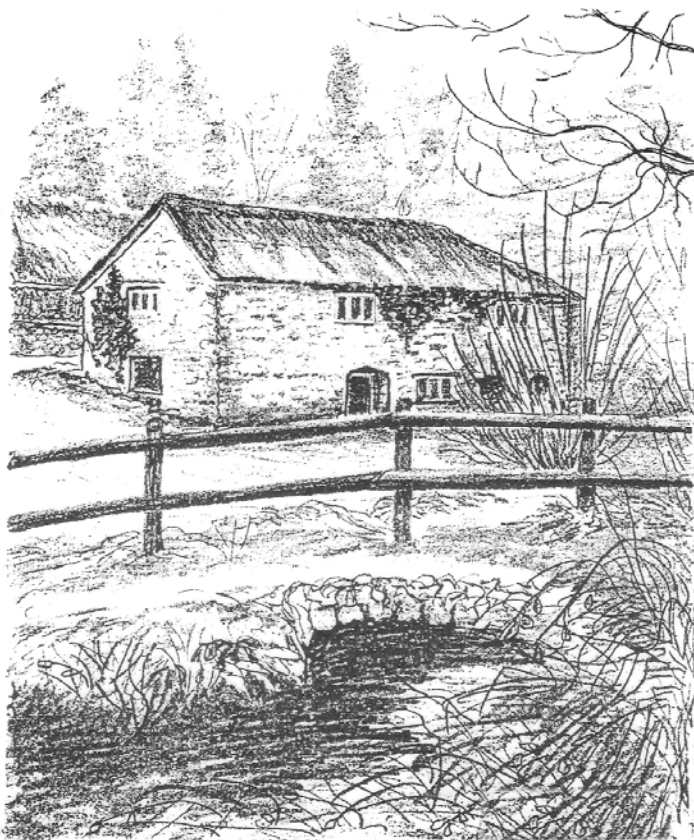


Shirenewton

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Tuck Mill by Barbara Davies

Price: 50p

Dear Friends,

I seem to have been wandering all over the place in recent weeks. By now I am on intimate terms with those who worship at Chepstow and Bulwark and on more than passing acquaintance with those who attend Itton church. No, surprisingly perhaps, I am not condemned to vagrancy by Mathern, Mounton & St. Pierre (well, at least nobody has told me as yet) but this has resulted in covering for Chepstow Parish following the sad demise of the incumbent's wife recently. As for Itton, I understand that the Vicar is away involved in a pilgrimage in Spain – some guys get all the luck – so I am, from time to time, filling in there as well at occasional services.

Shirenewton has been kind to me. The other week I found myself preaching there (whilst Nansi was vandalising Mounton Church – actually, I am jealous in that she made a barnstorming appearance which won the hearts and minds of all present) at the service where the Worshipful Company of Woolmen featured. The purpose of their presence was to dedicate a superb umbry which enhances the church greatly. Bill Clarke was instrumental in the proceedings and is to be warmly congratulated for arranging a thought-provoking and polished service. The church records their gratitude not only in respect of the presentation but also for such a number of livery members and their partners present. Any thought of feasting sumptuously on the victuals proffered afterwards (second only in quality to those provided daily by Sandra at home) were knocked on the head as I had to flit down to Chepstow to officiate at a Civic Service.

Time flies, or is it that I am getting old? Just yesterday, it seems, Sandra and I were strolling around the fragrant lawns of the Vicarage, she was delicately mopping her alabaster-like brow whilst I occupied myself with gentle maintenance of the exotic plants growing in profusion. Actually, most of this is a total fabrication. We picked our way with caution across the lunar landscape, avoiding the assorted creepies underfoot, cursing as we were repeatedly blistered by the rampant nettles. But at least it was hot. Indeed the 'flower beds' resembled a high-dependency ward as they pluckily contended with the prevailing arid conditions. And here we are now, discussing Advent and Christmas services. Where has the time (and the temperature) gone? Anyway, I hope to bring you full details of such, as offered by our four churches, in the next edition of this magazine. Until then I shall banish the surrounding jungle at home to the howling gales of autumn and winter and await the spring to see what weeds have survived in profusion.

With every good wish and blessing,

HARVEST LUNCH AT SHIRENEWTON

When the auctioneer brought his hammer down on the last lot of the day, the harvest service and lunch had raised nearly £900 for Shirenewton Church and the Chepstow food bank. After the Church service, over 100 parishioners sat down for the Harvest lunch in Earlswood Hall and were entertained by Terry Walters playing the keyboard whilst Winnie Jones and Jane Summers sold raffle tickets. Barbara Walters, Sally Saysell and Meg Driver had organised an army of volunteers to prepare a range of delicious dishes for the expectant diners. The Reverend Julian White opened the proceedings by saying Grace, and then each table duly filed up in turn to get their food. As the hungry multitude queued up, the volunteer chefs ranged themselves behind the serving tables and doled out the magnificent spread of cold meats, quiches, roulades, rices, coleslaws and salads of all descriptions, followed by an array of puddings that would feed an army. This was just as well, as there were many healthy appetites on parade that afternoon. Kevin Bounds ran the bar with his usual bonhomie. Very sensibly, the table that went up first for the first course became the table that went up last for the second course, because there was nothing left worth speaking about at the end – there was no evidence that anyone showed any restraint whatsoever!

Once the food was out of the way, and whilst teas and coffees were served, the raffle was drawn, and there were many smiling faces as the lucky winners collected their prizes. Dave Cornwell officiated for the raffle, and then turned his attention to putting the harvest produce under the hammer, and the auction began. People had been very generous and imaginative with their offerings, and apart from an amazing range of vegetables there were jams and marmalades, ornamental gourds – which set the auctioneer a bit of a challenge in both describing them and selling them – and welsh cakes and all sorts.

The afternoon concluded when the Reverend Julian White thanked everyone who had made the lunch, raffle and auction possible, and then the army of helpers dismantled the tables, put away the chairs, and tidied up the hall again for another year. The lunch, bar and raffle made £692.14 for the Church, and the auction raised £195 for the Chepstow food bank.

William Clark

An addendum from Barbara:-

A huge thank you to everyone for contributing in so many different ways to the success of our Harvest Lunch. An event like this could not possibly be organised without the generous contributions of your fantastic food and precious time. You are all too numerous to mention individually but between us we raised lots of money and didn't we have a "grand day out".

SHIRENEWTON PARISH VISITORS

We have a team of five Parish Visitors who are members of the Church of St Thomas á Becket's congregation. They are trained and supported to offer a listening ear and time to chat with those in particular need -- the housebound, the sick, the bereaved, or those facing some other kind of crisis. They are also there to welcome new people into the village and help them to integrate into the community more quickly. They are not professional counsellors, carers or social workers, but ordinary people who are willing to be alongside you when you most need it. Their service is free to those of all faiths and none, with no strings attached.

Confidentiality

Our Parish Visitors work within a strict code of confidentiality so that you may be confident that whatever is shared with them goes no further. The one exception to this is that Visitors may share the minimum information necessary to obtain support and advice themselves, if necessary, from our clergy or other appropriate person. This would only happen with the persons consent

How to Find Out More

Contact our coordinator, the Revd Nansi Davies Tel 01633 400519 or Diane Marlow Tel 01291 641407 for an informal chat about your need.

If you would like to become a member of the Parish Visitors team please contact Nansi or Diane.

200 CLUB

October Winners

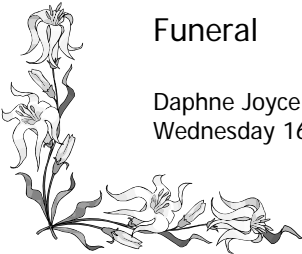
1st Prize	Clare Tout
2nd Prize	Andrew Griffith
3rd Prize	June Jorgensen
4th Prize	Brian Robinson

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



Marriage

Amanda Jean Williams to Steven Martin Holland
Saturday 28th September 2013



Funeral

Daphne Joyce Spence 1921 - 2013
Wednesday 16th October 2013

Shirenewton Church ADVENT FAIR!



Come along for Coffee, Cake and a lovely selection of Homemade
Christmas Goodies
with our young Sunday Clubbers running
some of the stalls

Sunday 1st December
11.00ish – 12.30 ish

The money once again will go to Chibolya School.
Chibolya is an urban slum of about 100,000 people in the middle of Lusaka, the
capital of Zambia. The money raised will go directly to support orphans where
they will receive education at Chibolya School.



**Carols Around the Village
Christmas Tree**

Sunday 15th December @ 6.30 ish for about ¾ hour
in the Tredegar Arms Carpark

(Thank you Julie!)

The Collection will go to support young orphaned children in
Chibolya School in Zambia

Oh and bring a torch. And some gloves.

And a warm hat



**'Carols and Christingles'
Shirenewton Church.**

Everyone is so welcome to this lovely warm family-friendly service
4.00 on Christmas Eve

Refreshments of the mulled wine and mince pie variety served
afterwards in the Church Room

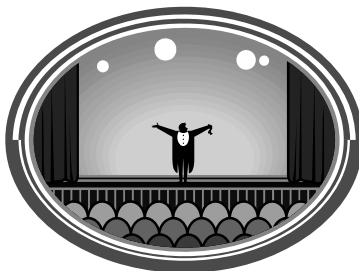
Collection to *Children's Society*
and the *Archbishop of Wales Fund*

And if anyone would like to join in, be a shepherd, an angel or a king
or even a villager, Shirenewton Sunday Club would be delighted
to see you. Just come along to Sunday Club at the Shirenewton
Church Room on a Sunday at 10.00.

You would be more than welcome.

For more details, ring Dr Kerry Baker (Sunday Club leader) 641 925
or Glynis MacDonald 641 818

It's SODS Panto Time Again



Would anyone like to be involved!!!

Acting, chorus, costumes, props, refreshments anything really -
Because we'd love to see you.

Give Glynis a ring on 641 818 or email glynis.macdonald@btinternet

Or Alison at

Alison.Broughton@advancedcomputersoftware.com

Or just pop up to Earlswood Hall

Tuesdays at 7.15

SOME USEFUL DEFINITIONS

Adult :	A person who has stopped growing at both ends And is now growing in the middle.
Beauty Parlour:	A place where women curl up and dye.
Committee:	A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
Dust:	Mud with the juice squeezed out.
Egotist:	Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
Handkerchief:	Cold Storage.
Inflation:	Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.
Mosquito;	An insect that makes you like flies better.
Raisin:	A grape with a sunburn.
Secret:	Something you tell to one person at a time.
Skeleton:	A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
Toothache:	The pain that drives you to extraction.
Tomorrow:	One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.
Yawn:	An honest opinion openly expressed. Something other people have, Similar to my character lines.

DO THEY REALLY STILL DRIVE SHEEP ACROSS LONDON BRIDGE?

Here are a few final words about the Woolmen, who seem to have been getting more than their fair share of publicity in these pages recently.

On Sunday 29th September the Worshipful Company of Woolmen organised a sheep drive across London Bridge in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's charitable trust. 600 Freemen of the City of London and their families and friends drove 20 sheep across the bridge in relays. The Sheriffs of the City of London and several Aldermen took part to add a touch of colour with their robes and hats. On the south side of the bridge they were met by the Foreman and Jurors of the Guildable Manor of Southwark (don't ask!) who presented the Master of the Woolmen with an engraved commemorative tankard and a jar of mint sauce. Shirenewton was represented by two groups at 1 p.m. – one group dressed in dressing gowns with tea towels round their heads (they claimed to be biblical shepherds, but they might have just rushed out after washing up the breakfast; and the other group more soberly and respectably dressed. The Master of the Woolmen was very grateful for the support of all those who took part.

Throughout the day the groups of Freemen, Liverymen, Wardens and Masters took their turns with their sheep whilst a bevy of photographers recorded the event for posterity. At one stage there were at least twice as many photographers as there were sheep – and the sheep were easier to handle. The Master was interviewed by an ITN news crew, Terry Wogan mentioned the event three times on his Radio 2 show, and later in the week it was picked up on Radio 4's Media Show. The story appeared in the Times, the Financial Times and the Independent, followed by syndication in many local papers. But it all paid off – all the participants had a good fun day out; the event raised about £30,000 for charity, and the story was eventually picked up by the South China Morning Post, and in Canada and Malta.

MANY THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who attended my birthday party and for all the gifts and donations. £530 was donated and has been forwarded to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Thank you

Mike Thomas

1ST SHIRENEWTON BROWNIES



Girlguiding UK

We have enjoyed coming back to Brownies this Autumn; it is now mine and Bev's second year of

running the unit so it does feel a little less frantic than this time last year!

Following an in-depth consultation process earlier this year, Girlguiding has now updated the wording of the Promise that all the girls and volunteers make when they join in any capacity - Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section or adult roles. This has been done in an effort to create a space where those of all faiths and none can find a home. It is hoped that the updated Promise, which continues to emphasise the spiritual development offered through guiding, will encourage members who may not have considered guiding before.

The new promise which took effect from 1 September, replaces "to love my God" with "to be true to myself and develop my beliefs", and "to serve the Queen and my Country" has been replaced with "to serve the Queen and my community". As a unit we have spent some time looking at the new wording and chatting about what we all understand by the different statements and what it means to us in our everyday lives. We have also undertaken our first Promise ceremony of the new term, with one new Brownie and two new adult leaders, namely Sarah Hedgecox who has been helping us throughout the summer term and has decided to join Bev and I in uniform, and our young adult leader Hannah Lenney who has been with us during the last year.

As a unit we have also looked at leadership and what it means to be a leader, and in particular the attributes of a good leader! We enjoyed an excellent visit to the Usk Rural Life Museum which was the final element of the Welsh Challenge and Culture badges that we were working on as a unit last term. This month we are looking forward to being part of the Shirenewton Remembrance Sunday parade and service, learning about Brazilian culture and heading out on another night hike!

It's all part of the Adventure!

Jaci Crocombe

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FAIRTRADE NEWS

WHO'S GETTING THE CASH FOR CASHEWS?



India is the biggest producer of raw cashews in the world. Half a million tonnes are grown there every year and India also imports and processes almost twice that amount. The nuts are de-shelled, peeled, graded and sorted. Half a million people work in India's cashew factories.

De-shelling: workers crouch on a small plank and use a wooden baton to break open the shells. The oil produced in the shells is acidic, and cause the women's fingers to blister and burn. They are supposed to wear gloves, but these are often not supplied and the very low wages mean that workers usually cannot afford to buy them.

Peeling: the nuts are roasted to make the thin outer layer of skin come away. The acrid smoke and the dust laden air provoke many respiratory problems. Crowded, cramped and poorly ventilated work places exacerbate workers' health problems.

Traidcraft talked to Sunita who has worked in cashew factories in Kerala, South India since she was 11. She earns about £1 50 a day. Even combined with her mother's income the two of them struggle to cover their most basic living costs. Supermarkets have overwhelming control over the European food sector. Three quarters of the groceries in the UK are sold through just 4 supermarkets. Over a quarter of India's raw cashews are exported to Europe where they are roasted, salted and re-packed before being sent off to retailers. Many supermarkets have signed up to the ETI (Ethical Trading Initiative), a voluntary code of practice, which should ensure that their suppliers meet basic rules relating to wages and the workplace environment, (see also :Bangladeshi clothing manufacturers!) Traidcraft's investigation of the cashew industry shows conclusively that this voluntary code is not working. European supermarkets squeeze their suppliers by paying the lowest possible price. Delayed payments contribute to the largest European roasting and salting company paying Indian factories up to 60 days late. Of course, this is business. Legitimate business. Profit is the only consideration. A little less than HALF the total cost of a bag of cashews goes to the supermarket FOR PUTTING THE BAG ON ITS SHELVES!

To find out more about the working conditions in supermarket supply chains and other ways you can get involved in the campaign, go to www.traidcraft.co.uk/supermarkets.

P.S. Traidcraft sell (ethically sourced!) cashews from India - £2.95 for 150g!

The Christmas catalogues are available now.

Marion McAdam 641 316 msm316@gmail.com

STARGAZING

The seven stars of the Plough lie to the North in the evening. Those of us with particularly good eye-sight can see that Mizar, the star that is the second along the handle of the plough, is in fact a double-star.



The “W” of Cassiopeia lies nearly overhead. In Roman mythology Cassiopeia was queen of the ancient kingdom of Aethiopia. She was chained to her throne as a punishment for being boastful, and placed in the heavens to sometimes hang upside down. The band of stars making up the Milky Way runs through Cassiopeia.

The Milky Way is best seen from the countryside, away from city and even village lights. There have been no really large telescopes of the type used by professional astronomers in the UK for 30 years or more. This is at least partly due to the effects of street lighting. Britain's main optical telescopes are sited on a high mountain away from towns on the island of La Palma in the Canaries.

The brilliant planet Venus lies low in the South West evening twilight sky. It lies just below the Crescent Moon on the 7th.

In the morning, the very bright planet Jupiter is to the south, just below the stars Castor and Pollux, in the constellation of Gemini, the Twins. On the 22nd, the waning Gibbous Moon is just below Jupiter. The slightly orange planet Mars is to the south-east, just below the constellation of Leo. On the 27th, the crescent Moon lies to the right of Mars.

Dave Thomas

WHIST DRIVES

Our next meeting is on the 7th November followed by the 5th December which will be our Christmas Special. - all being on the first Thursday of the month. 24 players were at the October Drive - New players are always made welcome, please join us; our Table fee is £1.50 per person which includes light refreshments. We also have a Raffle that raises funds for the upkeep of the Recreation Hall, where we play - opening at 7 and starting to play at 7.30 p.m. promptly.
Auriol Horton. 01291 641844



SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Extracts from the minutes of the meetings held on 7 October 2013

Planning applications considered

DC/2013/000690 'Long Last', Shirenewton

Council recommended approval. It was noted that there had been no objections on the Mon CC website, or from neighbours.

DC/2013/00516 'Laurel Cottage, Earlswood

Council recommended approval. The following points were noted:

- the annexe would increase the size of the property by more than 50%,
- right of Way 167 was not affected,
- there had been no objections on the Mon CC website, or from neighbours.

DC/2013/00700 Green Pool, Earlswood

Council recommended approval, subject to the following points:

- that any future change of agricultural use should require a 'Change of Use' planning application,
- no apparent arrangements had been made for the disposal of effluent.

DC/2013/00089 8 Clearview, Shirenewton

Council recommended approval to the amendment to the above application, subject to the original 'build over' agreement approval from Welsh Water.

Items of local concern -

Best Kept Village Competition - congratulations to all residents who helped to win the Best Kept Village Hall and Best Kept War Memorial in our category. Shirenewton village was Highly Commended with 96 points out of a possible 100 - so close! Particular thanks to Carole and Stan Jones - Carole will give more details of the competition elsewhere in this newsletter.

PC Jones, Gwent Police, issued a warning to residents to be vigilant as this is the time of year that oil thieves are likely to be in the area.

Traffic calming measures - a productive meeting had been held on 24.9.13 between this Community Council, Mon CC Highways Dept, CC G Down and local residents. The Village Plan produced in 2007 provided the basis for discussion and the following proposals were made:

20mph speed restriction for Shirenewton and Mynyddbach,
Appropriate signage, plus speed restriction painted on highway,
'Gateway' features to narrow carriageways and prioritise traffic,
Removal of white lines through Shirenewton,
Weight restrictions (although it was noted that this would be difficult to enforce),
Traffic survey/monitoring through Mynyddbach,
Police to be included in future consultation.

It was noted that there are 1800+ daily vehicle movements through Shirenewton.
There will be a public consultation when final proposals are developed.

The Council agreed in principle to pursue further measures, eg., specific Councillors to visit Mon CC nominated villages that have effective speed reducing measures in place; also to discuss this issue with residents. Agenda for further discussion and progress at December meeting.

Noise and speed monitoring on B4235 - it was reported that the equipment provided to specific residents by Mon CC to monitor traffic speed and noise was inappropriate and impractical for outside use - County Councillor G Down to take this issue back to A Lawton, Mon CC.

War Memorial maintenance - it was noted that the maintenance was currently under way and would be completed by the end of October, before Remembrance Sunday on 10th November 2013.

The mobile police station will be at the Huntsman Hotel on Sunday 17th from 9.30 - 11.30am and the Tredegar Arms car park on Thursday 21st November from 9 - 11am.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4 November 2013 at 7.30pm at Shirenewton Recreation Hall. Members of the public may attend meetings and speak to Councillors about issues/problems/compliments for the first 15 minutes.

Find more information in the draft copy of the minutes in the Community Council notice boards. Previous minutes of meetings can be found on the Council's page of the church website.

Contact the Clerk to the Community Council -
Mrs Hilary Counsell
Tel: 01291 421307 E-mail: shirenewtoncc@gmail.com

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2013

Shirenewton entered five categories in this competition

1. Best Kept Churchyard - winner Llanfair Discoed
2. BK Pub - winner the Woodland Tavern at Llanfair Discoed
3. BK War Memorial- winner SHIRENEWTON
4. BK Village Hall - winner SHIRENEWTON
5. BK Village - winner Llanfair Discoed, highly commended SHIRENEWTON

Overall in the BK Village category we only dropped 4 points, attaining 96 out of a possible 100.

Judges Comments:

The village continues to be maintained to a very high standard. All the housing areas very good, no weeds on pavements, no litter. Newton Manor immaculate. Tredegar Arms very attractive, car par, rear area clean, tidy recycling. Telephone box redundant but clean, Post box, notice board good. War Memorial immaculate. Churchyard well kept, good conservation area. Bin and tap area clean. Playing field, car park, children's swings immaculate. Adventure play area/play group area well kept, good section of activities, willow cave. Village Hall also very good but gutterings need cleaning.

There are several people who have worked above and beyond ensuring that the Public areas are maintained to a high standard. Howard Sheen, Carole Bailey, Peter Morris, Stan Jones, Tony Hughes and David Adams. However everybody in the village is to be congratulated for keeping the village looking so attractive. Just a little extra push next year and who knows.....!!

EARLSWOOD AND NEWCHURCH WEST MEMORIAL HALL

Remembrance Service
Sunday 10th November
At 10.30 am

999 WHERE ARE YOU?

New Campaign Launches in Chepstow

If you've ever had the need to dial 999, you will probably have been in an emergency, either needing the police, ambulance or fire service. But have you ever stopped to think about how difficult it can be for emergency services to find your house when time is of the essence?

We, in the rural Chepstow Neighbourhood Policing Team noticed during our patrols that many of the properties and farms in our ward area had no house name or number signs which were clearly visible from the road, making it very difficult to find the property we were looking for in an emergency. With the help of local Councillor Beverley Moore, we approached HMP Usk Prison who have workshops on site to see if inmates would be available to make houses plaques at a reduced rate for local residents.

The prison agreed to help and all house plaques are hand engraved and made from beech wood grown at HMP Prescoed. The house plaques not only help provide an easy to read attractive sign but also enable inmates to learn a new skill in the workshops helping rehabilitation.

The signs, which cost £6 each, cover the cost of the materials in the workshop and HMP Usk prison makes zero profit. All administration is dealt with by Lower Wye Neighbourhood Watch meaning that the prison and inmates have no access to confidential information about residents. A £1 profit from the cost goes towards the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to contribute to costs for leaflets, signs and crime prevention material.

We are the first officers in Wales (I think!) to involve a prison in this type of scheme and the aim is to eventually offer these handmade signs to all residents of Gwent, especially in rural, more remote areas.

The main aim of us starting this project is to encourage local residents to make sure their house is clearly signposted. Working in rural areas, properties are often a way from a main road and can be very difficult to find. The signs are excellent quality and we're pleased to be working with the prison to benefit local residents. You never know when you might need help from the police, an ambulance or the fire service, and at that time, every second is crucial.

If you would like an order form for a house plaque or more information about the scheme, please contact the Lower Wye Neighbourhood Policing Team by calling 01633 642068 or email louise.thorpe@gwent.pnn.police.uk or Andrew.jones@gwent.pnn.police.uk

CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY

A 21st Century Christmas Carol....Chepstow Choral Society "It can't be that time of year again....can it?"

The cries of almost every choral society committee in the land ring out from September onwards as the Christmas season inexorably moves into gear, earlier and earlier each year and Chepstow Choral Society is no exception.

Whilst "Bah! – Humbug!" may be muttered under many peoples breaths and Mr Scrooge is increasingly admired more than any of us would care to admit at this time of year, music has become such an integral part of the festivities that it is almost taken for granted. The local choir(s), churches, and schools all put on seasonal performances, the local towns ask for ensembles and bands etc for their Christmas Lights "switch on", and charities recruit singers to perform outside their shops – and it all helps to generate the "feel good" factor to counterbalance Mr Scrooge and the stresses and strains of delivering a modern day, and pretty commercially-driven, Christmas.

The word "carol" for most people is only associated with Christmas as a "religious seasonal song", but in fact "carols" were not originally restricted to Christmas – they were often just simple songs, many with Pagan elements. Early carols were danced to, as well as sung, and many were performed originally in the open air, evolving over the centuries into dramatic activities (including the Miracle and Mystery plays that continue to be popular today).

Thankfully, carols have been kept alive over the centuries by broadsheets, handed down orally for future generations, and most notably they survived the disapproval of the 17th century Puritans. From the 19th century onwards, society has embraced and enjoyed a wide spectrum of performance styles, ranging from traditional religious services and concerts, to street entertainment and door-to-door singing.

And so to the modern day – we can all look forward to hearing our favourite carols again, be it in "live" performances or now on our phones and i-Pads! Also, it is the time for all aspiring young and not-so- young composers to write a carol for their singing group's performance, and create their own little piece of carol history (and who knows, it may even get published!)

For Chepstow Choral Society, performing the Christmas programme is a real highlight of the year, and we hope local concert-goers will agree as we aim to encompass many different styles and moods of Christmas Carols in our various musical activities. This year, the programme spans the 16th – 21st centuries and includes a new carol written by Gareth Treseder, a young tenor currently making his name nationally and internationally (and who will also be singing for the Society in their full performance of Handel's "Messiah" on April 5th 2014).

The Society will first perform on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 11.45am, at the ST PIERRE "Christmas Fayre", in aid of the St David's Foundation..**

A week later, on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 3.00pm in ST MARY'S PRIORY CHURCH, CHEPSTOW** we perform our main Christmas Celebration concert, incorporating festive music, seasonal readings, family carols and featuring the excellent **Dell Primary School, Chepstow**, and a group of **Military Wives from Beachley**

So is Christmas really "Bah!" "Humbug!?" ---- NO, we don't think so!

Marjorie Duerden (Asst Mus Dir, CCS).

CCS is affiliated to Ty Cerdd- Music Centre Wales, and is a Registered Charity (no. 1127098)

For more information about the Society, singing membership etc, please contact Marjorie on 01291 623310, or view our website (in process of re-design) –

www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk

SHIRENEWTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our first meeting of our year started with a full house, our speaker for the evening was Pauline Hayward who gave a talk on the 'Cobb Family of Caldicot Castle'. She gave a comprehensive history of the Cobb family who had all seemed to have led very interesting lives. Her research had uncovered branches of the family entwined in the history of other interesting families which led to an enjoyable and amusing talk. She has promised to come back next year and give us a talk on the history of the Castle.

Our forthcoming meeting are as follows:

Monday, 11th November View our village archive, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
At the Recreational Hall

Tuesday, 26th November Meeting at the Huntsman Hotel at 7.30 pm
Talk Entitled 'Edward Lowe'
Given by Dr David Thomas

CHURCH WEBSITE & SHOPPING PORTAL

www.shirenewtonchurch.com

The church website continues to exist and sits there quietly generating revenue for the church. This is a good thing. It's is even more-or-less up-to-date!

As we approach that time of year when people starting spending on the dreaded Christmas presents please remember to do your online shopping via www.shirenewtonshop.com where there are approximately 250 shops in over 30 categories. Each one pays us a small commission on sales made by clicking through from the portal. All special offers, etc. at the linked shops are the same as if you went onto the site directly.

So please purchase your Christmas presents, travel, etc. via it and contribute a little to the running of the Church. Whether you attend Church or not, it's a valuable village facility and I'm sure I'm not the only one who enjoys seeing it floodlit at night.

BTW: For you LinkedIn users out there, I'm seeing a lot of phishing emails associated with LinkedIn. This doesn't appear to have been picked up by the mainstream press yet so, who knows, maybe Shirenewton Parish Magazine will be the first to break the news.

Basically what is happening is I'm getting 'link invitations' always from senior people in major companies (i.e. exactly the type of people one would want to be selling to). These are high quality and very believable. The problem is that when I go to LinkedIn no such link request exists. So they want you to click on the link in their email and then they will steal your identity. I've know of a case of identify cloning so, as will all such online activity, treat it with caution.

Safe browsing.

David Cornwell

Webmaster – Shirenewton Church

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY

LUNCHEON CLUB

at the
Tredegar Arms

Shirenewton

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Please book early to secure
your place for lunch

27th November

At 12.30 am

**SHIRENEWTON TODDLER
GROUP**

Meet every Thursday (Term
Time Only)

at

The Recreation Hall
Shirenewton 1.30 to 3.00 pm

Age range 0 to pre-school

A nice cupper, chat, toys,
crafts, snacks & songs

ADVANCED NOTICE

Shirenewton Recreation Association
is arranging a

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

at

The Recreation Hall

on

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A generally mild and mellow October moved us quietly towards wintertime. Our meeting on the 10th saw us contemplating summer and winter extremes far greater than ours. Lena Dyche, a WI member from Monmouth, gave us a talk on life 'Above the Arctic Circle'. Lena originally came from Sweden and works as a tour guide in the UK, Ireland and Spain for holidaying Scandinavians. Everyone thinks the line of the Arctic Circle is fixed and certainly there are places with elaborate markers where tourists get photographed, but actually the line varies somewhat with the Earth's long term cycle.



Being above the Arctic Circle means that during summer it never gets dark and the sun doesn't set, whereas in the winter the sun never rises and for six months it is dark or at least never truly light. Most people think the long night is the hardest, but Lena told us that continuous light is more difficult for the body to deal with and people go to great lengths to make a place dark so that they can sleep. Most of the time the Arctic has low humidity and low winds, so when it isn't windy it's quite easy to cope with the low temperatures. The most northerly settlements don't often get snow during June, July and August with temperatures around 7 to 10 °C.

There are beautiful, rugged landscapes to visit and after dark the Northern Lights. Many places during winter have ski trails for all abilities, in fact there are many outside activities for the winter months. Many people come north seeking Santa Claus and his reindeer and there are places where Christmas can be enjoyed all year.

The island of Spitsberg (Svalbard) is the most northerly outpost before the North Pole, mining is the reason that communities were started, but a lot of research is carried out there and it has become a popular tourist spot. Every autumn an ice hotel is built where everything, from beds to chandeliers are ice (you get plenty of insulation to sleep on).

Lena certainly made the idea of taking a trip north very interesting, but I'm not sure how many of us would choose to go in winter, even with the fantastic Northern Lights, ice hotel and Father Christmas. For a short break, 24 hour light seems more attractive to cram in the sightseeing and photographs. We all enjoyed Lena's talk and photos and look forward to having another of her talks in the future.

Our next meeting is Thursday 14th November at the Rec. Hall, our speaker will be Dawn Kinman with a talk titled 'Image Matters'.



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GARDENING CORNER

As the weather has started to turn towards autumn it has been time to harvest and store the fruits of our labour. The onions have been drying on the greenhouse benches as have the shallots. We grew two varieties of shallots, one traditional French variety for cooking and the other for pickling. I've nearly finished sorting the pickling ones out with probably enough for two more jars. Hopefully we will have enough to last for the next couple of years, so I won't bother buying any bulbs for next year, other than the cooking ones. These long shallots are wonderful when roasted in the pan with the Sunday joint. They have a mild flavour and the outsides become caramelised making them absolutely delicious. The dried beans are now ready to be podded and stored in glass jars ready for making into soups and casseroles for the winter months. This is a job for those days and evenings when you can't do anything else! Both our freezers are jammed to the tops because of the amount of soft fruit we have harvested this year so any way of preserving by other means is good! We continue to make tomato passata sauce from the red fruits, but less and less are now ripening and it is looking likely that we will turn these into more chutney in the coming couple of weeks. Unfortunately we are now at the point that we can't freeze anything else until we get on and eat some of the contents!

Sitting in the garden the other day whilst having a mug of coffee we suddenly realised that our house martins had disappeared. Normally we notice them gathering on the wires getting ready for their departure south, but this year they just seemed to up sticks and leave. They had a good year for rearing young and had a second clutch of eggs. Fortunately the weather was kind enough that they managed to rear these as well and get them flying in time. The last few evenings before they disappeared we had what seemed like hundreds of martins wheeling around the house and neighbouring valley. They probably weren't all ours, but there was a feeling of satisfaction knowing that we had helped to increase the numbers. Next job will be to take the artificial nests down, clean them all out and then sterilise them with a gas torch.

The fine weather has enabled me to get the beehives ready for winter. A couple of the hives seemed a bit light so I have given the bees some sugar syrup to help bolster supplies. However the bees have refused to take very much down, so all I can do is keep the fingers crossed that they have enough to keep them going. You can't force them to eat after all! I have taken the last of the varoa treatment off and also taken the queen excluders out as well. The bees won't leave the queen if they need to move around the hive for food supplies, so by removing the excluders it allows them to move around as a cluster to enable them to reach all the supplies in the hive. The purpose of the excluder is to restrict the queen to the bottom of the hive, the brood chamber, where she will lay her eggs during the season. If they weren't there she would lay eggs anywhere, which would make it almost impossible to harvest any honey. Final job will be to take the feeders off

and place some insulation on the top frames to try to keep thing a little warmer and retain some of the bees heat, thus reducing the amount of honey that they need to keep them going.

Out in the garden things are now being done at a much more leisurely pace. There isn't the urgency of the summer months.

The one raised bed which I grew beans in now has next season's crop of garlic planted. Normally, following a nitrogen fixing bean crop, you would expect to plant a brassica crop (cabbage or similar) as they are big users of nitrogen. But we have club root in the raised beds which makes this impossible so any such crops are grown on a recently cleared piece of ground, where one of our old tunnels stood as this soil is club root free for the time being. I still find it hard to see where this has come from as we are some distance away from anyone else that grows brassica crops, and we rear all our own plants, so it's not that we have imported it into the garden by using infected plants. But arrive it has so we have to work around it.

There is nothing much else to plant at present so most of the time outside is spent harvesting and clearing what we can, concentrating outside when we can and inside in the greenhouses when it is wet. Jobs inside will include removing those tomato plants that either have finished fruiting or never really did much this year (the cooking plum ones in particular). The melons, courgettes and peppers are also finished, so we'll harvest what we can and put the rest on the compost heap. We also need to prune the apricot and nectarine trees as well, so they are ready for the spring time. I was tempted to sow some calabrese seed, but I left this until February this year and we had an excellent crop in the tunnel, so I'm going to do the same this year. I'll sow the sweet pea seed at the same time. With winters seemingly getting harder and seed a lot more expensive to buy I have to make sure that we don't lose any sowings if I can help it. When the weather is reasonable we are both outside doing some cleaning when we can.

Over the last few years we have 'lost' the furthest areas of the garden back to nature – all unintentionally I have to add. They are a mass of bramble and ash trees, but war is now declared and the first area has been cleared. The trees have been cut down and the stumps poisoned, with anything of any size being kept for a bit of firewood. Most are too small for this so they have been cut for bean poles or similar, so nothing is going to waste. The intention is to leave the areas to grow back up again, try to save any flower plants that have survived, but then spray off the rest. We may leave the areas and sow with wild flower mixes as we do not need flower beds anymore. Age is starting to take its toll so we need to consider some easier ways of managing the large garden area. The assistant head gardener reminded me that the bit of land I'd just cleared was probably bigger than most peoples back gardens, which kind of puts things into perspective! Happy gardening until next month.
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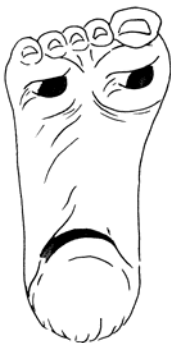
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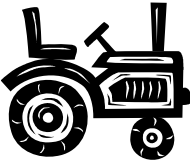
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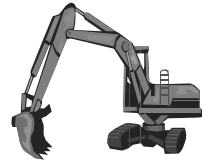
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Tiramisu can be intricate featuring layers of different flavours and textures or it can be simple. This recipe does not use any eggs and provides an easy blend of ingredients to form a fast and tasty basic Tiramisu.



Simple Tiramisu

Serves 4

Ingredients

16- 20 Amaretti biscuits
150ml sweetened strong coffee or espresso
1 tsp. vanilla extract
4 tbsp. Marsala or Amaretto
250g mascarpone cheese
150ml double cream, whipped
4 tbsp. icing sugar
Grated chocolate and cocoa powder to decorate

Method

- 1** Whisk together the mascarpone with the vanilla, half the coffee and the Marsala or Amaretto.
- 2** In a separate bowl, whisk together the cream with the icing sugar until the mixture resembles soft peaks.
- 3** With a spoon, fold the cream into the mascarpone mixture.
- 4** Line four serving glasses or cups with Amaretti biscuits.
- 5** Drizzle the biscuits with the remaining coffee and spoon the mascarpone mix on top, then chill in the fridge until needed.

When you're ready to serve, decorate with grated chocolate and a dusting of cocoa powder.

Enjoy!

Nerys's Natty Nosh

Fish is versatile, nutritious and quick to cook.

This is an old time favourite of mine from the seventies. I hope you enjoy it.

Serve with a green salad and crusty bread in the summer.

Sauté potatoes, fried cabbage and carrots in the winter months.



Leicester Baked Fish - serves 6

Ingredients

2 rashers of Streaky bacon

1 onion

4 oz. (100 gram) mushrooms- chopped

2 oz. (50gram) butter

4 oz. (fresh breadcrumbs)

$\frac{3}{4}$ pint milk (375 ml) milk

Seasoning

2- 12oz (300gram x 2) fillet of cod

4 oz. (100gram) Leicester cheese grated

2oz (50g) plain flour

2 tomatoes

Parsley chopped.

Method

Preheat oven mark 4, 350 F.

Chop the bacon. Fry the bacon, onions and mushrooms in half the butter. Stir in the breadcrumbs and bind the stuffing with a little milk. Season to taste.

Remove skin from fish. Place one of the fillets in a heatproof dish and spoon over the stuffing. Place the other fillet on top.

Place $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cheese, remaining butter $\frac{1}{2}$ pint (250ml) milk and flour in a saucepan: heat, whisking at all times until sauce thickens. Season to taste and pour over fish to coat.

Arrange the sliced tomatoes on top of the fish and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake for about 40 minutes.

Sprinkle fish with chopped parsley.

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DIARY DATES

Nov	Event	Location
4	Community Council Meeting	Recreation Hall
7	Whist Drive	Recreation Hall
10	Remembrance Service	Earlswood & Newchurch West Memorial Hall
11	Shirenewton Local History Society	Recreation Hall
14	Shirenewton WI meeting	Recreation Hall
17	Mobile Police Surgery 09-30 to 11.00	Great Barnetts Wood Car Park
21	Mobile Police Surgery 09-30 to 10.30	Tredegar Arms Car Park, Shirenewton
25	Deadline for Parish Magazine	
26	Shirenewton Local History Society	Huntsman Hotel
27	Community Lunch	Tredegar Arms
Dec	Event	Location
1	CCS. Carols	St Pierre
1	Advent Fair	Shirenewton Church
5	Whist Drive	Recreation Hall
6	Festive Christmas Fayre	Recreation Hall
8	CCS. Annual Christmas Concert	St Mary's Priory Chepstow
15	Carols around the Christmas Tree	Tredegar Arms Car Park
24	Carols & Christingles	Shirenewton Church

	Saint Thomas áBeckett Shirenewton	Sunday Services	Start 10.00 a.m. Unless stated otherwise
3 rd November	4 th Sunday before Advent Holy Eucharist	Mark Broughton Margaret Woodliffe	Mark Broughton Margaret Woodliffe
10 th November	3 rd Sunday before Advent	Remembrance Sunday	
17 th November	2 nd Sunday before Advent Holy Eucharist	Bob Grattan Wendy Baker	Bob Grattan Wendy Baker
24 th November	Christ The King	Frances Grey Margaret Lock	Claire Lewis Margaret Lock
1 st December	1 st Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	Joanne Tomlins Diane Marlow	Joanne Tomlins Diane Marlow
8 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	James Leney Jane Smith-Haddon	Claire Lewis Jane Smith-Haddon
15 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	Bill Clarke Bob Grattan	Bill Clarke Bob Grattan
22 nd September	4 th Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	Mark Broughton Ruth Savagar	Mark Broughton Claire Lewis
25 th December	Christmas Day 11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve	Sally Saysell Andrew Baker	Allan Saysell Claire Lewis
25 th December	Christmas Day Family Service 10.00 am		
29 th December	1 st Sunday After Christmas Group Service at Mathern 10.00 a.m.		

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