

The Cleobury Clarion



NOVEMBER 2013

THE MARATHON MEN



Steve Mason with Isobel (left) and Chris Perkins with Joshua.

Two Cleobury Mortimer dads are in training to compete in the 2014 Virgin London Marathon. Near neighbours, they came together when children Isobel and Joshua were diagnosed with diabetes on the same day - January 8th this year.

The realisation that their children would both need daily insulin injections did more than draw the families together; it revealed the support available to families who face this problem. Mums Julia and Lisa are full of

praise for the service from Worcester and Kidderminster hospitals and the way special training has been taken up by the Peter Rabbit and Ever After nurseries, who saw that the vital injections were given on time, every day. Joshua has now moved on to Cleobury Primary School and mum Julia is again impressed by the cooperation she found there, where staff have been specially trained. Big thanks to nurses Tracey Kirkwood and Vicki Howard for their valuable work.

The dads can't be at home to help every day, Steve working as a Police officer in Stourbridge and Chris an engineer in the family business. But they want to see the work of the JDRF - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - supported as it strives to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. The Virgin Marathon was the answer and already the pair have pledged for over £2,000; they plan to have at least £4,000 when the big event hits our TV screens next April.

Type 1 diabetes affects 400,000 in the United Kingdom, and that includes 29,000 children, who all need daily insulin injections. A change of diet or lifestyle does not alter the problem. But you can help the JDRF research project to find a cure by pledging support for Steve and Chris, and through them their children.

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November 14th is the annual date for the worldwide Diabetes Day; hence the public launch of the Marathon Men's plans to get in trim for that 26.2 miles drag around London as just two of 35,000 people, most of them doing it to help others. It's the best national public display of caring you'll find, and we can all get involved through these two.

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November can be a damp, raw month. Flowers may be scarce in the garden but there are berries, evergreen foliage and trees with decorative bark to add interest. Frosts can be quite frequent at night, especially when it is calm and clear. Cold winds from the east will make it feel colder than it really is.

At the September meeting Janet Maxwell-Stewart, of 'Plantlife', gave a talk and slide show on 'Speaking Up For Wild Plants'.

Plantlife is playing a major role in the conservation of flowers, plants and fungi. Such organisations are vital in protecting and conserving for future generations the natural beauty that is part of the British landscape.

It was also the club's Autumn Show. Winners were 1st Marion Wilson, 2nd Bob Marriott and Joint 3rd Suzanne France & Dot Cowdell. Best Exhibit Bob Marriott; many thanks to Anne for judging the show.

Our last meeting of the year will be on November 27th, for the AGM and members social evening.

Pauline Bowen

THANK YOU FROM SHAUNAH

I would like to thank all the kind people who have so generously supported me over the last six months by taking me to Kidderminster Hospital and to Shrewsbury for radiotherapy, a 70 mile round trip.

I was asked by the radiotherapists if I was tired by treatment and journeys and had to say that I wasn't. The support I had was a major factor in keeping me well and not overtired. Each day gave me the opportunity to chat to the drivers, a pleasant experience and more like a day out. Thank you one and all and for the phone calls, cards and flowers which were very encouraging and much appreciated.

May I draw your attention to several events to raise funds for the Kidderminster Breast Clinic, where I had excellent treatment. I know others have had similar experiences. This idea has been given a lot of support:

The first is Diminishing Tea Parties. If you are invited to one, please support if you can. If you would like to be involved with

one, please contact me on CM 270386 and I will explain how they are organised.

Lloyds Bank is having a Raffle and a Coffee Morning and supporting all our events. Please stop and have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake after doing your banking business.

The Annual Advent Soup Lunches will begin on Friday November 29th, at the Market Hall, from 12.30 to 2.00. All proceeds will be given to Kidderminster Breast Clinic.

Cleobury, a wonderful place to live.

Shaunah Murrell

MULLER'S MEMORIES

Did you work at Muller's or have family connections? Come to the History Society's next open evening and share your memories and photographs. We will be showing a short Muller's movie, old photographs and listening to stories - with some lively conversation when we hear YOUR stories.

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Clarion Clippings - Cleobury's Biggest Coffee Morning



Sue Henderson, one of the most modest people you could meet, but always ready with a smile.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning has become an institution, with volunteers running coffee and cake gatherings all over the country to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. It started in 1991 and has been an enormous success, with the 2012 event raising a record total of £15 million.

The driving force behind Cleobury's effort is Sue Henderson. One of those quiet, self effacing people who never boast but get a lot done. And on September 27th she had another busy morning, cutting cakes and pouring coffees in the Market Hall, where seats were hard to find. Confirming just how good the local support for MacMillan

is was a poster thanking the Cleobury Mortimer branch for their efforts in 2012, which raised an impressive £5,109.

There were cakes and gifts on sale and the editor dug deep and took a cake home, his admiration for the strength of local generosity as strong as ever. And Sue Henderson has confirmed that the morning raised £352.55 for the MacMillan cause. There's another on the 23rd this month, as you'll see in the Calendar.



Sitting outside the hall, busy selling raffle tickets, was Elizabeth Bishop, whose son David is now head teacher of a large comprehensive school in Gloucestershire. She reckons he got the habit during his time at Lacon Childe.

Elizabeth was arguing over a cheque for £100 that her friend Shirley Spatchcock was trying to give her. What was it all about? "She did a wing walk and I said I'd give her £100 if she did it," Shirley explained. Now if you look at Mrs Bishop's picture you'll notice that she's over 21, so surely not given to such daredevil antics.

"I had a big birthday and I've wanted to do it for ages," she explained. So she booked the ride and climbed onto the top wing of a Boeing biplane, where she was strapped in place and stood up there as the plane took off and flew around for 15 minutes, through low cloud and up in the clear air to give her a wonderful view.

There was no charity fund raising, that's not allowed on these flights, just one very determined lady achieving an ambition. And did she enjoy it? "I loved every second, it was absolutely marvellous and Dave the pilot was really great. All the crew were and I've written to say if they want an ancient grey haired lady to encourage others, I'll do it."

And that £100? It was split between Macmillan and the Air Ambulance. Elizabeth didn't want it - she was still reliving her dream ride. And she's actually old enough to know better.....

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BIRD TALKS

Jim Martin will be giving four talks this month. They'll be in, and in aid of, the newly refurbished Methodist Hall. They will take place on Thursdays at 2.00pm.

Topics covered will include identification, bird songs and calls and a review of local garden, farmland and woodland species based on the recently completed five year survey for the Atlas of Shropshire birds.

Also featured will be the fascinating results of recent migration studies using new tags that allow cuckoos and others to be followed to Africa and back.

THE LACON LOTTERY

Congratulations to Caren Tonks, lucky winner of the September Lacon Lottery. Her prize was a handy £115.50.

ADVENT SOUP LUNCHESES

Shaunah Murrell, prime mover behind the annual Advent Lunches, writes warmly about the support she's had from the community on Page 5. And here she is again, raising funds for the Kidderminster Breast Fund this year with more lunches. They start this month on the 29th and happen every Friday through to December 20th.

The idea is simple, as most good ideas are. From 12.30 to 2.00 every Friday there is home

made soup, locally baked bread and apple pie and cream for lunch if you call in at the Market Hall. No charge, but they do suggest a donation of £3.00 - more if you feel generous - to help the fund raising.

In addition there are cakes for sale and Christmas decorations, a bring and buy sale and a Christmas cake raffle. Why not try this happy, social gathering and contribute to a very good cause at the same time.

RYAN IS ONE STEP

CLOSER TO HIS GOAL

15 years old Ryan Woodhouse is a talented archer, whose ambition is to reach Olympic Recurve standard. For the past year he's been on a Talent Identity Programme, with rigorous training and assessments. And he was recently informed that he'd been chosen for one of just 60 places in the whole country for the Performance Academy.

That means he'll be putting in 20 to 25 hours a week training, here at home and at Lilleshall. And that's in addition to his school work at Lacon Childe. It's this sort of devotion that brings out the best of talent and strength of character. Clearly a young man with a whole load of promise for the future; we wish him every success.

CLEOBURY W.I.

At our October 8th meeting the President welcomed two guests and introduced Robert Swift, who gave a very amusing and entertaining demonstration of bread making. He explained in detail during how important it was to make the perfect dough and not to rush the various procedures. Mr. Swift then made a variety of breads using savoury fillings. Members were given the opportunity of ordering his book on bread making and the history of his bakery prior to it being published on December 1st. The talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The flower of the month was won by Jill Chesterman.

The next meeting will be held on November 12th and the talk will be "Much ado about wool". All are very welcome. Contact Jill Chesterman 01299 271671, or come to the Parish Hall at 7.30

EARLY CHRISTMAS FAIR

A Fair raising funds for the Pensax and Stockton churches will be held in Victory Hall, Clows Top on November 9th. Starts at 10.30, closes at 4.30 and offers cards, paper, gifts and handicrafts, plus a soup and roll lunch or coffee and cake. And there's a grand raffle for a food hamper and wines. Local, with easy parking - hooray!



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KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

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We rely upon fundraising to buy resources and toys for our group, as well as special treat experiences like our Summer outings and Christmas party entertainment. We have been waiting to hear the final total raised for us, so we were hugely excited to hear they had raised £961.56! An amazing amount and we are very grateful to our walkers; Luke Lovell, Dave George, Kate Williams, Steve Valentine, Kat Clarke, Vikki Ingram and Donna Spencer.

We are holding two coffee mornings at Kinlet Family Playgroup on Friday November 29th, at 8.45am and 2.15pm. This is a chance for people to come and look around, and to buy Christmas goodies and cake. There will also be a Christmas raffle. *Zoe Pearson*

STOTTESDON W.I.

Late summer sun was the perfect setting for Farlow School's September fete, where our stall was visited by many friends. Our second show of the season, it was a pleasure to meet

local families and share our activities.

Our Open Meeting attracted a grand crowd of over forty visitors and members for Helen Broadway's skilful demonstration of Hand-Tied Flower techniques. She talked us through her craft whilst creating individual displays for a range of occasions, later taken home by some lucky raffle winners.

We've had excellent speakers this year, and special thanks should go to Stuart Toulson of Oak Farm, who charmed us with his account of working with disabled adults on the Ditton Priors small-holding, producing award-winning jams/fruit/veg and rearing livestock. His dedication was inspirational; do check out the website to see about visiting.

Our November 20th AGM is followed by an evening creating Christmas Stars on December 11th, both in Chorley Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Come and see us. *Marian Wootton*

COUNTRY CATS HOTEL OPEN DAY

Country Cats Hotel is holding an Open Day in support of the RSPCA's Kidderminster branch. It's on November 10th and runs from 10.30 to 2.30. Can you give a loving home to a cat or kitten homeless through no fault of

their own? Anne Himsley invites you to come along to Kinlet, where you'll be made very welcome. Admission is free.

More details from Anne on 01299 841270 or Trish on 01562 861628. The Country Cats Hotel is on Meaton Lane in Kinlet and provides a good home for our furry friends.

AN INVITATION TO SING

On Saturday December 7th, from 3.30 -to 7.30, there will be Singing by Candlelight at Cleobury North Village Hall.

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NIGHTINGALE RAFFLE

Nightingale Nursing Fund are selling raffle tickets in aid of the charity; you will find some in local shops. Please give generously as we need the funds, having had to cancel the 5-a-side football competitions in the summer. Many prizes and for the lucky winner there is £100.00.

The draw will be held at the Advent Lunch on 13th December in Cleobury Mortimer. Thanking you all in advance.

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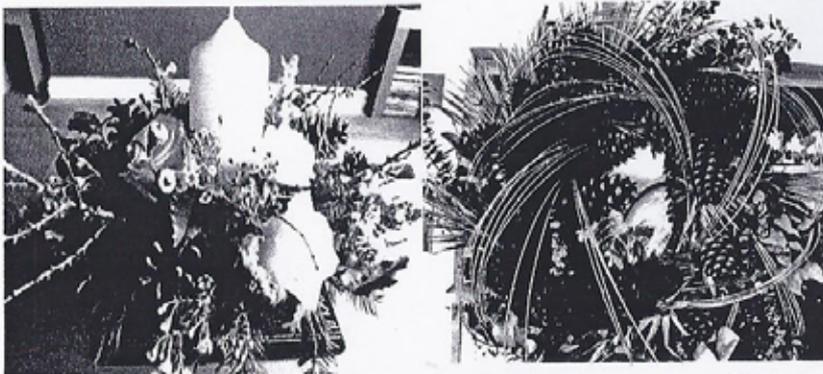
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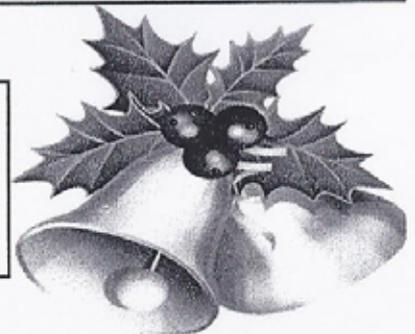


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As well as individual class lessons the children have joined up with other year groups to take part in a maths trail around the school grounds, identifying different shapes in objects, finding right angles, measuring lengths and telling the time.

Further, the whole school joined together on Tuesday to take part in a Gingerbread Man activity. What maths could we hear you ask? Well, quite a lot! story, children answered Gingerbread Men (weights and questions regarding the number of then went on to listing questions what a fantastic variety of symmetry, two and three step word time.



learn from a Gingerbread Man, I After hearing the Gingerbread Man questions about making measures), and multiplication buttons and eyes. The children for other groups to answer, and questions they came up with - problems, length and even a question about time.

We also had parents come into school to talk to children about how they use maths in their work



The week ended with a maths dress up day on the last day of term. Our children always take great pride in their creativity when it comes to dressing up days. We had a pencil, a quite a few scientists and lots of fantastic week in our school

to talk to children about how they up day on the last day of term. Our their creativity when it comes to Maths Wizard and Einstein (pictured), dice. A great way to end another

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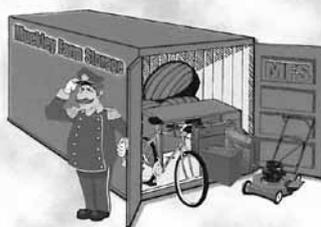


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only 10 percent of woodland in the West Midlands is commercially managed," he says. "We won't run out"

David has invested seriously in the operation, with improved future efficiency part of the plan. The automated sawing unit that takes in lengths of timber, cuts them to whatever lengths are needed to fit wood burning stoves, then splits them down to suitable thickness, is a good example; a £35,000 example.

The growth of the log market has brought a demand for higher standards with it. "We're in the same market as Tesco," he smiles. "People expect their logs to be the right size, clean and not come with a lot of offcut waste. They don't want them in a heap on the drive, so we bag them up and deliver where the customer wants them." That big sawing unit separates the logs from the natural waste material and feeds into sacks.

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"We're going to develop a unit in the yard with a biomass heater which burns that waste," he explains. As it will be burning a replaceable material, there will be a payback for its use from the government. Even better, the heat generated will mean that any logs, no matter how wet, can be dried to the 20 percent ideal burning level in three days. "So we won't have the situation of last summer, when everything was wet," he smiles. And he will be able to use 100 percent of the timber that comes in. No waste.

He draws his supplies from the local area, in some cases buying trees to clear from an area, in others taking the hardwoods that have been cleared with a softwood cropping. He's come a long way in seven years and plans to be in the same trade, in the same place, until he retires.

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Ticks have a 3 year lifecycle. Eggs hatch to produce larvae and these feed on a host and drop off, maturing to nymphs over the next year. It is worth mentioning at this point that they are hardy little critters, capable of surviving being frozen, and even managing to get through a washing machine at 40 degrees. Having survived the year, the nymphs feed again, and then drop off the host that they have bitten, then pass another year to become adult ticks. Although you can see all of the stages, the first two are very small and easy to miss, it is only the adult ticks that grow to the size of a kidney bean. These are the ones that often come to us at the vets and removal is best performed with a 'tick hook', and we are always happy to offer advice, or remove ticks if you ask us.

This month we will focus on what the tick can carry... Lyme disease. This is a small, spiral shaped bacteria that can be passed to your dog when a nymph, or adult tick, feeds. Surveys of the ticks around the country has highlighted the Wyre Forest, alongside others, as a Lyme disease hotspot. It has been estimated that about 40% of ticks in the forest are carrying the bacteria. One bite from an infected tick will introduce the bacteria. Clinical signs in dogs are very variable. They can be symptom free, or the unlucky ones can show very vague signs such as lethargy, shifting lameness, and a high temperature.

Without treatment, damage can continue, and cause suffering for your poor dog.

Luckily, we have recently had a new vaccine launched. This covers the three main strains of the bacteria involved in this country, and works in a very clever way. Your dog carries immunity from the vaccine, which passes to the tick when they bite. This immunity vaccinates the tick, and prevents them from injecting the bacteria into your dog.

For more information on this vaccine, or if you want to get your dog vaccinated, please just ring. Throughout November, we are offering 20% off the cost of a Lyme disease vaccination course. It is certainly worth thinking about if you regularly walk your dogs in the long grass, or forest areas.

The other way of helping is to regularly use a spot-on flea treatment product. These treatments, used as directed, should kill the tick when it bites, but before it infects the animal with Lyme disease. For more information, pick up the phone and speak to us.

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One day after the signing job was done, a 9 has gone missing.

Nice restoration job done at the rather rundown Three Horseshoes site on the western approach to the town. Nothing flash, just a tidy up that made the place a little smarter. On Monday October 14th the job was finished and the bill paid. By Monday evening the 9 from the area code of Escom's telephone number had gone.

For goodness sake, why? Did some drunk fancy it for a garden decoration - not that all drunks are gardeners, you understand - or did some thieving scrote grab the opportunity to tear it down and take it home. Fancy walking in and saying "Look what I just won, Mum." Wouldn't she be proud. It seems the world will never run out of sad thieves.

BUT SOME THINGS ARE GETTING MUCH BETTER

Every little cloud has a silver lining. In this case it's the good things coming out of the Parish Council, where new blood is making a difference even before there is a full quota of councillors. There's a co-option process under way to get two more willing people on board

The Council in general and Jack Martin in particular are to be congratulated on the launch of the Parish News that they promise will appear every three months. It looks very smart and covers a wide spread of local news; a credit to editor Jack. We just hope that when Mr Iqbal gets his problems with the insurance company sorted out, he actually does get something done about the High Street eyesore that is the old Manor House.

The latest idea from the town's leaders is to invite local groups and businesses to sponsor the new flower troughs in the Memorial Garden or one of the flower beds in the churchyard that is such a feature of the town's heart. A good place to advertise whatever enterprise you may be part of, and a public contribution to the whole community. An obvious way to make friends and win their

approval, which is what thinking sponsorship is about.

FROM THE BANDROOM

The town band were recently crowned "Most Entertaining Band" at the Wychavon Brass Competition. We held an informal evening on October 16th, celebrating the first anniversary of the Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass training band.

In October we were honoured to take part in the Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance at Shrewsbury Abbey and also to perform at a Harvest Concert at Sutton Maddock. We shall be leading the Remembrance Parade in Cleobury and playing at the RBL service at Clee Hill on the evening of the 10th.

After that we will be playing for the Bewdley Christmas Lights and then we are into December. Our next column will list our Christmas engagements.

Tickets for our annual Christmas Concert, which will be held in the Parish Hall on December 15th, will be on sale this month. Please look out for posters giving more details.

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It wasn't exactly a professional job when thieves hit Cleobury News in the small hours of October 14th. A stolen black VW Golf pulled up, three or four men climbed out and smashed the front window to find their way blocked by the ice cream chest. They pushed that out of the way, pulling the electric cable out and damaging the cabinet as they scrambled through.

The noise woke neighbours, lights came on and panic set in as the thieves looked around for something to steal and helped themselves to three ice creams before climbing out and making their escape. They then visited the Sports and Social Club,

where they threw the trophies around and made a general mess. Whether they shared their ice creams at the same time is not clear.

The same gang raided an optician's in Much Wenlock and took clubs and clothing from Worfield Golf Club.

The point of this sad tale is that these pathetic subhumans got nothing of great value from their visit to Cleobury. But the cost of a new window, ice cream chest and spoiled stock came to about £1500, never mind lost business. Make sure you have an alarm and insurance cover; vigilant neighbours will help, too.

THE HUB OPENS SOON



Mark Greaves stopped painting long enough for a quick snap of him in the new kitchen.

The Methodist Hall in Church Street has had a major makeover. Mark Greaves and mates have been grafting to get it finished for a November 2nd opening.

It was Rev Helen Roberts's idea to see the building better used and that wish comes true with the opening of The Hub as a centre for young people. There's a bigger kitchen, courtesy of South Shopshire Housing Association, new lights and furniture from a Police Commissioner's grant, a speaker system thanks to the Crib League plus personal donations and a pool table acquired with a grant from the Parish Council.

The plan is to have The Hub open from 3.30 to 6.30 three days a week, particularly for children to visit after school, and there will be a Homework Club on one of those days, for which Mark needs retired teachers who can give advice. The Hall is also available to hire for other events.

It was still being painted when we called, but the potential was clear. Such a credit to the community and a safe place for our children to gather. Something dreamed about for a long time finally realised.

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THE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE HANDOVER

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They were most of the party of local nutters who took on the Three Peaks Challenge in June. They bussed up to an overnight stop near Carlisle, then were up before the lark to begin the challenge - climb the three highest peaks in the UK within 24 hours. With Peter Williams driving the bus, they headed for Ben Nevis and did the job. If they thought it was going to be a walkover, discovering that the bus was governed to a maximum of 60mph didn't boost confidence. If they had had a Health and Safety man on board, he'd have been happy, but these people had a big, involved journey ahead of them.

By the time they'd got down to Scafell Pike in Lancashire it was dark. Not the ideal condition for scaling England's tallest peak, but helmet mounted lamps helped them find the way, even if some of the party hadn't been up that path before.

The journey down the M6 and west to Snowdon was a long haul and they got there with a

tight schedule to scale that final peak and get back down. Some ran, others walked, but they all did it, with the slowest time 23 hours 45 minutes. This was no picnic, it was a mammoth task to climb those three peaks and travel between them in just one day.

And on Monday, just one of the party went to the gym. That was Anita Raymond, who surely deserves a medal for that extra effort. The team's target had been to raise £1,000; in fact their efforts produced £3415.52

Pat Williams, whose fund raising efforts inspired this quite remarkable outing, was at the KA to hand over the cheques.



The first was for the Air Ambulance, whose fundraising manager Maria Jones took away £1238.01 towards the fund that keeps those vital whirlybirds in the sky when an emergency calls on their services.



Then Lesley Leach collected one for £2177.51 on behalf of the Hereford based service that has been such a boost to Pat during her treatment. Places like The Haven don't get a lot of publicity for the quiet understanding they bring to people who are facing the biggest challenge of their lives.

Thanks must go to Nick Davies of Hobson's Brewery, who backed the team with a campaign telling people they were "powered up the Peaks by Hobsons." Nice touch.

And let's not forget bus driver Peter Williams, who may have slightly exceeded his hours in the course of that day. And the family photographer Victoria, who comes to pub based events like this, takes good pictures and leaves as sober as she arrived. The Williams clan are quite a remarkable bunch of get up and go doers.

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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

As the 21st Century has progressed, the uptake and reliance on digital communication has been dramatic. Most of us use mobile phones, and almost all use the internet for communicating via email, online shopping or banking. Television has become digital and radio transmission is too. We need to ensure that rural areas are not left behind as we move into this digital age. The Government has committed to increasing broadband rollout, meaning that an estimated 90% of all households will have superfast broadband by 2016.

In Shropshire, I have campaigned for rural access to digital technology. Shropshire Council are working hard with the Government's delivery agency BDUK and BT, alongside other commercial suppliers, to provide broadband at a minimum level of 2mbps for homes and businesses. The vast majority of these properties, some 93%, will be served by fibre, 87% of which will receive superfast speeds of at least 24mbps. But I am also working with local campaigners to maintain focus on improving provision to all those in remote rural areas of South Shropshire who have missed out.

This development is increasingly important. We already have one of the highest proportions of home workers in the country, and I know through my regular advice surgeries and recent Jobs Fairs that there are many budding entrepreneurs across the constituency. These people could be growing their businesses through new online markets and suppliers, creating new investment and jobs for local people and growing prosperity in Shropshire. We

need to ensure that businesses have the platform to succeed here, and that means connectivity.

Mobile telephone network coverage faces similar challenges. I know only too well from the Ludlow constituency how many South Shropshire areas suffer from lack of mobile signal coverage. With the advent of 4G technology, to make Shropshire as business and consumer friendly as possible, mobile network coverage and broadband are issues we must tackle now.

At present there are still an estimated 1,300 properties in Shropshire with no network coverage from any provider. So this Government has recently launched a Mobile Infrastructure Project with funds to provide network coverage to rural areas. In the Ludlow constituency, Council wards identified for better coverage by 2015 are Brown Clee, Chirbury and Worthen, Clun, Corvedale and Highley.

Better provision of mobile and broadband networks will allow local residents more choice and make switching to a different provider or tariff easier. For many of us, the choice over what company we choose for our mobile phone is dictated by the best coverage we can receive in our home or place of work. More coverage will mean more choice, helping to offer better value for the consumer.

We need to keep Shropshire open to all kinds of business, promoting more choice and better services for residents at the same time. Improved mobile and network coverage will help bring growth, jobs and tourism as well as wider accessibility of modern public services to our area. Action is needed now to ensure that Shropshire does not fall behind in future.

Philip Dunne



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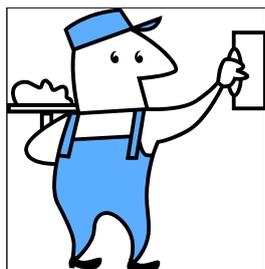
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The November Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Fri 1	7.30pm	Bingo at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall		
Sat 2	10.30am to 3.00pm	The Methodist Hall in Church Street re-opens with The Hub centre for youth. All welcome; refreshments all day. SEE PAGE 23.		
Wed 6	10.00am	Walking for Health starts from the Sports Centre, Love Lane.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Methodist Hall, Church Street. Inspector Thomas will speak about future policing. Your chance to ask questions.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 7		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders' walk starts at St Peter's Church, Martley. OSRef: 756598	Alan	01299 400304
	2.00pm	The first of Jim Martin's talks on birds. In the fine new Methodist Hall. One of these every Thursday this month. SEE PAGE 9.		
	2.00pm	A Bridge Session in the Parish Hall. £2.00, all welcome, friendly.	Pat Smith	CM 270592
Fri 8	8.00pm	Clee Hill British Legion Bingo at the Village Hall in aid of Poppy Appeal.		
Sat 9	10.00am	Early Christmas Fair at Victory Hall, Clows Top, raising money for Stockton and Pensax churches. SEE PAGE 9		
	10.00am	Basket making Day at Uncllys Farm, Wyre Forest.	Linda Iles	01299 403691
Sun 10	10.30am	Cleobury Remembrance Day Parade starts from the Talbot Car Park		
	10.30am to 2.30pm	Open Day at Country Cats Hotel, Meaton Lane, Kinlet. SEE PAGE 11.		
Tue 12	7.30am	St Mary's Breakfast Club gather at The Cleobury Cafe.	Gill Chapman	CM 270575
	7.30pm	Cleobury W.I. meet in the Parish Hall. SEE PAGE 9	Jill Chesterman	CM 271671
Wed 13	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meets at The Plough, Far Forest.	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
	7.30pm	Neen Savage have their AGM and a talk by Mrs Thomas on 'Mistletoe Myths and Legends.' in the Village Hall		
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meets at The Bell Inn, Lower Street.		
Thu 14		TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL DIABETES DAY. SEE PAGE ONE. You can sponsor Cleobury's own Marathon Men		
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LOOKING AHEAD. The Rugby Club are holding a Winter Festival on December 7th, at the Sports and Social Club. Ales and Whiskies to sample, rugby and volleyball played, carol singing, disco and a band. Starts at 3.00, families welcome. More next month.



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The November Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
	7.30pm	Muller's Memories Night at the Sports and Social Club, Love Lane. SEE PAGE 5.		
Fri 15	7.00pm	Christmas Shopping Evening at Clows Top's Victory Hall, courtesy of Bayton School PTA.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night in Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Wed 20	10.00am	Walking for Health. See 6th November above		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall. Good parking.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 21		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders' walk starts from The Collier's Arms, Rock. OSRef: 725722	Alan	01299 400304
	2.00pm	Bridge Session, Parish Hall. See 7th above.		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at the Sports and Social Club, Love Lane.	Alan	CM 270114
Sat 23	10.00am	MacMillan Cancer Fund Coffee Morning in the Market Hall. A friendly atmosphere to enjoy and all in a very good cause. SEE PAGE 7	Sue Henderson	CM 270507
Sat 23/ Sun 24		Annual Art Festival at the Methodist Hall, Church Street. Another chance to see the smart new look		
Wed 27	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meet at the Victory Hall for their AGM. SEE PAGE 5		
Thu 28		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 29	8.45am and 2.15pm	Coffee mornings (two of them) at Kinlet Family Playgroup.		
	12.30pm	The Advent Soup Lunches start today, in the Market Hall. SEE PAGE 9.	Shaunah	CM 270386
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 30/ Dec 1 st		Christmas shopping weekend at Berrington Hall, off the A49 north of Leominster.	Bookings	01568 615721
		AND LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER		
Wed 4	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 5		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 6	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 7	3.30pm	Singing by Candlelight at Cleobury North Village Hall	Jane	01584 891656

Picklelily Circus will be performing a Christmas Magic Show at Moffats School on Friday 29th November, 10.00 to 12.00 noon. For children aged 2 – 5 yrs, accompanied by a parent or carer. Places are limited and need to be booked in advance. Please call Emma on 01299 841230.

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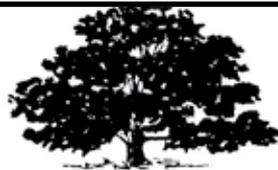
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Clarion Coppers - with CSO Nick Morris

The reported crimes this month are:

Overnight on September 20th/21st, a satnav was stolen from a van, possibly left unlocked, in Furlongs Road. On September 26th/27th a Kawasaki mule bike left locked and secure was stolen from an unlocked shed at a farm in Clee Hill. Also stolen was a dog cage, a flash light, wire cutters, electric fence tester, electric fence posts, branch cutters, a hammer and mole traps. There were two linked offences in the area between Neen Savage and Overwood on the same date. At one, a Hyundai generator was stolen, worth £1500, and a metal rack of shelves from the garage, and a western saddle, worth £1500, from the stable block. At the other, a barn was broken into by forcing a padlock, but no items were stolen. Not too far away at Button Oak, and during the same night, an outbuilding was broken into. Here, fishing gear worth £1500 and a chainsaw worth £400 were stolen.

Just before 9:00pm on October 3rd, two of a group of youths loitering around the bench in front of Robtec in High Street were captured on CCTV causing criminal damage to a brick wall; the offenders could not be recognised. A cannabis factory was discovered in a police operation at a property in Stottesdon on October 7th where a male was dealt with for this offence. Enquiries are ongoing for linked burglaries at Cleobury News in High Street, The Sports and Social Club in Love Lane and at locations further afield in Shropshire, which occurred on October 7th/8th. On October 13th/14th a Mitsubishi dropside lorry with a crane

fitted on the rear was stolen from Oretton Building Supplies. Enquiries are also ongoing to discover who is responsible for throwing fruit and vegetables at houses. A window was smashed at 8:00pm on October 17th at a property in Childe Road after a potato had been thrown. It is believed to be certain youngsters who are involved with this. If anyone could pass on any information about this to police, it would be gratefully received. As would information about the persistent damaging of the fence which borders the footpath between Lacon Childe School and High Street, (Bull Alley). Any information passed to police is in confidence.

Over the past few weeks youngsters have been gathering at Tenbury Road corner in the evenings. They are part of our community and entitled to be 'kids'. Mostly they do no harm, and we have to accept that they can be noisy at times, but some under 18s have had alcohol seized from them and some have been involved with other antisocial behaviour. One 14 year old girl was found obviously intoxicated at 10:45pm one night in Love Lane! Questions frequently asked are:

"Why don't their parents take responsibility for finding out what they are doing in the evenings?", "Do parents of certain under 18s approve of their children wandering the streets drinking alcohol?" and "Do some parents care that their children throw litter about, even when a bin is only three feet away as at the bench between Tuffins and Tenbury Road?". These are relevant questions which warrant answers. *Nick Morris*

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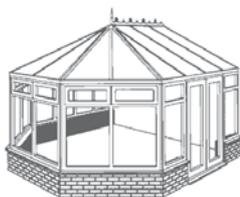


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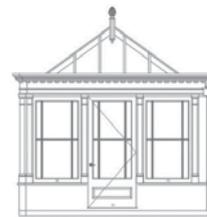
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Iris had brought her spinning wheel along, producing knitting yarn as she chatted happily. We know she also produces peg rugs on one of the most basic looms, using selvedge waste from Shetland looms. Her willingness to talk about craft had persuaded another

member, Daphne, to dig out the old spinning wheel put away at home and try her hand at producing yarn to knit.



Janice is a new face to the group, who does a little knitting or crochet to suit her mood. She travels in from Callow Hill just to relax in the friendly atmosphere and brush up her skill with the needles. "Gets you away from the demands of the house and the worry about tonight's dinner," she explained.

That was a theme that emerged from talking to these ladies - not a man in sight, though they'd be welcomed - that the time passed here would not be spent this way at home, where they can always find more urgent matters to fill the day. Here there is no telephone, the mobiles must have been switched off and nobody turned

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The Farming Page

Jenny Everingham reports From The Farmhouse

Is it only in England we go from tee-shirts to winter waterproofs in 24 hours? Such a sudden end to a fantastic summer!

Of course, there have been consequences to the adverse conditions of last autumn, winter and spring, but thanks to the warm, dry spell we have had the best hay-making season for years. The cats come in from the hay barn bringing the essence of summer on their coats, and the overalls will smell so much sweeter this winter as they dry off over the Aga! The grain has done better than predicted too, with just the maize to finish off.

It's time for some of our store cattle to go to market, on their way to a new home where they will be matured for beef. They have been tested again for T.B. and all are clear, thank goodness. More will go in several groups through the autumn and winter, along with batches of lambs for the butchery trade. For us, this marks a turning point when we start to see a return on the input in costs and effort. However, it is also the point at which the next year's cycle begins.

First, there's muck spreading, so look out! Muck spreaders are huge these days, but they do a quick job. Once the sheds are clean and tidy, the suckler cows and calves,

and the beef cattle, can come in for the winter, to preserve the soil structure and herbage in the grazing fields, and feeding and bedding down with straw becomes the backbone of the daily routine. Spreading the muck returns to the soil as much of the nutrients as possible, thus helping to preserve the world's most valuable, though possibly least valued, resource. The sooner the next crop can be planted and start growing, the better, as this helps protect the soil from erosion.

Meanwhile, Bonfire Night is traditionally our "tupping" day, when the rams (or "tups") are put in with the ewes. Smiley faces all round!

I'd better mention the chickens! The original five hens have been laying well all summer, but we are now down to two eggs a day. Clucker is undoubtedly the star of the show, still laying every couple of days. They have been joined by five assorted youngsters, one or two of which may be cockerels, and therefore will have to go! We're not expecting eggs from the babies till spring. With the darker evenings, the children can only help with chicken care at weekends.

Time to batten down the hatches and stoke up the log burner for winter! *Jenny*



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COCO EXTENDS ITS WELCOME

Friends of Cleobury Compassionate Communities (CoCo) are launching a new fundraising activity – twice monthly coffee mornings in the Market Hall. Coffee or tea and cakes will be served between 10.00 and 12.00 on alternate Wednesdays so come along and enjoy delicious homemade cake and a drink whilst catching up with friends and supporting a local Charity. The first Coffee Morning will be on the 20th November and there will only be one in December, on 11th of as I don't think anyone will be coming on Christmas Day! From January they will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. For more details or if you'd like to help please contact Catherine Evans on 01299 270647.

THE ORETON TRACTOR RUN

The 4th annual charity tractor run was held recently at Oretton, in glorious sunshine with clear blue skies. 125 tractors took part to raise funds for the Lingden Davies unit at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Midlands Air Ambulance. Over £6,000 was raised – a fantastic amount.

The route took three hours to complete, starting at Prescott, through Oretton to Detton on through the ford at Neen Savage and across to the Hillocks. Next they travelled to Hopton, up Stockhall Lane and on to the stone quarry on Clee Hill where they had a short stop to admire the scenery on a beautiful autumn day. Travelling back to

the start they passed through Silvington to arrive for a pig roast lunch.

Later a large crowd were entertained with an excellent display of tractor pulling on a very challenging track after the recent rain. Lucy Howells, who has a wonderful voice, together with the band gave a spell binding performance.

Special thanks go to George Howells and family for organising this successful event.

Rosemary Abbiss

THE CLEOBURY MORTIMER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Derek Walker arrived at our October meeting with arms full of plants, to talk to us about Christmas pot plants and give some very useful tips about care.

First cyclamens: keep them cool, about 50 degrees, and always remove fading flowers by pulling out the whole stem. Poinsettias do not like a draught of any kind and you can ruin their life span when you carry them out from the nursery or supermarket into cold air; always protect them. Azaleias must not be allowed to dry out and must be kept moist.

All pot plants are best stood in a tray of gravel and watered from the bottom. Derek then went on to show us the best way to plant bulbs and then baskets for a lovely display at the festive time. As usual he was willing to sell his creations and many went home very satisfied with their purchases.

Liz Smurthwaite

MORE COCO NEWS



*Working for the CoCo cause.
Katja Jones and Julie Trevor,
with raffle tickets*

It's been a busy Autumn for Cleobury Compassionate Communities. During September the Harbach family of Stepple Hall kindly hosted a culinary event run by 'Grow-Cook-Share', a south Shropshire charity dedicated to teaching people to cook economical and nutritious meals from the garden. A group of CoCo clients and volunteers had great fun making spinach and potato soup with savoury scones, then sharing the fireside meal in the beautiful dining room of Stepple Hall. A few weeks later saw sixty people turn out for an evening of cheese and wine, supplied by Simply Fresh, followed by a highly entertaining talk from Jock Gallagher, who shared tales of his life as producer at BBC Radio, not to mention as editor of the Archers, the hot topic of the night. The evening raised over £200, plus three new volunteers to join 'Friends of CoCo' in future fund raising events. If you would like to volunteer or are in need of the free befriending services from CoCo, contact Katja on 01299 270018, or at cleoburycoco@hotmail.com.

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Clarion Clippings - The Christmas Boxes

The Christmas Boxes that are filled with gifts for the less privileged children of places in distant Eastern Europe have become a part of the local festive season.

It sounds very simple. You get people to donate gifts for children and to decorate shoe boxes with wrapping paper to hold them. Then you send them off to whatever country is this year's destination, where they will help to spread goodwill. A nice little gesture to those less fortunate than ourselves. But once the idea catches on and the numbers begin to grow, it becomes a big logistical task. Finding just one hundred shoe boxes is a challenge; when you get up to a thousand or more it's a real headache. Not to mention the matter of filling them with suitable gifts - you have to be careful that you don't offend the beliefs of the people who will receive the gifts, and that there's no chance of injury from something that seems quite innocent to us.

The local effort is both led and driven by Jenny Vanderhook, and this year we had the chance to watch as she spread a huge collection of toys across the Pump House floor and explained to the Rainbows children how to pick out gifts and pack them. The regular helpers were there to help as the big Toy Pack got under way, children helping other children.



Rainbows queue for their turn to collect toys and fill another box.

In the background Rainbow Guider Jean Basham is ready to help.

This was a very orderly event, with little noise and the children waiting to hear an answer to their question, or to be shown by one of the Rainbow or Guides helpers just what to do. No shows of temperament or shouting, just getting on with the job in an atmosphere of cooperation and wanting to help others less fortunate. Jenny's explanation of the purpose of the exercise had clearly gone down well. And the pile of soft toys in the centre of the hall said it all about the amount of work that had gone into this year's campaign.

This is only a part of the local effort, with shoe boxes

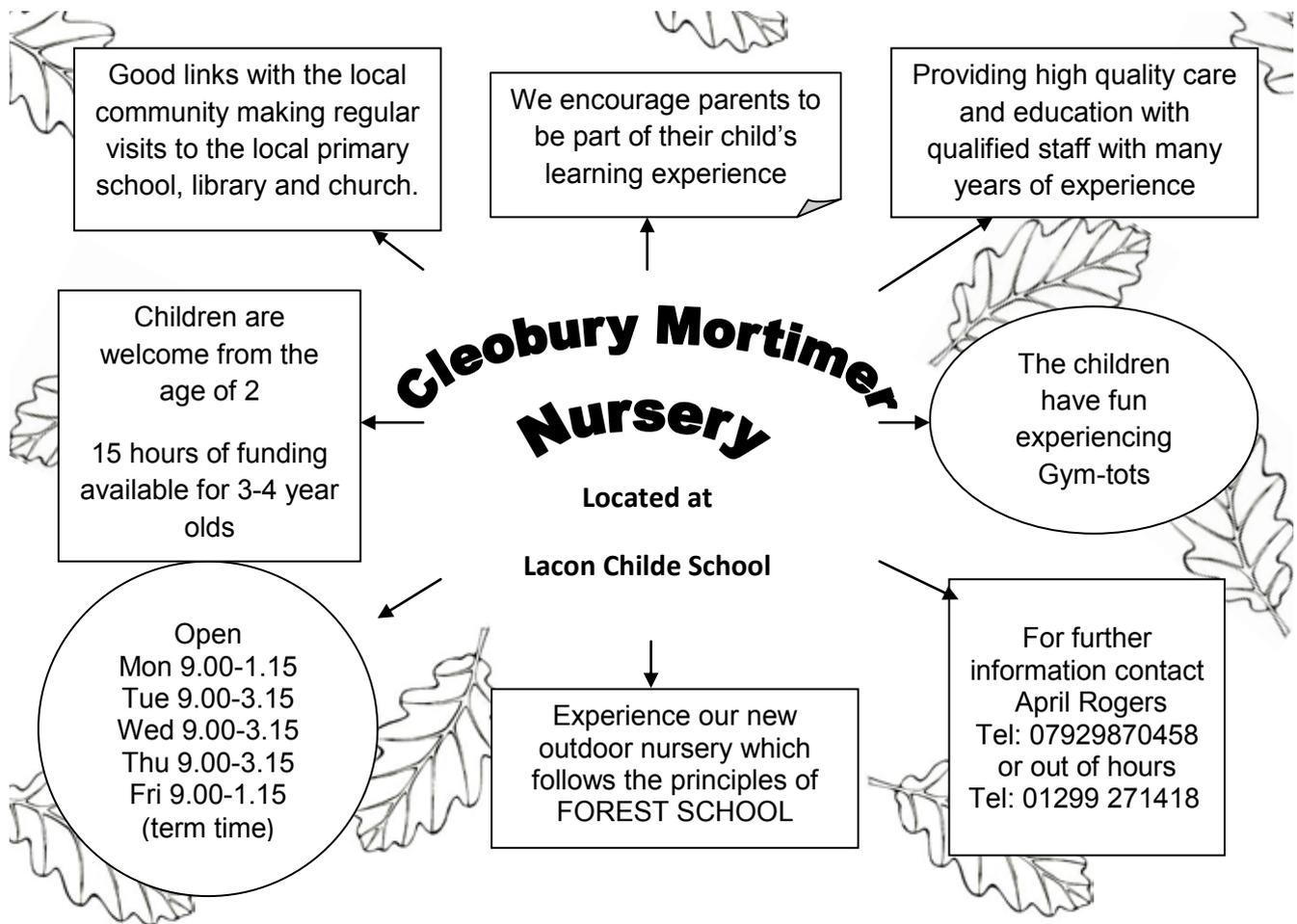
stacked in the Parish Church for volunteers to collect and fill with whatever they have to give or may have collected from neighbours. The amount of knitting that is done through the year would fill a decent sized shop; in some of those distant winters a pair of gloves or mittens would be a rare luxury. Writing materials are highly valued in a country where children have to provide their own exercise books and pencils.



Jenny Vanderhook (left) with just some of the willing helpers who made the evening a success.

"This is the third year we've worked with Rainbows," Jenny explained. "The first year we filled about 30 boxes, the second year it was around 50 and we'd like to manage 70 this year, if we're lucky."

Three days later a phone call confirmed just how good the girls' efforts had been. 96 Christmas Boxes filled and ready to go east. Great kids.





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Day	Time	Event	Contact	Phone
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	09.45	Parish Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624
	09.00	Mass, St Elizabeth's, Lower Street	Canon Walsh	01584 872906
	10.30	Cleobury Country Archers, Lacon Childe Sports Field	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374
	10.30	New Life Church – for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
	11.00	Morning Service, Methodist Church	Rev H Roberts	01584 819649
Mon	08.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School Mon to Fri		07794 166514
	08.00	Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon School Mon to Fri	Zoe Day	01746 718769
	09.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe School Mon to Fri	April Rogers	CM 271418
	09.00	CM Playgroup, Primary School, Mon to Fri	Jane Preece	07816 193933
	09.30	Morning Workout, Sports Hall	Deena	CM 271317
	10.00	Age UK, Monday Club, St Mary's Place	Sarah Wilde	CM 272638
	15.45	Gym Club with Ann Davis, Lacon Childe Mon & Wed	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.30	Cubs Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Kate Pearce	07772 102986
	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210
	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544
	19.30	Rangers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Helen Smith	CM 270912
	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114
	20.00	Women's Clog Dancing Classes	Linda Small	01746 718624
	Tue	10.00	Nippers, Moths & Tots, Methodist Hall, Church Street	Emma
14.00		Friendship Club, Parish Hall, Church Street	Janet Rolston	CM 270353
15.45		Ballet Class, Lacon Childe School	Liz Broadway	CM 251246
17.00		Sports Roundabout, Sports Hall, Love Lane		CM 271317
17.30		Beavers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Becky Keeley	CM 271416
18.45		Bridge Club Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
19.00		Bell Ringers' practice night, St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808
19.30		Chas Beale Dance Club, Lacon Childe School	Betty Ladek	CM 270332
Wed		10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe
	16.45	Gym Club for 6 & over, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.15	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Dorothy McBride	CM 272717
	19.00	Yoga Class with Anna, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	19.00	Zumba Class with Emma Forni, Lacon Childe School	Emma Forni	01746 862842
	19.30	CM Concert Brass Band practice, Parish Hall	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Thu	19.45	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627
	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808
	16.45	Cleobury Comets Netball, CM Sports Centre term time	Mandy Smith	CM 271809
	17.30	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945
	19.00	Bell Inn Band improvers rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street		
	19.30	Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	19.30	Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hinves	CM 271317
	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street		
	20.00	11-16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Fri	10.00	Tiny Stots, Chorley Playgroup, Stottesdon School	Zoe Day	01746 718769
	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall	Bettina Poole	CM 271868
	17.30	Rainbows Meeting, girls 5-7 years, Old Pump House	Jean Basham	07792 813774
	19.00	Scout Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Chris Andrews	CM 270937
	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre		01584 881359
Sat	10.30	Junior Coaching, CM Golf Club, Wyre Common	Robert Watkins	CM 271112

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As the business in cooked meats has grown, they added the Kyre Kitchen range of smoked meats a month ago and now offer Wenlock Edge Farm Meats as well. Their salami will tempt the editorial wallet soon and we'll report later. More topical as Christmas looms will be a range of hampers filled to your specification and Christmas Order Forms to make sure you get what you need over the holiday.

And there are two new faces helping in the shop. Bethany and Lauren are working for one hour a week for three months as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards course.

THIRD ART FESTIVAL

All the work on the Methodist Hall was done in good time to enhance their annual Art Festival. This year it's on the

23rd and 24th of this month, open 10.00 to 4.00 on Saturday and 1.00 to 4.00 on Sunday after an 11.00am informal service.

It's a friendly event, with a range of artistic talents on show and worth a call. If you've any money left after Saturday's shop, maybe you'll be tempted.

MAMBLE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mamble Village Hall hosts this on Saturday the 30th of this month, starting at 2.30. It's raising funds for local churches and offers a raffle, Christmas hampers, tea and cakes, a tombola, produce sales and cakes. Of course there will be cakes, whoever heard of a bazaar without them? Russell Sharples on 01299 832206 can tell you more.

NIGHTINGALE NURSES ON THE WEB

Nightingale Nurses move into the 21st century with a website, put together for them by Cleobury Councillor Debbie Brown. It explains how they raise funds and where they are spent.

Dial up www.nnfund.co.uk and see for yourself.

BAYTON SHOPPING NIGHT

Bayton School Parent Teacher Association have a Christmas Shopping Evening at the Victory Hall in Clows Top on the 15th of

this month. Starts at 7.00 and runs on until 9.00 to accommodate those who work late. A £2.50 entrance fee includes a drink and a mince pie. Lots on offer.

A SILENT DISCO!

Is the Parish Council out to save the nation's hearing and sanity? They're organising two Silent Discos at the Parish Hall on the 16th this month. The first for Under 16s, from 7.00 to 9.00, at £3.00 a ticket; the second for adults, 9.00 to 11.30 at £5.00 a pop. Or bop?

A silent disco is one where you rent a headset and tune it in to your own choice of music, then dance. Could be great fun, could lead to the odd argument. Tickets from the Primary School, Cleobury News or Cllr Jack Martin on 07534 241630.

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Linda Iles' November In The Forest

The leaves are falling and the clocks have been turned back. As the winter approaches I reassure myself by taking a look at the wood pile, reduced to nothing last winter/spring but now full again and, I hope, pretty dry after a good summer. It was a busy summer too of trench-digging to bring a kilometre of cable from the end of St John's Lane to Uncllys Farm, and I look forward to the 18th of this month when Western Power are due to throw the switch which brings us mains electricity. After celebrating (loudly and brightly!) we must restrain ourselves so that the good habits brought by living nine years 'off grid' are not lost: our dishwasher can look forward to being used for its designed purpose rather than as a glorified plate rack, but I'll continue to dry the laundry on the washing line and airer!

Bare trees and short days have their own charm. I can enjoy looking through the woods and having more chance of spotting deer. Over the years I've got better at identifying trees by their winter silhouettes and twigs. The birch are fairly easy and even when viewed from above the canopy, distinguish themselves by the reddish-brown of their twigs. Oak twigs have fat clusters of brown buds and beech have slender, pointed buds on equally slender stems. The sycamore has green twigs

with rounded green buds, the ash has dull twigs with black buds set opposite each other in pairs, and everyone knows the sticky buds and horseshoe-shaped leaf scars of the horse chestnut! Have a look when you next walk in the woods and take a good identification book such as Alan Mitchell's 'Field Guide to the Trees of Britain and Northern Europe'.

Families walking the Forestry Commission's Yellow Route at Callow Hill can enjoy the Stick Man trail, based on the children's book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. The 12 panels along the trail have fascinating facts and fun activities for children and the leaflet, which is being sold in the Forest Café for £1, contains additional activities and a pack of pipe cleaners to help you make your own Stick Man.

Willow twigs will be put to a more traditional use on the Basket Making day at Uncllys on November 9th. Ring 01299 403691 as soon as possible if you would like to join us making your own decorative and useful tray with willow and bark – the course lasts from 10.00 to 4.00 and costs £45.

Linda Iles

AND SOME NEWS ABOUT CLEE HILL WILD LIFE DEVELOPMENTS

Clare Fildes, Development
Officer for the Shropshire Hills

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership explains "We have organised a public event on November 6th for people to find out more about Clee Hill's heritage and wildlife, and hear about the heritage project that is being proposed."

Displays on a range of features and the wealth of wildlife will be on show in Clee Hill Primary School from 3.15 to 4.30pm. From 6.30, presentations including one on the proposed Clee Hill Heritage Project, will be given at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall.

Local expert and archaeologist, Glynn Barrett, will be talking about the Field and McKay quarry complex, active in the late 19th century; Alf Jenkins of Titterstone Clee Heritage Trust, will explain the livelihoods of people living around Clee Hill at that time, and Leo Smith and Fiona Gomershall, from the Clee Hill Community Wildlife Group, will be joining us to discuss the wildlife of Clee Hill Common, their survey work.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available. Please bring along any old photographs you have of the area, in particular pictures of the hydroelectric scheme and/or local wildlife. For further information please contact Clare Fildes on 01588 674094.

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Clarion Clippings - A Rather Important Meeting

The public's first chance to have their say about the closure of Cleobury's Police station and the effects of big cuts in the policing budget will be on the 6th this month. That's when the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is scheduled, 7.00 pm at the Methodist Hall in Church Street.

This is a vital meeting on several fronts. Not least the future of the NHW itself, where secretary Betsy Pratt finds pressure of work (that's the sort that pays wages, you understand) means she can't carry on. Betsy and Flo Hadley have done a very fine job for the community in establishing the Watch, and with policing levels being reduced, it is the obvious body to cooperate with WPC Ann O'Leary and her team. But there is no police station base to report to, no obvious point at which to speak to the volunteers who used to man the station and we need to know what future plans are. Commissioner Bill Longmore has apparently indicated that there will be a greater role for bodies like the NHW to play, but no plans for its future have been made public.

In this low crime area there is still a need for vigilance, because

professional criminals may find low policing levels a tempting prospect.

Inspector Robert Thomas has agreed to speak on the new policing model and how it will affect the community. We will be there to report; this is your chance to ask questions of the people responsible for our security.

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Jo Apperly at Red Hare is offering organic facials for men and women. She claims they're just "relaxing loveliness" and can make you feel 21 again. Red Hare are at 45 High Street or on CM 270702.

HANDS FOR HEROES

Not a well known name yet, this is another charity aimed at military personnel, serving or retired though injury. Sue Brown of Cleobury Chiropractic explains:

'Hands for Heroes is a charity set up to provide practical, hands-on care to help relieve physical (and often emotional) trauma for our courageous Servicemen and women. With Hands for Heroes, chiropractors volunteer their time for free to treat war veterans from the Gulf, Iraq or Afghanistan.

It's not just about back pain. Often their injuries are frighteningly obvious, with loss of limbs causing huge ergonomic changes and strain on the rest of the body. Chiropractic can help re-align the skeleton back to its original anatomical position. But sometimes veterans' injuries are less obvious: emotional and mental trauma can often manifest physically in the body; tense muscles being one of many possible symptoms.

The charity founders said, "The team at Hands for Heroes was delighted when Sue Brown volunteered to be our representative in Shropshire. It is quite a commitment of time, energy and money for the chiropractor. But as chiropractic is not provided through the Military or the NHS, there are tens of thousands of Servicemen and women who can benefit from the commitment of people like Sue. As an ex-RAF helicopter pilot herself, she has given chiropractic care to many aircrew members to help them restore and improve their overall performance both on mission and when back at home."

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THE READING GROUP

Deana Kimber reports:

"A Gentle Plea for Chaos" by Mirabel Osler.

Opinion was split regarding this book, a sort of philosophy of gardening, with half really enjoying it and others not at all, the Latin names being rather off putting. We were in agreement that it could have done with some pictures and a plan of the garden. There was no doubt about her enthusiasm for her subject and we enjoyed some of the fascinating facts included.

It was suggested that a series of articles might have been amalgamated to form the book, also that perhaps it would make a good e-book. Mirabel's garden being in Shropshire provoked much discussion on where exactly it was situated.

Our next book, "Wide Sargasso Sea" by Jean Rhys is available from Cleobury Library, if you wish to join us there on Monday 18th November at 7.30pm to give an opinion. *Deana Kimber*

CLEOBURY COUNTRY

MARKET - GREAT NEWS

Centre Manager Clare Todd has a big announcement to make:

Following pressure from stallholders and the public, the Cleobury Country Farmers Market will now run every month.

The markets have been so successful since their launch in April this year that everyone involved felt that to stop from Christmas to May, as was the original plan, would be ludicrous.

So we will be In and Around St Mary's Church every third Saturday in the month with our

regular traders like Scrummy Stuff, Good Game, The Pie Creator and Kyre Kitchens, and bring in new and seasonal traders as space allows. We will also continue with our theme of providing entertainment at each of the markets.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next market on the 16th of this month. And put in your diaries our Xmas market on December 21st, for all your last minute pressies and of course, mince pies, mulled wine and carols from the Church Choir. *Clare Todd*

NOTES FROM MADGE

SHINETON

Cleobury Parish Plan continues towards the final stages. Val Simpson has volunteered to put together all the information from the questionnaires and elsewhere plus the data held by the Shropshire Council which is what the Group examined at October's meeting. On November 20th the Group are bringing forward initial wording towards the final Plan to present to the Public for comments, hopefully in February 2014.

Dates for the future meetings are. November 20th, January 20th, February date to be arranged. All at 7.00pm in the Market Hall.

Many thanks to George Howells and his tractor friends for the loan of his big marquee for the Harvest Moon Concert on September 28th. The support group for the Severn Hospice raised £709-00 many thanks to everyone who was involved: the

acts and gate keepers, raffle sellers and those who donated prizes. *Madge*

SEVERN HOSPICE

CRAFTERS

Severn Hospice Crafters are going from strength to strength, having raised almost £3000 for the Hospice since April, boosted by profitable sales at the Severn Valley Railway Ladies Day, Burwarton Show and Attingham Park. Our next big sale will be at the Frost Fair, Attingham Park at the end of November. Thanks to the support of St Elizabeth's Church we now have storage for our resources and have expanded to three meetings a week! We still meet at St Mary's Place on a Tuesday evening from 7.00 to 9.00pm; there is a Knit and Natter group on a Friday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm, also at St Mary's Place - the ladies are producing some amazing and quirky knitted goods. There is also an afternoon session on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 4.00pm at St Elizabeth's Church Hall; this is mainly for preparing and stitching fabric goods. Everyone is welcome to come along to any of the sessions, just drop in and say hello, there is no commitment, you don't need to be crafty and you can come and go as you please. For more details pop in to the Severn Hospice shop on the High Street and speak to Gayna or Jayne or give Catherine a call on 01299 270647.

Catherine Evans



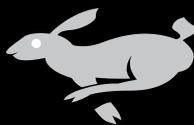
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RAINBOWS PRESENTATION



Such a happy group, all smiles and goodwill.

Cleobury's 1st Rainbows group made a special presentation to the residents of St Mary's Close, when they handed over all the Harvest Festival produce they'd collected.

"Such a lovely day," beamed Rainbow Guider Jean Basham. "The children sang harvest-themed songs and then Jo Booton served them refreshments."

TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTER FAIR

Mike Longmore of Newbridge Computers and Ricky Price are staging this event at the Cleobury Country Centre on the 30th of this month. Open from 9.00 to 4.00, it will offer everything from free advice to new and used hardware, plus a range of accessories and spares. And there's free teas and coffees to keep your energy up.

FAITH IN THE PUB

This Christian faith based group moves ever onward, as it changes from men-only status to welcome ladies to its monthly talks in the KA. 8.00 to 10.00 on the 4th this month.

Members John and Keith will talk about a recent trip to the Holy Land and the subject for the evening is The Middle East. Is it home to the three great religions of the world, or just a war zone? Should be a lively evening and there are free sandwiches, too.

AND TALKING ABOUT LADIES...

The first lady to be invited to talk to Faith in the Pub was Fiona Hankin, who got us thinking as she described the work of Shropshire's FAIRshare credit union and what some of the less scrupulous operators charge. After six years building up that service, Fiona has moved on to run her own PR and Advertising agency, THP. A very competent lady, she's on 07802 211650 or Fiona@thp-creative.co.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sam Pain, who has made the big move from keen amateur golfer to become a professional. Natural progress for a member of the Pain family who are the thinking

and power behind Cleobury's own very fine club.

To confirm the man's ability, he recently set a new course record of 66 for the Foxes Run and Deer Park combination.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



This must be one of the most friendly faces on Cleobury's main street. Becky has overseen the opening of the Whatever Next shop at No 8 Church Street, where the place has just had a makeover with new fittings.

If you would like to meet the lady and her staff, admire the shop and check the stock at the same time, they're hosting a Coffee and Cake gathering there on Monday, November 11th, from 10.00 in the am to 3.00 in the pm. You'll be made very welcome, in the way of Cleobury's charity shops.



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He moved to this area four years ago and soon realised what wonderful quality is available from local producers. Bridgnorth butcher Craig Finch was an early inspiration, his award winning sausages appealing to Kevin's appreciation of a fine job and a fine taste. From that came the idea of offering the best of local produce to a wider audience, and the title Ever So British seemed to fit it perfectly. In July the new business was born. At first it offered food, like the hand

made range of cheeses from Moydens. The range continues to grow, as Kevin has visited local markets and followed up leads to discover a range of good things. All of them produced in Shropshire and the three counties, a true representation of the Ever So British appeal.

The Wenlock Pottery was one company whose range of skills caught Kevin's eye. The result is the unique Two Naughty Mice cheese plate that comes to you with some fine samples of Moyden's flavoursome talents. The temptation will be to get to the cheeses before those little pests do.



If you have a sense of humour, how about serving up a cheese platter to your guests with those naughty little intruders? What will the cat do?

One of the more friendly aspects of this company's approach to business is their willingness to share details with us, the people out in Don't Know Land. Until I looked at their website I'd never heard of

Moyden's Cheese, but I'll be looking in at their range in future. There is a lesson - the best of flavours can come to your door from anywhere in this widespread county and surrounding area and its huge pool of talent.

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