



Children from Clunbury, Bucknell and Newcastle schools picking whinberries, 17<sup>th</sup> July

Whinberry Pick-nic, Whinberry Hill, 21<sup>st</sup> July



Bus shelter, 40 years on. Shelter made for young Martin Angell when waiting for the school bus above Stanley Cottage near Bury Ditches. Seen on Parish Walk 10<sup>th</sup> August

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## **Climate and Environment Group Report**

### **Group Meeting**

Please join us at 10.45am in Clunbury Village Hall on Friday 20 September to hear about our various ongoing activities and discuss plans for an event in November. Coffee and biscuits on arrival, meeting starts at 11am. All welcome.

### **Whinberry Hill**

We led a group of 48 children from Clunbury, Bucknell and Newcastle schools on a visit to Whinberry Hill on 17 July. As we walked there along the forestry tracks we compared the bare ground beneath the dense conifers with the fringe of heather and whinberry and with the ribbon of vegetation along the edge of the tracks where Bird's-foot-trefoil and Wild Strawberry flourish. We then went picking Whinberries.

### **Parish Walks**

Saturday 10 August was not ideal weather for our third Parish walk but six of us braved the damp morning and headed out of Clunton, up towards Merry Hill. Thanks must go to the kind soul who had cut back vegetation in the short stretch of wood to the clearing on the summit. From here we took the steep, direct route down to Kempton and joined the Shropshire Way through a newly installed 'kissing gate'. We stopped for coffee under the boughs of an oak tree, giving us some protection from the rain. There was then a gentle climb through the National Trust Walcot Wood. Just before turning left onto the road to Clunton we noticed a child sized shelter tucked behind the hedge which now only protects a letter box. It was then downhill all the way, passing below Dawes Lines through a beautiful flower rich meadow and on to Stepple Farm. At this point the sun finally shone giving a lovely view down the valley. Thank you to all who joined us and I look forward to leading another walk on Saturday 5 October, details to follow.  
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### **A Whinberry Pick-nic**

A good gathering of twenty-four attended our second annual Whinberry Pick-nic on Sunday 21 July on 'Whinberry Hill'. It was a chance to see the area now that the Sitka Spruce around and within the patch have been felled and to gather a few whinberries. The weather was kind and we had an enjoyable and relaxed time on our parish land.

### **Water monitoring**

If you would like to learn more about the river and its current condition do come and observe or participate in our monthly monitoring sessions on behalf of the River Clun Monitoring Group:

**River Kemp at Kempton Ford:** Friday 6 September, 2pm

**River Clun at Clunbury:** Sunday 8 September, 11.30am (meet at footbridge in centre of the village)

**River Clun at Clunton:** Tuesday 10 September, 10.30am at Clunton Bridge

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

# September in the garden

With the children back to school and autumn fast approaching the harvests from the garden are coming in quickly now.

This month we'll be making tomato sauce, pickling cucumbers, freezing chillies and pepper and processing apples and blackberries into pie filling ready for the winter.

While storing the bounty there's also time to sow a few more things to give us winter salads and an early start on next year's harvest.



With the protection of a greenhouse, polytunnel or net you can grow lots throughout winter.

This month we can sow;

- winter lettuce, winter spinach, mustard leaves, claytonia, cornsalad, rocket, chard, mizuna,
  - brassicas such as spring cauliflower, spring cabbage, kale, kohlrabi and broccoli.
- Bi annual flowers such as snap dragons, cornflowers, love in a mist and poppies can be sown too.

Growing over winter poses less issues with many pests such as butterflies and flea beetles. The growth slows in the darker months as the plant becomes dormant and then bursts into life once the light levels return in mid February giving us an early crop.

Gathering supplies for mulching of compost or manure to feed the soil will help it to feed us for another year.

If you'd like to know more about growing your own you can find more information with our grow along community Seedling success UK. We can be found on Instagram @seedlingsuccessuk, YouTube and Facebook.



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# Come to Lunch

**Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 12 noon – 2pm**

**Adult £10 Child £5**

Home cooked buffet lunch, scrumptious puddings, cash bar.

To book tickets call 01547 530282 / 530838

Proceeds to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust  
and Clunbury Church

## GARDENS OPEN 2024

**Purslow Hall, Clunbury SY7 0HJ**

**Sunday 22nd September, 12-5pm**

17<sup>th</sup> century manor house with fine views and extensive grounds.

Including walled garden, herbaceous borders,  
specimen trees, orchard and woodland walk.

Cakes and teas, plants stall.

Partial wheelchair access to main garden features, toilets.

£6 in cash.

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## Clunbury



**July**

Josie Jones	£20
Clementine Morris	£15
Will Matveieff	£10
Mary Price	£5
Anthea Fell	£5

**August**

Eileen Addy	£20
Tim Croxton	£15
Lin Reed	£10
Sally Goodwin	£5
Lynne Thompson	£5

# Church News

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

## September 2024

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 1st	10am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury
Sunday 8th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 22nd	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sunday 29th	10am	Benefice United Holy Communion	Newcastle

## Harvest Festivals

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm at St Mary's Clunton.  
Followed by soup and pudding supper at The Orchard.  
All welcome.

Advance notice : 7<sup>th</sup> October at St Swithin's Clunbury

## New times for visiting services at Aston on Clun Village Hall Car Park

Post Office : Every Monday 2.15pm -2.45pm

Mobile Library : Fortnightly from 20<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm – 3.00pm



# Calendar September 2024

Date	Event	Venue
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> 12 – 2pm	Buffet Lunch	Bedstone VH
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 7.30pm	Film: One Life (12)	Lydbury North VH
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10am - 12	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am - 12	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm	Water Monitoring	Kempton Ford
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 11.30am	Water Monitoring	Clunbury
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am	Water Monitoring	Clunton Bridge
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.15pm	Royal Opera: Marriage of Figaro	Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.15pm	Harvest Festival	St Mary's Clunton
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm	Film: The Great Escaper (12A)	Lydbury North VH
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10am - 12	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am-12	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.45am	Climate Group meeting	Clunbury VH
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 7.30pm	Film: The Fall Guy (12)	Aston on Clun VH
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 12 – 5pm	Open Gardens	Purslow Hall
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.00pm	Film: Wilding (PG)	SpArC Theatre BC
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 7.30pm	Film: Babette's Feast (U)	Lydbury North VH

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