

Credenhill Community News



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The address is www.credenhill-pc.org.uk

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S IN DECEMBER/JANUARY



December;

Sunday 5th.	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th.	11am.	Toy Service
Sunday 19th.	11am.	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Carol Service in the Community H;
Christmas Eve 24th.	6.30pm .	Crib Service
	11.30pm .	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	10am.	Christmas Service
Sunday 26th.	11am.	United Benefice Holy Communion

January;

Sunday 2nd.	11am.	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th.	11am.	Family Communion
Sunday 16th.	11am.	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd.	11am	Morning Prayer

POST OFFICE UPDATE



Further to my last message to you all, due to my awaiting news from different meetings and so on, I have as yet no official closure date.

As promised I am doing everything in my power to attempt to ensure the survival of a post office service in Credenhill.

I must remind you all, however, that the future of such a service in Credenhill will very much depend on the amount of business transacted through the Branch. Please continue to use the service as much as possible.

‘It’s not over until the door closes!!’

Please note our new opening hours with immediate effect

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9.00am to 1.00pm
2.00pm to 5.30pm
Weds
9.00am to 1.00pm
Sat, Sun – Closed

Carol Anne Lloyd
Postmistress/Proprietor



Credenhill Community Hall

Yippee! after several years of effort the lease for Credenhill Community Hall is at last separate from the Club. Yippee! again, a new boiler has been installed so we will have a warm winter. Yippee! again, new stage curtains are planned thanks to the efforts of Magna. Yippee! again, we have received a very generous donation from the Church fete committee after their successful Cider Day event, many thanks to them. Welcome to our new secretary Mrs Diane Jones a resident in Credenhill since 1983.

Some groups are donating money so new blinds can be put at the windows and if anyone would like to make a donation we would be very grateful. Please send to Booking Secretary

The various community groups are still using the facilities and it is the ideal venue for children's parties and functions. For information please contact Betty on 760891.

Spotlight on Friendship Club

The Friendship Club meets the first Thursday of the Month at 7.30p.m. and is for anybody who wishes to get out and about and meet new people. There are regular speakers, trips to the theatre and places of interest, skittle roll ups and much more. Membership is not restricted to any age. For information contact Val Lewis details below.

Just remains to say Seasons greetings to friends old and new and thank you for using Credenhill Community Hall.

Day and Time	Group Name	Leader	Contact Details
Mon 4p.m -5.30p.m	Tai Kwondo	Brennan Paige	07742356818
Tues 5-615p.m	Beavers	Victoria Smissen	
Tues 7.30p.m	Magna Performing Arts	Val Lewis	01432760115/ 07816260838
Wed 6p.m-9p.m	Slimmers World	Sophie Gibbons	01432344801
Thursday 6p.m-7.30p.m	Cubs	Claire Bailey	01432352285
First Thursday of each month	Friendship club	Val Lewis	01432760115
Friday 6p.m-7.30p.m	Rainbows and Brownies	Donna Jones	01432
Friday 7.30p.m	Magna YoungMagna Performing Arts	Val Lewis Betty Morris	01432760115 01432760891
Sunday10p.m-12 noon	Tai Chi	Craig Powell	01432760507
Sunday 2.30p.m-5p.m	Young Magna Performing Arts	Betty Morris	01432760891 07954081999

Credenhill Social and Sports Club

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					12.00pm - 3.00pm	12.00pm - 2.30pm
7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 11.00pm	7.00pm - 10.30pm
Quiz	Members Bingo	Darts	Pool	Skittles darts		Members Draw
Function room available for hire: please contact club steward (Craig Stanton) 07554420047 or 01432 760600 for more information.						
Live screening of major sporting events on large screen TV, weekly pub games, regular live entertainment. Open to all members of the community subject to a membership fee or visitors fee.						

Dear all

As you may be aware I have been the Steward at Credenhill Social & Sports Club since June 2009. During this time there have been many changes to the Club and many more changes are planned for the future.

It is my feeling that I have taken the Club as far as I can and that it is time for a fresh approach, it is therefore with regret that I have tendered my resignation. I will continue in my position until the end of the year thus giving plenty of time for a suitable replacement to be found.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who have supported the Club during my stewardship and wish the Club great success for the future.

Yours Faithfully
Craig Stanton

Here is a reminder of our Christmas Activities

Saturday 27th November we are having a charity night in aid of "The Little Princess Trust", please come along and be entertained by the "Helen Vereker Singers", a locally based mixed choir concentrating on pop music and musicals and give you the chance to join in and sing along. Please support this event and hopefully raise some money for a wonderful cause.

Monday 6th December EGM all members are urged to attend to try and secure a future for the Club.

Ok, now it's on to Christmas. It's time to get your names down for our OAP Christmas party on **Thursday 16th December** There is a form in this newsletter that you need to fill in if you wish to attend. This event is open to all villagers and Club members of pension age so try and get your forms in early because when it's full, it's full.

Tuesday 14th December we will be holding a Family Christmas prize bingo night Eyes down at 8 pm so come along and win yourself some Christmas treats.

Saturday 18th December is Christmas draw night, tickets are now on sale in the Club, remember all of the money raised through ticket sales is spent on prizes so the more you buy, the more you can win.

Christmas Eve we will once again be holding a Christmas "open the box" members draw. Someone who is present on the night will win a cash Christmas bonus.

Christmas Day As usual we will be open from 11am till 1pm. Everyone is welcome to pop in and wish your friends a Merry Christmas.

New Years Eve This year we have decided that rather than paying the inflated prices to book entertainment for this night we will make our own. We will have a selection of music from across the years to keep us entertained; you can even bring your own music if you wish. We will also have some casino tables set up in the function room for anyone who wants to have a little flutter, or even learn how to play.

To: All Committee and members of the Credenhill Social and Sports Club

From: James Robinson (Chairman)

9th November 2010

As some of you may be aware the current Club Steward Craig Stanton, has handed in his resignation to end his employment on the 31st December 2010.

I had already made clear that I would not be willing to continue as Chairman should Craig resign. I simply do not have the time and dedication to commit to the club in finding a replacement Steward. Therefore I also have submitted my resignation as Chairman.

I understand that this leaves the club in a somewhat difficult situation and none of the current committee is willing or able to take on the Chairman's role.

The committee is therefore calling an **EGM on Monday the 6th of December 2010** to either elect a replacement Chairman or to choose a suitable date for the club to cease trading.

Should the members decide to cease trading then I am willing to continue in my current role until such date that the club closes or until the 9th January, whichever is the closest.

Should a replacement be found then I am willing to stay on the committee and ensure a smooth handover to the new chairman and my continued support and advice should it be required.

The club is actually in a relatively stable financial position at the present especially considering the current economic climate and the number of similar businesses that are closing. We currently have a good selection of sports teams for Football, Skittles, Darts and Pool and the Monday night quiz and Tuesday night bingo are regularly attended.

I feel it would be a great shame if no one can take on the role of Chairman and help the club and its members to enjoy all the benefits of a local establishment. If you want somewhere local to have a drink and walk home from, then you need to get involved.

If anyone would like to discuss any club matters with me before the EGM please call in at, or telephone the club on 01432 760600 and the Steward or staff will contact me directly.

I look forward to seeing those members who are actually interested in the continuation of the club and are available to attend at the **EGM on the 6th December**.

Credenhill Social & Sports Club

OAP Christmas party

Name.....

Address

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.....

Membership number if applicable.....

Please note that this event is open to Residents of Credenhill and also Social Club members who are above pension age. Places are limited so this is on a first come first served basis.

CREDENHILL MEN'S CLUB

Do you fancy a game of snooker in your own village?

Our men's club is looking new members from the village and surrounding area. The clubroom is situated at the top of the village behind the old school building and we meet quite informally each Tuesday and Wednesday night.

So, if you are interested in a game of snooker and a bit of banter then why not come along and give it a try!

You can contact Derek our chairman on 760618 or our secretary/treasurer Max on 274906.

LADIES NOW WELCOME AT OUR CLUB FOR POOL, SNOOKER OR GAMES – MON, THURS, FRI OR SAT. PLEASE RING.

Jive & Swing Xmas Party

Hereford Jive & Swing Group's first Christmas dance will be on Sunday 19th December from 7.00-11.00 pm at the Richmond Club, 69-71 Edgar St, Hereford, HR4 9JR. Matt from Coolmoves Dance in Hereford will be taking over the DJing, and he's got a great selection of jive, swing, r&b, boogie-woogie and rock & roll music for us all to dance to. Come and dance, or just listen and watch. Any dance style is welcome and, if you've no partner, you won't get left out. It's a great chance for beginners or 'rusty' dancers to improve and gain confidence. Cost is £4.00 on the door. The Richmond Club has a lovely big hall with a good dance floor, bar and car-park (overflow in the football ground nearly opposite).

Tel: Susan 01432 357859 or email herefordjive@btinternet.com. See www.herefordjiveandswing.blogspot.com for full details.

The Race to INFINITY



Vote now and your area could get BT Infinity next

BT is investing in the future of our internet by rolling out next-generation fibre optic broadband. Join The Race to Infinity today and your area could be next to enjoy superfast speeds.

What is The Race to Infinity?

Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. If you're not on the announced roll out plan The Race to Infinity gives you the opportunity to fast track your area to get BT Infinity next.

The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by December 31st 2010 will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project.

Whether you're big on social networking, gaming, streaming, uploading or downloading, prepare to have your life transformed with superfast speeds.

To vote simply go to www.racetoinfinity.bt.com 'VOTE NOW' and enter your details. Don't forget to pass it on to your friends on Facebook and Twitter to get your area to the top of the scoreboard.

Dear Friends,

Recently Prince William announced his engagement to Kate Middleton. There has been much interest in the couple as they will one day be our King and Queen. It is over 450 years since the upheaval of the Civil War and the dissolution of the monarchy in this country but in May 1660 King Charles the 2nd was restored to power. Many must have wondered what sort of King he would be. These days we remember the racehorses, spaniels and of course in Hereford, Nell Gwyn, but Charles was also a politician who understood that he could not rule without Parliament. Partly through his wisdom we still have a system that gives power to the monarchy by the consent of the elected government and thus the people – you and me.

We are now in the season of Advent in the run up to Christmas, the time when Christians believe that God himself came to live among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He was born to be king but his model of kingship is very different from the wielding of power that we usually see in the world around us. Jesus said, 'whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant....' and his teaching and life demonstrated this principle. On the whole our present Royal family have quietly lived lives of public service. I wonder what our world would be like if more of our leaders had the courage to follow!

With best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Reverend Angie Deane (telephone; 01981 590615)

HEREFORDSHIRE HEADWAY



Headway
We will be closed
from Monday 20th December
Re-opening Tuesday 4th January
2011

Herefordshire Headway Raffle
Tickets
And Christmas Cards
are selling fast....
at Headway House
Get yours now!!!

Coffee Morning
Tuesday 11th January 2011
10.30am-12.00pm
Tea & Coffee, Biscuits, Raffle, Cakes,
Table Sale

All welcome,
Please come and join us!

Carers Meeting
Monday 6th December 2010
and
Monday 17th January 2011
2pm—3pm
A few carers meet together on a monthly
basis.
These meetings are held at Headway House

Our thanks to Jenny Merry, Kath Fowler, Ellie, Joyce, Jackie Lyons and all the other volunteers who have worked so hard designing and printing this year's Christmas cards/gift cards, table decorations, tree ornaments, gift packs etc.

Tesco Christmas Collection
Tesco at Belmont are kindly allowing us to collect for
Herefordshire Headway in their store between 10am and 3pm
on Sunday 19th December 2010
We would be grateful for any help with collecting on the day. Please contact
Richard Thompson on 01432 761000 if you are able to spare an hour or two.

BRIDGE LESSONS

Would you like to join a small group of people learning bridge?

It is very friendly and informal. The class is held in the centre of Burghill, once a week in the afternoon, starting in the New Year.

Please get in touch or phone for more info – Joan 01432 760258



Thank you very much to all our Distributors, past and present, for volunteering your time over the past year.

Without your help the Newsletter might not have reached so many people.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year

Carol and Glenda (Editors)



CREDENHILL FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Burghill Bell Ringers were great and all members had a 'go' at singing – 'Look out X Factor here we come!' We closed the evening with a quiz run by Sybil and Brenda – thank you ladies. The Twelve Days of Christmas will never sound the same again! I am looking forward to the repeat performance at the Christmas Meal.

Everyone please remember we do not have a meeting in January 2011.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd December 2010 –

Christmas Meal at Burghill Golf Club @ 12.30pm for 1.00pm

January 2011 –

NO MEETING

Thursday 3rd February 2011 –

Meeting in the Hall @ 7.30pm. Speaker to be arranged.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR KIND SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR!

Want to know more? Contact Val 01432 760115.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

It doesn't seem possible that, at the time of writing, we only have less than 5 weeks to go until we celebrate Christmas once again. As you can imagine we are very busy in School, and the children are having such fun rehearsing their Concerts, songs etc. We have such a lot going on in School between now and when we break up on Friday, 17th. December.

On Friday, the 19th. November we celebrated Children in Need Day by the official opening of our "Captain Jack" Pirate Play Ship.



After a brave battle Jack sadly of leukaemia this year. As a School, and after discussions with Jack's mum and dad, Mel and Ewan, we all felt a fitting tribute to Jack would be to purchase some play equipment for the children so we can all remember Jack as he was, a very active, and a happy, spirited little boy who simply adored role play.

After many sponsored events arranged by our wonderful parents and friends, staff and children, work colleagues of Jack's parents, we raised enough money to purchase a grand pirate ship which is now sited on our playing field.

Amey Herefordshire has been fantastic in donating all the materials and manpower to prepare the groundwork so the pirate ship could be sited safely. Walford Timber Ltd provided all the fencing and posts surrounding the pirate ship. We have been overwhelmed by everybody's generosity, and would like to thank all those people who have helped in any way to "Jack's Fund."

THANK YOU.



This year our children in Year R, 1 & 2 will be performing Bethlehem's Buzzin! Our staff and children are busy rehearsing, and mums and dads will be busy with costumes!

Here are some of what our children are up to over the next few weeks!

24th/25th November - Years 5 & 6 Young Voices Concert Birmingham Residential Trip

3rd December - Family Xmas Bingo - 7:00pm

7th December - Whole School to Courtyard - Pantomime

7th December - Some of our children will be going to Headway to sing some Christmas Carols.

8th December - Afternoon Performance of "Bethlehem's Buzzin"

9th December - Evening Performance of "Bethlehem's Buzzin"

9th December - Some of our children will be going to Credenhill Court Rest Home to sing Christmas Carols.

10th December - Field House Nursery Concert in School - 2:00pm.

10th December - Experience Christmas - Key Stage 1 at Church

13th December - Christmas Fayre - 3:15 - 5:00 - All are welcome

14th December - "Credenhill's Got Talent"

15th December - Whole School Christmas Lunch!

15th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Party!

16th December - Key Stage 2 Carol Service 10am

16th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Party!

17th December - LAST DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

5th January, 2011 - Spring Term begins



The Children, staff and Governors would also like to thank Mr. Weaver and Mr. Pullen for giving up their time to paint our School Hall over a weekend. They kindly donated their time, and Dulux were extremely generous too by donating the paint free of charge.

THANK YOU.

St. Mary's Primary School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Let's hope Santa brings you all your Christmas wishes.

Until next year TTFN – Mr. M.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FROM CREDENHILL CHURCH & HALL FUNDRAISING

SKITTLE ROLL-UP

SATURDAY 15th JANUARY 2011

7.30pm

SOCIAL CLUB SKITTLE ALLEY

PAY TO PLAY, REFRESHMENTS, LICENCED BAR

SONGS OF PRAISE / HYMN SANDWICH

SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2011

7.30pm

CREDENHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

*CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN USING THE FORM BELOW
A SELECTION OF THE MOST POPULAR WILL BE PLAYED AND SUNG BY ALL
WHO ATTEND*

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

A COLLECTION WILL BE MADE FOR ST.MICHAELS HOSPICE

ANNUAL COUNTRY AND SQUARE DANCE

SATURDAY 12th MARCH 2011

7.30pm

CREDENHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

*FEATURING LIVE MUSIC AND CALLING FROM 'WHIFFELDY'
LICENCED BAR AND REFRESHMENTS*

*FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT
GORDON BATCHELOR ON (01432) 760312*

SONGS OF PRAISE / HYMN SANDWICH
MY FAVOURITE HYMN IS

.....

MY NAME

.....

Please hand this slip into Gordon at Lower House, or Heather at 15 Glebe Close, Credenhill

Magna and Young Magna

What a triumph of Theatre 'Cider with Rosie' turned out to be for Magna and Young Magna! Great audiences helped to make it so successful so thank you to those who came along despite the smell of burning which lingered in the air.

So on to the next production this time our annual pantomime and we give you this year "Jack and the Beanstalk" . Rehearsals are underway for what promises to be a magical traditional family panto.

The evil Squire Felonious has designs on the Delightful Dairy run by Dame Delight and her son Jack. Will Jack have to sell his cow Daisy and make his fortune so he can marry Mary? will Beano and Dandy ever learn how to lasso a cow? Will Fairy Fortune help them all out with some magic spells? Will the giant ever get his bone soup? If you want to find out how it all turns out then come along to what promises to be a 'Giant' of an evening's entertainment at RNCB, Venns Lane, Hereford. Thurs 27th to Sat 29th January 2011 at 7.30p.m Sat matinee at 2.30p.m [Friday is booked for Lions Club]

Tickets £7.00 Concessions £5.00 Party Bookings available. Profits donated to RNCB. Booking form below or telephone 01432760115 or 01432276948

Villains to boo at, young love to aah! at , slapstick to laugh at, scenery and effects to gasp at, costumes to admire ,dances to be amazed at, singing to join in with, which all add up to the magic which is Panto and brought to you by your local performing arts group Magna, which meets every Tuesday 7.30p.m. Young Magna for 8-16year olds each Sunday 2.30p.m. to 5p.m. Come along and join the fun if you want to fill the cold winter evenings. Ring for details Val 01432750115

Seasons greetings to theatre goers in Credenhill and district.

BOOKING FORM FOR 'JACK AND THE BEANSTALK'

Name.....telephone.....
Address.....
postcode.....

Please reservetickets.....concessions
Thursday 27th January 7.30p.m.....
Saturday 29th January 2.30p.m.....
Saturday 29th January 7.30p.m.....

Enclosed find £
[Make cheques payable to Magna Drama Group]
Return form to Val Lewis, 44, Meadow Drive ,Credenhill, Hereford or
Shirley Williams 'Kemeys',Swainshill, Hereford

PARCEL SCAM EMAIL

Royal Mail and Trading Standards have issued a warning over a postal scam. It involves a card being posted through doors from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Services), suggesting they have been unable to deliver a parcel and to contact them on 0906 6611911 – this is a PREMIUM RATE NO. Once you call and hear a recorded message you will by then have been billed £315 for the phone call. If you receive such a card contact Royal Mail Fraud Team on XXXXXXX.

The above email is a SCAM so please ignore and delete. If you have any queries about any cards left through your door, pop up to the Post Office and we will clarify if they are for the Royal Mail Local Collect or Royal Mail Parcelforce.

Carol - Postmistress

MOBILE LIBRARY

Shop 3.20 – 4.20 Saturday, 18th December
Hendon Drive 2.40-3.00 Glebe Close 3.10-4.30 9th December



FARMERS MARKET - High Town, Hereford

1st Saturday in the Month (4th December/) and 3rd Thursday in the Month (16th December)

ANTIQUE/COLLECTABLE MARKET - High Town, 10th December

ARTS MARKET – 12th December 9am – 5pm

FRENCH MARKET – 17th & 18th December

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET – 16th & 17th December



HEREFORD CATHEDRAL PERPETUAL TRUST

Patron: HRH The Prince of Wales

Chairman: Christopher James OBE

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PARISH NEWSLETTER DATES

December 2010 – February 2011

DECEMBER

Saturday 4 December

Christmas Sparkle: a lunchtime organ recital given by Peter Dyke, assistant organist of Hereford Cathedral, of favourite Advent and Christmas music: large screen projection from the organ loft. Donations in support of Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust. All welcome 1.15pm

Sunday 5 December

Boy Bishop Ceremony during Evensong 3.30 pm

Saturday 11 December

Handel's Messiah, by candlelight, sung Hereford Choral. Ticket information 0845 46 33 124

tickets@herefordcahoralsociety.org

Saturday 18 December

Advent Fair and Carols for Shoppers: over 30 stalls of local crafts, produce and seasonal gifts. Mince pies, hot coffee and much more. Christmas Fair 10 am – 2 pm: Carols for Shoppers 12 noon

Sunday 19 December

The Evening Hour, a service of prayer for healing and wholeness with words and music from Iona and Taizé and time for quiet reflection; all are welcome. The service is held on the second Sunday of each month. 5.30 pm

Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 December

Festival of Lessons and Carols; admission by ticket only. Which are available free of charge from Carol Service Tickets, 5 College Cloisters, Hereford HR1 2NG. Please send a stamped addressed envelope with a note stating the number of tickets required (max four per household) and for which service (22 or 23 December). Written applications only. 7 pm

Christmas Eve

Sunday School Nativity Play for children and their families 3 pm

Evensong with Blessing of the Crib 5.30 pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion with hymns 8 am

The Cathedral Eucharist 10 am

Matins 11.30 am

Evensong 3.30 pm

Tuesday 28 December *Holy Innocents Day*

A Service of Remembrance for parents who have suffered the loss of a child, whether recently or long ago, and for their families. 3.30 pm

JANUARY 2011

Sunday 9 January

Epiphany Carol Service, sung by Hereford Cathedral Voluntary Choir, celebrating the veneration of the Christ-Child by the Magi. 3.30 pm

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Q. What is Father Christmas' wife called
A. Mary Christmas

Q - What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet
A - The Christmas alphabet has Noel

Why did the reindeer wear black boots ?
Because his brown ones were all muddy !

How long should a reindeer's legs be ?
Just long enough to reach the ground !

**Knock. Knock.
Who's there?
Hanna.
Hanna who?
.... Hanna partridge
in a pear tree!**

**Knock, knock.
- Who's there?
Doughnut
- Doughnut who?
Doughnut open until
Christmas Day!**

Burns Supper.

This is a celebration of the Birthday and Poetry of Robert Burns. The evening includes Haggis, Whisky and the recitation of Burns Poetry. Followed by a Ceilidh. This is usually held on 25th January and is widely celebrated in Scotland, but there are many Scottish Societies worldwide that will also be holding their own celebrations. The following poem is usually said just after the Haggis has been piped in and is traditionally cut by the person reciting the poem.

Address To A Haggis

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dew's distil
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An' cut you up wi' ready sleight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin, rich!

Then, horn for horn,
they stretch an' strive:
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve,
Are bent lyke drums;
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
"Bethankit!" 'hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew
Wi' perfect sconner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! see him ower his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit;
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!

But mark the Rustic, haggis fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread.
Clap in his wallee nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;
An' legs an' arms, an' heads will sned,
Like taps o' thrissle.

Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware
That jaups in luggies;
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,
Gie her a haggis!

The Translation

Fair is your honest happy face
Great chieftain of the pudding race
Above them all you take your place
Stomach, tripe or guts
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm

The groaning platter there you fill
Your buttocks like a distant hill
Your skewer would help to repair a mill
In time of need
While through your pores the juices emerge
Like amber beads

His knife having seen hard labour wipes
And cuts you up with great skill
Digging into your gushing insides bright
Like any ditch
And then oh what a glorious sight
Warm steaming, rich

Then spoon for spoon
They stretch and strive
Devil take the last man, on they drive
Until all their well swollen bellies
Are bent like drums
Then, the old gent most likely to rift (burp)
Be thanked, mumbles

Is there that over his French Ragout
Or olio that would sicken a pig
Or fricassee would make her vomit
With perfect disgust
Looks down with a sneering scornful opinion
On such a dinner

Poor devil, see him over his trash
As weak as a withered rush (reed)
His spindle-shank a good whiplash
His clenched fist. the size of a nut.
Through a bloody flood and battle field to dash
Oh how unfit

But take note of the strong haggis fed Scot
The trembling earth resounds his tread
Clasped in his large fist a blade
He'll make it whistle
And legs and arms and heads he will cut off
Like the tops of thistles

You powers who make mankind your care
And dish them out their meals
Old Scotland wants no watery food
That splashes in dishes
But if you wish her grateful prayer
Give her a haggis!



Traditional Burns Night Supper Recipe



Haggis, clapshot and whisky sauce

Ingredients

500g/1lb 2oz [haggis](#)

For the clapshot

500g/1lb 2oz floury potatoes, such as Maris Piper or [King Edward](#),
peeled, chopped

500g/1lb 2oz swede (yellow [turnip](#)), peeled, chopped

50g/2oz [butter](#)

75ml/2³/₄fl oz [double cream](#)

sea salt and freshly ground [white pepper](#)

1 tbsp chopped fresh [chives](#)

For the whisky sauce

500ml/17fl oz [double cream](#)

2 tsp [wholegrain mustard](#)

1 tbsp [Dijon mustard](#)

2 tsp [whisky](#)

sea salt and freshly ground [white pepper](#)

1 tbsp chopped fresh [chives](#)

$\frac{1}{2}$ [lemon](#), juice only

Preparation method

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.

Wrap the haggis tightly in aluminium foil and place onto a baking tray. Bake in the oven for 45 minutes to one hour, or until cooked through.

Meanwhile, for the clapshot, boil the potatoes and swede in separate saucepans of salted water for 15-18 minutes, or until tender. Drain well. Add the drained swede to the drained potatoes and mash thoroughly. Add the butter and cream and mash again until smooth and well combined. Season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground white pepper. Stir in the tablespoon of chives. Set aside and keep warm.

For the whisky sauce, heat the double cream in a pan over a medium heat. Add the wholegrain mustard, Dijon mustard and whisky and stir to combine. Increase the heat until the mixture is simmering and continue to cook for 1-2 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat and season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground white pepper. Stir in the tablespoon of chives, then whisk in the lemon juice.

To serve, divide the clapshot equally among four serving plates. Place a spoonful of steamed haggis alongside each. Spoon over the warm whisky sauce.

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