

# The Parish Post

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for Beambridge Clunbury Clunton Coston Cwm Kempton Little Brampton Obley Purslow The Llan & Twitche

## 'SUPPORT OUR PUB' SUPPER



Saturday 14 March, 7pm

### CLUNTON VILLAGE HALL

Hot supper, pudding, bar, raffle and a  
PROMISE AUCTION

All proceeds to aid our flood damaged pub

Tickets £10 from Committee members

\*Donations welcome if you can't attend\*

## Then came Ciara and Dennis!

It was only last November that we were all saying "We've never seen anything like it!" after the floods in our area.

This time it was even worse, with new records set for water levels across the county. Everyone has their own flood story, just one of them being the Crown Inn at Clunton which has now flooded three times in as many months. And the two sides of Kempton were cut off from one another; both the main bridge and the ford (see picture) were impassable.

The Clunbury Climate and Ecological Emergency event (see p2) could not have been more timely! Storms Ciara and Dennis rub home the message that climate change is with us.

Shropshire Council advises everyone affected by the floods to register with them as soon possible on 0345 678 9006.

*Ford at Kempton, 16 February, showing the submerged footbridge alongside the ford; unprecedented over recent decades.*



### The Bach Players

Nicolette Moonen (violin )  
Pawel Siwczak (organ)

### The Sorrowful Mysteries

by H I F Biber  
The Rosary Sonatas

St Swithin's Church  
Clunbury SY7 0HG

Sunday 15 March 5.00pm

Tickets £12.50

Tel: 01588 660424/660169

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

## Climate and Ecological Emergency Event

Stalls, maps, games, quiz, shortbread, coffee and more were provided for the many residents of Clunbury Parish and visitors who attended the Climate and Ecological Emergency Event in Clunbury Village Hall on 25 January. The race is now on to reduce our carbon emissions as quickly as possible. Clearly what our Parish can achieve on its own is limited, but the ideas promoted at stalls advocating composting, recycling, upcycling, planting (flowers and trees), nature conservation and community transport, all have a part to play.

We need to build on the wish for action that your attendance demonstrated, so your action group is looking to link with neighbouring areas to share ideas and achieve greater collective impact. By the time you read this, you will have been represented on 27 February by members of the group at a meeting for parishes in the Shropshire Hills called by the AONB and attended by our MP. Opinions expressed in answers to the questionnaire distributed in January will be carried forward to that meeting and a full analysis will be included in the next Parish Post. If you have yet to complete your questionnaire, please do so soon and return it to one of those named below.

Your answers to the questionnaire will indicate how we take this all forward on your behalf. In the meantime, we have sent to our county councillor and our MP the petitions signed at the event calling on them to re-double their efforts in combating climate change. We will let you know their responses next month.


We already know that tree planting has widespread support, so on 7 March we will be planting the first symbolic 100 trees at sites proposed to us on 25 January. If you would like to take part please ring Tom on 660561. And if anyone else has land suitable for tree planting please let one of us know.

*Parish Council action group: Pat Harding, Nick Morgan, Judith Payling, Manda Scott, Jo Selman, Tim Selman, Alister Thompson, Tom Wall*



*Pictured left to right: Tim Selman, Judith Payling, Nigel Hartin, John Croxton. Photo by Lillian Tomlinson.*

## Wenlock Books Events



If you love reading and enjoy talking to people about books, you might like to join our group *We Need to Talk About Books*. This meets at Craven Arms Library every second Tuesday of each month from 10.30am-12pm. Each of us spends a few moments talking about whatever we have enjoyed reading recently. It can be a novel, or biography, or history, or nature writing - even poetry! You don't have to read anything specifically for the group - there is no set book to get through. Just come and share. Attendance is £5 and tea and coffee is available from the café. All very welcome. Led by Anna Dreda, formerly of Wenlock Books.

We also run a *Poetry Breakfast* at Aardvark Books every third Wednesday of the month. Here we meet to share published poetry on a given theme, while enjoying a lovely breakfast of coffee and croissants in the café at Aardvark Books. The theme for March is The Daffodils. £8 to include your breakfast and extra coffees. Led by Ali Redgrave and Anna Dreda. [info@WenlockBooks.co.uk](mailto:info@WenlockBooks.co.uk)

## Clun Community Larder (formerly CLAC@CLUN)

The Clun Community Larder which is open every Thursday lunchtime in St George's Church will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 28 April in St George's vestry at 7pm. This is open to all our members and members of the public who would like to hear what the larder does.

The Clun Community Larder covers the Clun Valley, Bishop's Castle and a large rural area to the north as far as Lydbury North and Chirbury. Two years ago, we opened a second branch in St Nicholas Church, Churchstoke to help those without transport in that area to access our resource. Weekly uptake of our service is small but each year we are able to help a number of families who find themselves in financial difficulty. We may only see them once or twice but we know that the help they receive from us when they are at their lowest ebb is important. We would like to help more people who may not know they can ask for help. People are usually referred to us by a support worker, someone in their community or a concerned friend. Please contact us if you think someone you know would benefit from short term help from us. Or you can refer yourself for help. If you struggle on benefits during school holidays, for example, and your teenagers who would normally have a good meal at school, are eating you out of house and home, get in touch. We may be able to help you.

The public are very generous in their donations and from time to time, when we have had surplus food, we have been able to help out larger food banks in Bridgnorth and Ludlow. If you are planning to donate food to the larder, tinned and packet foods with a long shelf life are welcome. We regret we cannot accept homemade food or fresh produce. Donations can be left at the back of St George's Church, but to avoid us having too much of a particular product, do please get in touch first so we can tell you what our current situation is and what we are short of.

*Joan Kerry 01588 640401, Administrator; Ollie Holder 01588 641016, Trustee*



### Perfume in the Garden

A Talk by Anne Harrison

**Wednesday 25 March at 7.30 pm**  
**Lydbury North Village Hall**

This month's speaker, Anne Harrison, will be exploring how to get the most out of scent in the garden with her talk, which she describes as "A walk through the year, picking out various highly scented plants so you can enjoy perfume in the garden all year round."

Free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club. Visitors are also welcome at £5 per person including refreshments.

Further queries to our Chairman, Annie Frost  
01588 620953 or please look at our website:  
[www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk)

### Flowers in the Churchyard

St Swithin's Churchyard has had only piecemeal disturbance over the centuries, so it would be interesting to record what grows there through the year. There is now a little book in the church where anyone can jot down the flowers they notice as they walk through. Please be on the lookout and record what you see with an approximate date.

### Scything in the Spring

Have you ever done any scything? Volunteers from Caring for God's Acre will be back in the spring and are looking for newcomers to help. Now that most of the mountain of brambles has gone, talk is of a wild flower meadow in our churchyard; getting rid of tussocks and nettles will help flowers to come through. So sharpen your scythe or come and see how it's done. We will keep you posted on the date.

## Pamper Evening

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**Clunbury Village Hall**

**6pm – 10pm**

- **Discounted treatments available throughout the evening**
- Shopping opportunities
- **Fantastic prizes to be won**
- Refreshments available



**FREE  
ENTRY!**



All proceeds to Clunbury School

## **BISHOP'S CASTLE MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

Saturday 21 March 10am to 5pm  
The Public Hall  
Station Street, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AQ



Layouts & Traders  
Free Parking      Disabled Access  
Light Refreshments  
Live steam outside, weather permitting

Adults £4  
Under 16s free with accompanying adult

Enquiries: 07553 010 196

Profits to Bishop's Castle Rly Weighbridge Project

## **Trinity Hospital Clun**

The Trustees of Trinity Hospital, Clun, would like to hear from people in housing need over 55 years of age and living within the area comprising the former Lordships of Clun and Bishop's Castle and the Parishes of Knighton and Churchstoke who are interested in living at Trinity Hospital. A one-bedroom ground floor property situated in the quadrangle is available. Preference will be given to those in housing need who have lived in the area for at least 5 years.

For further details please contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Janet Woodroffe at Petan, Wistanstow, Craven Arms, SY7 8DG, Tel: 01588 672303.

## **Vacancy in Clunton**

Clunton Village Hall Committee are looking for a new Secretary. Many thanks to James, who has been a member and secretary for 6 years. He will be happy to hand over to another willing person. The role involves sending out agendas, writing the minutes of meetings and generally helping with events alongside the other committee members. Please consider if this is something you can do for your community.

Contact any committee member if you are interested or James for more information Tel: 660208. Thanking whoever you are in anticipation!

## **Rural Watch**

Following a cafe talk by Graham Donaldson (Rural Crime Officer) encouraging us to become the eyes for suspicious activity in our community and to enrol in a group internet scheme with the police, intruders were disturbed in the early hours last week in Clunbury village. This was reported, whereupon the police came and they are keen that we continue to report any suspicious activity. Contact Barbara Freeman, at [freeman.clunbury@btinternet.com](mailto:freeman.clunbury@btinternet.com).





## Tombstone Mystery

Recently an area of Clunbury churchyard not used for many years was cleared and a coffin style tombstone came to light. Much cleaning revealed this inscription:

In Memory of  
SARAH SMITH  
Wife of  
EDWARD THOMAS  
OF CLUNTON  
WHO DIED JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
1876  
AGED 54

So who was Sarah? Where was she born? What happened to her husband Edward? Does she have any descendants still living in the area? An intrepid researcher in the form of Malcom Redgrave set off to find some answers; so far he has uncovered 80 years of family history!

In brief, Sarah was born Sarah Stewart in 1821 in Derbyshire. She moved to Birmingham where she married Edward (born in Clun in 1822) in 1846. Edward worked as a tailor, Sarah as a paper tray maker. They had a daughter, Eliza, in 1847 and by 1861 the family had moved from Birmingham to Clunton, close to the Crown public house.

After Sarah died in 1876, Edward was remarried the following year to Elizabeth Preece, who was then just 25 years old to his 55 years. Edward's profession changed to 'grocer and sub postmaster' and by 1891 they are recorded as living in the market square in Clun. Elizabeth died in 1906 and Edward in 1908.

Little is known about Sarah and Edward's daughter Eliza other than that she inherited Edward's estate and that she married a William Cooper Clarke in 1870.

If you have any further information about this family and/or wish to see a copy of Malcom's full research, please contact him: Malcom Redgrave, telephone 660 707.

## Advance Notice

See below from Clunbury Craft Group. The group needs 30 people to fill the coach so if you are interested please book as soon as you can.



### Coach Trip to Abakhan Fabric & Craft Centre Mostyn North Wales

Leaving Craven Arms at  
8.30am

Sunday 5 April

Return about 5.30pm

£13.00

Discount on Purchases for  
group booking

Contact: Catherine Crowther  
01584 861276  
catherinecrowther@gmail.com

## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March, 7pm in Clunton Village Hall. Service of readings, prayers and song written this year from Zimbabwe. Light refreshments. All welcome.



## Easter

If anyone wishes to give Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, could they contact Mary Jones on 660316.

## CONTACTS

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### Events Diary for March 2020

Mondays 9-11.30am		Parent & Toddler Group. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mondays 10.00am		Table Tennis every Mon <b>not</b> the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tues 9.15-10.45am		Yoga Sessions every Tuesday – Beginners Welcome	Clunbury Village Hall
Wednesdays 2.00pm		Clungunford Bowls 07951 292496	Clungunford Bowling Club
Thursdays 2-4pm		Table Tennis £3 per session-660847/07970-577614	Clungunford Parish Hall
Thurs 12 10-11.30am		Clunbury Café alternate Thursdays	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 1	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's Clunbury
Sun 1	2.00pm	The Royal Balle - The Cellist/Dances At A Gathering	SpArC Theatre
Wed 4	3.03-3.15pm	Mobile Library Service	Clunbury Bridge
Wed 4	8.00pm	BC Film Society – Mademoiselle Chambon 01694 328261	Bishops Castle Three Tuns
Thurs 5	7.00pm	NT Live – Cyrano de Bergerac 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 6	7.30-10pm	Bishop's Castle Railway Society 638998	Methodist Hall BC
Fri 6	7.30pm	Arts Alive Borders Film Festival – Bait	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Fri 6	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer	Clunton Village Hall
Fri 6	6.00pm	Flicks – Frozen 2 660159	SpArC
Sun 8	11.15am	CWHC	St Swithin's Clunbury
Tue 10	10.30am-12.00pm	Book Group – We Need To Talk About Books (Meets every 2nd Tues each month) <a href="mailto:info@WenlockBooks.co.uk">info@WenlockBooks.co.uk</a>	Craven Arms Library
Thur 12	7.00pm	Film Fundraiser – Moliere 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 13	8.00pm	Flicks – Judy 660159	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 13	7.30pm	Arts Alive Borders Film Festival – Photograph	Bedston e& Hopton Castle VH
Sat 14	7.00pm	Support Our Pub Supper	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 15	11.15am	United Morning Worship	St Mary's Clunton
Sun 15	5.00pm	The Bach Players	St Swithin's Clunbury
Tue 17	2.00pm	Flicks – Top Hat 630321/638038	SpArC
Wed 18	3.03-3.15pm	Mobile Library Service	Clunbury Bridge
Wed 18	8.00pm	BC Film Society – Thirty Two Films About Glenn Gould	Bishops Castle Three Tuns
Thur 19	7.00pm	Flicks – Sorry We Missed You - 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 20	6-10.00pm	Pamper Evening-Proceeds to Clunbury School	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 20	10-1.00pm	Clunbury Sewing Group - 661180	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 21	10-5.00pm	Bishop's Castle Model Railway Exhibition	The Public Hall Station Street
Sat 21	10-1.00pm	Aston On Clun Craft & Collectables	Aston On Clun Village Hall
Sat 21	7.15pm	Flicks – Judy 660545	Aston On Clun Village Hall
Sun 22	2.00pm	Live Royal Opera House - Fidelio (Beethoven)	SpArC 630321/638038
Sun 22	9.45am	United Mothering Sunday worship	St Mary's Hopesay
Wed 25	7.30pm	SWSGC – Perfume In The Garden. Talk by Anne Harrison	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 25	10.00am	Benefice United Service	St Mary's Clunton
Thur 26	10.00am	Clunbury Café 10–11.30am	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 26	7.00pm	Ballet Screening – Swan Lake 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 27	10-1.00pm	Clunbury Craft Group 661180	Clunbury Village Hall

**Clunbury 100 Club – February Draw**  
 Annie Sutton £20; Charlie Whymark £15;  
 Ned Morris £10; Olive Payne £5; Valerie  
 Redgrave £5.

**Clunton 100 Club – February Draw**  
 1st Tom Davies; 2nd Mary Gittins; 3rd  
 Andrew Buckley.  
 We need more members for our 100 Club.  
 Contact Pat if you would like to join.