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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers

Operation Christmas Child

Organised by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, sending about 1.2 million shoeboxes around the world. Fifty-one boxes from people in Clunton, Clunbury (including the school), Bedstone and Clungunford were filled with toys, hats, scarves, craft items and sweets and will be going to the Ukraine again this year. The project has been running locally for about 5 years and thanks are due to Pat Harding for co-ordinating it.



Successful Coffee Morning at Clunbury Under-5s

Many thanks to all who made our Coffee Morning on November 9 such a success. A good crowd from Clunbury and the surrounding area enjoyed coffee and cakes, and bought cards and handmade jewellery - and there was still space for the little ones to play with Playgroup toys! We raised £152 for Playgroup funds. Special thanks to supporters from the village - it was good to have a chance to get to know each other better.

Amaryllis Bell

Fireworks Night Goes with a Bang

The bonfire night held at Kempton was, once again, very successful, with a huge crowd attending.

The ladies were kept very busy serving hot dogs, apple pie and drinks. Apologies to the few who were disappointed, when the kitchen ran out of hot dogs.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way and those who supported us. The money raised will help greatly towards maintenance of the hall. Hope to see you all next year.

Richard Bright

Curry and Quiz a Fishy Business!

Eighty two people in sixteen teams enjoyed the recent Curry and Quiz Night in Clunbury Village Hall. Only three points separated the first three teams but the winners were Fishy Business, a team comprising the Leviser family and friends, which just goes to show that eating fish really must make you brainy. The only round in which they struggled was one devoted to questions about The Archers, still it gave the rest of us a chance to narrow the gap!

The Clunbury School Mums once again served up excellent curries and the event raised about £500 in aid of the School.

Next issue February 2011. Please send contributions by January 15.

Clunbury School Corner

November has been a very busy and exciting month at Clunbury School.

We came back from our half term holiday ready for anything.

On 3 November we celebrated the Hindu Festival of Diwali. We had a great afternoon making Diva lamps listening to Indian music and tasting Indian food.

On Friday 5th we came to school dressed in our pyjamas. You may wonder why. Well it was because we were going to take part in a Bog Eyed Jog, along with some of our parents. A Bog Eyed Jog is a sponsored jog around the playground. After our tiring jog we had a breakfast of sausages in a roll provided for us by The Friends of Clunbury School. We are hoping to raise lots of money for our school fund.

You'll never guess who came to visit us at school on Monday. Queen Victoria played by Sylvia Strange visited Class 2 and 3 bringing with her, her lady in waiting Lady Sarah.

We are studying the Victorian Age as part of our theme work and we were able to find out many interesting facts about this time.

We even dressed up as Victorian children and role-played being in a Victorian school. And let's just say we were all glad that we don't live in the Victorian Age.



Key Stage 1 also had a talk about Florence Nightingale in the afternoon. They found lots of facts about her life and how she changed nursing. We all had a great day.

Friday 19 November is Children in Need Day and we are supporting this by holding non-uniform and crazy hat day. We will pay £1 to Children in Need to come to school dressed like this. Our parents are going to hold a cake sale in the Nursery in the afternoon the proceeds of this will also go to Children in Need. We will let you know next month how much money we raise.

Reporters: *Georgina Morris Class 3,
Sarah Thomas Class 3, Tengri Genc Class 1*

Home from Hospital Service

Have you been, or are you, receiving hospital treatment, either as an in-patient or attending outpatient's department? If so, and you are over the age of 60, you are eligible for the free Home from Hospital Service offered by Age Concern Shropshire, which provides support for a few hours a week, for a period of up to 6 weeks. The Service co-ordinators, Jean Baker and Jackie Willetts, are eager to ensure that all are aware of this, and also to offer the opportunity to volunteers to be part of the team delivering support for this service. For more information contact Age Concern Shropshire Telford and Wrekin, Stone House, Corve St., Ludlow, phone 01584 878046.

Clun Valley Good Neighbours

Remember, Clun Valley Good Neighbours Scheme is also here to help if you need a prescription collecting, need to get to an appointment or just need company. Whatever your need, contact us on 640016, Monday to Friday, 9am – 2pm. We are always here to listen and to help

Locals In Clun Show

Several residents of Clunbury parish made major contributions to the recent "Mirth and Melody" evenings staged by Clun Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS).

The overall production was directed by Barbara Vesty, and the one act comedy, a spoof of Pygmalion (with audience participation), was written and directed by David Oakley. Both live in Clunbury parish, as do a number of other members of the cast, choir and backroom support. The cabaret show was very well received and it raised £350 for the nominated charity, Cancer Research UK, in memory of Joyce Williams and Jean Muir.

CADS next meeting will be a Murder Mystery Evening combined with their annual Christmas "bring and share" supper, on Thursday December 9 at Hazelhurst, Clun. Non members with an interest in Am-Dram are always welcome at CADS monthly meetings, but on this occasion prior booking is essential. Details are available from Sue Blackman on 640336.

Jim Tipton

Bookworms

The Green Room at Lydbury North Village Hall was packed to capacity with an audience keen to hear more from local author Veronica Thackeray. She spoke of coming to live in this area and being inspired to follow the route of Arthur Bradley in his book 'In the March and Borderland of Wales', to see how much (or little) the landscape had changed in 100 years. This resulted in the publication of her first book 'Tales from the Welsh March'.

Forthcoming Bookworms Speakers

December 8 David and Janet Preshous, well known local historians.
January 12 Paul Woods, on Malcolm Saville's Lone Pine books. Booking essential. Phone 680302.

Please Help Barn Owls

Do you have an isolated farm building or large isolated tree or pole, more than 400m from the nearest woodland, with 4 hectares (10 acres) of permanent rough grassland nearby, several inches tall to provide cover for voles and other prey? If so, special Barn Owl nest boxes can be provided free to farmers and landowners in the Kemp Valley area, and elsewhere in the Shropshire Hills AONB.



If you see a Barn Owl we'd like to know. For further information, or to report a Barn Owl sighting please contact Vince Downs 660369, Kemp Valley Wildlife Group.

Clunton Scrumpers

**Quiz and Supper
with an Apple Theme
Clunton Village Hall
Saturday January 29 7.30pm
Tickets £6.50**

**Phone Anne Shepherdson
660309**

An Audience with..... Ron Wellings



“Oooh, if I lived here, I’d be spending my time watching what the farmers were doing,” said Ron Wellings as he settled himself in our conservatory and looked across to the patchwork of fields on Clunton Hill. “I used to work up in those fields once and I always made sure I stopped in a place with a good view to eat my lunch!”

I first met Ron when we were recording gravestone inscriptions and I recalled him saying then that he’d spent his life moving around the hill.

Born in Broome, the family then moved to Brampton Bridge and later to Clungunford. “We were a family of eight and we didn’t have much, but we made life interesting. There was a big group of us boys and we loved football though none of the families could afford a proper ball. But everyone kept a pig in their garden and when the butcher came to kill the pig, he’d save us the bladder and we’d blow it up and tie the top and use that as a ball! You’d be surprised how long it lasted! Then we’d have to wait till the next pig was killed.”

During the severe winter of 1947, Ron recalled collecting water from a frozen River Clun and that they could sledge from field to field as the snow came to the height of the hedges.

“We must have been tough, you know,” Ron reflected. “We were still in short trousers and didn’t have any warm coats. There were no clothes like the kiddies have today. The frost never went off the windows and you were pretty quick getting into bed and throwing the bedclothes over you. You didn’t sleep with your head out!”

The Church has always played an important part in Ron’s life; indeed, his grandfather was a lay preacher at Aston-on-Clun and as a lad, Ron would attend Sunday school in Twitchen and then go down to the service in the chapel in Aston. “But I didn’t mind because we were given a lift in Don Davies’ car and that was a real treat. Cars were a rarity, there were only two in our village.”

Ron married his childhood sweetheart, Glen, in 1961 and they came to live in Clunbury by 1968 or 69 when the new council houses were built. “We considered ourselves very fortunate as it was impossible to find any houses to rent then.”

Nearly 40 years on, Ron has thoroughly enjoyed his time here, doing a variety of jobs such as farm work, driving lorries and gardening and has many stories of the great characters of the village.

One such person was a big, jovial man named Albert Lane who lived in Dutch Cottage. “It had a tin roof in those days. I used to deliver his newspaper and the first room you walked in was piled high to the ceiling with thousands of newspapers! There was just a little narrow walkway through them so you could get to the kitchen!”

I asked Ron of his recollections of Christmas as a lad and he replied, “We never had much - we made our own decorations. You were lucky to have an orange and a sugar mouse in your stocking! We certainly didn’t have a tree but one year, I cut the top off a holly bush that had nice berries on it and stuck it in a bit of log! We had one of our own geese for dinner and it wasn’t until I’d left

school and was working and had a bit of money in my pocket, that I bought a turkey for my mother. It cost £5 and I got such a telling off for spending that sort of money! That was the first time we'd ever tasted turkey."

What was the biggest change he'd seen in his time, I asked him. "The pace of life. Everyone's in a hurry now."

It was a great pleasure listening to you, Ron, and it's a shame I can't include more of your wonderful stories - you should write a book!

Lin Brown

"Buy Local" Help for Businesses

Jodie Griffith, from the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, will be offering opportunities for people involved in



local businesses to meet and take part in training sessions in the New Year. The first event, 'Meet the Producer', is free and will take place on January 26, at Wistanstow Village Hall, 11am-2pm. Two workshop training sessions will be held on February 1 and 8, at 1-3.30pm, followed by a meeting about 'Using, developing and marketing local produce' on February 15 at 10.30am-3pm, all at the Craven Arms Community Centre.

For more details contact Jodie Griffith. on 674090 or email Jodie.Griffith@shropshire.gov.uk or go to www.shropshirehills-buylocal.co.uk

Last Posting Dates for Christmas

As recommended by the Royal Mail.

UK 1st class 21 Dec., 2nd class 18 Dec., parcels 15 Dec.

Airmail USA, Canada and Eastern Europe 10 Dec., Western Europe 13th Dec., elsewhere 6th Dec.



Digital TV Switchover Dates



The Wrekin transmitter and the relays at Ciun and Bucknell switch to digital in two stages. The dates you need to remember are:

6 April 2011 - BBC Two will go to digital and some new digital channels become available. This means that:

- ◆ If you haven't switched, you'll lose BBC Two
- ◆ If you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you'll need to re-tune your equipment

20 April 2011 - All the remaining analogue channels will switch to digital and the remaining digital channels will become available. This means that:

- ◆ If you haven't switched to digital, you will lose your TV service
- ◆ If you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you'll need to re-tune your equipment again.

Between the two switchover dates you may need to switch between analogue and digital in order to receive all channels. For more information go to www.digitaluk.co.uk or phone the helpline on 08456 50 50 50.

Parish Council Meeting Notes

Kempton Village Hall 25 November.
Eight Parish Councillors, Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin and five members of the public (is this a record?) were present. Apologies were received from John Croxton (Vice Chairman) and Karl Bailey.

Bridleway at Ashbeds: A report had been received from Lucy McFarlane of Shropshire Council following the recent site meeting. The instatement of a definitive bridleway past Ashbeds seems to be a possibility if the cost of the formal procedures is not prohibitive. The report is to be passed to John Croxton and Les Thomas (McCartneys) for comment.

Parish Plan: Fiona Hoskins, Chairman of the now dissolved Parish Plan Steering Group was present. She asked the Parish Council for an update on progress on the Plan's agreed short term actions for which they were responsible. They reported that some short term actions had been completed, however, others required further action and some were problematic. Fiona will prepare a report on progress so far and this will be published in a future edition of The Parish Post.

Finance: The Clerk then reported that the Council held three accounts totalling in excess of £10,000. Councillor Hoskins asked what if any restrictions existed on how monies from the various accounts could be spent. No clear answer was forthcoming and this issue is to be pursued at a future meeting. Harry Collins (Chairman) reported that some of the funds had come from rent for land on Black Hill that the Council held on behalf of the Parish.

Speed limits: Shropshire Council has agreed, subject to budgetary constraints, to provide additional signage in Twitchen as a survey had revealed (what we all knew) that the new 30mph limit was not being observed. A survey in Clunbury

had indicated that there was not a speeding problem however the findings were not accepted and Shropshire Council has been asked to repeat the survey at different positions along the roads.

Tree Warden: Lizzie Potter, our new Tree Warden, was present and reported that Shropshire Council are running a Community Tree Scheme and that anyone interested in receiving free saplings should contact her on 660418. Posters about the Scheme have been put up around the Parish.

Schools Reorganisation: Nigel Hartin reported that Shropshire Council was moving rapidly on this and that decisions should be known by the next Parish Council meeting. He anticipated that some forms of federation or amalgamation were more likely than closures.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 20 January at 8.00pm in Clunton Village Hall

David Hill

Clungunford Christmas Market

Saturday 4 December

St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford 2-5pm



Come and join in the fun
Gifts, Toy Store, Crafts, Unwanted
Treasures, Store Cupboard, Draw, Mulled
Wine, Refreshments
All proceeds to St Cuthbert's Church

Local Events Diary for December 2010

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed 1st	9.20am	Mobile Library 9.20 to 9.50am at Clunton 10.00 to 10.45am at Clunbury	Crown Inn, Clunton The bridge, Clunbury
Wed 1st	10.30am - 12.00noon	Clunton coffee morning - Christmas theme bring & buy, raffle etc. for Church funds	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 1st	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 1st	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - The Last Station	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 2nd	8.00pm	Belshazzar's Feast Christmas Tour	Edgton Village Hall
Fri 3rd	7.00pm	Murder Mystery Party - "The Night Before Christmas"	Booking essential Phone 660578
Fri 3rd	9.00pm	Live music - Electric Blues Reaction	White Horse, Clun
Sat 4th	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Clunjunford Christmas Market	St Cuthbert's Church, Clunjunford
Sun 5th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 6th	12.15pm	Mobile Library 12.15pm to 12.25pm	Obley
Tue 7th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Lovely Bones	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 8th	7.30 pm	Bookworms - The Gale of Life & Bishop's Castle Well ~ Remembered, a presentation by David & Janet Preshous. Booking essential.	Lydbury North Village Hall Phone 680302
Fri 10th	8.00pm	Flicks - From Time to Time	Clunjunford Parish Hall
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Flicks - I Love You Phillip Morris	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sat 11th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Calling	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 12th	11.00am	Mattins	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 12th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 13th	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Mon 13th	7.30pm	SWSHAS – Maurice Young – Trinity Hospital	College Hall, Bishops Castle
Wed 15th	9.20am	Mobile Library 9.20 to 9.50am at Clunton 10.00 to 10.45am at Clunbury	Crown Inn, Clunton The bridge, Clunbury
Wed 15th	evening	Folk Down the Track - Loxley	Sitwell Arms, Bucknell
Wed 15th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Bicycle Thieves	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 16th	7.00pm	Clunbury Carol Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thur 16th	7.00pm	Murder Mystery Party - "The Night Before Christmas" - booking essential phone 660578	Old Wheelwrights, Little Brampton
Fri 17th	7.00pm	Clunton Carol Service	St Mary's, Clunton
Fri 17th	7.30pm	Flicks - Sherlock Holmes	Bedstone & Hopton castle Village Hall
Fri 17th	9.00pm	Live music - Slowburner	White Horse, Clun
Sun 19th	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 19th	8.00pm	John Kirkpatrick's Christmas Show	Lydbury North Village Hall
Mon 20th	TBC	Corndon Singers Charity Christmas Concert	Edgton Village Hall
Fri 24th	6.00pm	Candlelit carols round the crib	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sat 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Fri 31st	9.00pm	Live music - TBC	White Horse, Clun

For more details of local events go to the on-line Events Diary on our web site theparishpost.org

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Sun 2nd	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 5th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Only When I Dance	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Sun 9th	11.00am	Mattins	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 9th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 10th	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 12th	7.30pm	Bookworms - Paul Woods on Malcolm Saville's Lone Pine books. Booking essential	Lydbury North Village Hall phone 680302
Wed 12th	7.30pm	SWSHAS – Gavin Watson - Pevsner	SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Fri 14th	9.00pm	Live music - TBC	White Horse, Clun
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Flicks - An Education	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sun 16th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 16th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Shropshire Wildlife Trust - The Return of the Red Kite	Hightown Community Rooms, Clun
Wed 19th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - The White Ribbon	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 19th	9.15pm	Live Folk Music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 20th	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council Meeting (open to public)	Clunton Village Hall
Thur 20th	evening	Folk Down the Track - Knighton Folk	Knighton Hotel, Knighton
Sat 22nd	6.30pm	Flicks - Oliver!	Clun Mem. Hall
Sun 23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 26th	11.00am - 2.00pm	Discover Local 'Meet the Producer' event phone Jodie Griffith on 674090	Wistanstow Village Hall
Wed 26th	8.30pm	Live Folk Music	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 27th	9.00pm	Live Folk Music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 28th	9.00pm	Live music - TBC	White Horse, Clun
Sat 29th	7.30pm	Clunton Scrumper's Quiz & Supper with an apple theme	Clunton Village Hall phone Anne on 660309
Sat 29th	7.30pm	Flicks - Made in Dagenham	Aston on Clun Village Hall

Regular Walks

Day	Start time	Group	Location
Every Wednesday	9.30am	Clunbury Walking Group	Crown Inn car park
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Ramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall car park
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Peramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall car park
1st and 3rd Wednesdays in month	10.00am	Clun Amblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall car park

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