm in Clunbury Village Hall on Tuesday 19 September to discuss all the activities we have been involved with since January 2020. These have included water monitoring, parish rambles on Whinberry Hill, mapping the Kempton Avenue, balsam bashing, litter picking, the green landscape plan and Parish Council business relating to the climate and ecological emergency. By the time you read this, the Group will have completed an application on behalf of the Parish Council for a significant funding bid in relation to Whinberry Hill. Please come to hear more and to discuss what is proposed in respect to this and all of our activities. And we hope you will bring fresh ideas and thoughts as to what you would like us all to do next. There may even be some light refreshments!

Whinberry Pick-nic

On Sunday 23rd July, we attended a Whinberry pick-nic! It was held on Whinberry Hill, the Parish Land on the Black Hill. There was a very successful turnout, 20 people came, from the amazing ages of 2 to 80! Fifteen were from the parish, two of these were councillors (John Croxton and Lucy Lewis), and five were welcome visitors from Clun, Clungunford and Craven Arms. Firstly, we took a walk through the woods enjoying the views and fresh air, then we arrived at our destination, a clearing in the wood, then we settled in, had lunch in good weather, picked whinberries and were treated to meringues, cream and whinberries, supplied by Gisèle Wall. We enjoyed all this, then the heavens opened so we walked back to the car park. We hope everyone had a thoroughly good time and hope it becomes an annual event for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Maisy Angell



Church News

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



Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 24th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Friday 29th	7pm	Harvest Festival	Clunbury

Harvest Festival

**Clunton, Friday 6th October at 7pm,
followed by supper at The Orchard.**



Downton Gorge: the matchless valley

This book has been beautifully produced by its editors Tom and Gisele Wall from Kempton. It describes the people, the flora and fauna, the industry, and the geology of this secret valley in North Herefordshire, through which sadly there is no public right of way. The contributions range from a detailed survey of the woodlands and wildlife, including lichens, mosses, and fungi, to an in-depth exploration of the family who most influenced the buildings, industry and landscape of the Gorge and its environs. Of particular interest is the history of the Knight family who built and lived in Downton Castle, Thomas Andrew Knight being the most significant. He was a key contributor to the development of the Royal Horticultural Society at the turn of the 19th, and several varieties of fruit bear witness of his interest in horticulture by being named Downton. Throughout the book there are many old and contemporary illustrations and photographs enhancing the content of each chapter. The appendices add much to the understanding of the history of this intriguing valley. This book is most informative and provides absorbing reading for anyone interested in local history and nature in this secluded valley.



**Saturday 9th September
Ride and Stride**



Shropshire Historic Churches Trust
Clunbury and Clunton churches will be open to welcome cyclists and walkers. If you would like to join the Clunton team to cycle around churches in the area, or sponsor their efforts, please contact Pat
Tel: 660169.

Macmillan Coffee morning



**Saturday 30
September**

Clunbury Village Hall
10.00– 11.30am

Coffee/Tea, cakes

Raffle prizes, tombola and more...
FMI contact Lynne 661180

**Stalls available at Aston
Craft & Collectables
Market
Contact Andra 01588
660292**



Craft & Social Group

**Clunbury Village Hall
10.00—12.00**

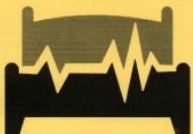
September dates: 6th & 20th

We meet every fortnight, Bring your own project. All are welcome whatever your level of experience.

We are currently working on a poppy project for St Swithin's Clunbury we need lots of poppies knitted, crotchet felted or fabric. If you cannot make the group meeting but would like to contribute we would be most grateful. Cost generally £1.00 per hour Contact Lynne 661180

August update

Save Our Beds



16 inpatient beds at Bishop's Castle Community Hospital have been 'temporarily' closed since October 2021. They are now threatened with permanent closure.

Phase 1 of the campaign saw a petition of 2,630 signatures gathered in a couple of weeks and handed to the health trust bosses.

Hundreds attended a protest in Bishop's Castle, adding further weight to our cause and gaining media attention.

The health trust responded to the public outcry and deferred their decision by a month. They commissioned an HR expert to conduct a review of their recruitment attempts so far.

The campaign to Save Our Beds continues...

We await the trust's final decision on 7th September.

If they make the right decision we will work with them to help find solutions to any barriers slowing down the reopening of our hospital. If they make the wrong decision then we are prepared to fight them all the way.

Either way, we are researching, planning, networking and preparing our responses on behalf of our rural communities.

Save Bishop's Castle Community Hospital Beds and improve local health services

You can help by:

Joining the mailing list at

Joining our Facebook group

Talking to us

www.saveourbeds.org.uk

[saveBChospitalbeds](https://www.facebook.com/saveBChospitalbeds)

mail@saveourbeds.org.uk

Save Our Beds, Enterprise House, 22 Station Street, Bishop's Castle SY9 5AQ.

We wish
all our
local
school
children
a happy
start to
the year.



Climate and Environment Group

Invitation to a Get Together

Clunbury Village Hall

Tuesday 19 September

7.30pm

Light refreshments



Group contact walltom@hotmail.co.uk 01588660561

COME TO LUNCH!!

BEDSTONE & HOPTON CASTLE VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

12noon – 2pm

£10 adult, £5 child

Home cooked buffet lunch, scrumptious puddings, cash bar

To book tickets please ring....

01547 530282 / 530838 / 07792 462177

Village Hall, St. Edward's and St. Mary's Churches

Note: Clunton 100 Club subscriptions are now due at £12 per number for the 2023/2024 year. Please send to Pat, The Orchard, Clunton.

Clunton 100 Club



1st. Sylvia Grace
2nd Nancy Adams
3rd Tim Wood

Clunbury 100 Club

Henry Matveieff £20

Karen Williams £15

David Mansfield £10

Eileen Morris £5:

Helen White £5.