

# The Parish Post

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## Great War Exhibition

One hundred years on, to commemorate the men from the parish who died in the First World War, an exhibition has been planned. It will open on

**Sunday 13 July, 5pm**

**at St Swithin's Church, Clunbury**

with a glass of wine followed by

Songs of Praise at 6pm

The exhibition continues afterwards until August.



The exhibition marks the sacrifice of many local men in The Great War, some of whom appear on our Parish War Memorials: one at Purslow crossroads, and one in the Church.

However there must be many who served who came back, and some who did not return but are not on our memorials.

If your family has held the memory of someone who served in that extraordinary war with photograph, anecdote, medal or citation, please do bring that name and those memories to the exhibition. They may not have been 'local', but you may have become so.

The service also marks our Parish Patronal day – St Swithin's Day. Wine, soft drinks, and nibbles will be available while you look round the exhibition – and the service will end well before the World Cup football match!

*Christina Whitehead*

## Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana: 25 August

**H**ELP!!!! We need some more volunteers to help at the show this year – even if just for an hour – on the gate, or with any of the other tasks on the day.

If you can spare some time, and would like to help, please contact Annie Sutton Tel: 660140.

### Purslow Show Social Evening

**S**aturday 23 August, in the marquee on the Showground. Admission by ticket only. Full details next month.

### Children's Entries

**W**e would like to encourage all children to enter "something" in the Purslow Show. There are a number of extra categories for you this year – so take a look at the schedule (overleaf) and see what you could enter in the Show. Can we make it a bumper number of entries this year??



**Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month**

## Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana – Children’s entries

### Sheila Train Perpetual Children’s Cup

- All entries SHOULD BE the unaided work of the exhibitor
- One entry per class only
- Child’s age must be displayed on the exhibit

#### Pre School

- 88 A picture on a plate
- 89 A model in salt dough
- 90 A collage



#### AGE 7 and under

- 91 A picture postcard
- 92 A decorated wooden spoon
- 93 A commemorative poppy in any medium
- 94 A collection of flowers in a jar
- 95 Three crispy cakes

#### AGE 9 and under

- 96 A poem on the theme “Around the World”
- 97 An original Lego model (not from a kit)

- 98 A birthday card
- 99 A garden in a seed tray
- 100 Three flapjacks

#### AGE 11 and under

- 101 A poem on the theme “Around the World”
- 102 Design a medal for a hero
- 103 A display of flowers in an unusual container
- 104 Five biscuits
- 105 “Around the World” - a photograph maximum mounted size: 9” x 7” (23cm x 18cm)



#### AGE 16 and under

- 106 Design a poster for a local event
- 107 A drawing or painted picture
- 108 Three small decorated cakes



#### Closing Date for Entries: 21 August

Completed entry forms and fees in a sealed envelope may be handed to:

Eirlys Ellams, Jasmine Cottage, Clunbury  
 Annie Sutton, The Old Wheelwright’s, Little Brampton  
 Davies & Son, Newsagent, 17 High Street, Clun  
 Jane’s Petals and Gifts, Church Street, Bishop’s Castle  
 Community Shop, Aston on Clun  
 Cyril Bason, Corvedale Road, Craven Arms

**Enquiries about Show Tent entries:** Eirlys Ellams, 660625

**Enquiries about Purslow Show:** Annie Sutton (Show Secretary), 660140

#### Holiday Club – “Cuthbert Out & About”

All school age children are welcome to come to the Holiday Club in St Cuthbert’s Church, Clungunford. This will run from Monday 4 August, each afternoon from 2pm to 5pm, through to Friday 8 August.

There will be lots of outdoor activities, sports and games, and crafts for all ages. Registration forms will be available soon in schools, churches and Aston on Clun Village Shop. Cost: £10 per child for the week, £15 for 2 children, £20 for a family of 3 or more.

#### CLAC @ CLUN

Please remember the food larder based in Clun when you do your shopping. We have been busy lately and stocks are running low. If you can donate a few items, or cash – we would be grateful. Boxes to collect your items are in churches, and the Meadows Surgery, Clun. Thank you

## Twenty Years On

*David Pearson, with his wife Mona, tell the Parish Post how The Crown became a community pub.*

Some time ago, Clunton's Crown Inn was experiencing difficult times, and a local chap suggested to me that we should 'do something about it'. The interior had been stripped of contents and the windows were boarded up. My reply was that it was not my line of business, and my preference was to stand in front of the bar and not behind it. However, such was the interest of local people to revive the pub, that we made an offer to purchase the premises. Our offer fell through and it came to our notice that others were interested in purchasing the building to convert it into flats.



This only added impetus to our rescue plan and our offer was increased to the asking price. This was accepted and the property was now in our hands.

We formed a company and sold shares to those people who were interested in joining. People gave willingly of their savings in an all-out bid to rescue the pub. It should be noted that, for many years since, no dividend has been paid to those shareholders, as every penny received from rentals has been spent on repairs, maintenance and refurbishments.

Just about everyone in the neighbourhood assisted in one way or another: cleaning, repairing, decorating, etc. We heard of a hotel which was

closing, so we bought its contents and brought them to the Crown.

All of this brought fantastic publicity from radio, TV and the press. The minutes of the third meeting of the company state: 'GMTV interrupted the start of the meeting to film us'; 'Central TV to come when pub opens'; 'Radio 5 live interviewed yours truly'; 'Half page article in the Daily Mail complete with photograph'.

A local reporter had started this, by continually phoning me asking for details, as he had heard about us buying it. He wanted to be the first to know, as this was 'a scoop'.

At Christmas 1994, following a carol service in our church, we held a party in The Crown for all the villagers, who brought their own food and drink as we had not yet opened. This was attended by BBC television cameras and was broadcast live. The Revd Barney also attended and asked for God's blessing. BBC TV also covered the 5th and 10th anniversaries. The Crown actually re-opened on 3 March 1995 so the 20th anniversary will actually be 3 March 2015. The dedication and effort put into this project by everyone concerned is commendable and has to be congratulated, and now, with Andy and Della at the helm, we truly feel that we have a pub to be proud of. A wonderful community spirit has prevailed throughout. Special thanks to all our customers from near and far, for without customers, none of it would have been worthwhile.

*David Pearson*

### Note from The Crown

Sorry, there will be  
NO Fish and Chips  
available on  
Wednesday 30  
July



### The Clunbury Craft Group

We meet on a Friday, every 4 weeks, at Clunbury Village Hall, from 12 noon to 3 pm.

We are a friendly group and welcome new people to join us. Experience isn't necessary, just an interest in crafts. Perhaps you would like to learn or try something new or bring along some project of your own?

Bring your own lunch and drinks are provided. £5.00 per session.

**Forthcoming dates:-** 27 June, 25 July, 22 August, 19 Sept, 17 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec.

For more information, please ring Lynne Thompson on 661180.

*You are invited to a  
Strawberry Tea  
Fund Raising Party*

*Sunday 27 July, 2 - 5 pm*

*In aid of Breast Cancer Care*

*with Lynne and Alister Thompson  
at Tansy Cottage, Twitchen Road,  
Clunbury*

*Entry £3.00 includes refreshments and  
cake / scone*

*Parking available at Pool House Farm*



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Come and Join us for

## A Barbecue



**Clunbury Village Hall**

**Saturday 2 August**

**6.00 p.m Onwards**

**Adults - £5 Children - £2.50**

Bring your own drink  
Advance Tickets from  
Eirlys Ellams 660625

## UnityCommunity



Bring your own picnic to enjoy in  
our school gardens

Wednesday 16 July 2.30

Clunbury School

Teas and Coffees available

*UnityCommunity aims to bring  
together the three main groups in  
the village:- the church, the school  
and the village hall, at three shared  
social events a year, hosted at each  
of the three venues.*

*Any profits made will be donated to  
local charities.*

## Opera at Walcot Hall 7 June

I was made very welcome by the Clunton group whom I joined to watch the opera at Walcot Hall. I had no idea what to expect. It turned out to be far more than just going to the opera. By 6.30, the beautiful Walcot grounds were teaming with groups of smartly dressed enthusiasts sat in their deckchairs, in the evening sun, drinking and eating nibbles. As a rainbow's colours strengthened over the meadows and rolling hills, spots of rain started to encourage us towards taking our seats for the beginning of the performance.

I had read about the Madame Butterfly opera before leaving, which was a good thing as it's extraordinary to watch the depicting of a tale based in Japan sung to you in Italian by a British group. It's amazing how much emotion something which you don't really understand can evoke in you. I'd had a similar feeling while visiting Avebury Manor in Wiltshire, where the kids were allowed to put an old gramophone to play. While the tune would have had no effect had I heard it on the radio, when heard on the wind-up crackly gramophone, while the kids knocked billiard balls around a table, it brought a lump to my throat which I couldn't explain. In the same way, these wonderful voices overtook my senses and managed to bring forth all kinds of emotions. The pianist was extraordinary in his non-stop complex accompaniment to these huge voices ringing out in a grand country house room where the sound filled all the available space in the most mesmerising way.

In the interval, we wandered back out into the sunshine to indulge in a grand picnic which the Clunton friends had put together. The hour evaporated while people laughed and chatted and before we'd had time to tuck into our puddings the bell was chiming, calling us back to the next instalment. The room was once again filled with emotional voices which built to a final tragic climax.

*Sue Evans*

## Day Trips

There are a couple of providers of trips and outings for residents of the whole Clun Valley: Tim's Travels and M&J Travel. Generally the pick up points for these jollies are near the main Newcastle/Craven Arms Road. Naturally the providers are keen to give you as much time at the destination as possible, and not inconvenience the other residents of our narrow lanes. The Little Brampton Crossroads seems to be the most used one in our Parish, but do talk to the organisers about pick up points if this presents you with difficulties.

M&J Travel are offering the following:

### Tours in 2014

10 August: Bournemouth

27 October: Tenby

### Daytrips 2014

20 July: Sudeley Castle

22 July: Coronation Street

7 September: Mystery Tour

15 November: Christmas Shopper

For more information call them on 6540273.

*Carol Griffiths*

## Clun Carnival and Show

Starting Sat 19 July until Sun 3 August, many events have been organised: concerts, Arts & Crafts show, quiz, folk night, canter.

### Sat 2 August:

**1pm:** Carnival Procession with vintage tractors and cars



**1.30pm:** Crowning of the Carnival Queen in the Square

**2pm:** Clun Show on Castle grounds

**4pm:** Clay Pigeon Shoot, Leasowes Farm

**7pm:** Clun Bowling Club; final of the Tom Beardsley Cup

For other details look in the diary pages.



## News from South West Shropshire Gardening Club

Kim Hurst from The Cottage Herbery in Knighton kept us enthralled and fascinated during her talk in May. She took us on a grand, illustrated tour from one herb to another, giving details of growing, eating and other uses of each one. We started with Parsley, which often takes more work to grow than exotic herbs – folk lore claims it goes down to the devil seven times before it germinates! Being rich in vitamin C, be grateful if it grows easily for you. We learnt that Hops can grow up to six inches on a good day – you only need four plants to grow up a string and you could indulge in “Poor Man’s Asparagus”, steamed and served with butter and black pepper. The proof of inspiration became clear when the talk ended and we all tried to walk rather than run greedily towards the plants for sale! Check out the list of plants available on: [enquiries@thecottageherbery.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thecottageherbery.co.uk). Kim and her husband Rob attend many plant fairs, events and farmers’ markets (including Ludlow).

If, like me, your experience of lilies consists of the Scarlet Lily Beetle chomping through your prize blooms, or clothes being stained by over enthusiastic pollen, then come and widen your horizons with our next talk:

“Alpine beauty in Northern Yunnan”

Duncan Coombs has been a lecturer at Pershore Horticultural College for thirty years. He has been gardening since the age of four – an interest which inspired him to go plant hunting as far away as south west China. His particular passion is for the Genus Liliium which are not only grown for their glorious colours, scent and variety of forms, but also on a large scale as a luxury health food – if you are



more of a winter person, the flowers and bulbs are eaten in Summer to reduce internal heat!

Duncan’s talk takes place on Wednesday 23 July at 7.30pm in Lydbury North Village Hall. It is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £3 per person including refreshments. Any queries please contact Carol Clarke 660753 or Allison Walter 620055.

*Angie Salmon*

## Fast Approaching! Garden & Produce Show: Sat 30 August

Now that the sun and rain are encouraging our gardens to flourish, it is a great time to think about possible entries to our Garden and Produce Show. There are many categories to choose from, so, even if you are too scared to show your fruit and veg (like me!), have a go at something else such as photography, handicrafts or floral art.

Classes are open to anyone – only 30p per entry or 50p on the day. All the information you need can be found in the brochure. Please contact our show organiser Sandy Burton 01588 680454 or email [keith.burton785@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.burton785@btinternet.com) for further information.

*Angie Salmon*

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and  
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

You are Invited to attend  
**Revival Meetings**  
to be held at the  
**Kempton Village Hall**  
SY7 0JG  
16 - 19 July, 2014  
7:00 PM  
**Gospel singing & preaching**  
**Everyone welcome!**

Organized by Shropshire Hills  
Mennonite Church: 01588 680113

## Bishop's Castle & District Carers Group

Dates for your diary:

Monday 21 July: Carers meeting, 2-4pm, Boar's Head Hotel, Bishop's Castle. Guest speaker: Suzanne Reeves from "Care of Excellence" (care provider) will be talking to us about care in the community and how "Care of Excellence" operates to gain the best outcome for the client and their families.

Carers Trip:

Monday 7 July: Coach Trip to Hampton Court, Leominster. Depart: Auction Yard, Bishop's Castle, 10.00am. Return from Hampton Court: 3.00pm. Cost for coach: Carers, free; Guests, £5.00. Places are limited, hence booking essential. Further information re: admission costs, individual requirements, optional group meal and to book, please telephone 01694 722024.

### Police & Crime Commissioner e-newsletter

"... part of my commitment is to make West Mercia residents feel safe; by ensuring police officer numbers remain stable across the area" says the Commissioner.

The Police are on the lookout for Special Constables who could volunteer to help.

For more details look online: <http://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/PCC-e-newsletter---June-2014.pdf>

### Bedstone events

Saturday 6 July, 12-2pm

#### Annual Church Lunch

In Bedstone Village Hall  
superb buffet lunch,  
scrumptious puddings, and all  
drinks included in the price.

£10 adult. Family £25.

Profits shared between St  
Mary's Church, Bedstone, and  
St Edward's Church, Hopton  
Castle.

For tickets or details, ring  
01547 530282

### Hundred House Inn Purslow

Saturday 26th July

"The River Man

Blues Band"  
9pm start

**PARTY IN THE PARK**

BISHOP'S CASTLE PLAYING FIELDS  
SATURDAY 19TH JULY

12 NOON-10PM  
CONTINUOUS  
MUSIC ON  
2 STAGES

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MUSIC  
Food  
Fun

HOMEMADE PIZZAS  
KIDS WORKSHOPS  
ICE CREAM BBQ  
VINTAGE TEAS  
FAIRGROUND RIDES  
BOUNCY CASTLE

Tickets £6 on the Gate U11's Free  
Call 01588 630092  
Mob: 07813 007464 for info

Bands may be subject to change  
Follow About Music Project on Facebook & Twitter for updates

Events Diary for July 2014			
Thur 3	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 5	7.30pm	Poppies on the Wheat, Ludlow Choral Society	St. Lawrence's, Ludlow
Sun 6	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 6	12-2pm	Annual Church Lunch. Tel 01547 530282 for details	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Sun 6	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 7	9-11am	Parent & Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 8	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 9	7.30pm	Bookworms-Andrew Fusek Peters. Tel 680302 for details	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 12	7.30pm	Edge Chamber Choir	St. Lawrence's, Ludlow
Sun 13	5pm	Opening of St. Swithin's Great War Exhibition	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 13	6pm	Songs of Praise	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 14	7-9pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 16	2.30pm	Unity Community Picnic	Clunbury School
Wed 16	9.15pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
16-19	7pm	Revival meetings, Shropshire Hills Mennonite Church	Kempton Village Hall
Thur 17	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 17	8pm	Clunbury Parish Council Meeting - Open to the public	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 19	12-10pm	Party in the Park	BC Playing Fields
Sat 19	7.30pm	Clun Carnival Concert	St. George's, Clun
Sun 20	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 20	7pm	Monty Python Live: Monty Python Live Mostly	SpArC
Mon 21	2-4pm	BC & District Carers Group: talk on 'Care of Excellence'	Boar's Head, Bishop's Castle
Tues 22	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 23	7.30	SWS Gardening Club 'Alpine Beauty in Northern Yunnan'	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 25	2-5pm	Clunbury Craft Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 26—Sun 3 Aug	Clun Art & Craft Show		Hightown Community Room
Sat 26	2-4pm	Clun Carnival Children's Sports	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 26	3-5pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic & Treasure Hunt. Tel 681000 for info.	Old Vicarage, Lydbury Nth.
Sat 26	9pm	The River Man Blues Band	Hundred House Inn
Sun 27	11.15am	Joint CW Holy Communion	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 27	2-5pm	Strawberry Tea; Fund Raising for Breast Cancer Care	Tansy Cottage, Clunbury
Sun 27	3-5pm	Clun Carnival Cream Teas	9 Church Street, Clun
Sun 27	9pm	Clun Carnival Quiz	The White Horse Inn, Clun
Tue 29	7.30pm	Clun Carnival Talk 'Interesting Shropshire Characters of times gone by'	Clun Methodist Church
Wed 30	7.30pm	Clun Carnival Wheel Barrow Race	The Sun Inn, Clun
Thur 31	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 31	Afternoon	Clun Carnival Hanging Baskets & Tubs judging	
Thur 31	7pm	National Theatre Live: Skylight	SpArC
Thur 31	8.30pm	Clun Carnival Folk Night with Rapsquillion	The Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 1	7.30pm	Clun Carnival Canter followed by Live Music at 9pm	The White Horse Inn, Clun
Sat 2	6pm onwards	Barbecue	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 2	All day	Clun Carnival & Show—see inside for details	Clun
Sun 3	11am	Clun Carnival Praise	Clun Showground
Sun 3	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall