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## The Crown Inn, Clunton

Those of us who live in the Clun Valley are very lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the country, with some great pubs too. One of these being the Crown Inn, Clunton, a traditional free house. The pub was threatened with closure in 1994 after the then landlord had had enough of the licensed trade. A group of local residents got together and rather than lose the pub to development, or change of use to a dwelling, they decided to buy it as a co-operative venture, one of the first such ventures in the country. There have been a few tenants of the pub since then - some good, some bad! The latest are Della and Andy Peers who have run a very successful and very popular pub for the last three years. So dedicated are they to making a success of it that they have only just taken their first holiday in 3 years. Andy, from County Durham, went to catering college straight from school, and qualified as a chef; he then worked all over the country for various hotel chains getting lots of experience and

seeing and learning a great deal about the catering trade. So he is no stranger to hard work and knows what it needs to run a successful business. He was employed for ten years as head chef at the Long Mynd Hotel which is where he met his wife, Della, who was restaurant manager. Della did not start out in the catering trade but after school worked for an estate agent. She then went to the Long Mynd and worked her way up to restaurant manager. They admit that, initially, they did not get on that well; but chefs and restaurant managers notoriously do not see eye to eye. However, love in the hot and steamy atmosphere of the kitchens flourished and the rest, as they say, is history. Della being a local girl (she is originally from Newcastle on Clun) has a head start, as she knows lots of locals and they know her and her family, but it is more than that that makes the pub so popular. The food is very good, witness the write up given by Sharon Walters in the Shropshire Star... The winter months traditionally are quiet, so



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Andy and Della decided to try doing fish and chips to take away, or eat in, on a Wednesday. This has proved so popular that a) you cannot park in the pub car park on Wednesday nights unless you get there early or late, after 9pm, and b) you need to order in advance. The most they have sold in one night was 109 portions. They also tried 2 courses for £10 on a Thursday night; again this was so popular that you had to book or you did not get in. This has now stopped for the summer as the tourist season starts traditionally from Easter onwards. So the pub is now open for food Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights plus Sunday Lunch, but I would recommend booking. They are already full for Mothering Sunday.

The food is not the only attraction, it is also very nice to be able to walk into the pub, to know most of the people, to be greeted by all and to sit and have a chat, with no music blaring and no fruit machine noise. There are lots of other things going on: it is used as a meeting place, the domino league have matches, and the darts players are in most nights.

I almost feel that I have gone back in time, and then at my age to be called PET is an added bonus!

Andy and Della would like to thank all who have supported them for the last three years and we all look forward to many more.

Barbara Vesty



**Coffee Morning**  
**Tuesday 5 April**  
 9am to 11.30am  
**in Clunbury Village Hall**  
 Crafts for Sale  
 (Cakes, cards, jewellery, flower arrangements, lavender bags, etc)  
 In aid of Clunbury Under 5s Playgroup

## Oops!

We apologise for the poor quality of the printing of the last issue, particularly of the photo of the bellringers. Here it is again... hopefully loud and clear!



### Clunbury bellringers c. 1965

*Seated front row l to r:*

Stephen Lane, Mr Albert Lane, David Perkins

*Middle row:*

John Richards, Sarah Williams, Susan Lane  
 Jane Williams, John Croxton

*Standing at back:*

Caroline Lloyd, Barbara Williams

## High Kicks at Kempton Ceilidh

On 26 Feb, Ron and Dot took a break from lambing to tempt us onto the dance floor. They did their best to keep their flock under control and, by the end of the night, most of us could swing our partners at the right time and even strip the willow without too much difficulty. Refreshments were served at half-time to re-fuel flagging limbs, and were greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who helped and contributed to making it such a successful and enjoyable evening.



## Thanks from the Under 5s

As secretary of Clunbury Under Fives, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our auction of goods and promises at the Crown Inn, Clunton on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Many people, unfortunately too numerous to mention, contributed a lot of hard work in organising the evening, not least Della and Andy Peers. Not only were they kind enough to allow us to use the pub for the auction, they also helped with the organisation and contributed two very popular promises themselves.

I would also like to thank our auctioneer Phil Wright and his "glamorous assistant" Jackie Bowen who enthused the crowd and helped achieve the best prices on the night.

And finally, we would not have been able to raise any money at all without those who turned up on the night and put in bids for the lots.

I am very pleased to let you know that we raised a grand total of £1,331.32, which will be divided equally between Clunbury Under Fives and the Midlands Air Ambulance, two very worthwhile causes. Every £25 that we have raised will pay for either one session of playgroup or one minute of Air Ambulance flying time.

On behalf of both organisations, a sincere thank you to everyone who supported us.

*Suzanne Hadwen*



From left to right: Tom Graham, Sam Wadsworth, Jensen Hadwen, Gwennie Ewing, Monty Longthorp, Eva Knight.

At the back: Suzanne Hadwen with the fire engine which was one of the lots at the auction.

## Clunbury School Corner

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March we held our first Clunbury School Farmers' Market.

Years 5 and 6 had spent many weeks planning, marketing and designing posters for the event and we were thrilled with the end result. The producers were really happy with the market and would definitely attend our next one. We would like to say a big thank you to all the local people who visited the market and made it such a great success.

We have given a percentage of our profit to The Air Ambulance.

We have had a very busy week this week, as we have been celebrating Science Week. On Tuesday we had a visit from a scientist from Science Boffins who explored chemical reactions and electricity with us; we learnt a lot but also had lots of fun.

Our school nurse visited us on Wednesday to show us how clean our hands are using special gel and a light - box. We were very surprised at the results. We are also going to make rockets.

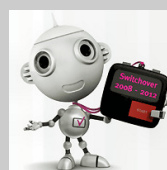
This term we have also visited Clun School to meet the author and illustrator, Nick Sharrat who, as well as talking to us, signed the books we bought.

On Red Nose Day we are holding a dance competition at school, we are also dressing up in something funny; we hope to raise lots of money for Comic Relief.



Don't forget to put the date in your diary for our Summer Fair, it is on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June.

*By Morgan, Callum and Jess*



Don't forget 6th and 20th April: if you lose your picture, it's because of the Switchover!

# Easter Prize Bingo



Wednesday 6th April  
At

Craven Arms  
Community Centre

Doors Open 7pm

Eyes Down 8pm

Lots of great  
prizes to be won!

Refreshments Available

*In Aid of*

*Friends of Clunbury School*



All proceeds from the bingo will go to Clunbury  
School PTA.

For further details please contact Jackie Bowen  
01588 660146

## GOOD FRIDAY - 22nd. April CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

in Clunbury Village Hall  
10.00 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
for all children aged 5 - 11

Then the **GOOD FRIDAY WALK**  
up Clunbury Hill - for all ages!  
at 3.00 p.m. from the School  
Crossroads in Clunbury

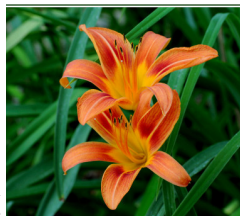
**D**o come and join us for our Good Friday Walk! This has become quite a local tradition in the 17 years we have been doing it. Rain or shine (even snow) we have managed to reach the top of the hill, except when Foot & Mouth or extreme weather conditions prevented us. Given a fine day, the view from the top is magnificent, and we can promise good company on the walk and a refreshing cup of tea in the Village Hall afterwards. We leave from the crossroads by the School at 3.00 p.m.

*Barney Bell*

## Gardening Club Report

The February meeting of the South West Shropshire Gardening Club was well attended and had a good social atmosphere. This was partly due to the speaker David Swanson, acting head gardener at Powis Castle. David showed some very interesting illustrations from the C18 and spoke of Lady Violet's love of the cottage garden style as it was in the early 1900s. He also compared the garden as it was in the 1930s with the way it is now, illustrating this with slides. To-day eight full time gardeners tend the gardens, which, with the parkland, extends to 25 acres. Of course health and safety regulations now dictate how some jobs are done. Instead of cutting the enormous yew hedges from ladders the gardeners now have to use "cherry pickers" to ensure their safety. Members of the gardening club and guests were very appreciative of David's most interesting talk.

The next meeting of the club is on 27 April, 7.30pm in Lydbury North Village Hall, when the speaker is Mark Zennick; his subject is "Day Lilies". Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Pauline 01588 660120.



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**Events Diary for April 2011**  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun 3rd	11.00am	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	Clungunford
Sun 3rd	6.30pm	Evensong	Clunbury
Tue 5th	9.00am	Coffee Morning in aid of Clunbury Under 5s	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 5th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Lovely Bones	Lydbury North VH
Wed 6th	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI - Local Unworthies	Methodist Hall, CA
Wed 6th		Digital Switchover (BBC2)	
Wed 6th	8pm	Easter Bingo	CA Com. Centre
Fri 8th	9.00pm	Live music - Rubee & The Rockets	White Horse, Clun
Sat 9th	11.00am to 2.00pm	Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale (see overleaf)	Clunton VH
Sat 9th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Ghost	Memorial Hall, Clun
Sat 9th	8.30pm	Rob Chapman - magician	White Horse, Clun
Sun 10th	11.00am	Mattins (a joint service with Clunbury)	Hopton Castle
Sun 10th	6.30pm	Evensong	Clunton
Mon 11th	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, A o C
Wed 13th	7.00pm	Church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Clunbury School
Wed 13th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - A Serious Man	Three Tuns, BC
Fri 15th	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Historical & Archaeological Society - talk on Hopton Castle	College Hall, BC
Sun 17th	11.00am 6.30pm	PALM SUNDAY - Palm Crosses will be distributed at all services Holy Communion Evensong	Clunton Clunbury
Tue 19th	7.30pm	Bedstone WI meeting - Mr & Mrs Taylor, talk on their work in Vietnam	Bedstone VH
Wed 20th	8.45pm	Meditation and Music "Were you There". All welcome to this performance	Clungunford Church
Wed 20th	9.15pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 20th		Digital Switchover (All other analogue channels)	
Thur 21st	7.30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY - Holy Communion	Hopton Castle
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Children's Workshop - children aged 5 - 11	Clunbury VH
Fri 22nd	3.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY WALK up Clunbury Hill - for all ages!	School Crossroads, Clunbury
Fri 22nd	7.30pm	GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION - An evening service of readings, hymns and prayers	Clunton Church
Fri 22nd	9.00pm	Live Music - Paul Parker & All The Right Friends	White Horse, Clun
Sun 24th	11.00am 11.00am	EASTER DAY Holy Communion Holy Communion	Clunbury Clunton
Wed 27th	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Gardening Club - talk - Day Lillies	Lydbury North VH
Wed 27th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - to be announced	Three Tuns, BC
Thur 28th	9.00pm	Live folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gardening Club meeting: Day Lilies	Lydbury North VH



Fri 29th	9.00pm	Live music - Borderline Blues Band	White Horse, Clun
Sat 30th	7.30pm	Flicks - Made in Dagenham	Memorial Hall, Clun
Sun 1st May	6.30pm	Evensong	Clunbury

### Regular walks

Day	Start time	Group	Location
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Ramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Peramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP
1st and 3rd Wednesdays in month	10.00am	Clun Amblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP

Abbreviations and acronyms used: AoC - Aston on Clun, BC - Bishop's Castle, CA - Craven Arms, CP – car park, VH - Village Hall.

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### Reminder

#### Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy Sale!!

Clunton Village Hall  
Saturday 9th April 2011  
11am to 2pm

Book stall



Toy stall



Plant stall



Bric-a-brac



Cake stall



Entry fee £1 including a cup of coffee

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#### Volunteers needed

Could you be our correspondent for your part of the parish?

### STOP PRESS... Barn Owl and Red Kite Breeding Surveys

*Could you help, please?*



If you see a Barn Owl (other than at Little Brampton, which is already a confirmed site), please phone

Vince Downs on 01588 660369



If you see Red Kites which appear to be breeding in your area, please phone Leo Smith, on

01588 638577