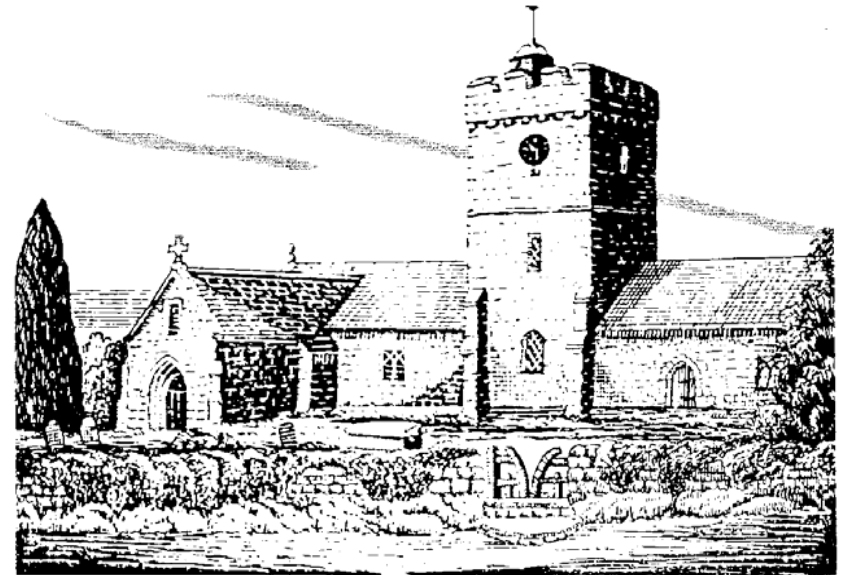


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DATE	SERVICE	READER	SIDES-PERSON
4th Oct 9.30 am	17th after trinity Eucharist	Cynthia Smith Kevin Boudins	Cynthia Smith Clair Lewis
11th Oct 9.30 am	18th after Trinity Eucharist	James Leney John Nicholas	James Leney Bernice Bowen
18th Oct 9.30 am	Luke the Evangelist Eucharist	Barbara Davies Auriol Horton	Barbara Davies Auriol Horton
25th Oct 9.30 am	Last Sunday after Trinity Eucharist	Jean Jones Peter Joens	Jean Jones Peter Jones
1st Nov 9.30 am	All Saints Day Eucharist	Margaret Lock Lisa Morton	Margaret Lock Lisa Morton
8th Nov 10.45 am	<b>Remembrance Day Service</b> Cenotaph		
15th Nov 9.30 am	2nd Sunday before Advent Eucharist	James Leney Bob Gratton	James Leney Bob Gratton
22nd Nov 9.30 am	Christ the King Eucharist	Barbara Davies Auriol Horton	Barbara Davies Auriol Horton
29th Nov	<b>Group Service Caerwent</b>		
6th Dec 9.30 am	Second Sunday of Advent	Mike Peirce Ruth Savagar	Mike Peirce Claire Lewis
13 Dec 9.30 am	Third Sunday of Advent	Cynthia Smith Kevin Bounds	Cynthia Smith Kevin Bounds
20th Dec 9.30 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Diane Marlowe John Nicholas	Bernice Bowen Diane Marlow
24th Dec 11.30 pm	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Sally Saysell Andrew Baker	Allan Saysell John Nicholas
25th Dec 10.00 am	<b>Christmas Morning Family Service</b>		
27th Dec	John, Apostle & Evangelist	Sally Saysell Andrew Baker	Claire Lewis Cynthia Smith
	<b>Group Service Shirenewton</b>		

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## Parishes of Shirenewton and Newchurch Magazine

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	Mrs Susan Lenthall	Newchurch	626389
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	David Heritage	Newchurch	641549
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PARISH MAGAZINE:	Terry Walters		641338
200 Club	Pauline Dutton		641677

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd Oct	"Soul'd Out Earlswood & Newchurch West Memorial Hall
5th Oct	Community Council Meeting at Ealswood Hall 7.30 pm
14th Oct	Mothers Union at Shirenewton Church Room at 2.30 pm
14th Oct	Chepstow choral Society—Patrons Evening Drill Hal 7.30 pm
21st Oct	Community Luncheon Club at the Tredegar Arms
20th Nov	"It's Behind You" Itton Hall

For further detail on all the above see inside the magazine.

### NAMES TO NOTE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL	John Eede (Chairman)		
Clerk to Community Council	Carole Jones		641791
W1:	Jenny Bonner		641929
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TRADCRAFT:	Marion McAdam		641316
Local History Society	Shirley Bonsey		641362

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Earlswood	Sue Leat		641207

Please send your notes, & emails for the October magazine to Terry Walters "Bywood" Mynyddbach, Chepstow, NP16 6RW (01291 641338) or email to [terencewalters@hotmail.com](mailto:terencewalters@hotmail.com) by Monday 19th October.



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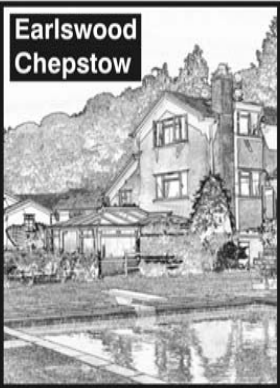
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Dear Friends,

Over the summer, I've watched two public debates on television with some considerable interest. The first is the debate raging in the United States on the reform of health-care provision. The second is that between the US and UK (and indeed within the United Kingdom itself) on the release of the Lockerbie Bomber, Abdel al-Megrahi. In both of these instances, emotions have run constantly hot and raw. In both instances, we have witnessed huge queues of talking heads brewing up whirlwinds of contradictory words and emotions that yet sit side by side: hope, fear, injustice, compassion, assurance, doubt, grief, celebration, loss, expectation, anger, sadness, joy, defeat. I suppose, in a world where 10-second soundbites so often feed our brains, it's good to know that some topics still evoke real feeling.

However, one notably missing word in these and in most public debates is *love*. Perhaps this is because love's deepest form is not solely an emotion, but a *decision*—and often a hard one, at that. Emotions do not wrongly lie at the root of our political discourse: they are central to our humanity. But they are easy—and easy for journalists to capitalise upon. We don't have to work to feel emotions: they're just there. (It's easy, for example, to feel outrage, as we did over Lockerbie, about hundreds of lives unfairly cut short.) Love, however—though bound up with emotion—is, in the long run, a choice. We can't choose who we like, for example; but we can always choose who we treat with the dignity that St. Paul tells us are the hallmarks of real love for our fellow human beings. Such choices, of course, are not always easy. (Again, back to Lockerbie: getting past the outrage in order to weigh out the love that requires justice against the love that demands compassion is not an easy call, whichever the outcome.)

Realistically, politicians never root their words in love. But I do hope that room remains in public discourse (local, national, international) for prophetic voices to stand out and speak the tough *requirements* of love into the emotionally overcharged debates that will always be with us, and that blow us from pillar to post. The Church has a role here—as do the individual faithful. (Whether we live up to the task is another question!) In the end, God’s call is not, as we often wish politically, to bow to every emotional demand—but rather to *do* love actively and *do* generosity wilfully for those we like—and for those we don’t.

Blessings,  
Fr. Will

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

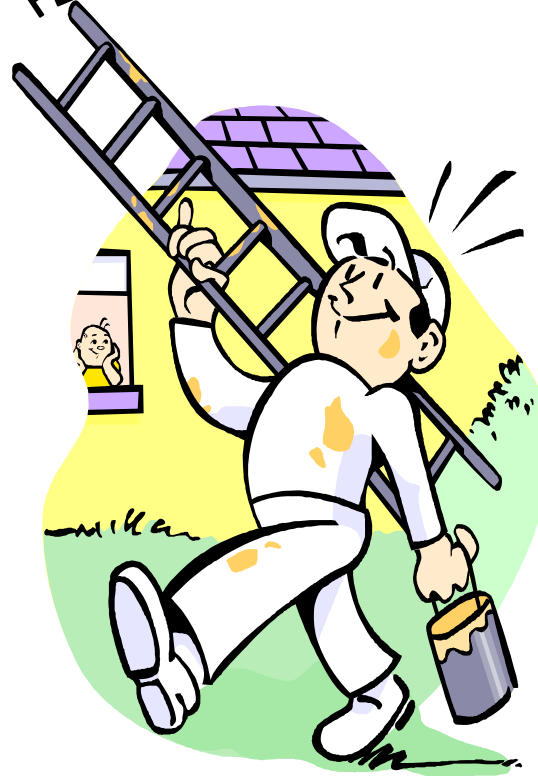
A funeral service took place in St. Thomas a Becket Church Shirenewton on the 8th of September for Ian Douglas McFarlane.

#### FROM THE EDITOR

My name is Terry Walters and I have taken over as editor of the Parish Magazine while Bob is recovering from his recent illness. I’m sure you will join with me and wish him a speedy recovery. In the meantime you will have to put up with me unless you wish to volunteer. Unfortunately when asked to carry out this task I had booked a holiday that coincided with the publishing date for the magazine. That meant that the deadline was the 19th September latest. David Cornwall sent out an email asking contributors to make sure I got the copy in time, however not everyone is on email. If I have missed your entry I apologise and if relevant will put it in next months. However I believe publishing deadlines are like Christmas they can’t be moved, Oh and I don’t chase!. To ensure your entry is published next month make sure I get the copy by 19th October latest.  
Terry

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### **THELMA MOORE**

Following the recent death of my mother, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to friends and neighbours who have been so generous in their support. It's at times like this that you realise what a wonderful community we live in, so, to everyone who has visited, sent cards, been in touch, or attended the funeral, I thank you. It's a difficult time and your support is greatly appreciated.

Thankyou

### **SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY LUNCHEON CLUB**

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### **WHIST DRIVES**

We had a bumper gathering of 37 players for the Drive on the 3rd September and the weather was kind to us... The next Drives will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November, both at The Recreation Hall at 7.30 p.m. New players are welcomed.

### **ADVERTISING RATES**

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**SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING  
7TH SEPTEMBER 2009**

The meeting was held at Earlswood Hall for a change (even as an Earlswood resident myself I'm not sure if that's a change for the better), but the meetings will be held here until the spring.

**Police Report**

Two incidents of fallen trees on the B4235 (Usk Road)

Police called several times for welfare check on an elderly lady (SCC are trying to find out who the lady is, so the community can help ensure she is OK)

Four reports of motorbikes in Wentwood

- 9/8 Report of shots being fired near Mynyddbach
- 11/8 Ivor Williams Trailer stolen from near Shirenewton School
- 15/8 Report of shots being fired at Wentwood.
- 21/8 Calf in the road near Shirenewton Village Hall.
- 23/8 Sheep on the B4235 near Shirenewton.

**Planning**

Blethyn Close amendment to existing application for sewerage into public sewer

Approved provided capacity available

Land at Mynyddbach between Weyloed Land and Dancing Hill -

Agricultural storage

Approval Recommended

Pant y Cosyn House, Usk Road, Shirenewton

Change of use of existing building to holiday let.

Approval Recommended

I intend to remove the old growth and then weed and manure the beds. To fill in all the gaps I intend to dig up the roots from elsewhere, trim the stems back to about 20 cms tall and then replant them. Hopefully they will re-establish the crop again, which has gone backwards over the last couple of years for some reason. The strawberries didn't do very well this year and seemed to be diseased. This may be because I used runners from plants we had in the garden. I intend to order some new plants that will be from certificated stock. I'll pot these up to begin with but I intend planting them in hanging baskets that will be suspended from the roof of the big tunnel. This will be a new experiment, but hopefully one that will provide an early crop that isn't affected by slugs. Watch this space!  
Happy gardening until next month.

Steve Hunt.

Hopefully the weather will stay nice for a few weeks now. If it does we are going to start tidying up the beds both in the vegetable and flower garden. I need to get the weeds removed from the vegetable beds as these will harbour pests and cause more problems next season if we don't. The asparagus beds are getting established now and the feathery growth is now starting to turn autumnal in colour. Once the colour of dead bracken, these will need to be cut right down to prevent them from becoming infested with asparagus beetle over the winter. This would devastate next years crop, so is an essential job to be undertaken. In the flower garden we need to remove a lot of the unwanted dead growth. Normally we would leave this until the spring as the reverse is true in this respect in that it harbours beneficial insects such as ladybirds and lacewings. Unfortunately we need to clear this in order to be able to plant the wallflowers that I mentioned last month. These need to be planted in order to get well established before the colder weather sets in, so that they can give an early display of colour next spring. They also give an early source of nectar to our honey bees, so they have an added importance.

I've now started the annual hedge trimming process. When I start it always seems to be like the Forth road bridge, in that I'm certain by the time I finish it will be time to start all over again. In truth it doesn't actually take that long to do, just seems like it! Actually, cutting the hedges this time of year means that you gain maximum benefit in the way of looks, as the hedges will have now ceased growing until next spring. Once I finish the hedges it will be time to turn my attention to the fruit trees and soft fruit areas. We are still picking apples and pears at the moment so will need to be patient a little longer yet with these. I need to sort out the raspberries. Many of the canes in the bed have died off, but there are roots shooting elsewhere in the surrounding ground.

Maelor. Wayloed Lane, Mynyddbach  
UPVC conservatory  
Approval Recommended

Enforcement case closed on Ashlea, Mynyddbach as planning application for amendments approved.

Oslo, Mynyddbach outline planning approved by MCC despite 7 abstentions (that's 50% of MCC Planning Committee) although it was made subject to restrictions on the heights of the dwellings.

#### **Other Stuff**

The council have written to the MCC Chief Executive expressing their frustration with 'the lack of co-operation, consultation and communication' from MCC staff over the 'allotment' land in Blethyn Close – it will no doubt be many months before we can report on their response !!

Next meeting will be at Earlswood Hall on Monday 5th October at 7.30

#### **GWENT BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009.**

**Shirenewton has been judged to be the Best Kept Village this year.** Congratulations and a huge thank you to the many people who contributed this year. We have received a certificate which will hang in the Recreation Hall. We have also been awarded a prize of £150 - more about that in next month's magazine.

**The Tredegar Arms was runner up in our category for Best Kept Pub.** The winner was The Rose at Redwick.

Full details of the results of the competition will be published in next month's magazine.

Carole Jones  
Clerk  
Planning

# St Thomas á Becket's

## The Harvest Lunch

The Harvest Lunch  
will be on Sunday 27th September  
Meet at 12.30 for 1.00 p.m.  
at our usual venue  
Earlswood & Newchurch West Memorial  
Hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly and  
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(Porthcerrig).

regular basis. Not the most pleasant of jobs, but at this stage it is the only way to ensure that the plants actually survive so that they produce a crop either in the autumn or next spring. We have some nice spring cabbage plants ready for planting, but have been reluctant to put these outside due to the numbers of butterflies still around. I think that we are going to have to bite the bullet eventually though.

There is still time to sow some seed varieties, and I intend to get some more lettuces and greens sown in the next week or so. Probably in another couple of weeks, I'll also look to sow a row of peas and also broad beans, which will over-winter and hopefully give an extra early crop next spring. I have ordered the onion, shallot and garlic sets ready for planting out during October. These should be delivered shortly (actually arrived in the post today!). I need to get moving and clear the ground and manure it as well if necessary. At the moment I'm not sure where to plant them, so will need to check my cropping record in order to make sure that I don't plant them in a bed that has grown the same sort of crop recently. The extra ground that I dug should give us the ability to do this. Unfortunately as we seem to have got club root established in a few of the beds it has restricted where we can grow green stuff, so this in turn is affecting our ability to rotate the other crops. The sweet corn crop has almost finished so that will be one bed I can use, I also have one bed available that grew cabbages earlier, so is unsuitable for the spring cabbage I mentioned, so that hopefully will give me enough room for the onion sets! All I need to do now is remove a crop from another bed, hopefully where beans or peas were grown to make room for the said spring greens – and I'm scratching my head on that one!



## GARDENING CORNER

So what went wrong? It's difficult to say actually! For example I thought that I'd experiment by planting squash plants at the base of the chilli peppers. The intention being that the squash plants would grow around the peppers and prevent the need for weeding. They did this OK, but were so rampant that they suffocated the peppers as well. In the end it was a bit like the "day of the Triffids", and I had to resort to pulling the squash plants up. They had already grown some large fruits, so these were removed and are currently ripening on the staging in the large greenhouse. Once cured these should store until February, provided they are placed in a warmish room, as opposed to out in the garage. Other notable failures were the tomatoes and cucumbers. You may remember that the former were causing problems right from the very start. I had to actually resort to buying some plants in to replace the ones we had grown ourselves. These did start to grow in the end, but they have always looked sick. We have had tomatoes from them and are currently picking some large ones for roasting and turning into soup. But they haven't produced the quantity nor quality that we usually get. The cucumbers started off really well and we were cutting more fruits than we could cope with. However despite completely sterilising the greenhouse early on in the year, they still managed to succumb to red spider mite. I did resort to spraying in an attempt to prevent it spreading too far, but this had no effect at all. We are just cutting the last cucumbers now, whereas last year, even though the fruits were attacked by the same pest, we were still picking fruits into November. In recent weeks we have planted a lot of green stuff such as cauliflowers, calabrese and curly kale. These were planted without any fine mesh netting and have been comprehensively attacked by greater and lesser cabbage butterfly larvae. Spraying these is proving a waste of time so it's a case of squashing what you can see on a

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## BROWNIE REPORT

### GIRLGUIDING CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS BEGIN



The new term certainly got off to an exciting start with the Gwent County Centenary Launch Party at Chepstow Race Course on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September ( you may have seen us in the newspaper) . 14 girls from Shirenewton Brownies joined the other 1,486(!) girls from all over Gwent to celebrate 100 years of Girl Guiding. There was a tremendous range of activities from climbing walls and surf simulators to craft and dancing. One of Shirenewton Brownies' favourites was the cardboard maze organised by the scouts and Johnty Cann in particular.

The next 12 months will involve other special Centenary events and Shirenewton Brownies will be working towards the Adventure 100 challenge.

As part of this challenge we would like to find out more about the history of Girl Guiding in Shirenewton . SO PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US if you were involved in or know anyone who was a Brownie in Shirenewton in the past we would love to hear your memories. Lucy and I know about the last 10 years of Shirenewton Brownies but not a lot before that. If you can help us either phone Jackie (641797- after 8p.m.) or write your stories down and send them to Jackie at Ridgeway, Redd Landes, and Shirenewton, NP16 6QP.

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Jackie Broughton (Guider in Charge aka Brown Owl)



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This was the start of a year (well 13 months actually) of celebrations and special activities. We are now turning our thoughts to centenary camps next year. If you were ever a Guide or Brownie then keep the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 free as the plan is to have a simultaneous reaffirmation of the Promise by all present and past members all over the country at 20.10pm that evening – 20.10 20.10.2010. More news on that when the Chepstow event is organised.

Yours in Guiding,

Kestrel	Helen Cann	01291 650835
Kitten	Amanda Turner	01291 650763

## Put This In Your Diary



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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

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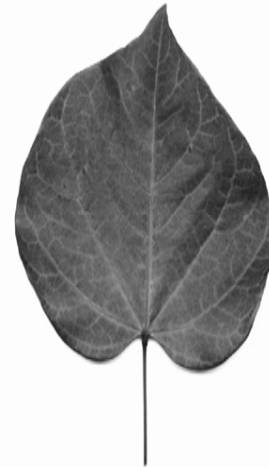
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Earlswood Hall is set for a busy Autumn with Soul'd Out on October 3<sup>rd</sup> (see advert in Sept. mag.), two harvest festivals, several private parties, Community Council meetings and Remembrance Sunday on 8th November.

The hall already has several bookings for 2010 so please call Glynis MacDonald on 641818 to book your event or find out more about the facilities at the hall.

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## SHIRENEWTON MOTHERS UNION

Our MU meeting on 9th of September was spent at the Quiet Garden of Joan Stickland in Coed Y Paen. Joan opens her house and garden to anyone or any group who would like to spend a few hours or a whole day in the peace and quiet of the Monmouthshire countryside.

Our meeting opened with prayers and a Communion Service led by Rev Nansi Davies, our parish Curate. This was a perfect setting for celebrating the Eucharist. Nansi then followed this with a talk on Iconography. This is something that she is quite passionate about and she brought along several heavy tomes, explaining how icons were painted and that they often took years to complete. One of our members also brought one along to show us.

An interesting afternoon and a beautiful peaceful place for our meditations with the icons.

On 14 October we welcome Alan Wood of the "Samaritan's Purse" a project that sends Christmas shoe boxes of gifts to needy children in Eastern Europe. This happens in November. In Caerwent it is masterminded by the Evangelical Chapel and is open to all who would like to be involved with preparing and packing such a box.

Everyone is welcome to hear Alan Wood. We meet in Shirenewton Church Room at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday 14 October.

Rosemary Carey, MU Branch Leader

For Jennifer Powell only:-

The October Focolare Group meets on Thursday 29 October, 3 p.m. at 83 Wentwood View Caldicot. Open to all. Rosemary Carey



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Admission By Ticket Only (Patrons Free)  
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**Saturday December 12th 2009.**  
**A Festival of Seasonal Christmas Music & Words**  
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Alison Wray (Soprano) Peter Cook (Organ)  
St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow, 7.30pm

**Passiontide Concert : Sunday March 21st 2010**

M. Charpentier : Te Deum WA Mozart: Missa Brevis in B Flat  
JS Bach: Magnificat  
With CCS Orchestra  
St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow.

**Summer Festival Celebration Concert**

Wednesday June 30th 2010  
At Chepstow Leisure Centre (Arts Hall)

S Coleridge-Taylor: Hiawatha's Wedding  
CV Stanford: Songs of the Fleet  
A Borodin: Polotsvian Dances  
Craig Downes (Tenor) Roger Martin (Baritone)  
Marjorie Duerden (Piano)

**GRAHAM BULL : MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

CCS is affiliated to Ty Cerdd – Music Centre Wales, also registered charity (no. 1127098).  
CCS welcomes new members for this new season – contact Marjorie Duerden ( 623310)  
for singing membership information, and Jean Parkes (620414) for general enquiries.

## **SHIRENEWTON WI SEPTEMBER 09**

As the nights draw in, September is our last meeting for the year to start in daylight, we were lucky to have fine dry weather and golden evening sun.

Even with fine weather we started the evening in a reflective note with a minutes silence in memory of Mrs Thelma Moore, a long time member and past president. Thelma gave a lot of time, thought and energy to support and promote our branch over many years. Thelma will not be forgotten but remain in our thoughts.

Our talk for September was 'The Iron Road to Samarkand' by Ms. Gill Suttle. A fascinating story, amply illustrated with poignant slides, of her journey by train from the Caspian Sea through Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to Samarkand in the east. Following the ancient silk road. Gill brought to life the landscape, people, their culture and hard existence in what is a beautiful but harsh environment. Not many of us will ever experience first hand the more remote areas of our world, so the opportunity such talks offer us is very welcome and being able to ask questions and gain more information a bonus not available when watching television. Gill has her own web site [www.gillsuttle.co.uk](http://www.gillsuttle.co.uk) and has written books about her travels.

Diana Such

## FAIRTRADE NEWS

EVERYONE LOVES CHEAP CLOTHES!

(Well, everyone who buys them)

The garment industry provides employment for nearly 2 million women in Bangladesh, producing products for a wide range of clothing stores in Europe the US and Japan. The National Garment Workers' Federation tries to promote these workers' rights. NGWF research indicates that 5,400 taka is the most basic wage for life in Dhaka. These women receive less than half that amount. Here is an excerpt from the current catalogue of the fairtrade fashion company People Tree:

"Hundreds of corrugated shelters are built one on top of the other up to 3 storeys high, on long bamboo stilts 6 metres above a swamp. . . . Each 'house' is a double-bed sized room with corrugated walls, floor and ceiling, housing 2,3 or even 4 women or men; a cooking space shared between 32 such rooms, and toilets that are just holes cut in the floor at the end of the walkways over the swamp. Laki had to leave her 3 year old in the village to come and work in Dhaka but still only earns 1,662 taka a month, and more than half goes on rent for this 'house'.

Fairly traded goods enable purchasers to make genuine improvements to people's lives. I rest my case.

Contact me for further info: Marion McAdam 641

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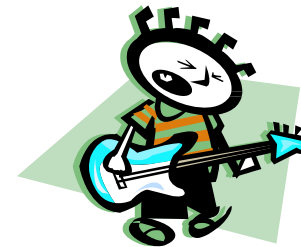
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## SHIRENEWTON CHURCH WEBSITE

It seems only yesterday I was writing my last entry for the parish magazine.

The BBQ summer didn't turn up, the Indian summer was brief (a couple of days) so now our thoughts turn the warm glow of laptop screens to see us through the dark months of winter. Whilst you are online please visit the church website and explore it. If you are not a regular visitor you may be surprised about how much information is posted.

The Church website will shortly be updated to include a few photos of the wonderful Chepstow Male Voice choir evening. Look for them under fund raising events.

I've now got the forums script up and running which is being used for a 'secret' project while I work out whether its worth having an open village forum discussion forum and whether anyone would use it. Any feedback on this would be gratefully received. Meanwhile if any societies want their own private discussion forum let me know and I'll be happy to provide it.

Please continue to use the church website for all your shopping needs. There are some interesting companies offering some cracking deals available via the shopping portal.

Safe browsing.

David Cornwell

Webmaster.

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## BARBARA'S BUZZING BISTRO

This is a temporary take-over – Nerys is on holiday but will be back with you next month

### **LAMB SHANKS WITH ROSEMARY, THYME AND GARLIC**

2 Lamb Shanks  
1 small Onion  
Knob of Butter  
1 tbsp Flour  
600ml Lamb or Chicken Stock  
100 ml Red Wine  
Fresh Thyme  
Fresh Rosemary  
1 clove Garlic  
1 Bay Leaf  
3 tbsp Redcurrant Jelly  
Olive Oil

Preheat oven to 170 degrees C (Fan oven 150 degrees C)

Heat 1 tbsp Olive Oil with a knob of butter in a medium flameproof casserole and brown lamb shanks over a high heat, turning to brown evenly. Remove shanks and keep warm.

Add 1 peeled and chopped onion and fry over a medium heat for 2 – 3 minutes until golden. Sprinkle 1 tbsp flour over and cook for 1 minute. Gradually pour over stock and red wine, stirring well. Bring to the boil and add sprigs of thyme and rosemary, 1 clove of crushed garlic, 1 bay leaf and seasoning. Return the shanks to the casserole and bring to boil. Cover and place in the oven. Cook for approximately 2 – 2 ½ hours until meat is tender and comes away from the bone easily.

Remove lamb and keep warm. Stir in 3 tbsp of redcurrant jelly and boil over a high heat for 3 minutes to reduce and thicken the sauce slightly.

Serve with mashed potato and seasonal green vegetables.