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Calendar - October 2024

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 2 nd Oct 10am- 12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 3 rd Oct 10.30am- 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 16 th Oct 10am-12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 17 th Oct 10.30am -12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 18 th Oct 7.30 pm	Film The Good Liar £5.00	Bedstone Village Hall
Sat 19 th October 10am -1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 23 rd Oct 7.00pm	SWS Garden Club	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 30 th Oct 10am-12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 31 st Oct 10.30am - 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall



Ride and Stride

3 cyclists took part in the annual Ride and Stride: Ian and Kate Davies and Dave Booker.

They visited 17 churches and covered around 48 miles. Well done team.

Sponsorship still open - shared between St Mary's Church and Shropshire Historic Churches.

Please contact :

Pat 01588 660169 if you would like to sponsor our cyclists .

Thank you.



Craft & Collectables Market

Aston on Clun Village
Hall

Saturday 19th October
10am – 1pm

*A variety of antiques, crafts,
seasonal gifts & local food*
Free entry Cafe Parking

For more information call:
Andra 01588 660492

Kempton Harvest Supper

Saturday 12 October
6.30 for 7pm

Draw and Bar
Adults £10
Children 11 and under £5
Tickets from Richard Bright
660250
Tickets must be bought in advance

In aid of Village Hall funds

CLUNTON APPLE JUICING Pasteurising & Juicing



Village Hall Clunton

Saturday 26th October 2024
10am-4pm

Book a Slot

Angie 07721 687748

angiejsalmon12@gmail.com

Home made soup & cakes available

GARDENS AT PURSLOW HALL

Unfortunately the heavens opened on Sunday 22nd September when James and Annabel Morris opened their lovely garden in aid of The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and St Swithin's Church.



Stephen Cornes, their gardener, had the gardens looking splendid with a grand display of chrysanthemums, fabulous borders, a grand kitchen garden and perfect lawns and hedges. Mary Jones organised a delicious tea and many great bakers donated some delicious cakes and we are very grateful for their generosity. We also appreciated many donations of plants for the plant stall organised by Barbara Freeman and Helen White.

Some 115 people came along to enjoy the afternoon raising £1100.

Special thanks to James and Annabel, Stephen, Mary, Barbara and Helen.



September

Clunton

1st. Kate Davies
2nd. Angela Reynolds
3rd. Mick Bay

Clunbury

Caroline Baso	£20
Alice Whitehead	£15
James Beasley	£10
Katy Bodenham	£5
Pat Harding	£5



Climate and Environment Group Report

Whinberry Hill

We have been debating what to do about the bracken that is trying to take over at the expense of the whinberry and heather which we are trying to favour. With the withdrawal from sale of Asulox, a selective herbicide used for decades with success against bracken, we have been casting about for alternative methods of control. By the time you read this we will have had a robo-cutter on site. This is a small, tracked, remotely operated cutting machine. It will cut the bracken and with it the whinberry across a significant area. Both plants will come back, but next year the bracken will quickly over-top the whinberry making it much easier to cut repeatedly as a method of control whilst sparing the regenerating whinberry.

Parish Walk

The next walk will be on October 5 and will take us on a 7.5-mile route around Purslow Wood, Clunton Coppice and Black Hill. There will be a couple of short sections along quiet lanes, only two stiles and very little livestock! We will stop for refreshments so please bring a drink.

Please meet at The Llan Barn, Llan Farm, SY7 0HN (grid ref: SO 352 792) for a 9.30 am start.

To register your interest, or for more details, please contact

Catherine Lishman 07930 117 006 or

catherinelishman@hotmail.com

National Landscape Conservation Fund

This fund provides grants in the range £500 to £2,000 towards projects that will enhance the wildlife and beauty of the Shopshire Hills. If you can see potential for a project, let us know.

New hedgerows

We know that a number of applications have been made to CPRE, the Countryside Charity, for the plants and volunteer labour to establish new hedgerows within Clunbury Parish. We anticipate that some of the applications will be successful and look forward to helping with the planting.

Mapping environmental change

In a related venture we are comparing maps of 1953 with those of the present day to see what may have changed, and what has stayed the same. It's turned into a game of 'spot the difference' as we eyeball pairs of maps of the same location 70 years apart, spotting new woodland, changes in the course of the Clun, loss of some boundaries but gains elsewhere, and so forth. Once all the 42 pairs of maps have been scrutinised and the results summarised, we'll tell you more.

FINCH

This stands for Facilitating Investment in Natural Clun Habitats. It is a project offering a number of free audits of landholdings in the Clun Valley to assess their potential for providing what are called 'ecosystem services', notably carbon sequestration, reductions in run-off, measures to reduce flood risk and the enhancement of biodiversity. These are services for which farmers can potentially be paid. We helped to promote FINCH in the Parish and are pleased to hear that six or more farm holdings in our Parish have been successful in their bids for audits.

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 11 October, 2pm

River Clun at Clunbury: Sunday 13 October, 11.30am
(meet at footbridge in centre of the village)

River Clun at Clunton: Tuesday 15 October, 10.30am at Clunton Bridge

Group contact: Tom Wall walltom@hotmail.co.uk 01588 66056



Church News

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



Date	Time	Service	Church
Friday 4 th	7pm	Harvest Festival	Clunbury
Sunday 13 th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 27 th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton

Please note there is no Service on 6th October. Sadly Jenny Whites husband Doug passed away on Wednesday 18th September after bravely fighting a long illness. Jenny normally takes morning prayer on the first Sunday of the month and is very popular. Doug's funeral is on **Friday 4th October** at 12 noon.
Our deepest sympathy to Jenny.

As we are holding the Harvest Festival on 4th October we have cancelled morning prayer on 6th October.

HARVEST

The Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 4th October at 7pm led by our new vicar Lois Beynon. Lois has made a great start and we hope that there will be a good attendance to welcome her to Clunbury.

The school will be holding their Harvest Service on Wednesday 2nd October.

Gardening in October

by Kimberly Cornish



Autumn is officially here even though it hasn't really felt like summer arrived! It's time to snuggle up in front of the fire with a hot chocolate and a sticky bun.

This season in the garden for many of us has likely left us needing a break after battling with the slugs, snails and weather.

So what do we need to do now to give us a head start in the new year?

Clean our greenhouses and polytunnels

- Planting out any seedlings for winter growing
- Planting garlic and onion sets
- Sow broad and field beans directly in beds or in cells (late October)
- Gather leaves as they fall for leaf mulch
- Collect seeds
- Preserve the remaining harvests
- Sow sweet peas



Our first frost is usually around 20th November so there is still time for tomatoes to ripen undercover and a final display from the summer flowers.

As the weather gets colder the bugs will really benefit from a little help in the garden. A great activity to do with the children over their holidays is to gather leaves, sticks, small branches and stones. Making little piles around the garden will give areas for bugs to hibernate.

Are you interested in growing your own but don't know where to start? We'd love to help you find your green fingers at Seedling success UK. Find us on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube.

