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Kemp Valley Wildlife Group Launch

21 March at 7.30pm in Lydbury North Village Hall

Are you interested in finding out about local wildlife and helping to preserve it?

The Kemp Valley Wildlife Group aims to continue survey and study projects



on wildlife in our area. We have already had some success with Lapwing and have ongoing projects with Barn Owl and Dippers. With your help, we can find out more. No expertise required.



Come for a cuppa and a chat on 21 March and share your interest with us.

For details: Vince Downs 660369

See back page for owl games

Royal Wedding Plans

We are hoping to organise a community event to celebrate the Royal Wedding on April 29th.

If anyone would like to join us in this venture, or make some suggestions, please give one of us a call: Yvonne Williams 01547 530319 or Alex Chamberlain 01588 660145.

Alex and Yvonne

Clun Valley Prostate Cancer Support Group

Have you, or anyone you know, been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer?

If so, would you, or they, be interested in joining a mutually supporting group.

Come and share your experiences with those in similar circumstances.

If interested, please contact either

Malcolm Smith: 01588 660523

Rod Casey: 01588 660285

Dougie Middleton: 01588 640482

giving your contact details with a view to an inaugural meeting in March.



Arbor Day



Aston on Clun

Sunday 29 May 2011

Starts 1.15 with Morris Dancing under the Tree

Children's Wedding Pageant celebrating 1786 Wedding

Circus Workshop and Refreshments on Village Green

Entrance Free

Everyone Welcome

All offers of help gratefully received

Contact rosiedevans@aol.com

Please send your contributions by the 15th of each month



Clunbury Bellringers ~ an Audience with Barbara Freeman



A wet and overcast morning was cheered by chatting to Barbara Freeman (née Williams) over tea and muffins, at the lovely Upper House in Clunbury.

Barbara, a long-standing resident of Clunbury since her parents moved here in 1956, was keen to make the subject of her interview, bell-ringing - something very dear to her heart.

"Growing up in the village, there wasn't a great deal to do and most of it centred around the church. By the time I was 8 or 9, I was singing in the choir. Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas were the three big events of the year. Farmers used to fill the church at Harvest Festival - the singing was fantastic! I was so exhilarated by it. There were some wonderful singers, like Dorothy Philips, Mrs Seabury and Avril and Rosemary Lane who sometimes sang solos. We had special anthems for Easter and Harvest Festival and sang carols at Christmas, instructed by Mr Harry Meredith.

Barbara laughs as she suddenly remembers something: "I loved the singing but I was pretty miffed when Stuart Seabury let the cat out of the bag one day and admitted the boys got a shilling for singing! It was more difficult to get boys to sing so they had to bribe them!"

So how did the bell-ringing come about, I asked.

"Well, it was really an offshoot of the choir and we were so lucky to have Mr Albert Lane and Mr Meredith and also the Rev. Royds to instruct us. We would practise on a Monday night - it was the only entertainment we had and we were lucky to have it. It was a sort of youth club for the local youngsters - the highlight of our week. A chance to have some fun, learn a new skill and chat with the boys!" she says with a twinkle.

"Once we'd learnt to master the bell, we learnt different call changes, bell-ringing methods and tunes; for example, Queens, Titums and Whittington. Because of Mr Lane's efforts, we were good enough to ring at weddings; such a thrill to be part of the ceremony!"

Barbara tells me I shouldn't write the next story but when I've heard it, I persuade her it isn't really too shocking! "When I was about 14, I went to ring at a wedding in Wistanstow. As it was mainly men ringers, they left a crate of beer for them as a thank you. Well! I had my first taste of brown ale! And I've never looked back!"

I asked her what was her most memorable bell-ringing experience (apart from the beer episode!)

"The highlight of the year was to ring on New Year's Eve. We used to go down to Rev. Royds' drawing room where he had a piano - we'd have squash and sing carols. The men all enjoyed a good drink and scaling the vertical ladder to the ringing chamber was a challenge, especially for the vicar! Let's just say, he was very tall and very broad and we often wondered if he'd make it up the ladder, let alone down again!

"Leading up to midnight, we'd ring very slowly - putting big spaces between the bells. Then, the clock would indicate it was midnight and we'd ring fast and furiously, non-stop, for 10 or 15 minutes. It was such an adrenaline kick!

"My biggest ambition is to teach my children, and any other local children, to ring, and then perhaps we'd be able to revive the New Year's Eve ringing."

And before those people living near the church start panicking, Barbara says the bells can be muffled when you're teaching so they don't clang too much!

"Now they've been re-hung, the bells are so much lighter and smoother to ring. And the beauty of ringing is you can ring anywhere and you will be welcomed everywhere. It's such a strong tradition and there's been a good revival locally."

Barbara wishes her childhood memories weren't just snippets; when you meet someone who also rang, the memories come flooding back, she said.

A big thank you, Barbara, for giving up your time, especially with poorly children at home, and I loved seeing all the old photos you'd unearthed.

Lin Brown



Clunbury bellringers c. 1965

Seated front row left to right:

Stephen Lane, Mr Albert Lane, David Perkins

Middle row:

John Richards, Sarah Williams, Susan Lane, Jane Williams, John Croxton

Standing at back:

Caroline Lloyd, Barbara Williams

If you'd be willing to talk to me to reminisce about your life, work or on any subject, then please give me a ring.

Nothing published without your approval. Lin Brown 660578

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Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale!!

Clunton Village Hall
Saturday 9th April 2011
11am to 2pm

Book stall



Bric-a-brac



Toy stall



Plant stall



Cake stall



Entry fee £1 including a cup of coffee

SW Shropshire Gardening Club

At the January meeting of the Club the speaker Brian Goodwin, gave a fascinating talk, reminding us that summer is on the way and the Shrewsbury Flower Show will be taking place in August as it has done since 1875, with the exception of the war years. The Flower Show was preceded by the Gooseberry Fair which started in 1815 but which fell from grace because of its reputation for being a drunken affair!

The Shrewsbury Flower Show is now organised by a committee of 40, working with 2 full time employees. It has always had an excellent reputation for the high standard of its amateur and commercial exhibits of flowers and vegetables but these days finds it necessary to provide celebrity attractions and various commercial stands to encourage a new audience.

The Flower Show has a major impact on the Shropshire tourist industry and supports many good causes such as the Hospice and a respite home for servicemen. It also provides a bursary for a horticultural student at Wisley and Pershore.

The Gardening Club is arranging a coach outing to the show on August 12th. If anyone is interested please contact Pauline Edie 01588 660120.

Scrumptious Supper at Scrumpers' Quiz Night

Clunton Village Hall was packed on Saturday 29 January for an 'apple themed' quiz and supper. Nine teams battled it out to a thrilling climax in which Suzuki, from The Cwm, were the winners and, in a tie-break, Parish Post Plus beat Kempton Plus for second place. All enjoyed an excellent three course supper of soup (some with apple!), bread and cheese (with apple chutneys!) and pudding (including apple crumble!). A profit of over £200 will be divided between Clunton Scrumpers and the charities Hope House and the Hospice. Thanks to all who made it a great evening.



Next event for your diary June 25: Crack Open the Cider Barrel in Harry's Yard, more details later.

Clunbury School Summer Fete – Advance Notice

We are planning a Summer Fete for 18 June at school. Any one who is interested in running a stall or who has any contacts with people who may be interested in running something please contact the school. We want to open it up as much as we can to the community as well as the school.

Pat Greenaway, Acting Head

ADVANCE NOTICE!

For all 5 – 14 years
Date for the diary or calendar
This year's

HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 8 to Friday 12 of August

(This is the week after Burwarton Show)

Every afternoon at St. Cuthbert's,
Clungunford

Theme: "Cuthbert's on the Move"

(where and how to travel)

If you have not been involved before
and would like to offer help,
or have any queries, please contact
Sandra Schofield 01588 660158

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Next year (2012) there will be an extended bank holiday over the weekend of June 2nd-5th, to mark the DIAMOND JUBILEE. Various events will be held at both national and county level and we are being encouraged, through the Parish Council, to run our own local events, with a particular focus on "youth".

It may seem early to start planning for June 2012, but now is the time to start discussing ideas with neighbours or village hall committees to get things moving. If you have any ideas which would benefit from being on a wider stage, then let one of your local Councillors know.

Please also remember that you can always use the Parish Post to seek support for your ideas.

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**Events Diary for March / early April 2011-
go to theparishpost.org for more details**

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tue 1st	7.30pm	Flicks - Sex & Drugs & Rock and Roll	Lydbury North VH
Wed 2nd	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI - Medieval Headgear	Methodist Hall, CA
Wed 2nd	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - The Long Goodbye	Three Tuns, BC
Sat 5th	7.30pm	Flicks - Tamara Drewe	Memorial Hall, Clun
Sun 6th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 9th	9.20-9.50am	Mobile Library	Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 9th	10.00- 10.45am	Mobile Library	The Bridge, Clunbury
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday –Holy Communion (with ashes)	Bedstone
Wed 9th	7.30pm	Bookworms - Paul Woods on Malcolm Saville's Lone Pine books. Booking essential	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 11th	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Historical & Archaeological Society - talk on Parole Towns	SpArC, Bishops Castle
Fri 11th	9.00pm	Live music - Fight the Bear	White Horse, Clun
Sat 12th	7.15pm	An Evening with Mervyn Stutter	Chapel Lawn VH
Sat 12th	8.00pm	Clunbury Under 5s Goods & Promise Auction	Crown Inn, Clunton
Sun 13th	11.00am	Matins	Clunbury
Sun 13th	6.30pm	Evensong	Clunton
Mon 14th	12.15pm	Mobile Library 12.15pm to 12.25pm	Obley
Mon 14th	7.00pm-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, A o C
Tue 15th	7.30pm	Bedstone WI meeting -Anne Cummings, Graphology	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 16th	7.00pm	Clunton Church Annual General Meeting	Clunton Church
Wed 16th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Séraphine	Three Tuns, BC
Wed 16th	9.15pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Fri 18th	2.00pm	Flicks - Brassed Off	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 19th		Ludlow Choral Society Annual Workshop	Ludlow School
Sat 19th	5.00pm	Pickled Image - Wolf Tales - family show	Memorial Hall, Clun
Sat 19th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Disappearance of Alice Creed	A o C Village Hall
Sun 20th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sun 20th	6.30pm	Evensong	Clunbury
Mon 21st	7.30pm	Community Wildlife Group Launch	Lydbury North VH
Wed 23rd	9.20-9.50am	Mobile Library	Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 23rd	10.00-10.45am	Mobile Library	The bridge, Clunbury
Wed 23rd	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Gardening Club - talk - Summer Garden Delights	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 24th	9.00pm	Live folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 25th	9.00pm	Live music - Bluestack	White Horse, Clun
Sun 27th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Wed 30th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Tricks	Three Tuns, BC
Thur 31st	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting - open to the public	Clunbury Village Hall

April			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Apr 3rd	11.00am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	Clungunford
Apr 3rd	6.30pm	Evensong	Clunbury
Regular Walks			
Day	Start time	Group	Location
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Ramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Peramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP
1st and 3rd Wednesdays in month	10.00am	Clun Amblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP

Abbreviations and acronyms used: AoC - Aston on Clun, BC - Bishop's Castle, CA - Craven Arms, CP – car park, VH - Village Hall.

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Get Geared up for a Mothering Sunday Treat (3 April) Make your own Barn Owl pellet truffles

Ingredients

250ml double cream
325g best quality chocolate chopped into even sized chunks
1/2 packet of finely crushed digestive biscuits
Cocoa powder, sifted
Dessicated coconut for covering



Method

1. In a heavy-based saucepan bring the cream up to simmering point.
2. Cut the chocolate into evenly sized chunks and place into a glass mixing bowl
3. Pour the simmered cream onto the chocolate and mix well until smooth and glossy.
4. Finely crush the digestive biscuits (wrap the biscuits in cling film and crush to fine crumbs with a rolling pin). Add the crushed biscuits to the chocolate mixture as required until mixture holds together.
4. Place in a cool place to cool and firm-up.
5. Once cooled, take teaspoons of the truffle mixture, roll into balls and dust with the ground cocoa powder and coconut.
6. Place aside to set.

Eat and enjoy

Owl Facts: Test Your Barn Owl IQ!

How much do you know about Barn Owls?

Test your knowledge of Barn Owl Facts.

Do you think that the statements below are:

True or False?

Pick a True or False Answer

1. Owl Sounds: Barn Owls say: "Twit twoo"
True or False?
2. What do Owls eat? Barn Owls eat mainly voles, mice and shrews. *True or False?*
3. Owl Eyes: Barn Owls cannot hunt in total darkness? *True or False?*
4. Baby Owls: If you find a baby Barn Owl that has fallen from its nest, you should put it back. *True or False?*
5. Helping Owls: Everyone can do something to help Barn Owls to survive and thrive in the wild. *True or False?*

Bring your answers (and truffles) to the Kemp Valley Wildlife Group Launch



"What do you call an owl with a low voice?"

"A growl!"

www.barnowltrust.org.uk