

A festive illustration for Christmas featuring a green pine branch background with white snowflakes. It includes several red Christmas baubles hanging from red curly ribbons, various colorful birds in flight, a small decorated Christmas tree, and a central illustration of Santa Claus's head and beard.

Merry Christmas

An announcement for a Christmas performance. The text is centered and surrounded by small illustrations of birds. The background is white with faint green pine branches.

*Clunbury School Christmas Performance
Clunbury Church at 2pm and 6pm
Friday 15th December
Refreshments served after the performance*

An illustration for the New Year featuring a green pine branch background with white snowflakes. It includes red Christmas baubles, a champagne glass with a cork popping, a yellow gift box, and various colorful birds. The text 'Happy New Year 2024' is prominently displayed in the center.

Happy New Year
2024

Climate and Environment Group Report On Whinberry Hill

Following success in gaining grant aid from Farming in Protected Landscapes, work is underway on a series of projects on the Parish Land on the Black Hill. These will run between now and March next year, with bracken spraying following on in August.

The first contract has now been completed, it was for tree felling, logging and bracken raking and was undertaken by Carnog Working Horses over the four days 3-6 November. Despite some very inclement weather, Barbara Haddrill and her two horses, Bluebell and Molly, kept at it and did a lot of good work. (See picture opposite) Twenty-seven enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers turned out on 5 November. They felled large numbers of small Sitka Spruce and some bigger ones too, with mountains of brash being burned and the remainder stacked neatly. (See picture opposite)

It is anticipated that the harvesting of the fringe of larger Sitka Spruce will start soon. After that an excavator will be on site to do a range of tasks including some scraping of the surface layer of consolidated bracken litter.

Litter picking

Seven stalwarts turned out on 18 November meeting at the Hundred House from where we fanned out onto neighbouring roads, including Kempton's 'top road', gathering 12 bags altogether. We'll convene again at the end of the winter.

Water monitoring

This continues monthly. Do come along to observe or participate. Dates for December and January are:

River Kemp at Kempton Ford:

Friday 8 December and Friday 12 January, 2pm

River Clun at Clunbury: Sunday 10 December and Sunday 14 January, 11.30am (meet at the footbridge in the centre of the village)

River Clun at Clunton Bridge:

Tuesday 12 December and Tuesday 16 January, 10.30am

Group contact: Tom Wall walltom@hotmail.co.uk 01588 660561



Barbara Haddrill,
Bluebell and Molly
raking bracken litter
on Whinberry Hill

Photo Alison Jones

Volunteers felling
Sitka Spruce on
Whinberry Hill

Photo Karen Aldred



The Late Eileen Breech kindly donated a Time Capsule to Clunbury Village, which has now been engraved with the words

“Coronation of King Charles III, May 6th 2023, Clunbury Parish”



It contains old and new maps of the village, articles, photographs, a commemorative coin and the St Swithin's Church Coronation service sheet. Following the service, the Coronation Celebrations were enjoyed by many in the Old Vicarage orchard, in splendid sunshine on May 7th 2023. The Time Capsule has now been sealed and deposited in a safe location for future generations to enjoy.

Many thanks to all who helped to compile and complete the Coronation Time Capsule.

Barbara Freeman

An Alternative Christmas Pudding from my mother's treasured recipe book

1 tbs almonds	4oz sugar
1 tbs glace cherries (chopped)	3 egg yolks
1 tbs dried apricots(chopped)	1 pt milk
1 tbs glace pineapple or papaya(chopped)	Vanilla essence
1 tbs crystallised ginger(chopped)	½ pt stiffly whipped cream
1 tbs mixed peel	
1 tbs angelica (if available) or green glace cherries(chopped)	
3 tbs fruit liqueur e.g., Cointreau or Cherry (for non-alcoholic version try Grenadine)	

Method

Essentially, this is a festive ice cream that can be made without a machine.

Heat milk, add yolks and sugar, stir, and cook gently until thick and smooth. Cool and add vanilla essence to taste. Partially freeze, stir well, and add whipped cream, nuts and fruit and place back in the freezer.

Take a Christmas pudding shaped bowl and line with cling film.

When the mixture is nearly frozen stir well and add fruit liqueur, mix once more and then put mixture into the lined bowl and freeze until solid. Take out of freezer about 10-15 minutes before serving, unmould and decorate appropriate to the season!!

A few meringues made from the egg whites will complete this festive dessert very prettily.

I hope you enjoy this, Judith Payling



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Saturday 25th November 23
Friday 12th January 24
Saturday 24th February 24

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December in the garden

With Christmas approaching fast the garden is often our last priority at this time of the year.

However our gardens or local walks can offer us decorations for Christmas. From foliage for wreaths, our tables, mantles or to decorate presents. Better for our pockets and the environment with the ability to be composted at the end. Although please ask permission to forage on private land, never remove a plant's roots and always leave plenty of each plant for wildlife.



To make your own garland or wreath you'll need to collect foliage such as evergreen (off cuts from the bottom of your Christmas tree work well) and variegated foliage, holly, rosehips, pine cones, gorse and teasels.

Make bunches of your mixed foliage, using wire or twine at the stems. When you have enough tie them together making a chain, keeping stems behind the next bunch, repeat the process until you have the desired length. To form a wreath use 5-6 bunches, tying it into a circle. Then add any embellishments or lights until you're happy with your creation.



If you're lucky enough to have vegetables growing for your Christmas Dinner don't forget to harvest them in enough time, before a frost. Parsnips especially are rather difficult to harvest from frozen ground!

If you'd like to learn how to grow your own Christmas Dinner next year join us at Seedling Success UK. We're a community growing and learning together. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Written by Kimberly Cornish @growingwithspaniels

Clunton Scrumpers

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 27th January 2 024 7pm

Clunton Village Hall



Light supper provided
Veggie option,
Puddings

Complementary mulled cider,
mulled apple juice

Bring your own bottle

Tickets £12

~ available only in advance ~

Angie 01588 661025

Pauline 01588 660121

Clunbury Village Hall

AGM

8th January 2024 7:30pm

Everyone is welcome
We will be serving mulled
wine and mince pies

For more info please contact:

Alister 661180

Duncan 660578

Barbara 660629

SMART WATER (Forensic Marking)



For all those from Twitchen, Clunbury, Clunton, Obley, Kempton, Purslow who requested a phial of Smart Water, window stickers and labels, you can purchase them, at £10 per phial at Clunbury Village Hall on Sat 13th January 2024, from 12 noon-2pm.

Further information and procedure for registration with Smart Trace/WM Police is available with the Smart Water pack.

Refreshments available in Clunbury Village Hall.

Any queries, telephone **B Freeman 01588 660629**

Clunbury Craft and Social Group took on a project to create an archway of poppies displayed at St Swithin's Church to commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

Over 600 poppies were made either knitted or crocheted. The school children from Clunbury School made leaves, which contained messages of thanks and the names of soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us. It was a real accomplishment and a perfect way to bring generations together.



Lynne Thompson

Church News

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

December 2023

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 3rd	10am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury
Sunday 10th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Thursday 21st	7pm	Carols around the tree	Clunbury
Friday 22nd	7pm	Carol Service	Clunton
Sunday 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Clun
Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 31st	10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Hopesay

January 2024

Sunday 7th	10am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury
Sunday 14th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 28th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton

Clunton

- 1st Tom Davies
- 2nd Alice Whitehead
- 3rd Gill Deakins



November

Clunbury

- Penny Grimes £20
- Barbara Freeman £15
- Jean Christian £10
- Tony Pugh £5
- Ruth Seabury £5

Calendar Dec 2023/Jan 2024

Date	Event	Venue
Sat 2nd Dec	Bedstone Christmas Fayre	Bedstone College
Tues Dec 5 th 7.30pm	Flicks – Book Club- The Next Chapter(12A)	Lydbury North VH
Sat Dec 9 th 10 – 1pm	Aston Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Wed Dec 13th 10-12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs Dec 14 th 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Sun Dec 17 th 2 – 4.45pm	The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker via satellite	SpArC Theatre BC
Tues Dec 19th 2pm	Film -- Matilda the Musical (PG)	SpArC Theatre BC
Thurs Dec 21st 7pm	Flicks – Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (12A)	SpArC Theatre BC
Mon Jan 8th 7.30pm	Clunbury VH AGM	Clunbury VH
Tues Jan 9th 7.30pm	Downton Gorge – a talk by Tom Wall	Church Barn BC
Wed Jan 10th 10-12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs Jan 11 th 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs Jan 11th 7pm	Film -- The Savage Waters (12A)	SpArC Theatre BC
Fri Jan 19th 8pm	Flicks – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A)	Clungunford VH
Sat Jan 20th 7.30pm	Flicks – Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning (12A)	Aston on Clun VH
Sun Jan 21st 2pm	Film Fundraiser The Little Mermaid (PG)	SpArC Theatre BC
Tues Jan 23rd 2pm	Flicks – The War Below (12A)	SpArC Theatre BC
Wed Jan 24th 10-12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs Jan 25 th 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs Jan 25th 7pm	NLive – Dear England	Aston on Clun VH

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