

# The Cleobury Clarion

## WE WILL REMEMBER

November is a special month in Cleobury Mortimer. On Sunday the 13th the town will come to a standstill, hundreds will line the main street as the Royal British Legion leads a march to the War Memorial, where wreaths will be laid and prayers said for those we have lost. The simple gesture of standing in silence for two minutes, knowing the rest of the country is doing the same, is one of the most moving ways of bringing people together. Rank, age or experience don't matter for that most precious of moments that unites this community and is repeated through the land.

Sacrifice as big as that is respected by all ages. Proof is the Rugby Club's earlier outing for Legion members, taking them by coach to Ludlow after a memorial service at the war memorial to

commemorate a very special day, November 11th. 11.11.11 is the number, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, when the slaughter officially stopped. There were very few families in the country who had not lost someone to that conflict, not a village or hamlet that hadn't seen a family bereaved.

Whatever your religious belief, even if you have none at all, Remembrance Sunday brings us all together. The young men who marched off to take a ship to France in 1914, or those who carry their packs aboard a plane to fly out to Afghanistan today, all deserve our respect and wishes for a safe return.

Mankind still has to learn to live in peace. Until we do, the cream of our society, our sons and daughters will march proudly out and be at risk.

## NOVEMBER 2011



*Mick Hendy with the engraved rosebowl Parish Clouncil Chairman Sean Thorogood presented to this good friend of Cleobury Mortimer.*

Mick Hendy has been trying to retire for quite a long time, but he's done such a good job of keeping the town clean that we didn't want to let him go. But he's not an easy touch and finally got his way.

Mick officially retired at the end of October, but with a fortnight's holiday in hand, he handed back the brooms and said Goodbye in the middle of the month. A hard act to follow.



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### THE CLARION HELPS YOU FIGHT CRIME



*14 years a locksmith after five years in the Police, Darren is a man who knows his trade.*

Nothing heroic in the fight against crime, just a bit of common sense. And an introduction to a local man who could help keep your home safe from intruders.

Darren Rushton runs Bewdley Security Shop. If you drive through there, it's at the top of Load Street, right in front as you skirt the church. Not a flash and fancy place, just down to earth. Rather like Darren himself, who takes a pride in being a proper locksmith, like buying the latest lock and seeing how it works. "It says it's unpickable. I had a look

at it and unpicked it in an hour," he smiles.

He cares about standards and doesn't like the fact you can call yourself a locksmith with just the minimum of training and no licence. "We're the only country that doesn't require it," he says.

He has a simple pricing formula that includes the lock, safe or whatever you need, and the fitting. He recently went to see a bodge job where a new lock had been fitted and didn't work. The customer had paid £180 - his charge for such a job would be £65 with a no quibble warranty on the work. You can see why he gets angry.

If you want a five lever British Standard lock fitted to an outer door - just as your insurance policy says you should - it will cost from £65.00 per lock fitted. And be warned, if you don't have that standard of lock and you're burgled, you could find your insurance company won't pay out. If you want a key safe to keep car and outdoor keys in, his prices start at £50; -fitted, of course. If you want a domestic safe, he'll supply and fit one with a £1000 cash rating for insurance purposes, for £50.

He has a wide array of tools to keep criminals out of your home or business premises and The Clarion has arranged for him to

talk to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at their Spring 2012 meeting in the Methodist Hall.

It costs nothing to listen to the man, he'll happily give you a survey, explain how to make your house more secure and won't charge for the service. In these tough times, with the threat of crime growing, it does make sense.

### AN AMAZING EVENING

On September 30th the Fighting Cocks in Stottesdon hosted an Auction of Promises, to raise funds to provide equipment for the new Sports Hall at the Willowdene Centre in Chorley.


The result was a tribute to the generosity and big heart of those neighbouring communities. The evening raised no less than £4200 and we understand that's enough to completely furnish the Hall. What can you say about such an outcome? Wonderful.

### CLEOBURY'S

#### FESTIVAL OF ART

Simon Prentice is organising an exhibition of local artists' work in the Methodist Church and Hall on November 26 and 27th.

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### CLOWS TOP & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the September meeting Fiona Hope, gave a talk on 'Gardening with the Moon'. She explained the rhythm of the moon and the best time to do certain jobs in the garden depending on the moon waxing or waning. At the beginning of the evening Maurice Evans accepted a cheque for £200 on behalf of the Air Ambulance from the Garden Club.

It was also our Autumn Show. The show winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Marion Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Dredge and 3<sup>rd</sup> Val Greenhill. Best Exhibit Dot Cowdell. Many thanks to Anne for judging.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23 November, AGM, An Evening with Julian Newbold, Professional Gardener. No meeting in December.

### BRITISH LEGION HARVEST AUCTION

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Branch Chairman Jim Hulme conducted the Annual Auction Sale of Harvest Produce and other goods at The Bell Inn, in Lower Street.

Jim and the branch would like to thank Roger Gittins of The Bell for his hospitality, tradesmen and all who donated goods for the auction, all who helped during

the evening – and those who turned out to buy! The event proved to be a great success, with just over £800 being raised for Branch Funds.

The Branch always welcomes new members - please ring 01299 270110 for a membership form.

*Mark Baldwin*

### THE NIGHTINGALE NURSING FUND

**Rosemary Abbiss reports on progress with vital fund raising:**

Further to the article in September's Clarion, Highley Churches charity account have donated £1,000 to the funds. And Cleobury Mortimer's Bell Inn charity Darts and Dominoes have promised the Fund 40% of monies raised around Christmas. We really are very grateful to the generosity of these groups.

We also have some dates for your diaries, which I hope you will be able to support. If you are unable to be attend, but would like to donate prizes we would be truly grateful. Please contact a member of the core committee: Rosemary Abbiss (Chairman) 01746 718210, Debbie Brown, (Secretary) and Gill Shorter, treasurer).

Christmas Bingo will be held at Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club on 8<sup>th</sup> December, when again any prizes would be welcome – eyes down 8.00 p.m

We shall try to hold another Bingo session towards Easter.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> next year there will be a football tournament at Cleobury Mortimer in aid of the Fund together with the Air Ambulance, while June 10<sup>th</sup> will see us hold a "Football Fun Day". This is extremely popular with up to 60 teams, from the youngest to the veterans, competing in the Five-a-Side competitions. This year there was heavy rain but all played on regardless with the refreshments and the pig roast selling out quite quickly. We need any help you are able to offer for this day, man power or the loan of gazebo's etc. *Rosemary Abbiss*

### CLEOBURY W.I.

Most members were at our A.G.M. The committee were re-elected en bloc, as was our president, as she does such an outstanding job. We heard her report that we had another successful programme, and fund raising has gone well. After our next Winter Warmer soup morning we will be able to give a good donation to the Air Ambulance. Betty Davies thanked all the committee for their hard work. Following the election we enjoyed Jenny Vanderhook's slide show and talk about her visit to Singapore.



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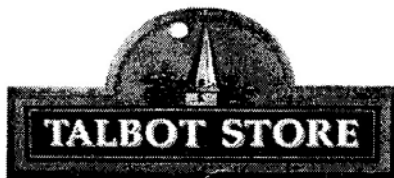
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## KEEPING THE WAY CLEAR



*Vital work laying a pipe to help drain a bridleway. Steve Jones is the man in the ditch.*

The Clee View Bridleway Group was formed just over a year ago, to help keep bridleways clear for horse riders and walkers. They also work on RUPPS, which makes life easier for farm vehicles on the move.

Early in October we talked to a work party laying a new drainage pipe along an ancient highway that runs off the Oretton Road, on to the Clee Common and the road to Cleeton St Mary. The overhanging trees had already been cropped back to let Steve Jones's digger through, to dig a ditch for the new pipe.

The main reason for this work was safety, so that horses and

riders can move along this path in peace, instead of on the road amongst traffic.

John Sutton is the chair, a man with a wealth of local knowledge and appreciation of the need to keep the more obscure routes open for everyone to use. With the probable exception of 4WD drivers, who sometimes charge down quiet rural routes, often to end up in a ditch and ask the nearest farmer to pull them out.

The Group concentrates on restoration and maintenance of the bridleways that do not get attention from the County Highways, simply because of cost. This local band has had grants from the County, but also organises fund raising events to cover inevitable costs. If you can help them they'd be glad to hear from you; call Chris Bargman on CM 270514.

People who give their time to causes like this are amongst the overlooked heroes of the rural world - and aren't there a lot of those? The countryside we enjoy, to drive through on the way to work, to walk or ride through as part of a hobby, or just to look at and admire from a passing bus, is kept looking so very good because people who live in it are willing to give time and effort to preserve its beauty. They do it with minimal support and maximum passion.

[www.cleeviewbridleway.co.uk](http://www.cleeviewbridleway.co.uk)

## HISTORY SOCIETY OPEN EVENING

The History Society's next open evening will be on Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm. Local archaeologist Glynn Barratt will give a talk on 'Titterstone Clee: A Hill through Time'. The hill is not just a looming presence and influence on our weather, but has a fascinating history. It is also unique in being the only named hill on the 14th century map of the world, the "Mappi Mundi" preserved in Hereford Cathedral library.

These open evenings are very popular. Come along to Neen Savage Parish Hall (where there is ample parking) and hear some of Glynn's interesting stories. Admission £3.00 for non-members includes refreshments. [www.cleoburymortimerhistory.co.uk](http://www.cleoburymortimerhistory.co.uk)

## ERIC LILL

**Eric's daughter Louise would like to thank all who helped the family in their recent loss:**

On the very sad loss of Eric, Edna and all of the Family would like to thank everyone for their kind support and prayers.

A final total of £360.00 was collected at Eric's funeral and has been equally divided between Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre and Aston House in Hereford. *Louise Wood*

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### HOPTON WAFERS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The recent community-led plan survey said parishioners wanted to know more about what the Council does. Hence this quarterly update which will appear in the Clarion, on the website and around the parish.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** The Annual Parish Meeting on May 23rd was well attended. The annual report and financial report are available on the website.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS;** These take place on the second Monday of every month in one of the three village halls. The next is on November 14th, 7.00pm in Cleeton St Mary. All residents are welcome.

**COMMUNITY WEBSITE:** The Council has sponsored a community website, which is a work in progress, but already has full details of Council meetings and copies of minutes etc.

[www.hoptonwafers.org](http://www.hoptonwafers.org)

**SPEEDING:** Almost 5000 vehicles per day pass through Doddington and Hopton Wafers, many going too fast. A top speed of 86mph was recorded past the Crown. The Council has had extra signs put up, with roundels in the roadway. There is also a speed activated sign which will

periodically appear in Doddington. Early indications are that speeds are reduced.

**HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE:** The Council has obtained a grant to help with minor works such as ditch clearing and gritting side roads in winter.

**PLANNING:** The Council is a consultee on local applications. Except for minor applications, councillors will endeavour to visit those affected by applications to gauge their opinions.

**COMMUNITY LED PLAN:** After a great deal of work by volunteers, the community led plan has been presented to the Council for their comments. The plan will then be finalised and the Council will be asked to adopt the plan.

**COUNCILLOR SURGERIES;**

Councillors are planning a monthly surgery. Here is your chance to meet them and discuss items of interest or concern. The first will be at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall on 14 November at 6.15pm.

[www.hoptonwafers.org](http://www.hoptonwafers.org)

*Robert Hodge*

### THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Members gathered at our September meeting for a demonstration by Helen Wallace

of Eboneezer's the Florist. The theme was Christmas and we were treated to some really stylish decorations. Helen showed us five different ways to create decorations using flowers, candles, ribbons and baubles but mainly natural foliage and flowers. She made it look easy, with a commentary about how to do it. Some were lucky enough to win one of her creations in a raffle and went home very happy.

Our next meeting is the AGM, 7.30 pm at the Methodist Hall.

*Liz Smurthwaite*

### MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT NEWS

First of all, a big thank you from Sue Henderson to all who supported the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in September, when £282 was raised for this vital work.

And a reminder of another event this month, on Saturday 26th, in the Market Hall. Cakes, preserves, cards, a tombola and more. Look on it as part of the Christmas preparations, and a rehearsal for next year's World's Biggest event.

### SILLY BIT

**Q:** How many Frenchmen does it take to defend Paris?

**A:** It's not known, it's never been tried.



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## **Philip Dunne MP's Letter from Westminster**

I rarely discuss my role in the House of Commons through this column, but as it has changed, it seemed as well to let you know. When Parliament resumed in October my government whip responsibilities changed to Education and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

On the day I had my first meeting with Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove and his team, the department announced 79 new Free Schools and Technical Colleges to be established from September 2012, including the first Free School in Shropshire, near Broseley. Welcome news for the campaigners who worked so hard for Barrow primary school after the local education authority had announced it should close.

I also had my first departmental meeting with Foreign Secretary William Hague and his team in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office building, built in an era when there was an empire. In the first week the Foreign Secretary made a statement to update the House on developments in the Middle East and North Africa, where momentous events are unfolding, bringing the first steps towards democracy in several Arab countries.

A government whip has three roles in Parliament in addition to MP responsibilities looking after constituents' interests. To ensure the passage of legislation through the Commons; liaising with Opposition whips and parliamentary officials over the timetabling of Bills and ensuring there are enough MPs in the Chamber to speak in debates and vote. We have an administrative role in organising the smooth running of the Chamber itself, with a whip on duty on the frontbench, on a regular rota, to help the Minister or the Speaker to ensure debates and question times work. We tend to take notes to look out for strong performances by MPs, on both sides of the Chamber, and also for possible areas for improvement. The third role is as a link between MPs and government. This has aspects of personnel management about it, but mainly provides a communication channel.

My responsibilities for Ludlow are the most important and often most enjoyable aspect of being an MP. I try to make myself as available as possible and welcome views on national and local issues either in person at my regular surgeries or in writing. *Philip Dunne*

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# Clarion Clippings - The Local News

## THE READING GROUP

Bookworms are not a hardy breed, and on a cold and windy October night only a handful gathered to discuss Thomas Hardy's 'Jude The Obscure'. It could not be called a resounding hit, the writer's ability stunted by a melancholy that reflected the less happy age in which it was set. Almost with a feeling of guilt, this classic would not be recommended as an enjoyable read, with the exception of one absent member who is a fan of Hardy's work and considers this his best.

The November book promises a lighter touch. Gladys Mitchell's 'The Saltmarsh Murders' features Mrs Beatrice Bradley, in one of the sixty works where her less than conventional investigation style stars. We will meet at 7.30 in the library on Monday the 21st to hear how much she appealed to members. New readers are very welcome.

## THE RUGBY CLUB'S LOG DROP

Last Christmas the Rugby Club delivered bags of logs to the elderly, but met with some cautious responses as people didn't know what was happening. This year they are giving good notice and working

hard to get more people involved.

The Log Drop itself will happen on Sunday December 18th. It's simple - members of the club deliver bags of logs to the doorsteps of the more mature local residents to help warm the Christmas fire. It's a fine gesture of community goodwill. And anyone who wants to sponsor a bag or two can meet them in the town centre on the mornings of November 26th, and December 3rd and 17th. It costs just £3.00 a bag, which is not a lot to help one of your neighbours.

## KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

First we would like to send Emily Spooner all our best wishes and good luck. She has been a much loved member of our staff since 2007, and is now moving on to pastures new and we will all miss her.

After our recent half term break the children returned to Halloween festivities and throughout November they will be doing lots of fun activities looking at colours, numbers and shapes.

We also enjoyed some busy 'Little Tiddlers' sessions before half term - it was lovely to see some new faces. If you would

like to come along and join in with our parent and child sessions, they run every Thursday within the Playgroup session, from 9.30 to 11.30, £2.50 per family. *Zoe Pearson*

## CLEOBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE AWARDS

Cleobury Primary School has been awarded the Quality Mark, in recognition of their standards in the "provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy."

As head teacher Bavita Williams put it: "We have demonstrated a whole school approach to improving standards, with evidence of the impact of its approach. It provides a framework for self-evaluation and continuous improvement of basic skills and underachievement. Well done to staff, pupils and governors. This is one of several awards the school has achieved over the last few years."

## SILLY BIT

Two elderly gents are sitting on a park bench, taking the sun. One turns to his friend and says: "Fred, I'm 83, full of aches and pains. You're about my age, how do you feel?"

His friend answers: "I feel just like a new born baby, Bert. No hair, no teeth and I just wet my pants."

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Don't forget your cat either, just because they potter in and out as they like, they will still enjoy some special time with you. Groom them, play with them – a piece of string with a wool ball on the end can occupy them for hours. Animals get stressed as well as humans and as their owners it is our responsibility to take good care of them. Mental and physical stimulation will help. Watch out for the signs of stress: over grooming, shaking, shedding, urinating in the house for example.(thank goodness I haven't had any of these!) At this time of year with the firework season upon us these signs often occur. Check with your vet in case there is a medical reason behind any of it but if you think it is down to a specific reason then seek help. There are various ways of helping a pet to cope with fireworks and to get the best result you need to act now. Waiting until the bonfire is aglow is too late. For more advice please ask at your vets, we at Severn Edge have free clinics where the our qualified nurses can talk you through the options available to you and give advice, not just for dogs and cats but also for rabbits and other pets.

Elayne Jonas

## COMING UP

## SMALLHOLDER'S INFORMATION EVENING

We are hosting an evening talk on November 17<sup>th</sup> at The Down Inn at Bridgnorth which should be of interest to local smallholders.

Our vets will be talking about common conditions of both poultry and sheep and as keeping chickens in the garden is becoming more popular, this should be a really useful evening.

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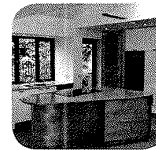
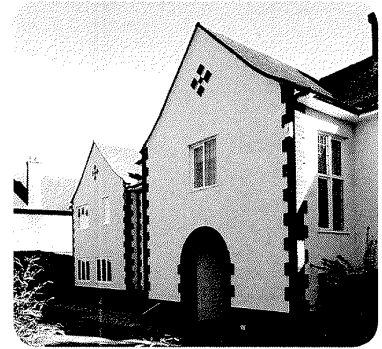
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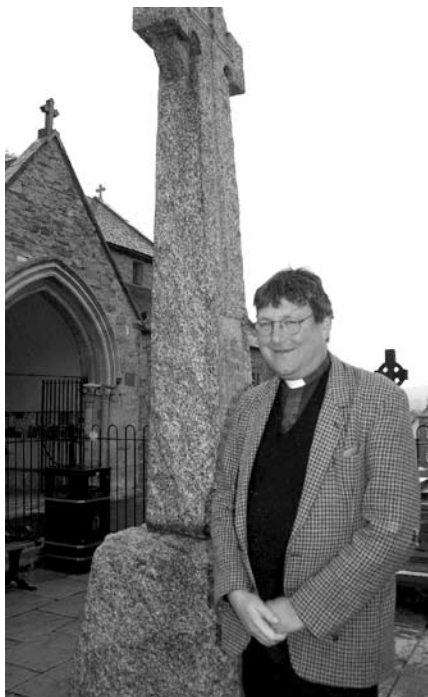
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## Crucial To Our Community - Ashley Buck, Rector



*Shropshire born, work hardened in some tough areas and settled happily in Cleobury Mortimer. Our Rector, Ashley Buck.*

Ashley Buck was born and raised in Bridgnorth, with the church prominent in his young life. His father was head of Highley Primary School and lay preacher, his mother a teacher. He graduated with a History degree from Manchester University, and was accepted for training for the clergy. In the two years gap before he found a place at Cuddesdon College, he spent the interim working for churches in Manchester and Paris.

Theology college was no easy time. He served the 1985 summer session in Kirkby, Liverpool: "No shops, tower blocks, dreadful unemployment, the beginning of the drug culture. The church was doing some good there, and a friend of mine went back and did seven years with his young family. In a place like that, the church was seen as caring. There was practical aid, like helping set up a Credit Union, persuading the authorities to

build good social housing and holding three surgeries a week. It gave people continuity and commitment."

Another summer was spent in Rotherhithe, east London, where wealth in the developing Docklands contrasted with poverty visible across the river. A lesson in the gulf developing between old and new people in such an area.

He left college with a degree in Theology and a greater awareness of the problems in the everyday life of some people. He'd also met Jo, now his wife, and as she was working in London, he went there too and was ordained in Southwark Cathedral in 1987, did four years as a curate at Addington in Surrey then moved to St Peter's in London's Eaton Square. "I was responsible for the Remembrance Day service at Victoria Station," he explains. "There was just me, the station master and a union man, with wreaths, in the middle of the station, and in seconds you'd have a congregation of about a thousand. It was very moving."

1994 saw him move back to his native Shropshire, joining the Wenlock Team Ministry that covered a big area and provided a complete contrast with his time in London: "A very different pace of life and a more stable community," in his words. He was Rural Dean of Conover when the post of Rector of Cleobury Mortimer became vacant and he was appointed in 2003. Why Cleobury? "A distinct, workable unit, from Milson up to Kinlet."

He's responsible for seven parishes: Cleobury Mortimer itself, with Doddington, Hopton Wafers, Kinlet, Milson and the

Neens Savage and Sollars. That means serving and caring for some 5,000 people with just three paid staff: curate Kelvin Price, administrator Sam Adams and Youth Project leader Mark Greaves. He emphasises how important the range of volunteers is to work and reach out to people effectively.

Ashley combines compassion with a wider experience than most of us realise and a gentle human touch. Funerals are conducted in a dignified, unhurried style with subtle help when a relative struggles to pay tribute to a loved one, in the same caring way he conducts a wedding ceremony or the regular services. You might call him an uncommonly good man with a common touch.

So where does he see the church in the present day? "It's an open place, where people can meet other people and God. It's owned by nobody but the people of Cleobury Mortimer."

"More than a building, it's people. The first thing I ask those who work with me is if they can show the compassion of God to those they meet."

And looking ten years ahead? "I don't expect it to be weaker. Objective evidence says congregations are growing locally and in the Diocese. There are more people coming into the building and we are committed to going out into the community, showing practical compassion for those who need it."

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In bad weather, Age UK volunteers or carers may not be able to reach their clients. The help required can be small and if the person is alone, a visit or phone call can reduce their feeling of isolation. It is important to ensure the older person is keeping warm enough.

If you can offer a couple of hours to help those on the "Winter List" during severe weather, Age UK would like to hear from you. You would only be contacted if and when you were needed.

For more details and to register your name, contact: Jackie Willetts (Home Form Hospital Age UK): 01584 878046, or Jenny McCrorie (CPV): 01299 271383

### Good Neighbours on Christmas Day

Are you cooking dinner on Christmas Day? Would you be able to do an extra plate and take it to one of your neighbours, who is alone on Christmas Day?

There are some very isolated and lonely people living in Cleobury and our surrounding countryside. Some of these people are usually happy living alone, but Christmas Day often can emphasise that they are alone, because everyone else is so busy. These lonely people could live near you.

Often people are proud and, understandably, they do not want to accept charity. If you go and ask someone who you don't usually speak to if you can cook them Christmas dinner, they could easily be offended.

So why not start talking to your neighbours who live alone now? In conversation, find out what they are doing at Christmas? Are they going away? Are they having visitors? Or, will they be alone? If they become a friend, it is more likely, they may accept your kind offer of you taking them Christmas Dinner or even, you could invite them to your house for Christmas Dinner.

This is not a formal request, it was a very good thought of one of the CPV members. We decided to share this idea with our community. Even if we manage get people to think about this suggestion, we may have helped a few lonely individuals, who can be of any age.

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*Jenny McCrorie*

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Contact Jane Read on 01584 891656 or jane@songshops.co.uk

## FARLOW CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Here's a nice idea if you live in the Farlow area and don't relish the pre-Christmas crush in the bigger shopping centres. There are three Farlow Fayres in the village hall, from 10.00 to 2.00, on Sunday November 13th and 20th and finally on December 4th.

Admission is free, refreshments will be available and you can see local Christmas crafts from turkeys to trees. And you won't have to stand in the queue at Tesco.....

## STOTTESDON W.I.

In October we welcomed Megan Morris Jones from Cuan House Wildlife Rescue Centre, unique in Shropshire and open every day of the year. She demonstrated how her team deal with around 1500 sick injured or orphaned wild animals and birds annually, treating injuries, rehabilitating

and mainly preparing for a successful return to the wild.

Sadly, many injuries are inflicted by human activity, and educating the public can go some way to reducing injuries from carelessness. We learned not to remove solitary young where parents may return to them, and most importantly, never feed wildlife with cows milk! Megan's charity needs support, so check her website [www.cuanhouse.org](http://www.cuanhouse.org) for local fund-raising events. We were pleased to have visitors, and new members, to this fascinating evening.

On Wednesday November 16th we hold our AGM & Quiz at Farlow Village Hall. Visitors may prefer to join us on 21<sup>st</sup> December, when Kim Fisher will demonstrate Christmas Cake Decorations at Chorley Hall.

*Marian Wootton*

## LADIES NIGHT

The Cleobury Mortimer Playgroup is a veteran of the business at 45 years of age. Based in the Market Hall, it's run by a committee of parents, and provides pre-school education for 2 to 4 year old children.

On the 11th this month they'll be holding their fourth Ladies Night to raise funds, in the Parish Hall in Church Street. It starts at 7.00 and runs through to 9.30, with a list of activities long enough to fill this page. Tickets are £3.00 and include a glass of wine, or £2.50

if you book in advance. The contacts are Carrie on 07967 218216, or Kassie on 07792 979469  
Psychic Readings by Lorraine Mills and Co are normally a very popular attraction, so pre-booking when you order your tickets is advised.

## GET WELL SOON, GRAHAM

No report from the Footpath Association this month, as official scribe Graham Simpson is currently in Worcester Hospital. No wonder things were quiet at the last Reading Group meeting, without his well argued sideways look at the subject work. We hope he'll be up, out and about very soon.

Meanwhile, he wants to remind you of this month's Parish Walk, starting from the Parish Church at 10.00 on Sunday morning the 6th.

## ROUND HOUSE ON THE HILL

The Titterstone Clee Hill Historic Trust have a great project just under way. They're going to build a replica of an Iron Age Round House at The Novers site, on the southern slope of the Hill, sited off the Tenbury Road. This is a very active group, planning to develop from this first structure, which is scheduled to open at the end of March with a creative writing event based in the Round House. More about this excellent idea next month....

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## Clarion Clippings - The Local News

### ANOTHER CLEOBURY AWARD WINNER

David Walford's poetry, one man's reflection of local life, is a long established and respected work. His latest success is a Top Ten placing in the National Poetry Day competition organised by Forward Poetry, the world's largest publishers of new poetry. Here it is, published with David's kind consent;

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And the world is full of song  
Fast and furious twelve over matches  
Shouts of how's that, well caught, fill the air  
Some spectators leap out of their chairs  
Leaves in the trees catch the wind  
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### THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

A timely reminder from Steve Todd:

This year's St Mary's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday December 3rd from 2.00 to 5.00 It will be in St Mary's Church, to be opened by Santa Claus at 2.00. As in previous years, there will be a number of activities including Santa's Grotto, the usual stalls plus some new ones.

In addition, there will be entertainment outside, as the Crooked Steeple Morris dancers will be performing at 3.30 and Santa will switch on the town lights at 4.30 pm . All proceeds will be divided between the Church and the Friends of St Mary's so please come along and support this worthy cause.

If anyone can help by contributing any of the following items for the Fair, they will be gratefully received. Perfume, candles, soap, stationery, bottles of anything, chocolates, prizes for games, cakes, produce, smellies (pink or white) or books. If you think you can help with any of these, please contact Heather Kippin on CM 270601.

*Steve Todd*

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# The November Monthly Social Calendar - Part 1

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Wed 2	10.00am	Walking for Health invite you to a Community walk, starting from the Sports and Fitness Centre in Love Lane.	Ian Pearmain	01694 722077
	10.30am	Living with Depression, supportive session at the Methodist Hall		
	2.00pm	Thru the Door informal service for parents and toddlers, Parish Church	Gabrielle Eve	CM 270510
	7.30pm	The History Society meets at Neen Savage village hall		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thurs 3		<b>GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders walk starts from Severn Valley Country Park at Alveley. OS Ref: 750839	Alan	01299 404304
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	The Pearl of Africa Choir is in concert at Cleobury Mortimer Primary School. Admission free, donation to their costs recommended. World class choir in Shropshire town!		
	7.00pm	Ladies Shopping Night at Bayton Village Hall. Raising funds for the school. Entry £2.00; includes tea and biscuits		
Fri 4	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 5	10.00am	Charity Car Boot Sale at Green Gap Kennels, Far Forest. Off the A4117.		
	7.30pm	Firework Night at the Royal Oak, Clee Hill. Admission free, hot food, all profits to Coreley Football Club.	Details	01584 890754
Tues 8	7.30am	St Mary's Breakfast Club meet in the Kings Arms, to hear Marion ~parsons talk about the Cats Protection League.	Gill Chapman	CM 270575
	7.30pm	Cleobury WI meets in the Parish Hall, to hear "How to Make Cards and Boxes".		
	7.30pm	"Caring for God's Acre. Susan Cooper talks about tending Kinlet churchyard, Kinlet Village Hall.		
Wed 9	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon club meets at The Crown, Hopton Wafers	Alison Osbourne	01584 890414
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meets at The Bell Inn in Lower Street		
Thur 10		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 11	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Ladies Night at the Parish Hall is raising funds for Cleobury Playgroup. Tickets £3.00.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, proceeds to the hall.	Eula Rutter	01584 891200
Sun 13	10.00am	Farlow Fayre of local crafts and gifts in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall, Admission free.		
	10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. The Royal British Legion leads the parade through the High Street to the town's War Memorial for the laying of wreaths and two minutes silence. A big occasion in this community.		
Mon 14	8.00pm	The Horticultural Society meets in the Methodist Hall, Church Street, for its Annual General Meeting		



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## The November Monthly Social Calendar - Part 2

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Wed 16	10.00am	Walking for Health Community walk. See Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> above.		
	7.30pm	History Society Open Evening hosts Glynn Barratt, talking about Titterstone Clee Hill. Non members £3.00, which includes refreshments.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's Village Hall. (See 2 <sup>nd</sup> above)	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thur 17		<b>GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders walk starts from Rock Cross Inn, in Rock village. OS Ref: 735712	Alan	01299 400304
	7.45pm	Whist Drive Evening at the Sports & Social Club, Love Lane.	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 18	7.30pm	Over 18s Three-Legged Fun Run starts from the Parish Hall, raising funds for the BBC's "Children in Need" appeal for local charities.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall. (See 2 <sup>nd</sup> above).	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 19		Far Forest bazaar, in the village hall		
	8.00pm	"Hoagy, Hornpipes, Handel and Hoedown" from Simon Mayor and Hilary James suggests a wide range of music from this highly acclaimed duo. Ticket entry only	Glenn White	01299 832276
Sun 20	10.00am	Farlow Fayre of local crafts and gifts in Farlow and Oretton Village Hall, Admission free.		
Mon 21	7.30am	The Reading Group meet in the library, to discuss "The Saltmarch Murders" and collect another read for the month ahead.		
Wed 23	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meets in the Victory Hall for its AGM ad a Social Evening with Julian Newbold.	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Thur 24		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
	8.00am	Whist Drive, Neen Savage Village Hall	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
Fri 25	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall. (See 2 <sup>nd</sup> above).	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 26	10.00am	MacMillan Cancer Support have a Coffee Morning in the Market Hall. All for the best causes.		
		The Rugby Club will be in the town centre, showing off the bags of logs you can sponsor in their annual Christmas Log Drop.		
	7.30pm	Wayne Tulsa stars in another lively evening at the Sports and Social Club, Love Lane. Tickets £4.00 members, £5.00 non members.		
Sat 26/ Sun 27		Festival of Art in the Methodist Church and Hall. Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm, Sunday 1.00pm to 5.00pm		
		<b>AND LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER...</b>		
Thu 1		<b>GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 2	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 3		The Rugby Club will be in the town centre again, looking for sponsors for their Christmas Log Drop at £3.00 a bag.		
	3.30pm	Singing in Cleobury North Village Hall. SEE PAGE 21.	Jane Read	01584 891656

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**CRIME:** No burglaries for this month. We have had some really good calls in relation to people acting suspiciously where we have been able to stop and check to make sure they are who they say they are. If you think it's suspicious it probably is, so we would rather come and check it out than not at all. It is not wasting our time.

**INFORMATION:** A community will only succeed if it works together. I have had a number of people insinuate certain issues within the town, which I am more than happy to deal with. However, these have mostly come third hand as people do not want to say what exactly is going on. Any information passed to the police is treated in complete confidence, and acted upon. Sometimes these matters take a little longer than on The Bill or Police Camera Action to rectify, but if the information is correct then the matter will be dealt with. It is down to us as a community to protect it and all who live in it. Don't just talk about it, do something about it.

The next NHW meeting is on Wednesday November 2nd. For all those wanting to attend, this month's talk is on Crime Stoppers and how it works and helps the community with the

information that is called in, so come along and find out.

**HALLOWEEN:** I have spoken to the whole of the secondary school in relation to Trick or Treat on Halloween. The young people are aware of what they are and are not allowed to do, especially in relation to elderly people. If you do not want any visitors on the evening contact us on the below numbers and we will give you some posters to put next to your door to tell them not to call. I am around on the evening so feel free to give us a call should there be any problems.

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** Only one incident of note and that was a disorder in the town on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00pm to 1.00 am around town, mainly the Childe Road area. There are a number of people helping me with my enquiries and action is being taken, however if you witnessed anything that evening I can be contacted on the below numbers.

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### BOWLING NEWS

On September 13th the Cleobury 'A' Team, captained by Roy Andrews, were in a precarious position in the Relegation Zone of the Highley League. In an away game came fantastic news - Cleobury scored three points to ensure we compete in Highley League Division One next Season.

More good and then unfortunately bad news, Cleobury 'B', captained by Christine Lloyd, reached the semi final of the Highley Knockout Cup, played at Broseley against Worfield. We needed two points and it looked likely to happen, but despite a good all round effort, we lost. Bad luck. A Trophy was won by Cleobury 'B' Team (Mortimer); they reached the Semi Final of the Ludlow Cup against Bylet and won 196 points against 172. The Final was against Corve and once again Mortimer came out on top; 216 points against 199. Well done Mortimer. On September 24th, visitors from Far Forest & Rock British Legion and Cleobury Mortimer British Legion joined Cleobury Mortimer Club members for a Bowling Morning. A great time was held by all and the profit was £50.50. This was forwarded

to the British Legion Poppy Fund.

At the Annual General Meeting on October 17th, Members agreed to hold a British Legion Day in 2011 to raise more for the Poppy Fund. Everyone will be welcome. The Officers of the Club were re-elected for 2011; President- Dave Jones; Chairman-Roy Andrews; Secretary Dave Harley; Treasurer Norman Brookes; Vice Chairman Lesley Burnside; Club Captain-Chris Cowdell; Vice Club Captain Gordon Griffiths.

The Bowling Green is now closed until the end of March. A Merry Christmas to all.

*Dave Harley*

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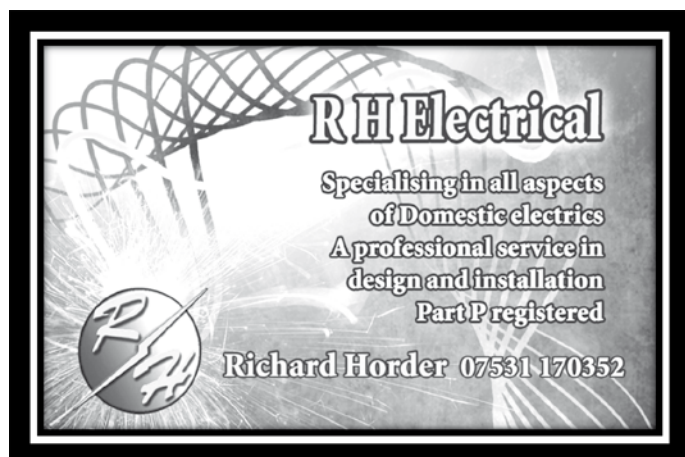
PC Tony Sewell will report on detective work in the area and be ready to listen to local worries. As ever, a very approachable man. You can sign up to get involved if you want to, or just listen to what's going on as people who care work to make our community safer. They deserve the support of us all.

### SILLY BIT

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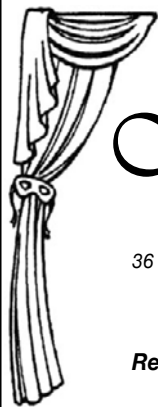
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Is change affordable? Well it probably ought to be, because it is often associated with better methods, greater production or more efficiency. However, it appears it isn't always the case even if the actions are an attempt at improvement. A few examples have come to prominence over recent weeks. Discussion took place amongst a group of farmers at a national NFU meeting about the use of tractor fuel. Those that use large quantities have noticed some significant developments. Over the past year through EU Regulation fuel oil, as it is known, has altered. Most of the sulphur content has been taken out, to match road fuel, and up to 7% of biodiesel added. Our contributors have commented that firstly, tractors and powered machinery are typically using 12% more fuel since the changes and very worryingly others are finding that major engine maintenance is required. One well known West Midland farmer had had to replace the fuel injectors on one of his biggest units at a cost of well over £4000! These fuel changes were an attempt to be kinder on the environment but it looks as though on balance we are no

better off and most probably all-round at great disadvantage.

Here at Westwood we have recently been involved with the situation of a development not being as helpful as perhaps first envisaged. In recent years there have been many changes to the State Veterinary Service. For a start it is now known as Animal Health. Most counties had an office, but now there have been repeated amalgamations and arrangements are now very much on a regional basis. Furthermore some specialist areas of work are centred from an office somewhere in the UK. Livestock exports will be one of these areas and it is the AH Office at Carlisle that deals with this. We have had the recent good fortune to have three cattle form part of a consignment to Northern Ireland together with a couple of other Hereford breeders. These export deals always require a number of health tests and what with trying to coordinate everyone involved and tie-up suitable transport it can all be a challenging task. Arrangements were developing quite smoothly in this instance until the Friday afternoon prior to the Tuesday that dispatch was expected. Quite by chance we established that an IT problem at the Carlisle Office would probably prevent the movement

taking place. It was indicated that health status could not be checked; there seemed to be no commonsense way around this malfunction. If the cattle were prevented from going at around the proposed time, complications would kick-in with further health tests needed as well as all the inconvenience to the people involved. Fortunately, with effort applied by several people down a number of routes, including input from a local MP, the stock travelled on Thursday of that week and are now comfortable in their new home in Co Armagh.

But there is a worry on the horizon and that is that there is likely to be yet more centralisation of Government services like Animal Health and all the time there is less contact with personnel with knowledge of local information. It should not necessarily be of concern, but when a computer breaks down and there appears little concern about the consequences from folk miles away then that is not acceptable. At a time when clearly we need to adopt best method for better production in the most efficient all-round manner then change for change's sake is not on. In fact it can be expensive. Affordable change only, please!

*Clive Davies*



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## The Clarion Weekly Calendar - Part One

day	time		contact	phone no
<b>SUN</b>	8.30	Holy Communion )at the Parish Church of St Mary		CM 270264
Sun	9.45	Parish Communion ) the Virgin, Church Street		
Sun	9.00	Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Lower Street	Fr J Robinson	01584 872906
Sun	09.00	Cleobury Country Archers, Sports Centre	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374
Sun	10.30	New Life Church, for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Sun	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Sun	11.00	Morning Service at the Methodist Church	Miss H Roberts	01584 819649
<b>MON</b>	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (term only)	April Rogers	CM 271418
Mon	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Mon	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Mon	10.00	-19.00 Library open at Cleobury Country Centre	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Mon	9.30	Morning workout in the Sports Hall £2.00	Deena Edwards	01299 271217
Mon	9.30	Belly Dancing Class at Victory Hall, Clows Top		
Mon	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (term only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Mon	10.00	Day Centre Meeting £3.60 2 courses etc.	Jenny Ferriday	CM 400773
Mon	17.30	Cubs meeting (term-time only)	Karen King	CM 270001
Mon	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210
Mon	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544
Mon	19.00	Cleobury Mortimer Ladies Rugby Team Training	Sarah Cound	07977 120272
Mon	19.15	Yoga Class, Bayton Village Hall	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Mon	19.30	Rangers Meeting (term-time only)	Judy Ellis	01584 890759
Mon	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club (exc. Bank Hols)	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Mon	20.00	Prize Bingo, Sports & Social Club, Love Lane		
<b>TUE</b>	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Tue	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Tue	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Tue	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Tue	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (see Mon)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Tue	10.00	Nippers (Mothers & Tots), Methodist Hall,	Emma Greenaway	CM 272959
Tue	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Tue	17.00	Sports Roundabout, CM sports Hall. £1 per hour		CM 271317
Tue	17.30	Beavers meeting (term-time only)	Becky Keeley	CM 271416
Tue	17.30	- 19.30 Youth Forum meets at 8 Talbot Square	Sandra	07964902549
Tue	18.45	Bridge Club, Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
Tue	18.45	Yoga, Victory Hall, Clows Top	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Tue	19.00	Bellringers' practice night. St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808
Tue	19.00	Dog ringcraft class, Clee Hill Village Hall	01584 890999	or 890478
Tue	19.00	Zumba Fitness, Lacon Childe School	Faith Thompson	07517 753375
Tue	19.30	Peak Physique, Lacon Childe School	Kim Bills	01384 877702
Tue	20.00	Charles Beale Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291
Tue	20.30	Aerobics, Lacon Childe School. £2.00	Ms K Bills	01384 877702
<b>WED</b>	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Wed	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Wed	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (see Mon)	April Rogers	CM 271418

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<i>Day</i>	<i>time</i>		<i>contact</i>	<i>phone no</i>
Wed	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Wed	9.30	Rising Fives Playgroup, Market Hall (see Mon)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Wed	10.00	Citizen's Advice Bureau, CM Library (appt only)		01584 876933
Wed	10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
Wed	14.00	- 17.30 Library open, Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Wed	17.15	Brownies meeting (term time only)	Jadwiga Borns	CM 270215
Wed	16.30	Gym Club for ages 6 and over £3 (booking essential)	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.00	Guides meeting (term time only)	Bev Pearce	CM
Wed	19.00	Heartbeat Fitness, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.00	Yoga Class, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.30	Rugby Club Training, Lacon Childe		CM 271317
Wed	19.30	Band practice, Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560
Wed	19.30	New Life Church Prayer meeting. For venue, please ring	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Wed	19.30	Choir Practice, St Mary's Church	Philip Englehart	CM 270627
<b>THU</b>	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Thu	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Thu	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Thu	9.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Thu	9.30	Little Tiddlers, birth onwards at demountable, Kinlet School	Sam	CM 271847
Thu	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall. (term-time only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Thu	11.00	Sale of second-hand goods, Knowle Sports Club,	Mrs A Taylor	01584 890644
Thu	13.30	Cards and Scrabble, St Mary's Place, Love Lane	Jo Booton	CM 270792
Thu	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, £1 non residents	Jo Booton	07969 104808
Thu	17.30	- 19.30 Youth Forum meets at 8 Talbot Square	Sandra	0796 4902549
Thu	17.30	Brownies meeting (term-time only)	Jadwiga Borns	CM 270215
Thu	17.45	Cleobury Comets Netball at Sports & Social Club		CM 270317
Thu	19.00	Bell Inn Improvers rehearsal. Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu	19.30	Tums & Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Thu	19.30	Adult 5-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hinves	CM 271317
Thu	20.00	11-16 Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Thu	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Thu	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal. Bell Inn, Lower Street		
<b>FRI</b>	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Fri	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Fri	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Fri	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (term-time only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Fri	10.00	Tiny Tots, Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Fri	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall £2.00 per family	Bettina Poole	CM 271868
Fri	17.00	Junior 5-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Fri	17.30	Rainbows Meeting girls 5-7 years (term-time only)	Jean Basham	07792813774
Fri	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre. Adults £2.50,		01584 881359
<b>SAT</b>	8.30	Sale of second-hand goods, Knowle Sports Club	Mrs A Taylor	01584 890644
Sat	10.00	-13.00 Library at Cleobury Country Centre	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Sat	10.00	Telephone advice line to Citizens' Advice Bureau		01584 810860
Sat	11.00	Junior Golf Coaching for boys and girls, CM Golf Club	John Jones	CM 271628

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# Clarion News - High Street Happenings

## NEW FACE



*Martin Weldon, smiling host at the Talbot Hotel.*

It's certainly good to see The Talbot open again and very much back in business. In charge now are Martin and Steph Weldon, who ran the social club at the Wyre Forest Caravan Club before moving just over the border into Shropshire. With 27 years in the pub and club trade, there's not much that fazes Martin.

Reports on the food are good, with Jeanette Green doing great things with a menu that won't get you scratching your head. "We do straightforward local stuff, decent portions at a good price," Martin told us.

It's still Greene King owned, which explains the IPA on offer a £2.95 a pint. You can expect to see at least two real ales on offer when you call in.

They're also offering much needed town centre accommodation, with five double rooms and one twin bedded, including a special room with a four-poster.

We wish the Weldons good fortune and hope they can bring back the Talbot Hotel sparkle of old.

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The store was closed most of the morning, while regular customers pulled up on the road and asked if the staff were all OK. They were, and isn't that public response a tribute to them and their friendly approach? And meanwhile the Police had officers in, looking for clues that might help identify the criminals. But would this popular main street facility have been hit if the company been able to build its planned new store, with a modern security system, and not still been in an old building?



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# **A New Clarion Service - Advice from Sophie Gordon**

Mrs Gordon has agreed to offer an advice page to Clarion readers, which we feel could be invaluable as times get harder. If you have a worry you want to air, you may contact her by post or e-mail through the Clarion.

**She is not able to deal directly with readers, through pressure of her normal work.** *Ed*

*My husband was recently made redundant and I lost my part time job 18 months ago. We are both in our 50s and have a mortgage that his pay-off will not clear. We are both looking for jobs, but the situation is not easy and we are two months in arrears with our payments to the building society. Please can you tell me where we can turn for help or advice?*

There is little detail in your letter, so if some of what I write is unnecessary or does not apply to you, just ignore it. Perhaps it may help somebody else.

It's clear from your letter that you realise your first consideration must be regarding your mortgage. You and your husband should make an appointment as soon as possible at the building society to discuss your problems. They will be familiar with the situation you face, and will want to help you reach a satisfactory arrangement. If you can show them you are doing your best to get work and are economising sensibly, that will help to make a good impression.

Before you see them you should consider your financial circumstances – how much money is going out and how much coming in – and how you can economise. Set out a list of your outgoings

over the last year so you can see where the money goes, and work out where you can save money, and what you can do without. Some simple ways of saving, especially in Cleobury, include not using the car when you can walk, shopping locally instead of going to the supermarket (where the quality of food and the bargains are not always all they are cracked up to be!), avoiding ready meals and cooking fresh food. Don't be tempted to buy things you don't need! And remember that it is quite unnecessary to give expensive Christmas presents; inexpensive or home-made gifts are wholly appropriate.

You have not said what sort of work you have done, or what you are looking for, but in the present economic situation, don't be tempted to turn down an offer in the hope that something better might turn up. And when you go for a job interview, be enthusiastic and present yourself well.

Beware of borrowing money unless you can be sure that you will be able to pay it back with the interest, and only borrow from reputable companies such as banks and building societies.

As winter begins it is important to keep warm – but that doesn't mean the house should be like an oven! Only warm the rooms you use, when you use them, and don't overheat them – wear warm clothes. Many of us grew up without central heating!

Other organisations who can help you are the Department of Work and Pensions (about benefits) and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

*Sophie Gordon*

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### BIG AMBITIONS AT SIX ASHES



*Partners Jane Cooling (left) and Kelly Wood with Jack, a rescued ex racing horse now happy hacking.*

There are new faces at the 6Ashes Equestrian Centre. Jane Cooling, who learned to ride there and has long nursed an ambition to work with horses, is one. Her business partner is Kelly Wood, who has worked with horses all her life and has a BSC (Hons) in equine studies. In October they signed the lease and moved in, bringing eight of their own steeds to live alongside the nine they bought with the business.

They were up to their elbows in painting, cleaning and refurbishing the stabling when the Clarion called to talk about their plans for the 22 acre site. They have a five year plan, as

Kelly explained: 'We want to make it a big equestrian centre, holding competitions. A buzzing place, where people can live horses and riding. And we have verification that 6Ashes is approved for training schemes by Pink Lizard, Lantra, City and Guilds and First for Sport, an Olympic pilot scheme..'

The facilities are much more than you can see from the road. Like a floodlit menage ring and they have the agreement of the landlord to ride out beyond their own boundaries and develop a cross country course.

In one of the barns they have plans for an indoor arena and are planning demonstrations and lectures in the next door building. Natural horses trainer Rob Leese has already agreed to take part in that next year, when his current commitment in America is finished.

It's going to be a busy time for these two, who are committed to being open from 8.00 to 8.00 seven days a week. We asked about the European Working Time Directive and they both laughed; you warm to people as determined as this. They have to be that devoted to offer a package with stabling, training, care and riding for customers who want to leave their mounts here. And it's a lovely location

for riding, with high standards on offer. Like 1 to 1 lessons and 3 to 1 group tuition. You can talk to them on CM 270417 or look in on the website at [www.6ashes.co.uk](http://www.6ashes.co.uk)

### THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHOIR IN CONCERT

An international atmosphere comes to Cleobury Primary School this Thursday, the 4th. The Pearl of Africa Choir will be spending the day there, which means special workshops for each class as they get to know the visitors. and have classes in dance, singing and drumming.

In the evening there's a concert, from 5.00 to 7.00. Seats are limited, so book yours soon. No charge, but there will be a request to make a donation at the end of the concert, to help the visitors in their school back in Uganda.

A nice touch is the presence of an African stall on the day, with pupils given a top spending limit of £3.00, so no risk of breaking the piggy bank there.

What a long sighted idea this is, giving the younger generation just an idea of the culture of Uganda. From understanding comes respect and from respect can come peace. And our world does need more of that.

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# Clarion Clippings - The Local News

## A VERY FINE HALL, FOR ALL OCCASIONS



*Clarion size photos can never do justice to the hall or its setting.*

Times are changing all around and Hopton Wafers is one place that will feel a major effect if its primary school closes, as it is due to do next year. With the pupil roll down close to 20, it has become a victim of economic pressure over local loyalty.

But one public facility that will remain is the village hall, sitting proudly above grounds that are the village green. It is a rather special place, with modern facilities in a smart building, and all set in a fine piece of Shropshire landscape. You won't find many halls to match this for setting and access - it's less than 200 metres from the A4117, with plenty of parking space..

It was extended in 1990 when a the conservatory was added, which allows guests to sit out and admire the countryside or maybe watch over the children playing in their well equipped area. The hall itself will seat about 80 people, and the rental includes crockery and cutlery as well as use of a kitchen that looks like new. As you'd expect, there is a toilet for the disabled and wheelchair access

Rental is £25 - £30 a day, depending upon the event, and if you need time to set up equipment and there's no booking the day before, access then is free of charge. The toddlers have it for one hour on Thursday mornings and the other regular users are the Bridge Club on Tuesdays and the neighbouring Primary School, who use the play area. When the Clarion called, the car park was marked out for Bikeability training for the children.

This is not a commercial venture, it's a community facility that can be rented; it's no surprise to learn that it's a popular venue for birthdays and wedding receptions. Funeral parties use it too, and if they use the Parish Church for the service, the hall is available at no extra charge. As we said, not a

commercial venture, more a caring one.

Bookings and information: Posey Davies, 01299 270547.

### THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Following a very enjoyable trip to the Elan Valley, the Club went on Safari with a tour of the West Midlands Safari Park. A tour with a knowledgeable guide was an unusual and exciting afternoon, with the opportunity to see and hear so many different animals. We then went for tea at the Colliers Local Food Cafe on the way home.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Gladys Hows, who is moving with her family to Llandudno. She was presented with a framed photograph of our members and a special tea was served on her last day.

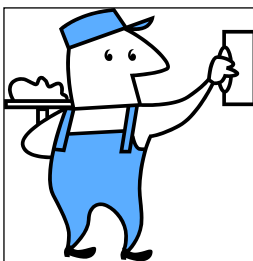
A Bring and Buy Sale was held and raised £20 for our funds. Our next event will be to celebrate Halloween, with a competiton for the best home made witch's hat. New members are welcome; please contact me on CM 270373 for more details. Local transport can be arranged.

*Janet Rolstan*

### SILLY BITS

She was engaged to a chap with a wooden leg, but broke it off.

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## Clarion Clippings - The Local News

### NOVEMBER IN THE FOREST

Linda Iles, with her seasonal  
view:

\_\_It is autumn well and truly now. This is the time to enjoy a brisk walk, making the most of the longer views that have opened up in the forest with the loss of foliage. Perhaps you will be rewarded with a sighting of fallow deer as they search for acorns and beech mast to feed on. Frosty or misty mornings have their own atmosphere, with sparkling ice crystals fringing each stem or dewy cobwebs delicately draping fences, branches and ground. Why not join one of the **Health Walks** every Tuesday and Sunday starting from the Visitor Centre at 11.00am? They are free and their aim is to build fitness at a gentle pace. If you haven't been before come at 10.30am to allow time to register with the volunteer leader. Pre-school children and their carers can meet every term-time Thursday from 10.00 to 11.00am for forest-based play and activities with **Forest Friends**, led by the Discovery Centre's staff.

I hope that you have been able to see the Discovery Centre during the last year, either with a school, leisure group or at one

of our special public events. The last of the specially-commissioned interpretative artworks is now in place in or around the building, enabling people to engage with the forest, its wildlife, history and geology in all sorts of imaginative ways. These were all made by artists in the region and were funded by Biffa and Heritage Lottery Fund.

Linda Iles

Forestry Commission

### AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

**More from Linda's erudite PC,  
but rather worrying this time:**

Sadly, the future of the Community Discovery Centre and everything that goes on there is in question. The Forestry Commission is having its budget cut by 25% and the proposal on the table cuts all but one of the Wyre education staff. This would leave one "Learning Co-ordinator" to "facilitate" education in a new district reaching from Shrewsbury to Cornwall. The delivery of education as we know it (and as valued by visiting teachers for nearly 20 years) would be lost. We are fighting, and there may still be hope. If you want to let me have your views please email me at [linda@uncllys.co.uk](mailto:linda@uncllys.co.uk).

Linda Iles

**STOP PRESS.** As we went to the printer, Linda told us that there has been a stay of execution. We'll stay in touch and keep you posted JR

### IT'S ADVENT LUNCH TIME AGAIN

December is approaching, the month when Advent Soup Lunches are on the Friday menu at the Market Hall.

It's one of those traditions that works because people of goodwill are prepared to give their time. From 12.45 until 1.45 a bowl of home made soup and fresh bread, with apple pie and cream to follow, is available for a minimum donation of £2.00. The proceeds go to a charity for the homeless, thanks to Shaunah Murrell.

The days are December 2nd, 9th and 16th and you can expect home made cakes and chocolate Christmas tree decorations on sale, a raffle to try your luck and a Bring and Buy.

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# Clarion Clippings and a Mystery



## WHO'S WHO IN THE SNOWS OF LONG AGO?

Here's a fine puzzle picture for you, taken on Clarvers in the epic snowy winter of 1947. It came from Councillor Debbie Brown, whose mum Sylvia is the young lady in short sleeves, and was clearly a hardy outdoor type. We do know that she lives in Kidderminster today, giving time as a volunteer at the General Hospital

64 years ago the country came to a near standstill after huge snowfalls that stopped most trains running, it was so deep.

Celia Brown was a young girl living at Cleeton St Mary at the time and can remember stepping out of her bedroom window and walking out on the high snow. The cold spell from January to March is widely regarded as the worst UK winter on record.

Not that it stopped this lively bunch of youngsters, with one dad there to look after the very little one. Do you recognise anyone. Are you one of the group? Please write, e-mail or telephone and let us know who you know; contact details are on Page 55.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES - THE FINAL CALL

A final reminder that the Christmas Gift Boxes destined to go to impoverished children in Eastern Europe should be handed in at Baldwin's Book Shop on the High Street by the 11th of this month.

Thank you everyone who has helped this cause in any way. It's in the traditional spirit of Christmas to help those less well off, and these boxes are always received with delight by kids who are not used to gifts.

## WHO'LL COLLECT CARDBOARD?

The cessation of cardboard collection is a blow. South Shropshire has a very good record in recycling, but standards have risen and we can no longer leave cardboard out with the garden waste after the end of November. The service has gone, but the cardboard certainly hasn't.

We do hope there are big efforts being made to get one of the new collector units into Cleobury. In fact, we're sure there are. Having established the recycling habit, we simply must not let it slip away.

## COMEDY AT THE K.A.

It was a good idea. Comedy is big business, so why not have a bunch of comedians performing at the KA? With a name like Simon Donald, one of the founders of Viz! Magazine on the bill, it looked good. In fact, Simon was there on Thursday, the quietest day, but made a good impression with his approachability.

The Clarion went on Friday, paying £15 to get into the tent down in the garden, with a small dish of vege chilli in the deal. For basic seating and lesser names on stage, it seemed expensive. £20 for over two hours of Mark Steel at Bewdley Festival was better value.

Dave Thompson opened at the KA that night and started well before going quiet, with Phil Kay on after the interval.

He hit the right note with a manic entry and then: "Gaddafi's only been dead 24 hours, but we've got his tent here!" It went down well, but half way through his stint the laughs were getting fewer and people were leaving. I did before the end, unimpressed. Apparently Saturday night was sold out, which is good news for the KA and we hope they'll do it again. But two days only and better publicity, please.

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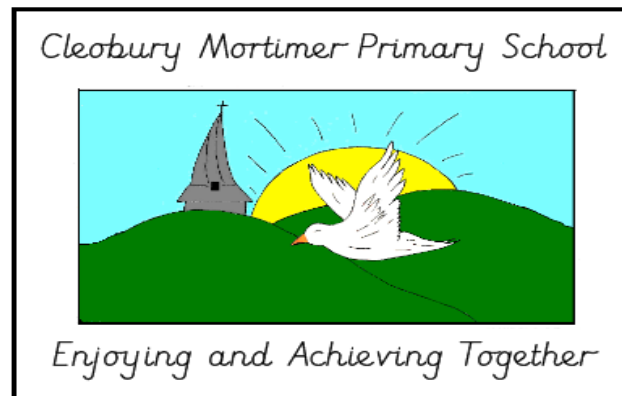
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