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Please submit articles and photos by 20th of each month. To ensure we can include as many articles as possible, we have revised the maximum word limit to **200 words**. The editorial team does not accept responsibility for any opinions expressed by contributors and reserves the right to edit contributions if deemed appropriate.

Calendar - December '24 & January '25

Date	Event	Venue
Fri 6 th Dec 7.30 pm	Film: All the President's Men £5.00 To book :01547 530282	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 11 th Dec 10am- 12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 12 th Dec 10.30am- 12pm	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 14 th Dec 10am -1pm	Craft & Collectables Last Minute Christmas Market 	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Mon 6 th Jan 7.30pm	Clunbury Village Hall AGM	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 8 th Jan 10am-12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 9 th Jan 10.30am - 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 17 th Jan 7.30	Film: Everything, everywhere all at once £5.00 To book :01547 530282	Bedstone Village Hall
Sat 18 th Jan 7.30pm	Film The Italian Job £5 Enquiries 01588 660139	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 22 nd Jan 10.am-12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 23 rd Jan 10.30am – 12pm	Clunbury Café 	Clunbury Village Hall

Dec 24 & Jan 25

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year



Where's Santa?

- How many images of Father Christmas can you find in this issue of the Parish Post?
- Answer next time!



The Monkey Puzzle

Hope you had a go at last month's puzzle. **Hands up if you got the answer 90mph** Easy wasn't it? Or was it?

The solution is on a later page



The Monkey Puzzle Answer

The unbelievable truth is that 90mph is not the answer. It's just not fast enough. Nor is 900mph, nor 9000mph. In fact the speed of light is not fast enough ! Time is the key here.



60mph is equivalent to 60 miles in one hour, so 1 mile in one minute. His journey is 2 miles in total so he must cover it in 2 minutes. 30mph is half as fast so 1 mile takes 2 minutes. Oh no! Lando has taken 2 minutes for the first mile and has no time left for the second mile. So even at the speed of light he will not achieve an average of 60mph.

We'll have another puzzle in February's issue.



CLUNTON SCRUMPERS

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 25th January 2025

7pm Clunton Village Hall

Light supper provided

Veggie option

Puddings

**Complementary mulled cider,
mulled apple juice**

**Bring your own bottle Tickets
£15 available only in advance**

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*Recorded Live Production
Come & see The Nutcracker at
Aston on Clun Village Hall on
Thursday 9th January at 7.00pm
Admission: Adults £10 Under
18's £6 Enquiries 01588 660139*



**Father Christmas is coming to
Aston on Clun Last Minute
Christmas Market on
Saturday 14th December
between 10.00am & 1.00pm
Free entry but please bring**



**Christmas Treats for local
people & animals in need
We look forward to seeing you!**



Doing nothing is not an option

Shropshire is one of the most beautiful counties in England. The farms that make up and manage this beautiful pastoral scene are run by farmers and their families who are in one of the most stressful and isolated of occupations which has one of the highest levels of suicide in the UK.

Many of the farms are family businesses with up to three generations working together. They have to endure not just the vagaries of the weather, but also the continually changing government regulations and the dominance of supermarket controlled prices.

The charity **Shropshire Rural Support** is here to support everyone living and working in our rural community at times of need. We cover business issues and personal issues such as bereavement, loneliness, domestic abuse, succession and divorce. Our role is to get the caller to a safe place where they can access help. The 24/7/365 free phone helpline **0300 123 2825** ensures ready access to our confidential service.

For those who prefer text messaging they can text **SRS to 85258**



Doing nothing is not an option. If you know of someone you are worried about, please encourage them to get in touch or visit www.shropshireruralsupport.org.uk



Call our free confidential helpline

0300 123 2825

Or text **SRS to 85258**

Our free confidential service is delivered by people with farming backgrounds who understand the ups and downs of farming, family farming businesses and living in the countryside. Most importantly they have the time to listen.

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Clunton 100 Club November 2024

1st. Caron Chance
2nd. Bob Egginton
3rd. Catherine
Lishman

December 2024

1st Caroline Bason
2nd Gill Deakins
3rd Jenny Alwyn Foster



Clunbury 100 Club

November 2024
Caroline Holmes £20
Laura Richards £15
Julie Saunders £10
Georgina Oliver £5
Robert Morris £5





Climate and Environment Group Report



Parish Walk

The first parish walk of 2025 will take place on **Saturday 11 January**. The walk will be just over 7.5 miles long and will take us from Purslow across the fields to Clunton Coppice and up onto the Black Hill. Once again, we will visit the parish land for a refreshment stop and then skirt around the top of the Cwm before descending back to Clunton Coppice, retracing our steps from there to Purslow. Please meet at The Hundred House carpark for a 9.30am start. All being well we will return by 1.30pm. To register an interest or for more details contact me on catherinelishman@hotmail.com or 07930117006. Thank you to all who joined these walks in 2024.

Catherine Lishman



Litter pickers, 16 November, left to right: John Bibby, Malcolm Redgrave, Pat Harding, Catherine Lishman, Ian Davies, Tom Wall, Jeremy Freeman. Other participants were Ellison Bibby (who took the photo), Rich Hopkins & Gisèle Wall and Santa

Litter Pick

An enthusiastic group of 10 turned out for our litter pick on 16 November. We cleared litter along the roads radiating out from the Hundred House, and along the road from Little Brampton towards Kempton. Pleasingly, there seemed to be rather less litter than usual, but still far too much! We will have another go in March.

Pollution of the River Kemp

On 23 October there was a significant spill of farmyard slurry into the River Kemp; this was upstream of the parish. It was accidental but avoidable. The landowner reported the incident to the Environment Agency which has investigated.

Hedge Planting

CPRE (The Countryside Charity) is again organising hedge planting in Shropshire, and this winter there will be three new hedges planted in Clunbury Parish, in part perhaps because Group members have encouraged landowners to participate. Hedgerow plants are provided by the charity, volunteers plant the hedges and the landowner accepts responsibility for safeguarding them. The Clunbury planting dates and lengths of hedge are as follows:

Wednesday 8 January: 200 metres, Clunton

Wednesday 15 January: 50 metres, Little Brampton

Saturday 25 January: 245 metres, Kempton

If you would like to come planting, please go to

www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerow-project for further details.



Facilitating Investment in Natural Clun Habitats (FINCH)

This initiative, run by Natural England and Shropshire Wildlife Trust, seeks to explore the potential that landholdings in the Clun Valley have for 'green finance' investment which would 'link business with meaningful landscape-scale nature interventions. Our Group has sought to encourage landowners in the parish to seek the free assessment of the green finance potential of their land which was on offer. We are told that seventeen landowners in the Clun Valley have had their land assessed, including some from our parish. Hopefully this will lead in due course to actions that enhance both biodiversity and incomes

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: Thursday 5 December, 2pm

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

River Clun at Clunton: Tuesday 10 December, 10.30am at Clunton Bridge.

Group contact: Tom Wall walltom@hotmail.co.uk 01588 660561







Church News



December & January Services for St Mary's, Clunton and St Swithin's, Clunbury

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 8 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Friday 20 th Dec	7.00pm	 Clunton Carol Service	Clunton
Sunday 22 nd Dec	5.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Clunbury
Tuesday 24 th Dec	3.00pm	Crib Service	 Clun
Christmas Eve 24 th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Clun
Sunday 29 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 12 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 26 th Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunton

Christmas Coffee and Crafts

Clunton Village Hall

Saturday 14th December 2024, 10am - 1pm

Come and support our local crafts people, enjoy coffee and cakes while doing some Christmas shopping!

And.....a special visit from Santa!



IN THE GARDEN

December and January

December is a wonderful time to reflect on our gardening year. Celebrating the positives and planning how to change those negatives. Designing a layout for the new season and purchasing seeds to bring the plan into fruition. Rearranging the garden or allotment to suit our needs better while it's not quite so busy.



It's also a time for a break while we celebrate the festive season with friends and family. Going on a crisp winters walk and collecting foliage for our celebrations.



Once the new year celebrations are over a new project or focus is often on our mind. What's better than a garden full of vegetables, fruit and flowers. We can grow a large selection in a small space which is fantastic for our mental as well as physical health.

Growing from seed, building a wildlife habitat or planting a tree to be enjoyed for years to come are just some of the options open to us.



January is the perfect time to plant garlic, onion sets, shallots or sow hardy salad leaves.



Winter Jobs

- Clean polytunnels and greenhouses
- Wash pots
- Order seeds
- Feed soil
- Water sparingly
- Check structures and make repairs
- Keep harvesting hardy crops

If you're interested in growing your own please join us at Seedling success UK. A community for grow alongs, tips and support.

You can find us on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.

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Clunbury village photo by Leigh Stevens

