



## Hundred House Inn

From about the 7<sup>th</sup> century a hundred was the division of a shire for administrative, military & judicial purposes. Within each hundred there was a meeting place where the men of the hundred discussed local issues, & judicial trials were enacted. The trials ceased at the start of the First World War but the Hundred House Inn, which was originally the meeting place for the Purslow Hundred, is still a popular venue for local men (& now women!) to gather & put the world to rights.

For over thirty five years from about 1870 onwards the inn was run by Edward Smith, & when the licence was renewed in 1901, the records report it had been in continuous use as an inn for at least 165 years. In 1905 the Earl of Powys leased the Hundred House to the People's Refreshment House Association finally selling it to them in 1926.

Fourteen years ago Sue Berry, originally an illustrator, came from Staffordshire to take over the pub & now she runs it with the help of bar manager



Sam Cottrell (pictured left with Sue) & chef Rhys Jones. Over the years she has made some changes including making the original car park at the front into a popular beer garden. The function room upstairs, which many locals remember fondly as a venue for dances is now a flat, but weddings, christenings & parties are still catered for, often using a

marquee in the garden. Food is served every evening from Tuesday to Sunday, plus lunches on Saturday & Sunday, & a takeaway (or eat in) pizza service is also now being offered.

As well as running a busy pub Sue has also trained as a counsellor. At present she works as a volunteer counsellor in Shrewsbury Prison & also for the Powys Drugs & Alcohol Centre in Welshpool. At some time in the future she hopes to be able to offer her services based at the Hundred House. This will be a modern take on landladies needing to be good listeners!

*Sue Hill*

## Good Neighbours AGM

The Good Neighbours AGM will be held in the Methodist Room, High St. Clun, on Wednesday 27 October. There will be light refreshments available from 7.15 & we hope to start the meeting promptly at 7.30 pm.

We are very fortunate in having Paul Cronin, Chief Executive of the Severn Hospice, as our speaker for the evening. He will be talking in particular about their outreach services in the community, especially in isolated rural areas. He has said he would like to talk to us about the possibility of setting up, in conjunction with the local doctors, a small group of volunteers who could help by visiting & offering support to frail & vulnerable people, not necessarily the terminally ill. The committee feels that Good Neighbours might help with such a project, but involving only those members who wish to volunteer & to receive any appropriate training. We would like to discuss this with you all in an open meeting & hear your opinions.

It's time we had some new ideas & original thought so please do come along. We would like to see a good attendance for our interesting speaker & your involvement is always appreciated.

*Betty Saunders*

# Clunton Scrumpers

## Pressing Business!

Trees bowed down with apples?

Tired of apple pies & crumbles?

All chutney-ed up? Here's an alternative for your surplus apples. Clunton Scrumpers will be holding their annual apple pressing day on Saturday 23 October at Clunton Village Hall from 10.00am. This is always a popular event & with apple trees even more heavily laden than usual this year their services are bound to be in high demand. Containers for the juice can be provided on the day or take your own. Light refreshments will be available.

Ring the Shepherds on 660309 for more details or to book a time slot.

## And for those with apples still left!

### Scrumptious Apple Pudding

3 cooking apples, peeled, cored & halved (pears or plums can also be used)

75g (3oz) butter

125g (4oz) sugar

2tbs plain flour, sifted

4tbs top of the milk or cream

50g (2oz) flaked almonds

Extra cream to serve

Serves 6

Preheat the oven to 200C/Gas mark 6  
Place the apples, (or other fruit), rounded side up in a buttered ovenproof dish. Place the butter, sugar, flour & milk or cream in a pan & heat gently until blended. Add the flaked almonds & stir well. Pour over the apples & bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes, until the apples are tender. Serve immediately with cream.

Got a favourite seasonal recipe you'd like to share? Send it to The Parish Post (contact details on the back page).

## From the Archives

The condition of the South Shropshire labourer was highlighted in 1872 at a meeting of the new North Herefordshire and South Shropshire Agricultural Labourers' Mutual Improvement Society, attended by c. 300. The standard wage seems to have been 9s. [45p] a week (18d. [7½p] a day) with an extra shilling if Sunday work was required. Even with the usual perks, then worth perhaps 3s. or 4s. a week, it was not enough according to those at the meeting. A labourer from Twitchen, in Clunbury, who had 10s. a week, a free house & garden (the keep of 2 pigs), & perks, admitted that he had more than many but also complained that it was not enough to keep a family. There were new expenses too: it was hard to afford schooling out of 10s. a week. Even the most industrious labourer, it was claimed, could not in the long run avoid the workhouse. Such had been the fears of a generation or more of labouring men, since the formation of the poor-law unions in 1836-7.

*Source - Victoria County History; a History of Shropshire; Volume IV: Agriculture; edited by G.C. Baugh*

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★ **Kempton Bonfire** ★

★ **Saturday 6 November Kempton** ★

★ **Farm - Start 7.00, fireworks at** ★

★ **7.30. Refreshments available.** ★

★ **Contact Richard Bright on** ★

★ **660250** ★

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## Clunbury Video on

**W**ere you in Clunbury 33 years ago? If so you, or people you know, might appear in the Clunbury Silver Jubilee Celebrations video on You Tube. This four minute epic taken from cine film shot in 1977 by the late Major Cliff Williams is accompanied by excellent guitar music. Have a look & see who you can recognise. Type 'Clunbury' into the You Tube search box & the video should appear near the top of the list.

## Local History Centre Launched

**B**ishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre, based in Chapel Yard, will be open as a Local History Centre from 2 October. Volunteers will be available to help with local & family history questions every Saturday morning from 10.30am – 1pm.

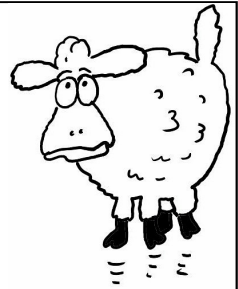
A grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund has helped finance a project in which volunteers have taken digital photographs of parish registers & other material at Shropshire Archives. The CD for Clunbury parish (which includes Baptisms & burials 1795–1841; Baptisms 1842–1993; Burials 1813–1929; General registers 1574–1794; Marriages 1754–1968; Church accounts 1628–1776 & Tithe maps for Clunbury; Kempton; Clunton, plus apportionment; Clunbury & Coston, plus apportionment) can be viewed at the Centre. This is good news for local historians as it could mean fewer journeys to Shrewsbury.

The Centre also has a reference library of books ranging from general local history to specific Shropshire titles & an extensive collection of local maps.

This is an ongoing project & new volunteers are always welcome. More details can be found on the web site [www.bchrc.co.uk](http://www.bchrc.co.uk), by emailing [mail@bchrc.co.uk](mailto:mail@bchrc.co.uk), or by phoning 630556.

## Help! - Sheep Required

Would any sheep farmer like to graze half a dozen sheep in my wild flower meadow mid-October to mid-January to keep the grass down? If so please contact Jean Seckington (Twitchen) 660702



## Mirth & Melody in Clun

**C**lun Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) invite you to an evening of "Mirth & Melody", a cabaret style show at Hightown Community Hall, Clun starting at 7.30pm on Friday 29 & Saturday 30 October. Tickets are £5 which includes a buffet supper in the interval. Alcohol & soft drinks will be available to purchase. Tickets from Davies Newsagents, on the door or phone Lin Brown on 660578.

*Editors note - on previous occasions the buffet has been excellent - worth the ticket price on its own!*

## Bishop's Castle Film Society

**T**he new season of films is under way. 8.00pm every other Wednesday at The Three Tuns. £3.50 per film or £30 for a season's membership. The next film, Still Walking, is on 6 October. Contact Julia Parker 680445 for more information or visit [theparishpost.org](http://theparishpost.org).

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**The Parish Post - Local Events Diary for October 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fri 1st	9.30am	Clunbury School's Harvest Festival Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Fri 1st		Kemp Valley Group apple pressing day (& Sat. 2nd)	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 1st	7.00pm	Clunbury Harvest Festival plus supper in Village Hall	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Fri 1st		Clun Valley Beer Festival 1st to 3rd October	Up & down the valley
Fri 1st	9.00pm	Live Music: Eddy Gartry & Bluestate UK	White Horse, Clun
Sat 2nd	6.00pm	Flicks - Toy Story 3	SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Sat 2nd	9.00pm	Live Music: The Baggage Handlers	White Horse, Clun
Sun 3rd	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 5th	7.30pm	Flicks - Round Ireland with a Fridge	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 6th	9.20am	Mobile Library 9.20 to 9.50am at Clunton 10.00 to 10.45am at Clunbury	Crown Inn, Clunton The bridge, Clunbury
Wed 6th	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 6th	7.00pm	Murder Mystery Party - Death of A Chef – phone 660141 or 660578 or 07808 792314	Old Wheelwrights, Little Brampton
Wed 6th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Still Walking	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Sat 9th	8.30pm	3D Theatre Company - Richard Parker	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sun 10th	11.00am	Mattins	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 10th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 11th	12.15pm	Mobile Library 12.15pm to 12.25pm	Obley
Mon 11th	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thurs 14th	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Historical & Archaeological Society – Lead & copper mines	Bishop's Castle Community College Hall
Fri 15th	7.00pm	Clunton Harvest Festival plus supper at The Crown	St Mary's, Clunton
Fri 15th	9.00pm	Live music: Paul Parker & All the Right Friends	White Horse, Clun
Sat 16th	7.30pm	Flicks - Angora	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 17th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Wed 20th	9.20am	Mobile Library 9.20 to 9.50am at Clunton 10.00 to 10.45am at Clunbury	Crown Inn, Clunton The bridge, Clunbury
Wed 20th	8.00pm	Arts Alive - Hank Wangford & Brad Breath - No Hall 2 Small	Clun Memorial Hall
Wed 20th	7.30pm	Shropshire Wildlife Trust talk - Otters and rivers	Church Barn, Bishop's Castle
Wed 20th	7.30pm	North Country Theatre - "A Blood Wedding In Wensleydale"	Edgton Village Hall
Wed 20th	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Katyn	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 20th	9.00pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Fri 22nd	5.30pm	Flicks - Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang	Clun Memorial Hall
Fri 22nd	8.00pm	Flicks - The Ghost	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 22nd	9.00pm	Live Music: Wayne Martin's Blues Deluxe Band	White Horse, Clun
Sat 23rd	10.00am	Clunton Scrumpers apple pressing day	Clunton Village Hall

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Local Events Diary for October 2010 continued			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 23rd	10.30am	Walking to the North Pole - a talk by Sue Riches	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Flicks - The Calling	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Flicks - Avatar	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sun 24th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 25th	12.15pm	Mobile Library 12.15pm to 12.25pm	Obley
Wed 27th	7.15pm	Clun Valley Good Neighbours AGM	Methodist Room Clun
Wed 27th	8.30pm	Live folk music	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 28th	9.00pm	Live folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 29th	7.00pm	Murder Mystery Party - Murder in Transylvania phone 660141 or 660578 or 07808 792314	Old Wheelwrights, Little Brampton
Fri 29th	7.30pm	Gareth Rees-Roberts classical guitarist	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 29th	7.30pm	Clun Amateur Dramatic Society present 'Mirth & Melody' (also on Sat. 30th)	Hightown Community Hall, Clun
Sat 30th		'Mirth & Melody' as above	

Local Events Diary for early November 2010			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 1st	7.30pm	Parish Post Newsletter free cheese & wine (& AGM) all welcome	Clunton Village Hall
Tue 2nd	7.30pm	Flicks - The Hide	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 3rd	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 3rd	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Look at Me	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 5th	9.00pm	Live Music: Kent Duchaine	White Horse, Clun
Sat 6th	7.00pm	Kempton bonfire	Kempton Farm

Regular Walks			
Day	Start time	Group	Start from
Every Wednesday	9.30am	Clunbury Walking Group	Crown Inn car park, Clunton
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Ramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall car park
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Peramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall car park
1st and 3rd Wed in month	10.00am	Clun Amblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall car park

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*Phew! Looks like a busy few weeks ahead. If you know of an upcoming event that could be included in future event diary pages please let The Parish Post team know. Phone Sue Hill on 660355 or Sue Horder-Mason on 660433 or email [theparishpost@gmail.com](mailto:theparishpost@gmail.com)*