



for Beambridge Clunbury Clunton Coston Cwm Kempton Little Brampton Obley Purslow The Llan & Twitchen

New Parish Path Wardens

Angela & Steve Reynolds from Clunton have recently taken over as Path Wardens for our Parish. They've been settled in the Clun Valley almost two years now, having moved from the other side of the county in order to indulge their passions of gardening and walking. Steve is well known as a plant problem "guru" and also leads walks for the Ramblers Association. They've met quite a few residents at social events and look forward to contributing fully to life in the Parish.

As Path Wardens they'll be providing a vital link between the community and Shropshire Council's Countryside Access Team. Acting as eyes and ears in the Parish they will be inspecting the rights of way, reporting back on problems encountered and conducting minor clearance works around gates and stiles, together with way marking.

If you have any issues with our network of footpaths, obstructions, etc they can be contacted on 660618.

Last Posting Dates for Christmas

As recommended by the Royal Mail

UK

1st class: 20 Dec

2nd class: 18 Dec

Air Mail

USA, Canada &

Eastern Europe: 10 Dec

Western Europe: 12 Dec

Elsewhere: 5/7 Dec



Craft Stalls at Clunbury Café

Thursday 6 December

10am – 12noon

Ideal gifts or treat yourself!

Christmas wreaths and decorations

Cards, gift soaps, handmade jewellery, notebooks,

artificial flower arrangements

Plus Christmas Tree Lights

Switch-On!!

Please note: from January, the Café will be open between 10 & 11.30am

Happy
Christmas
to all

Operation Christmas Child



Many thanks to everyone who filled a shoebox with gifts. There have been some lovely boxes this year and I am grateful to all who took part in this worthwhile event. I currently have 36 boxes to send.

Pat Harding

Christmas Coffee Morning

Crown Inn, Clunton

Wednesday 5 December

from 10.30am

Entrance £1

to include coffee and biscuits

Bring and Buy, Christmas goods,

cakes, plants and a raffle

In aid of St Mary's Church

Please come and support

Remembrance Day 2012

Remembrance Day was very special and memorable for all those who were there, as it was Colonel Savill's twenty-fifth consecutive leading of our Clunbury service and he intends it to be his last. In his address Raymond reflected how this service has developed and grown during those twenty-five years and how it has evolved in tone since he first became actively involved after WWII. In the immediate post war days of continuing privations and with the pain of bereavement still raw, the mood was of revenge and retribution where few could find a positive thought about anything German, but today's services have a strong emphasis on reconciliation and peace. Back in 1988, Raymond inherited a 1946 standard service, and felt that much in it was no longer appropriate. So he gradually amended it until he arrived at what we have today, with its sharper focus on the ongoing development of peaceful relations with the world whilst still remembering those prepared to make the sacrifice to ensure that this would ultimately be so, which has paid dividends over the last sixty-five years in Western Europe. He also highlighted the continuing work of the Legion in caring for those who have been injured in conflict and for the widows and children of those lost. The service was well attended and we were pleased to have some uniformed members present to add that special touch to the service, some of whom assisted in the intercessions for peace.

Later the ceremony at the monument took place in time honoured fashion, this year led by Revd. Paul Wignall. This ceremony has become so well attended that the police were there to control the traffic whilst the Two Minutes Silence was observed on a still, beautifully crisp day with autumn's habitual chill in the air and the trees in their close of year finery. The children present reminded us that remembering the past is all about building



for their future. As I watched them play on the Hundred House lawn I was moved to give thanks for those who had ensured that they could still play happily and safely.

In closing, I would like to thank Raymond for his sterling commitment to this event over all those years, whilst also noting his contribution to leading Mattins over many years. Although he no longer does this on a regular basis, he led one on 14 October which was also a noteworthy occasion. I would like to echo Nick Matveieff's words to Raymond at the end of the service, thanking him for the excellent addresses he has given, not least of which the one on that occasion which examined the sin of pride of position and drew the point that Jesus' teachings are just as relevant and necessary today. Also, many thanks are due to all those who made these services possible.

Tim Record

Clunbury Village Hall Events

Saturday 29 December

Turkey finished?
Family gone home?



Banish the post -
Christmas blues
and join us for a
Supper and Social
Evening



starting at 5pm

Bring savouries to share and we'll provide
pudding

Tea, coffee and soft drinks available
bring your own wine etc

Tickets £1 - please book in advance with
Eirls 660625 or Sue 660355

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Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 8 January 7.30pm
Everybody welcome

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Soup and Pudding Lunch

Thursday 24 January 12.30-2pm £2.50

Scandinavian birds make a showing

October and November has seen the arrival in force of Fieldfares and Redwings, thrushes from Scandinavia that are winter visitors to Britain and Ireland. You may have heard the Fieldfares flying overhead in loose flocks, 'chacking' to each other as they go, seeking out the best hawthorn bushes on which to feed. A little bigger than a Blackbird, they are handsome birds, with red-brown and grey plumage. Redwings are the size of Song Thrushes and similar in plumage but for a white stripe above the eye and a rusty-red patch on the underwing which extends onto the flank. Less vocal, their thin drawn-out 'seeep' calls can nevertheless be heard, even at night, as they move through the country.

In late October and early November there were sightings of single Bramblings at two bird tables in Kempton and more recently I have seen single birds at three locations near Obley, so this may turn out to be a good year for sightings of this other winter visitor from Scandinavia. In shape and size they strongly resemble Chaffinches but their beautiful tortoiseshell colours and prominent white rump are good distinguishing features.

And have you seen a Waxwing? Another visitor from northern Europe, this is a truly exotic looking bird with a prominent crest, reddish-buff colouring, black bib and a tail and wing edges that look as if they had been dipped in yellow sealing wax, with some red wax involved too – a real stunner. Several were spotted in Kempton on 25 November, so keep a good look out for them feeding on berry bushes and late-hanging apples in your gardens. Birds have been reported from Shrewsbury, Clun, Bishop's Castle and Ludlow, so it looks as though we are in for a 'Waxwing year'.

Tom Wall



Brambling at Kempton

Photo: Lynn Grainger

Fairtrade Clun Valley

Twenty people met on 15 November to hear about Fairtrade and local initiatives to apply for Fairtrade status for the Clun Valley. Ruth and John Anderson described Fairtrade in action in Ethiopia and their work in Bradford to establish Fairtrade certification there. Michael Whithouse explained the work of Land, Life and Livelihoods in the Upper Clun Valley, helping to make the links with local sourcing of food and sustainability. Helen Davies reported on the fantastic initiatives of the Green Dragons Committee at Clun School in gaining first an Eco award and their current application to be a Fairtrade School.

Jenny Barker outlined what needs to be done to promote the Clun Valley application and she reported that support from businesses, cafés and pubs, organisations and public bodies is growing. Supporters need only to pledge to provide 2 or more Fair Trade products. She emphasised the importance of networking in the local communities so that a list of people and services providing and using Fairtrade products can be built up.

Interested in helping, running the Facebook page, finding out or telling us more? Contact Jenny Barker on 640760.

Chrissie Verduyn

Kempton Bonfire

A fine evening, good fireworks, a blazing fire, ample refreshments and a convivial atmosphere were enjoyed by a fair-sized crowd. But attendance was down, which was a disappointment in view of the major and increasing financial outlay and significant community input.

Clunbury 100 Club

November Draw

£20: C Whymark; £15: J & A Cassford
£10: A J Whitehead; £5: G & V Seabury
£3: M Beedles

Clunbury School Corner

We are now into the Christmas term, and already are having a fantastic time. We have now had our bog-eyed jog. Thank you to all the people who came to cheer the children on. Those who took part got rewarded with a yummy hot dog.

On Thursday 25 October, we had a parents evening and both teachers and parents were extremely proud of the children's progress. The parents were told about all of the subjects their children have been studying eg Maths, Literacy, Science etc. Well done everybody!

On the day we broke up, 26 October, we had the 'safer school' assembly. The Clunbury 'safer schools' team were all awarded a certificate for their achievements in helping the school. Miss Cordey also awarded some spelling and homework trophies to Charlotte Hadwen and Hari McDermott.

The new *School Council Committee* are: Y6 Charlotte Hadwen, Y5 Joe Baker, Y4 Jack Tisdale, Y3 James Clement, Y2 Mollie Tisdale, Y1 Shay Baker and YR Charlotte Spencer.

Class 3 have entered a letter writing competition about FOOD! You could write to anybody: your mum, your granny, even an Italian, French or Spanish chef. We are yet to hear the results. We have also entered a poem competition about anything!

We have a new trainee teacher called Mr A Why. He is a fantastic teacher, especially for maths! We hope he is going to be a brilliant teacher one day.

We cannot wait to see what the rest of the term has in store for us!

Clungunford Christmas Market
Saturday 1 December
St Cuthbert's Church
2 - 4.30 pm

Clunbury School's Christmas Farmers' Market

Monday 3 December
3 to 4.30pm

Including stalls with decorations, honey, soap, organic meat, fruit & vegetables, cakes, sweet treats, Air Ambulance merchandise & more



Quiz No Mystery for Villagers

Clunbury Quiz returned with a new quiz master aka David Hill, more Bamber Gascoigne than Jeremy Paxman. He kept the 40 or so contestants guessing through ten gruelling rounds.

Arguably the questions were 'easier' than in previous years, but contestants struggled to name ANY of the 7 West Midlands MEPs or the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner and few had even heard of PSY, the singer, songwriter and rapper from South Korea.

With much laughter and keen rivalry, intelligence finally won out with the *Brampton Gang* carrying off the spoils of a tin of chocolates and the *Clunbury Old Crocks* being presented with the wooden spoon. A generous selection of cheeses, pickles and trimmings were offered in the interval and everyone went home promising to do better next time. Thank you, David, for all your efforts in organising such an enjoyable quiz.

Duncan Brown

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Parish Council Meeting Notes

8 November, 2012 Kempton Village Hall

Present: eight councillors, the Parish

Clerk, three members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. John Croxton, Shropshire Cllr. Nigel Hartin

Bridleway at Ashbeds: Mr Sweetman alluded to the planning inspector's decision ordering Shropshire Council (SC) to add a Public Bridleway from Coppice Lane at Ashbeds to the edge of Purslow Wood, and had been informed that this would take at least a year. It is clear, however, from the appeal decision, that this order will not extend into Purslow Wood from where it abuts Ashbeds, as the public are only allowed to walk but not ride horses or bikes beyond this point. Discussions appear to be taking place between SC and the Forestry Commission to amend the line of the bridleway as shown on the Ordnance Survey map.

Three parishes meet to discuss

SAMDev: Cllr Hill reported that Cllrs. Croxton, Bailey and himself had attended a meeting with councillors from Clungunford and Hopesay parishes and representatives from SC to discuss the SAMDev Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) There is still confusion about whether the Plan applies at parish level or to individual settlements, so it is still not clear where development may be permitted. Clungunford see CIL as a possible method of funding the completion of their Parish Hall. The SC representatives said that Parish Councils would have more control over new development in the future and that CIL money could be used to leverage funding for affordable housing. The meeting went some way to help clarify matters. It was agreed that another joint meeting would be held to discuss SC's Place Plans for our area.

Himalayan Balsam: Cllr Hill had looked at advice from the Environment Agency, who state that the plant dies back in the autumn, leaving river banks bare of vegetation and therefore liable to erosion. By fencing along the riverbank, livestock will be prevented from worsening this soil erosion into the water.

Clun Valley AED Scheme: Units will be fitted at Clunbury, Kempton and Purslow.

Planning: the agricultural building at Hurst Barn had been granted.

Clunton street lights: there were only 2 respondents to the invitation to comment on the switching off of the street lights at night - 1 for and 1 against. Cllrs were of the opinion that older people felt more secure with the lights on and in the absence of overriding support to turn them off, it was decided to maintain the status quo.

Potholes: Cllr Morgan reported many bad potholes in roads within the parish, and tracks in the woods are becoming impassable with deep ruts due to 4x4s, particularly citing the old Roman Road between the Cwm and Black Hill.

Hedge at Mallow Cottage, Twitchen: Cllr Morgan complimented the owners on work to the hedge abutting the road. Cllr Hill referred to the communication printed in the Parish Post from the owners, who were unhappy at not having been approached personally by members of the PC. Traffic was now speeding through Twitchen and SC had offered no support by way of traffic calming. Cllr Bailey will be speaking to SC and the MP again.

Byway at Bush Farm: There had recently been a Sponsored Ride which had been obstructed by a locked gate. There is a question mark as to whether a public bridleway exists throughout the entire length of the track running from Clunton Coppice to Bush Farm, and it appears the gate was locked to prevent 4x4s damaging the track. Cllrs will investigate the position.

Traffic speeding in Clunton: A letter had been received from a Clunton resident regarding the excessive speed of traffic through the village. Cllrs agreed to inform the police as there had been several complaints.

AOB: A Kempton resident reported there was a lot of mud on a particular road in Kempton, which potentially could block the drains and the Council were asked to refer the matter to the appropriate department at SC.

Next meeting: 17 January, 2013 Clunton Village Hall 8pm.

Lin Brown

Events Diary for December 2012 and January 2013 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details			
Sat 1	2-4.30pm	Clunjunford Christmas Market	St. Cuthbert's Church
Sat 1	7.30pm	Flicks - Mirror Mirror: The Untold Adventures of Snow White	Clun Memorial Hall
Mon 3	3.00pm	Clunbury School Christmas Farmers' Market	Clunbury School
Tue 4	7.30pm	Flicks - The Angel's Share	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 5	from 10.30am	Christmas coffee morning in aid of St Mary's Church. £1.	Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 5	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI Christmas Bring & Share	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Thur 6	10.00am - noon	Clunbury Café with craft stalls and switch on of the tree lights	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 7	7.30pm	Flicks - Salmon Fishing in the Yemen	Bedstone Village Hall
Sat 8	7.30pm	Scary Little Girls - The Mother Mae I Christmas Cabaret!	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 9	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 9	4.00pm	Flicks - On The Black Hill	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sun 9	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 10	7.00-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 11		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 11	2.30pm	Bible Study Group. Phone 660760 or 660302	9 Redwood Dr. Aston on Clun
Tue 11	7.30pm	Bedstone WI Christmas party	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 12	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 12	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Midnight in Paris	Three Tuns, Bishops Castle
Fri 14	7.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Clunton
Fri 14	9.00pm	Live Music: Tommy Allen Band	White Horse, Clun
Sun 16	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 17	6.30pm	Carol Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 19	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 20	10.00am - noon	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 23	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 25	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury with Clunton
Wed 26	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thur 27	8.30pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 28	7.30pm	Flicks - We're No Angels (1955)	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 28	9.00pm	Live Music: Mike Holloways HMV Band	White Horse, Clun
Sat 29	5.00pm start	Supper and Social Evening. £1. To book phone Sue 660355	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 3	10.00-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
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Wed 9	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 9	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Everlasting Moments	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
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Sun 13	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
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Wed 16	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 17	10.00-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 17	7.00pm	National Theatre Live - The Magistrate	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thur 17	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 19	7.30pm	Flicks - The Maggie	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sat 19	7.30pm	Flicks - My Week With Marilyn	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 20	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 20	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 22		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 23	10-11.30am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 23	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Poetry	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 24	12.30-2.00pm	Soup and pudding lunch. £2.50. To book phone Eirlys 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 24	8.30pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Sun 27	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thur 31	10.00-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Regular weekly events			
Mon	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler Group - just turn up (term time only)	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall