



## 50 years on !

The landlocked parish of Clunbury and the RNLI may not seem closely associated, but for myself there's everyday routine ie. home is in Clunton and I'm employed by the latter.

This year is a special year as both the RNLI and myself mark anniversaries. The RNLI are celebrating 200 years existence with many special events, one of which was a service at Westminster Abbey on March 4th to which 2000 RNLI staff and volunteers attended. I had the privilege of being there and it was a memorable experience attended by the Duke of Kent and led by Archbishop Justin Welby.

The second event I thought would be a bit of fun was Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April which was exactly 50 years since I started my current job (17th April 1974). I still have the bike I used on that first day and at 7am, I along with family, friends and workmates assembled at the original site in Bucknell and cycled to the current business site in Knighton.



I called it SAME JOB, SAME BIKE, SAME BLOKE, 50 YEARS CYCLE RIDE. if you are interested it can be viewed on the company website [www.claytonengineering](http://www.claytonengineering) - facespace / book and hopefully we will be able to raise a few pounds for the RNLI via donations.

Thank you  
Ian Davies

## Climate and Environment Group Report

### Biodiversity Duty

The submission we made to the Parish Council (see April's 'Parish Post') suggesting that it should adopt a number of policies as contributions to meeting its Biodiversity Duty under the Environment Act of 2021 was unanimously adopted at the PC's meeting on 21 March.

### Parish Walks

Catherine Lishman writes as follows:

Thank you to the people who braved the forecast to join our first parish walk on 6 April. The rain held off and the views were spectacular, as was the wind! We stopped for refreshments on the parish land, aka Whinberry Hill, which is really worth a visit.

The next walk will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, leaving Clunbury Village Hall at 10.00am. We will walk to Coston, via Purslow Wood and Twitchen, for a relatively gentle ascent, but steep descent, of Clunbury Hill. It is a walk of 6.5 miles. We will have a refreshment stop (please bring a drink/snack) and should be back by 1.30pm.

Please contact Catherine Lishman for more details on 07930 117 006 or [catherinelishman@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinelishman@hotmail.com)

### On Whinberry Hill

The end of the current phase of work was marked by the erection of an information board (see photo) which explains something of the history and management of this last vestige of the once extensive whinberry picking ground of the Black Hill. Our thanks go to the Shropshire Hills National Landscape (AONB) for support provided through its Conservation Fund, and to its staff for administering funding through the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme. Forty volunteers have worked on the project to date and we are much indebted to them; thanks also go to the contractors who have worked on the site. But much remains to be done, not least to control the bracken. We'll keep you posted.



### Water Monitoring

Do come and observe or participate in our monthly monitoring sessions:

River Kemp at Kempton Ford: Friday 10 May, 2pm

River Clun at Clunbury: Sunday 12 May, 11.30am (meet at the footbridge in the centre of the village)

River Clun at Clunton: Tuesday 14 May, 10.30am at Clunton Bridge

Group contact: Tom Wall [walltom@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:walltom@hotmail.co.uk) 01588 660561



## Nye (NT Live)

Aston on Clun Village Hall had a full house for the screening of the National Theatre Live production of 'Nye', the story of the life of the politician Aneurin Bevan. A pyjama clad Michael Sheen plays Nye, recalling a lifetime of memories from his hospital bed. They begin with his childhood in a pit village in Wales, bullied at school because of his stammer, to working as a miner, becoming involved with local miners' union politics and eventually becoming a Member of Parliament. We see his wartime arguments with Winston Churchill and finally his appointment as Minister of Health and Housing in Clement Attlee's new post war Labour government. From there we follow his long battle to achieve his vision of a free National Health Service for all, encountering opposition from both parliament and the medical profession along the way.

That all sounds as if it could be a bit dull - it isn't! There's pathos, humour and even a bit of song and dance. Above all it was very thought provoking and poignant, particularly given the current crisis facing the NHS.

If you missed it at Aston it's on at SpArC on 9th May. Worth seeing!

Karen Aldred

## Rock 'n' Roll

### Dave Luke and the Glimmer Twins

An evening of rock and roll from international touring star

**Dave Luke** and his band. *check him out on YouTube @ludedave47*

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm

Bedstone and Hopton Castle Village Hall SY7 0BE

£15. Cash bar.

01547 530282 to book.

or email [bedstonehoptoncastlelh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bedstonehoptoncastlelh@hotmail.co.uk)

or via Face Book

## Open Garden and plant stall at The Hurst, Clunton SY7 0JA

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024. 2 - 5:30pm

Entry £5 (cash only) in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.



The Hurst is Arvon's Shropshire Writing House, former residence of the playwright John Osborne and his wife Helen.

Set in 26 acres – Californian redwoods, walled garden, extensive mature rhododendrons and azaleas, bluebell woods, meadow, orchard, dovecote and stunning views of the Clun valley.



Scything demonstration if the weather allows.

Tea & cake stall and bookstall  
in aid of the Arvon Foundation.



## CRAVEN ARMS BOWLING and SOCIAL CLUB

Members of Craven Arms Bowling and Social Club would very much like to invite folks from the nearby villages to Craven Arms to come along and join us at the Club, whether you have played before, or would like to learn to play Crown Green Bowls. We would like to encourage people of all ages (children 10 – 17 would need to be accompanied by an adult) to come along on a Saturday morning between 10.30 – 12.30 (providing it is not raining!) and join us for a "Roll Up".

Current members will be happy to give any help and advice about playing.

All equipment will be available.

Flat soled shoes have to be worn on the green (no sandals or flip-flops).

**We are starting on 11<sup>TH</sup> May 2024**

The Club is situated opposite The Craven Arms Hotel



If any further information is required, please ring Bert Morris 07359 447775  
or Julia Thomas 07415 119515

## May in the garden



With our last expected frost dates at the start of the month we are gearing up to plant out all our vegetables and flower seedlings.

Firstly we need to start hardening them off which is a process of taking our pampered plants and getting them used to the garden environment.

This can be done by placing our plants outside in a sheltered position for a couple of days, bringing them back in at night and slowly putting them into more exposed locations. And finally leaving them outside overnight. If there's any risk of frost during this time put them back under cover.

Once they are ready and the weather man agrees, we can plant them into their final positions. However it's always worth having some frost cloth at hand in case a late frost hits.

There are still things we can sow if they haven't been done yet, such as winter and summer squash, leeks, beans, sweetcorn and plant out potatoes.

We also want to start more seeds for succession planting of things like salad leaves, spring onions, brassicas and direct sowing radish, beetroot and carrots.



Slugs and snails can be very active at this time of the year so making sure the garden is tidy with less places for them to hide can help. Also going out on a damp night and collecting them to be relocated far from our gardens will keep numbers down. However holding back a few replacement plants is usually needed to fill in those gaps that form.

If you'd like to learn more about growing your own food you can join us at Seedling success UK on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for grow-alongs and gardening tips.

The plant stall at 4 Little Brampton will be open again selling seedlings at the beginning of May.

Written by Kimberly Cornish



## *Clunton Scrumpers*

We've been around since 2005. Originally formed by villagers concerned locally at the decline



of the apple growing tradition, we hoped to encourage the planting of new orchards and the regeneration of old ones. We also wanted to provide an opportunity for the co-operative juicing of apples. With money raised through the 'Blue Remembered Hills' project and the EU, we were able to fund both the apple growing and the purchase of the necessary equipment for large scale juicing. Our juicing days in the autumn at the village hall have been popular throughout the valley.



Largely at the instigation of local legend Harry Collins, we set about reviving the local tradition of cider making. Each year we make a hogshead of cider which we crack open on or about midsummer's eve.

Our educational work includes visiting local schools to talk to the kids about apples and to demonstrate the juicing process.

We similarly have attended apple days at the Discovery Centre and elsewhere. As a local pioneer in the field, we've successfully inspired others to set up apple and cider groups. Every year we aim to have a quiz with an apple theme or even a 'wassail'.



### **Barrel opening**

Harry's Yard Clunton Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 4pm  
Come and taste traditional village cider made by  
local people to an ages old Clunton recipe

Entrance £7.50

Cider , Pork Supper, Veggie option

Bring your own wine

# Church News

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

## May 2024

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 5th	10am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury
Sunday 12th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 26th	11.15am	Holy Communion and Baptism	Clunton

Please note the later time for the Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> service

## Clunton

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Shuker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sylvia Grace
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alastair Edie



## April

## Clunbury

- Majorie Davies £20
- Ruth Seabury £15
- Isabella Holland £10
- Caroline Holmes £5
- Robert Morris £5

Clunbury 100 club subscriptions of £12 are due on 1<sup>st</sup> June.  
Anyone wishing to join please contact Mary 660316 or Maddy 660458.  
Grateful thanks to everyone for their continued support. Maddy

## Clunbury Café

Please note that the PCC elections are taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and there will be no café on that day.



Normal service resumes on  
16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30am to 12:00pm

## *Calendar May 2024*

Date	Event	Venue
Wed May 1 <sup>st</sup> 6.45pm-10.25pm	Royal Opera: Carmen	SpArC Theatre BC
Thurs May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8pm	Clun Valley Jazz Session	SpArC Theatre BC
Sun May 5 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury Church
Tues May 7 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Film: The Lost King (12A)	Lydbury North VH
Thurs May 9 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	NT Live: Nye	SpArC Theatre BC
Fri May 10 <sup>th</sup> 4.30pm	Youth Samba Band	SpArC Theatre BC
Sun May 12 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury Church
Thurs May 16 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12pm	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury VH
Thurs May 16 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 8.30pm	Film: Freedom Under Load	SpArC Theatre BC
Fri May 17 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Film: Wicked Little Letters	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat May 18 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Film: One Life (12)	Aston on Clun VH
Tues May 21 <sup>st</sup> 2pm	Film: Scrapper (12)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sun May 26 <sup>th</sup> 11.15am	Holy Communion and Baptism	Clunton Church
Sun May 26 <sup>th</sup> 2pm-5.20pm	Royal Ballet: The Winter's Tale	SpArC Theatre BC
Wed May 29 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Film: Matilda the Musical	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Thurs May 30 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 12pm	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury VH
Thurs May 30 <sup>th</sup> 7.20pm-9.20pm	Royal Ballet: Message in a Bottle	SpArC Theatre BC

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