

## *Congratulations Simon!*

Simon Marlow who lives in Twitchen and has been a Wildlife Photographer for over 20 years, was recently selected as one of the winners of Wildlife Photographer of the year 2023 at Cuan Wildlife. This picture of a Red Kite over Twitchen was the image chosen. Simon is also a volunteer responder for Cuan Wildlife Hospital in Much Wenlock, which helps sick and injured wildlife the care they need when they need it. Simon's images have also appeared in National Geographic, The Times newspaper and in exhibitions worldwide. More of his wildlife images can be seen at his website at <https://www.uniquephotoarts.com>





# Church News

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



Date	Time	Service	Church
Thursday 2nd	7.00 pm	All Souls Benefice Memorial Service	Clun
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury
Sunday 12th	10.45am 12.30pm	Remembrance Service Remembrance at Purslow War Memorial	Clunbury
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunton

## News from Clunbury School

A wonderful half term has been had by all the children at Clunbury CE Primary School. Throughout the term the children have been developing their school values whilst learning about their topics. Within our PSHE curriculum, we have been studying "Being Me In My World" which was wonderfully brought together by the children across the Federation working alongside the Pearl of Africa choir from Uganda.

We have also been celebrating harvest with a wonderfully large congregation joining us at St Swithins church this week. The y6 children, alongside 'The Friends of Clunbury School' provided tea & cakes to raise money for Macmillan.

This week we have to say goodbye to Mrs Erlems who has been part of our school community for many years: organising, maintaining & running our gardening club. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work & hope she enjoys her retirement from school. If there is anyone locally who would like to help us to maintain the wonderful gardens that she has established, please let Mrs Jones know.



A Huge Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning on 30<sup>th</sup> September at Clunbury Village Hall. It was a great success, and you raised a fantastic **£452**. What an achievement, well done everyone!



### Poppy Project

Clunbury Craft & Social group have been working on a community project making poppies to display on the archway of St Swithin's for Remembrance Sunday. We are delighted that the children from Clunbury School will be contributing to the display, creating leaves including written words to capture the essence of remembrance through their eyes. The display should be completed by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
November

Bluzebox are back with  
Mr T's Pies & Puds  
Kempton Village Hall  
Tickets

### Craft & Collectables Christmas Fair

Aston on Clun Village  
Hall

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

10 am-1 pm

Free parking & free entry  
Market Cafe

More info from Andra  
01588 660492

# Home Schooling - my experience



My name is Tristan Marshall-Luck, I am nine years old and I live in Clunton. Mummy runs a classical music festival and record label, which Daddy plays for, so we travel a lot. We therefore decided to home-educate because we are away so much. Also, Mummy and Daddy wanted to join me in my journey of education. And Mummy wanted to learn new things in Geography and History! Daddy teaches me science, violin and mathematics, and Mummy does English, Geography, History, Latin, Natural History Studies, Comparative Religion / Culture and we are just starting French. One afternoon a week we visit an English Heritage or Natural Trust property. We also go to art galleries and museums, my favourite of which is the Natural History Museum because I want to become a Palaeontologist and Naturalist when I grow up. When we are abroad we visit lots of interesting museums, castles, ancient ruins and Cathedrals as well. I also go to swimming lessons (which I love because it feels so natural) at Bishops Castle SPARC, tennis lessons at Church Stretton and have started joining in Forest School at Newcastle School.

*By Tristan Marshall-Luck*

## **Calling home-educators in the Clun Valley**

We are home-educating our nine-year old son and would love to hear from other home-educators in the area, with a view to mutual support, sharing of notes, socialisation and possibly collaborating on lessons and trips. Please email Em at [em@em-marshall-luck.co.uk](mailto:em@em-marshall-luck.co.uk) or text on 07808 473889 if interested

## *Fine fare, good company & a quiz*

Some thirty-five Kemptonians gathered for Harvest Supper on 14 October at the Village Hall. All enjoyed an extensive and scrumptious spread at tables ornamented with heathers and beautifully decorated squashes. Conversation (and drinks) flowed until all minds turned to the quiz. We now know which country first honoured Bruce Lee with a statue – but we won't be telling. Our thanks go to all those who worked hard to arrange such a very convivial evening.



Apple  
juicing  
in  
Clunton  
October  
2023

The felling of the larger Sitka spruce round the fringes of the site will hopefully have started by the time you read this, and all being well, the sale of the timber will provide a small financial return to the Parish. Then, from 3 to 6 November (Friday to Monday inclusive), Barbara Hadrill of Carnog Working Horses from Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant will be on site with Molly and Bluebell (or perhaps Tyler) harrowing up the matt of bracken litter that is currently stifling other plant growth. Do come to watch, or to help – Barbara may be in need of volunteers to move the rolls of bracken that will accumulate behind the horses.

Additionally, on **Sunday 5 November**, a group of us will be clearing small Sitka spruce, and in view of the date, we may have a bonfire. Do get in touch if you would like to join us and we will let you know more about time and place.

### **Water monitoring**

If you would like to observe or participate in the river monitoring done by group members in support of the network established by the River Clun Monitoring Group, you are welcome to attend one of our monthly sessions.

This month we will be monitoring as follows:

River Kemp at Kempton Ford at 2.30pm on Friday 10 November

River Clun at Clunbury at 11.30am on **Sunday 12 November** (meet at the footbridge in the centre of the village)

River Clun at Clunton Bridge at 10.30am on **Tuesday 14 November**.



## *Climate & Environment Group Report*

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### **Litter pick**

We will be litter picking on **Saturday 18 November**, meeting at the 100 House at 10am. From there we will spread out to cover the local roads. Do join us. Litter grabbers and bags will be provided but please bring a high-viz jacket if you have one (if not we have some spares). Gloves are needed too – please bring your own.

### **Horses and more on Whinberry Hill**

Following the completion of the first stage of work on the Parish Land on the Black Hill enabled by a grant from the AONB Trust's Conservation Fund, we are now moving onto a new phase courtesy of support from the Defra scheme known as Farming in Protected Landscapes. The protected landscape in question is the AONB, and although the Parish Land isn't farmed, it qualifies as an area of managed countryside which provides opportunities for people to enjoy the landscape and their cultural heritage.

# WREATH MAKING COURSE

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10am to 12pm  
or  
1.30pm to 3.30pm  
course.

Pre - booking is  
essential.

Book prior to  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
and receive a  
free raffle ticket.

A chance to win, a  
variety of amazing raffle  
prizes, hamper,  
hotel break for two and  
more.



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CHRISTMAS  
FAYRE**

FACEBOOK GROUP



## Clunbury Village Hall

In association with  
Kempton Village Hall  
Are hosting an illustrated talk by  
'Local Author'

**Tom Wall** from Kempton.

Tom's talk will reveal some interesting  
insights into:

Downton (not the Abbey) secret place  
nearby.

at Clunbury Village Hall

Thursday 9 November at 7.30

£2.50 inc Tea & Coffee

all welcome.

Contact: Barbara 660629 or Alister 661180



## Christmas Coffee & Crafts

Clunton Village Hall  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
10am - 1pm

Come & support our  
local crafts people,  
enjoy coffee &  
cakes whilst doing  
some Christmas  
shopping

Clunton 100 Club  
1st Alister Thompson,  
2nd Della Peers,  
3rd Mona Pearson



Clunbury 100 Club  
Ann Wadsworth £20  
Michael Beedles £15  
Brenda Jones £10  
Jasper Grimes £5  
Valerie Redgrave £5.



## *Roast Haunch of Venison* - A recipe for Christmas suggested by Mary Cooper inspired by Jocelyn Dimbleby

### **Ingredients**

1 onion, 1 carrot, 1 celery stick, all chopped, 3 or 4 garlic cloves crushed, a bouquet of herbs, ½ teaspoon of peppercorns & 6 juniper berries, lightly crushed, a bottle of red wine reduced to 500ml over a medium heat & cooled, 60ml vegetable oil, plus more for brushing. 2.75kg haunch of venison. 30ml plain flour, 250ml beef stock, 1 unwaxed orange, 1 unwaxed lemon, 60ml redcurrant jelly, 60ml ruby port, 15ml cornflour blended with 30ml water, 15ml red wine vinegar, fresh herbs to garnish.

### **Method**

Place the onion, carrot, celery, garlic, herbs, peppercorns & juniper berries, reduced wine & oil in a dish large enough to hold the meat, then add the venison & turn to coat. Leave to marinate in the fridge for approx 48 hours, turning occasionally.

Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4. Remove the meat from its marinade & pour the marinade into a saucepan. Pat the meat dry, then brush with a little oil & wrap in foil. Roast the venison for 20-25 minutes per 450g for rare to medium meat. About 25 minutes before the end of the cooking time, remove the foil, sprinkle the joint with the flour & baste.

Add the stock to the marinade & boil until reduced by half, then strain, taste & season & set aside.

Using a vegetable peeler, remove the rind from the orange & half the lemon. Cut the pieces into thin strips. In a saucepan boil a little water & add the orange & lemon strips. Simmer them for 5 minutes, then drain & rinse under cold water.

Squeeze the juice of the orange into a saucepan. Add the redcurrant jelly & cook over a low heat until melted, then stir in the port & the reduced marinade & simmer gently for 10 minutes, stirring. Add the blended cornflour mixture into the marinade & cook stirring frequently, until the sauce thickens. Add the vinegar & the citrus strips & simmer for a further 2-3 minutes. Keep warm, stirring occasionally, to keep the fruit strips separated. Transfer the venison to a board in a warm place & allow to stand, loosely covered with foil, for 15-20 minutes before carving. Garnish with fresh herbs & serve with the sauce.

For the last two years the village of Kempton has had a Living Advent Calendar. Each advent evening a new window is decorated and illuminated. It is lovely seeing the design of each new window which brightens the village on the dark winter evenings. These photos are a small example of Kempton's creativity. Looking forward to this year.



## *Kempton's Living Advent Calendar*



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## Calendar November 2023

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 10am to 12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 10 am to 12 pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2pm to 4pm	An afternoon of Swing & Dance with Craven Arms Big Band	Bishops Castle Community Centre
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm	Downton Gorge – a talk by Tom Wall	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30 pm	Fun Quiz Bedstone £10 per team of 4	bestonehoptonca stlevh@hotmail.c o.uk 01547 530282
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10 am to 12 pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10am to 12 pm	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10 am to 1 pm	Craft and Collectables Christmas Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	French Food & Film Bedstone £15 per head	<b>Please book 01547 530282</b>