

# **Clive & Grinshill Newsletter**



HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS

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To all Contributors please note the date for inclusion in the next newsletter will be the 15th January and we can only include items that include your name.

## WHAT'S ON IN CLIVE AND GRINSHILL IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2025

### DECEMBER 2024

1st	Clive Holy Communion	11.00am
1st	Grinshill Evening Service	4.00pm
3rd	RAF CHRISTMAS CONCERT ST.Chads Church free ticket req. See Ad. Page 25	
3rd	Clive VH. Renshaw Field AGM	7.00pm
8th	Grinshill Holy Communion	9.30am
8th	Clive Lessons and Carol Service	6.00pm
12th – 14th	Beer Festival at the Hub	7.30pm – 11.00pm
15th	Clive Music and Praise	11.00am
15th	Grinshill Lessons and Carols	6.00pm
18th	Clive Village Carol Singing round village meet at church	6.30pm
18th	Clive Church School Christmas Concert All Welcome 2.00pm and 6.00pm	
19th	Clive Church School Christmas Service All Welcome	2.45pm
20th	Clive Coffee Morning + 100 Club Draw	8.45am – 11.45am
22nd	Clive Holy Communion	8.30am
22nd	Grinshill Family Service	11.00am
23rd	Grinshill Carol Singing, meet at Church Lane	6.00pm
24th	Clive Holy Communion	6.00pm
25th	Grinshill Holy Communion	11.00am

### JANUARY 2025

5TH	Clive Music and Praise	11.00am
5th	Grinshill Evening Service	4.00pm
7th	Clive W.I. Rev. John Jukes/Previous Ballet Dancer Career 7.30pm	
12th	Grinshill Family Service	9.30am
12th	Clive Evening Service	4.00pm
16th	Clive Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
19th	Grinshill Morning Service	8.30am
19th	Clive Holy Communion	11.00am
24th	Clive Coffee Morning	8.45am – 11.45am
26th	Clive Holy Communion	8.30am
26th	Grinshill Holy Communion	9.30am

# NEWS IN BRIEF

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**The Post Office times have now changed to Wednesday 3pm – 4.30pm**

**Congratulations to Ann Leah** who has again delivered and re-collected in her famous 'Smartie Tubes' A total of over £900 for Clive Church. Thanks to all who donated.

**Boo Hill** is still collecting Postage Stamps which will now go to the local Air Ambulance. Please collect by leaving attached to the envelope paper and cutting with a good margin around the stamp edge to avoid damage to the stamp itself. The stamps can be given to Boo or dropped off at the Air Ambulance shop in Darwin Shopping Centre – these stamps raise valuable funds for the charity, please assist if you can.

### **Renshaw's Field Association**

**AGM** will be held @ 19:00 on Tuesday 3rd December in the Village Hall. Please come along and find out what the Association has been up to this year and what our aspirations are for next. If you would like to raise any points/ideas please contact the secretary ([cathydixon248@gmail.com](mailto:cathydixon248@gmail.com)) or pop along to the meeting, we all looking forward to seeing you there.

### **FREEDOM FIBRE coming to you SOON**

Residents are encouraged to visit [www.freedomfibre.com/residential](http://www.freedomfibre.com/residential) to check when this service will be available (Expected February 2025 in Clive).



**THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS  
IN OUR VILLAGES WHO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:-**

- Hand delivering 400 Newsletters to residents in both villages and on the hill
- Keep the churchyards neat and tidy
- Plant the wild roadside verges
- Maintain the garden at the rear of Clive Village Hall for everyone to enjoy.
- Polish the brass and clean the churches
- Open and lock the churches each day
- Maintaining Renshaw's Field
- Friends of Clive School
- Parish Councillors who ensure residents queries are addressed
- Committee members of each Village Hall ensuring safe for use
- Cleaners and general maintenance of village halls
- Organisers of the Clive Village Show including set up and clear up
- Local Facebook updates and monitoring
- Coffee mornings to enable a monthly community get-together
- Flower arrangements in the churches
- Cleaning the village halls regularly to ensure maintained for regular use

**PLUS ALL THE MANY OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED**

**ABOVE (Ed.)**

**ALL THESE TASKS ARE CARRIED OUT REGULARLY BY A FEW PEOPLE  
GIVING THEIR TIME FREELY, BUT MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE  
REQUIRED TO ASSIST: –**

**PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING ..... MAYBE A NEW YEAR  
RESOLUTION PLENTY OF SATISFACTION AND FRIENDSHIP  
BUT NO PAY.....**

# CLIVE PARISH COUNCIL

## News Report – December 2024



### **Shropshire Local Plan examination – Stage 2 hearings cancelled**

In September, the Parish Council submitted a hearing statement for Matter 23- Wem Place Plan Area: CLV012 & CLV018 (Land off Flemley Park Farm, High Street, Clive and adjacent to the Bungalow).

Our statement objected to Local Plan policy S17, which proposes site allocations and housing guideline figures for Clive. The full statement can be viewed on the PC's Local Plan Review webpage (under **Planning Info**). Parish Councillors were due to take part in hearings at the end of November, however we have been notified that the remaining stage 2 hearings have been cancelled by the Inspectors.

This is a completely unexpected turn of events, and we are currently awaiting further details from the Planning Inspectors. The initial information states that there were "significant concerns about the soundness of the plan in respect of a number of areas", but it is unclear what this may mean for Clive. Please check the PC website, notice boards, and local social media for more updates as they appear.

### **Check your eligibility for pension credit and winter fuel payments – Deadline to apply 21 Dec 2024**

People over the state pension age are urged to check if they are eligible for pension credit, winter fuel payments and other benefits they may be entitled to.

People who claim Pension Credit may also be able to get:

- The Winter Fuel Payment and other help with heating costs
- Help with rent and Council Tax
- A free TV Licence for those aged 75 or over
- Help with the cost of NHS services, such as NHS dental treatment, glasses, and transport costs for hospital appointments.

### **If you're applying to get a Winter Fuel Payment**

Check that you meet the eligibility criteria for Winter Fuel Payments before applying for Pension Credit: <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment/eligibility>

## **How to apply for Pension Credit**

- Pension Credit can be claimed by phone or post.
- On the GOV.UK **"How to Claim"** page:  
<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim>
- Over the phone by calling 0800 99 1234 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)
- By printing out and filling in a paper application form
- For more information visit the Pension Credit GOV.UK page:  
<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit>
- You must apply for Pension Credit by 21 December 2024 to qualify for the 2024 to 2025 Winter Fuel Payment.

## **Thank you to defib volunteers and ambulance service staff**

We had a worrying moment in October when we heard that the AED cabinet was open and the defib seemingly missing. Thank you very much to members of the public who spotted this and notified us. It had been borrowed by West Midlands Ambulance Service. It looks like they didn't actually need to use it this time, but it highlights how important it is that we check the defib regularly so it is always "emergency ready". A big thank you to all our volunteers who do fortnightly checks to ensure it is ready if needed.

Whilst they had the Clive defib, ambulance staff marked it as "unavailable" on The Circuit, which is a national database used by emergency service call handlers to direct paramedics and the public to the nearest available defib. The defib was thankfully returned swiftly, checked again by volunteers, and we updated The Circuit to show it is once again ready to be used in an emergency. Knowing which defibs on The Circuit are "emergency ready" can mean the difference between life and death, so we are extremely grateful to everyone (members of the public, volunteers, and the emergency services) for helping to keep this vital amenity ready for action.

## **Mobile communications mast in Clive – We want your feedback**

Following on from the previous newsletter's request for feedback, no objections were received about a potential mobile communications mast in Clive. Only one comment was raised (to ask whether Atlas Tower Group (ATG) would consider a 'stealth' mast), and the PC has passed on this question. Therefore, the Parish Council is happy for ATG to continue to investigate the feasibility of a mast in Clive.

There is a dedicated webpage (under **Planning Info** on the Clive PC website), where parishioners can find more information on the mast proposal, including potential coverage maps for each location being considered by ATG.

The Council is still interested in hearing your feedback, so please share any questions, thoughts, or concerns you may have with the Clerk on [clivepc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clivepc@hotmail.co.uk). ATG have emphasised that they will not build masts in areas without the necessary community support. They prefer to collaborate with communities to find sites that would be acceptable so they can fill in the gaps in rural areas.

### **New Parish Council website address and emails**

The Council has decided to move its website and emails to a .gov.uk domain. We are staying with our current provider, Hugo Fox, so the new website may not look very different, but it will have a new address. We are currently waiting to find out if our chosen domain name has been approved, but it is hoped that it will be registered by early December, at which point we can set up the email accounts. We don't yet have a launch date for the new website and email addresses, but we will share all the necessary info via our existing website, notice boards, and local social media.

### **Why use a gov.uk domain?**

- demonstrates professionalism and is recommended as good practice
- instantly recognisable as a Local Government organisation
- dedicated **.gov.uk** email addresses keep personal and Council emails separate, and assists with data protection
- it will also reassure parishioners that emails from us are legitimate and safe to open

### **Traffic in Clive**

#### **Speed sign updates – our commitment to making Clive roads safer Wem Road VAS**

An application for police funding towards the cost of the speed sign (VAS) equipment has been submitted, but unfortunately they are unable to fund the full amount requested. The Council is considering its options, but it may mean waiting until next year's funding window opens again in the spring and putting in a new funding application.



## Quarry View VAS

Unfortunately the Quarry view VAS sign is once again showing a fault, so the Council is sending it back to the manufacturer for tests and replacement parts. Hopefully it will be back in commission soon!

Community Speed watch – you can play a part too

The Parish Council sees speeding as its no. 1 policing priority and is determined to make the roads safer for everyone in Clive. We have dedicated a considerable amount of time, effort, and funding towards this goal over the years, and the VAS signs (existing and planned) are just one part of our efforts.

To help us achieve this goal together, we would really appreciate it if more people could give a little time to help the Community Speed Watch group. Every driver caught speeding by our brilliant CSW volunteers is sent a warning letter from the police, and regular offenders will get a police visit and may also get picked up by police ANPR. All of this really helps change driver behaviour, and ultimately makes the roads safer.

Even very occasional volunteering will help the CSW group run more speed watch sessions in Clive, so you do not need to commit to large amounts of time regularly. The more volunteers we have trained up and ready to go, the more often we can run sessions, and **this will send a stronger message to drivers that speeding in Clive is just not acceptable.**

Thank you so much to all the existing CSW volunteers who play such an important role in tackling speeding in Clive. If you are interested in joining them, please contact the Clerk on [clivepc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clivepc@hotmail.co.uk).

## Household recycling centre booking system: What you need to know

- You now need to book a slot to take household waste to one of the five household recycling centres in Shropshire (Bridgnorth, Craven Arms, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, or Whitchurch).
- Book via the Shropshire Council website or by phone: 0345 678 9007 (9am- 3pm, Mon-Fri)
- Bookings can only be made by people living in Shropshire, and you will need to bring proof of address to the recycling centre. E.g. driving licence, utility bill or council tax bill. (Digital bills are acceptable.)
- Bookings can be made for cars, and for vans/trailers. Commercial/trade waste can't be taken to any of the recycling centres.

- Read booking instructions on the website carefully as some sites have height restrictions.

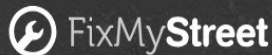
### Dog fouling reminder

What can concerned residents do?

**Please report dog-related issues directly to Shropshire Council;** this will demonstrate the extent of the problem and will help the dog warden plan appropriate enforcement action in Clive.

Quickly and easily report concerns via:

1. FixMyStreet mobile app
2. Shropshire Council's website: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/street-care-and-cleaning/environmental-maintenance/dog-fouling/>
3. Customer Service Centre by calling **0345 678 9006**.



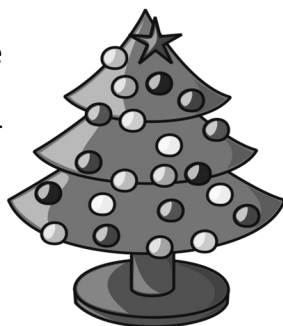
**Call 0345  
678 9006**

### Christmas Wishes

After that rather packed Council update, there is nothing left to do except wish you all a wonderful Christmas, and all the very best for the New Year!

**Next Council meetings: Thurs Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month (no meetings held in Aug and Dec), at 7.30pm, in Clive Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and there is an Open Forum at the start where members of the public have an opportunity to speak on agenda items.**



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01691 674742



## Clive CE Primary School – November 2024



The term, so far, has been very busy.

Dormouse walked around the village to look at the different houses and the materials used to build them. They said "hello" to one or two residents as well! Badger Class enjoyed their trip to Chester Zoo to compliment and enhance the work they are doing about Brazil and the rainforest. The workshop by zoo staff was particularly good. Red Squirrel, likewise, enjoyed their trip to the zoo to see the African animals. A great trip with some weary children afterwards. At the time of writing, Hedgehog Class are preparing for a trip to Telford Gurdwara to learn more about Sikhism, to compliment their work on India. They will also be visiting Thomas Adams Food Tech department to make a curry and side dish! Children in Key Stage 2 have visited Thomas Adams a number of times for various sporting events. We shall all be visiting Theatre Severn in early December to see the pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Apologies in advance if the two coaches that will be picking up the children at 9am cause a bit of a road blockage. We aim to get going as quickly as possible after their arrival outside the Medical Practice. We shall return at about 1pm.

We have welcomed into school a number of visitors for a variety of different reasons - conduct assessments, carry out building works, conduct workshops. The School Nurse has visited to give a parent workshop on toileting as well as the importance of handwashing to Dormouse Class. A particular highlight has been a visit from Shropshire Music Service for Live Music Week. A quartet of musicians delighted the children with a musical rendition of pieces ranging from opera to Taylor Swift!

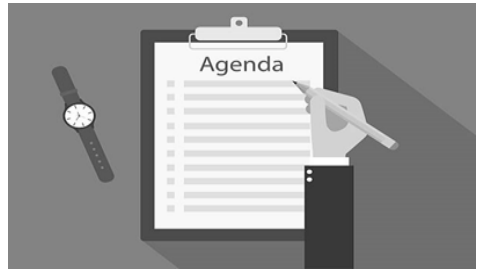
Our harvest service was well attended and produce was shared between members of the local community and Wem Foodbank. Thankyou to everyone who attended or donated offerings. We shall be having our Christmas service in church on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm. We shall also be performing our Christmas Concert in church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm and 6pm. All are welcome to attend but please be prepared to stand in the event that all the chairs are taken up!

Numbers in school remain buoyant and although we are not expecting any starters in January, we would always welcome expressions of interest. Our Nursery accommodates children from the term after their third (3) birthday. If you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place, please point them in our direction ([admin@clive.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clive.shropshire.sch.uk) or 01939 220385).



## Grinshill Parish Council November 2024 updates and more.

The Parish Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting as normal at Grinshill Village Hall 7pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This article covers some of the key actions and projects under development discussed at the meeting on behalf of the Parishioners in Grinshill. There remains vacancies for co-opting additional Parish Councillors, anyone interested please contact the Clerk details below.



### 1. Parish Council Projects:

The Parish Council is involved in a number of local projects many but not all of which have attracted external funding. In terms of roadside verges, drainage ditches and hedge cutting. Additional local contractors and volunteers are involved in extra works over and above that which is undertaken by Shropshire Council and repairs that reported through 'fix my street'.

The Parish Council has also repainted the benches and repaired notice boards across the parish. Concerns over flooding and the state of Church Street off High Street in Grinshill has also been the focus of debate. Sansaw Estate indicated that it may have a source of plainings which could be used for the project, updates will be given to those involved once the situation becomes clear.

An additional project has been 're-started' with the help of Shropshire Council relating to rights of ways. The themes of the project are '**walk it**' '**report it**' '**repair it**'. Anyone interested please contact the Clerk who's details are below

## **2. Partner Engagement and Support:**

The Parish Council continues to engage with RAF Shawbury on community projects particularly around Corbet Woods. Activity has continued to develop with the trainees undertaking works on the steps. West Mercia Police have also been active within the parish and provided a recent report on the Parish Councils three priorities. This included speed surveys along the High Street, with mobile patrols looking for any anti social behaviour on the High Street and Corbet Wood and a watching brief on Rural Crime through the West Mercia specialist officer. Concerns can be passed onto the the Wem Safer Neighbourhood Team at [wem.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:wem.snt@westmercia.police.uk), There are also some 30 mph stickers still available for attachment to wheelie bins. Please contact Cllr. Tom Wycherley. Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones regularly attends the Parish Council meeting and has recently advised on the changes in planning, Shropshire Councils budget and the bus services across Shropshire. Grant applications have been submitted to government to re-introduce a 'split' 511 service with a smaller bus. So you would be to visit Wem and Shrewsbury on a separate route.

## **3. Community Hub:**

Parishioners recently attended the Parish Council meeting to enquire if any progress has been made in terms of the Community Hub Project based at the Cricket Club in Grinshill. After a recent meeting of the partners looking at the project it was agreed to again appeal to Parishioners to come forward and offer their skills and talents to form a new team to take the project forward.

If you are interested in this community development project please contact the Parish Clerk whose details are listed below by the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 so that a decision can be taken on the viability of the project.



## Green Waste Recycling:

Shropshire's new green waste recycling scheme is now fully operational. New bin stickers were issued at the beginning of November and collection of your green waste will only take place if the sticker is attached to the green bin.

There is still opportunity to join the scheme as the payment window will operate from September 2024 until 31 March 2025. The annual charge is £56 regardless of when you sign up. Further information can be obtained from the following website link

**<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/garden-waste-collections/>**

If you want to subscribe but don't have access the internet call 0345 520 7007, select option 2 and tell the adviser that you wish to subscribe to Shropshire Council's garden waste collection service.

### **Recycling Centre Visit Changes**

The other major change regarding recycling of waste is that any visit to the five Shropshire Recycling Centres by vehicle now needs to be booked in advance. There is a web-based booking system which can be accessed at the following website along with further information regarding vehicle types access times etc., Confirmation of booking slots will be emailed back to you. Bookings can be made up to six days in advance.

**<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/household-recycling-centres/household-recycling-centre-bookings/>**

**If you don't have access the internet you can still apply for a booking by calling the Customer Service Centre on 0345 678 9007 between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.**

For further information, or to see how you can get involved in your local community, please contact the Parish Clerk, Graham Bould  
E: [gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk) M 07792300702 or one of the Parish Councillors who details are available on the website highlighted below.



Grinshill Parish Council  
[www.grinshillvillage.com](http://www.grinshillvillage.com)

Visit the Grinshill Parish Council Website for village info, meeting details, planning information and more!  
[www.grinshillvillage.com](http://www.grinshillvillage.com)  
You can also receive information, updates and more by signing up to our email alerts on the website.





# Sansaw Estate

## Sansaw Estate Update December 2024

Despite a wet start to the Autumn, we enjoyed a few dry weeks in November which has made farming and property maintenance considerably easier than twelve months ago. The autumn colours have held well and with little wind has made the clearing of leaves somewhat easier than normal. We look forward to Christmas and a short pause in activities (weather dependent!)

In July we started a major refurbishment of Hardwicke Farmhouse, this has involved roof and drainage repairs, a new electrical supply, a complete internal strip out, installation of underfloor heating, a significant amount of insulation, as well as new windows, kitchens and bathrooms. We are investing in air source heat pumps and will be interested to see how they perform in a Victorian Farmhouse, albeit a well-insulated one! This has been a huge but satisfying undertaking for the Estate, with three new houses available for letting in the spring.

Despite a few wet days in September and October, this autumn has been the opposite of last year and has allowed us to keep the cows out for longer, with no damage to the fields and excellent cow health. However, this year we have not grown as much grass as normal, so we have eaten into our silage reserves, so fingers crossed for an easy spring! All the cows will have a two month holiday when they are not milked in the run up to calving which commences in early February. We select our stronger cows to be "out-wintered" and we have started their transition onto winter crops near Harmer Hill. We grow fodder beet and place bales in a row to feed cattle in the winter, where the cows get access to their feed allocation in the field on a daily basis.

A change of government and an aggressive budget for farms and businesses will present challenges but also opportunities but is unlikely to stimulate economic growth with the extra burden on employers. However, a stable government who take a long-term view will be good for the United Kingdom.

Our vision is and always has been to leave the Estate in better condition than when we took it on, we are merely custodians, and we continue to work tirelessly to improve our built and natural environment through strong stewardship and a genuine love for the countryside.

As always please do not hesitate to visit the website [www.sansaw.co.uk](http://www.sansaw.co.uk) or email us at [info@sansaw.co.uk](mailto:info@sansaw.co.uk) or call us on 01939211100. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

James and Åsa Thompson

*All Saints Church,  
Clive*



## **CLIVE CHURCH REPORT**

Advent, the preparation for Christmas, increasingly the beginning of celebrations rather than a time of waiting and watching. This year the world seems so uncertain and unstable that it is good to be able to look to the greatest story ever told, the story that roots the centuries, that anchors history with its bold unsettling certainty about love come down to earth to share our messy world, to share and to transform it.

The world seems messier than ever at present, doesn't it, with wars in eastern Europe and the Holy Land, with an unrestrained maverick again in charge of the most powerful country in the western world, with a new UK government here desperately talking a language of growth to balance its books against our bulging national debt, with a failed plan to stabilise the world's climate sabotaged by myopic and shareholder-selfish fossil fuel interests.

It is refreshing in our preparations for Christmas to be able to counterbalance such gloom with the innocence and joy of nativity play and carol singing round the village, with visits and presents, with warmth of hearts and words amid the winter chill.

Jesus came for all, for the homeless in cardboard box or bedsit as well as the contented beautiful hillside home owners, for those weighed down by cares of work and health, for those who are grieving as well as the joyful, for the soldiers doing their duty and for the liberation fighter, for the old weary of life and for the young too growing up into this fragile precious world.

May the Christ child touch the hearts of each one of us with eternal love this Christmas and give us rainbow hope that what happened once in royal David's city can continue to radiate and transform and always be our guiding star.

**VICAR PAUL**



The 'Celebration Centenary Year' for Clive & Grinshill WI concluded at the recent November AGM - and what a year it has been!

With entertainment and speakers as varied as 'Squeeze Boxes', 'Wem Stage Door Theatre' and professional Graphologist Susan Ord we also had three 'Open' evenings where we welcomed visitors to an 'Indian Curry' demonstration and tasting; a 'Singing Florist'; and the fascinating 'Thai Cave Rescuers' which attracted over 50 visitors facilitating a donation of £300 to this amazing charity.

A fantastic coach trip to Anglesey and visit to Llanfair PG, birthplace of the WI, attracted both members and visitors and in August we celebrated in style with a meal at Albright Hussey entertaining present members, past members and County Chair.

At the AGM the committee for 2025 was appointed with a new President, Treasurer and Programme Planning Team. Several members signed up for non-committee jobs. Retiring President Chris Abbey presented new President Christine Thomas with her badge of Office. In her acceptance speech Christine thanked Chris Abbey for all her hard work and commitment throughout this most successful Centenary year.

The C&G WI will celebrate Christmas with a party and meal at Clive Village Hall with delicious food provided by Jane Rushworth.

The January meeting welcomes Rev. John Jukes who will be talking about his earlier life as a ballet dancer at the London Festival Ballet.

February will be the national charity "Blood Bikes". These volunteer bikers transport blood products, medical equipment and donated baby milk around the UK and will be a most interesting evening.

Ladies, if you are not a WI member then please come along and enjoy the entertainment, chat and delicious refreshments provided by members. As a visitor you will be made most welcome and can attend up to 3 meetings.

Happy Christmas everyone and see you in the New Year!

Liz Griffiths, Secretary. ([lizgriffiths56@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lizgriffiths56@hotmail.co.uk) 01939 220737)



## Winter Beer Festival



**Supporting Severn Hospice**

**Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th December**

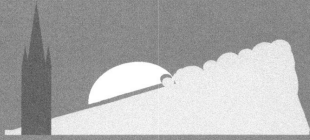
**Festive-themed food available on Fri and Sat**

Thursday: 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Friday: Families' Night

6:00 pm onwards with Carol singing

Saturday: 5:00 pm to barrels empty!



**CLIVE HUB**

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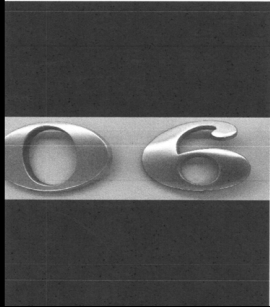
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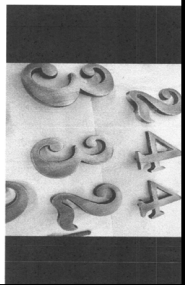
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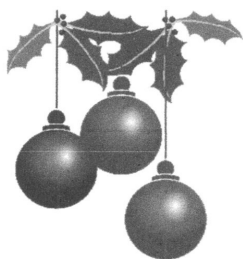


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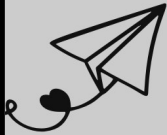
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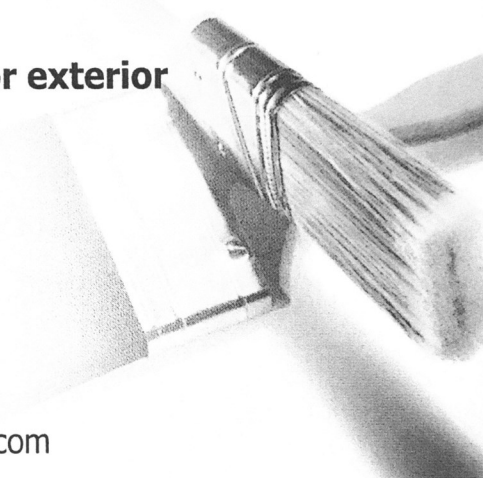
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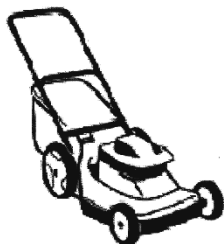
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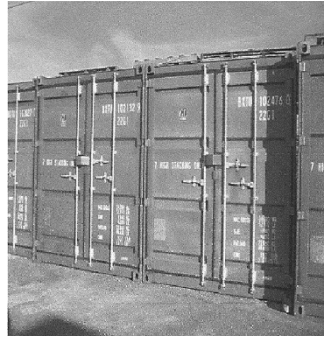


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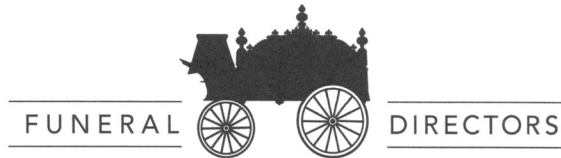
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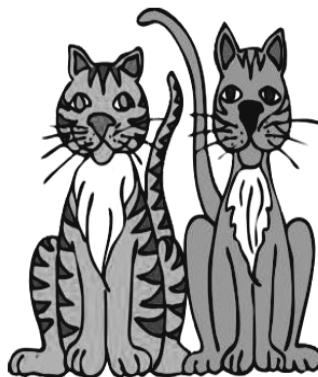
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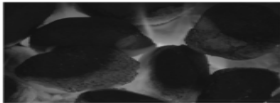
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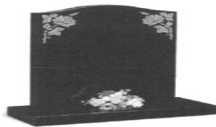
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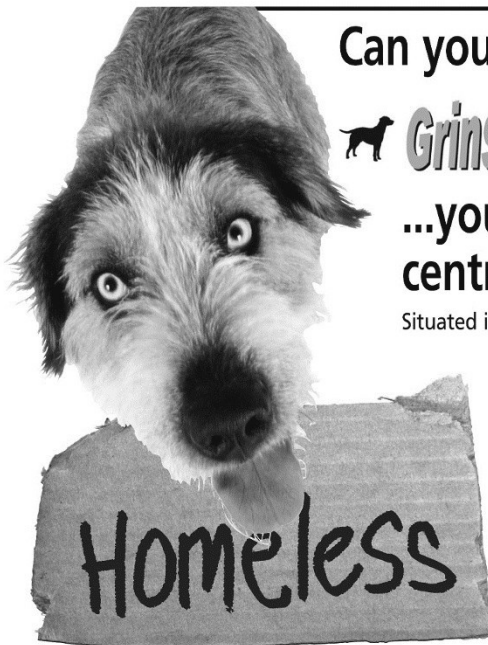
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Two birds that we associate with Christmas are the robin and the turkey (hopefully for different reasons).

The turkey, as we all know, came to Britain from America with the first recorded instance being in 1526 when William Strickland brought six birds back from his travels. Henry VIII is believed to have been the first monarch to have eaten one on Christmas Day (probably the whole bird) but, as with a number of other Christmas traditions, it took the Victorians to popularise it and in this case it seems to have been Charles Dickens with *A Christmas Carol* which helped it to supplant the goose as the Christmas meat for ordinary folk.

Robins were also a feature of Victorian celebrations; they were seen to represent postmen of the time who wore red tunics and the Christmas card from this period below shows an exhausted robin/postman tired out after delivering all of the cards and presents.



There are other, earlier, stories associated with this bird: -

Some myths are associated with Christianity, including one that when Mary was giving birth to Jesus in the stable, she noticed that the fire they had lit was in danger of going out. A small brown bird appeared and flapped its wings in front of the fire, bringing it back to life. An ember from the fire scorched the bird's breast and turned it bright red.

Going back even further there are stories linking the robin to the King of Summer who arrives in midwinter to do battle with the King of Winter, the wren. This particular myth occurs in a number of European cultures, but the strongest ones appear to be associated with Ireland and the Isle of Man where the wren was hunted on the 26 December, St Stephens Day. Whoever killed the wren would have good luck for the rest of the year and the bird was then paraded around the neighbourhood on a pole while the group carrying it begged for coins.

**Have a great Christmas, whatever you're eating.**

**Steve Varga**