

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Mobile Library visits begin in October
- Apple Day – Saturday 10th October press your own apples, then purchase the juice in the CC shop
- MP Bradley Thomas will be holding a surgery on Saturday 10th October
- October Mini Market – Saturday 10th October
- October Art Café – Saturday 17th October
- November Mini Market – Saturday 14th November
- November Art Café – Saturday 21st November
- Christmas Fayre – Saturday 28th November



Creating a community hub

MINI MARKET

Saturday 10th October



10am to 12.30

Clent Parish Hall, 40 Church Avenue, Clent DY9 9QT

Stalls include:

- Arts and Crafts
- Readymade Fish Meals
- Local Honey
- Fresh Artisan Bread
- and much more.....

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Calling all Artists

Clent Connect would like to invite you to display and sell your art at a monthly Art focused Saturday morning cafe at Clent Parish Hall

Help make Clent Connect the place to come to buy art pieces from up and coming artists!

Every third Saturday of the month, starting Octoebr 17th

Tables available at £5 (why not share with someone?)

Please contact Bonnie at huboffice@clentconnect.co.uk for more information or to book a table



A Community shop and cafe in Clent run by volunteers

Come in for a chat and a warm welcome

Coffee and cakes, fresh bread and local suppliers

Open 9-5 Tuesday-Friday, 10-1 Saturday

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CLENT APPLE DAY

Saturday 10th October 2026

10am – 3:30pm

Clent Parish Hall – Rear Car Park



Bring your apples and pears to press into fresh juice

Bottle your juice to take home for a donation (bring containers!)

Donate your surplus juice to the community press

No apples? No problem! We'll have a stock of apples to share.

For more information contact Lawrence: clenthillsorchards@gmail.com

MEET YOUR MP

AT
CLENT CONNECT, DY9 9QT

ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

FROM
10.30AM UNTIL 12.30PM

PLEASE DO POP ALONG AND MEET YOUR LOCAL MP.

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR
KAREN MAY WILL BE THERE TOO.

Promoted by Bradley Thomas of 18A High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8HQ

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HUB CAFÉ SHOP

Autumn 2026

SHOP LOCAL, CONNECT LOCAL

As autumn settles over the village, it feels like the right moment to say a proper thank you to both our volunteers and our visitors.

Every drop-in, every coffee, every toastie, every after-school treat, every browse of the crafters' shelves - it all keeps this remarkable volunteer-led space alive. It was built around people, not profit, and thanks to this community, it just keeps going from strength to strength.

Whether you're brand new to Clent, navigating a life-change, or a familiar face at the shop counter, this is what community looks like - and it doesn't run on goodwill alone. The Clent Connect shop and café hub exist because people choose it, and that choice has a positive ripple-effect. Every penny of profit goes straight back into the community, and we work hard to keep prices affordable, so there's never a reason not to choose us.

So as the season turns, please continue to make us a habit, not an afterthought. Bring a friend. Introduce a neighbour. Or simply pop in for a warming bowl of soup between errands - we'll have the kettle on.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

CLENT - WE NEED YOU!

None of what Clent Connect offers would exist without our brilliant team of volunteers.

This issue, we're shining a light on one very special member of that team:

Huge congratulations to **Jean**, our **Volunteer of the Month**, who has thrown herself into just about every corner of Clent Connect life - from covering shop shifts to lending a hand at deep cleaning.

Thank you, Jean, for absolutely everything you do.



...And the door is always open for more volunteers. Shifts are flexible, training is given, and it's a genuinely lovely way to spend a couple of hours.

FIND US ONLINE!

clentconnect.co.uk OR @ClentConnect on Facebook and Instagram

OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm
 Saturday 10am to 1pm



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

These exceptional businesses are at the heart of our local community, and their support of Clent Connect reflects a genuine commitment to social value, community wellbeing and responsible business practice.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CLENT CONNECT COMMUNITY PARTNER TOO, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

CAFE MENU UPDATE:

We love how the café has been embraced as a place to meet up with friends over a cuppa - it was certainly missed by many during the two weeks the hall was closed for decoration!

Cue the drumroll: After many requests, we're excited to announce that Bacon Baps are now on the menu at the café every Saturday morning!

Also, back for the colder months, homemade soup is once again available in both the café and the shop.

NECESSITIES & NICETIES

Whatever's on your shopping list, the chances are we've got it - and at prices that surprise people every week.

- We work to keep prices competitive - a latte with us is £2.60. At Starbucks, you pay at least £4.20
- We have a wide range of products, including stamps and non-alcoholic drinks, pet food and ice cream. We're here to serve the community so if there's something you want us to stock, let us know
- Your canine companions are always welcome - we even have ice cream for them!



DID YOU KNOW?

Clent Connect pays for the WiFi in the Parish Hall? It's a small thing, but it's exactly the kind of everyday difference that your custom with us makes possible.

We also run a free transport service on Wednesday mornings for the café hub, whenever you need it. Just get in touch in advance to arrange a lift.



IDEAS WELCOME...

This summer alone we've launched the craft table, the popular mini markets and a Couch to 5K course, with the Art Café following in October - and we're not stopping there.

The question is, what's next?

If there's something you'd love to see us offer, an event you think would go down a storm, or a suggestion you've been meaning to mention, please call in, or email the team at huboffice@clentconnect.co.uk.

We'd love to talk it through with you.

NEW EVENT: VISITING FRIENDS

From 13th October, Visiting Angels, a Clent Connect Community Partner, will be hosting a friendly get together in the Parish Hall every second Tuesday (2 - 3.30pm) to provide a warm welcoming space to chat, laugh and build new friendships.

Everyone is welcome, whether you're looking for company or just fancy a cuppa.

The shop will also be open as usual for drinks, treats and snacks.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are always thrilled that local businesses approach us to become community partners, and we are endlessly grateful for the ongoing support received by our partners, without which so much of what Clent Connect does simply wouldn't be possible.

This issue we're putting the spotlight on **The Gables**, who have supported Clent in a multitude of ways, including supporting our Volunteers Thank You Evening in November.

The Gables Care Home in Hagley is proud to be part of the local community, providing high-quality residential, dementia and respite care in a warm and welcoming environment. The team believes care is about much more than where someone lives, it is about creating a place where people feel known, valued and connected.

The Gables' doors are always open to the local community, with regular events, activities and opportunities to bring residents, families and local people together. The home enjoys building strong relationships with community groups and organisations and finding ways to support and be involved in the local area.

Emily, the Home Admissions Advisor, is also available to offer advice and information to anyone considering care for themselves or a loved one. From understanding the different care options available to knowing what to look for when visiting a care home and which questions to ask, Emily is happy to provide guidance and reassurance to help families navigate their care-finding journey, with no obligation.



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Each Wednesday during termtimes we offer weekly sessions for pre-school children and carers, including parents, grandparents and local childminders. The Art & Craft table is also available for our local creatives, young and old, at every Saturday café hub.



Every month we host Citizens Advice, Community Policing, with no appointment necessary. Free Solicitor and Financial advice sessions are also available with a booking. And don't forget the pre-school children and their carers session taking place most Wednesday mornings with Jacqui.

Call into the shop for more information

VILLAGE SHOW

If you ever needed proof that community spirit runs high in Clent, the Village Show provided it - by the bucket load!

Clent Connect was proud to support our community coming together for an afternoon of fun, friendly competition and, of course, plenty of cake.

We were especially thrilled to spot so many buzzy bees on display - all made at our craft table the week before.

