

The Parish Post

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

Clunbury Village Hall

Back by popular request!



Soup & Pudding Lunch

Thursday 19 April

12:30—2:00pm

£5.00

Contact:

Alister Thompson 661180
or Barbara Freeman 660629



Rhiannon's Marathon

Rhiannon Seabury of Clunbury will run the Liverpool Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on Sunday 20 May when she will be raising funds for the

Alzheimer's Society. To help her on her way you are invited to come for coffee and a few hours of fun.

Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Coffee morning



Saturday 21 April

10.00am - 1.00pm

Clunbury Village Hall



£2.00 entry for tea/coffee and slice of cake
There will be fund raising stalls including a tombola and raffle prizes.

For more information contact

Ruth Seabury 660494

Brian Morgan

Clunbury Church was packed full on Saturday 17 March with the many friends and relatives of Brian Morgan who turned out on a bitterly cold day for the thanksgiving service for his long and full life. Brian sadly left us on 26 February at the age of 96, after a short illness. He had been in hospital but came home to Bethely Farm, Llan, to rest, and was nursed by his loving wife, Sandra to the end.

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Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Brian was born in 1921 at The Llan, and apart from living at Hill Farm Bucknell, he lived there all his life. He grew up with my parents and many neighbouring farmers of the same age including Harry Collins and Gilbert Jones. They all rode their ponies to Clunbury School, and later Bishop's Castle High School and remained lifelong friends, and, from growing up on farms ploughing with horses, they all saw tremendous changes through their lives through good and bad times.

Although he worked hard, Brian knew how to enjoy himself and was a real star on the dance floor, still in the company of his familiar old school friends. He was a talented table tennis player and was selected to play with Emperor Haile Selassie when he came to visit his friends the Stevens at Walcot Hall in 1936. Above all he was a respected farmer and countryman and brilliant horseman – he even rode a horse on his 96th birthday.

He met his first wife, Ruth, at a local dance, and, after farming with his brother at The Llan, they eventually moved to Hill Farm, Bucknell. They had one son, Peter, who is now retired after a lifelong career with the NFU in Audlem, Cheshire. When Brian was ready to retire he built a bungalow in Bucknell, but, Ruth had a short time there as she passed away in 1980 after 30 years of marriage. Through his lifelong interest in Harness Racing he met Sandra who was one of the top drivers in a sulky - and much prettier than many of the others! They married in 1987 and Brian was fortunate to have another 30 years of married life with a wonderful lady. Brian soon came out of retirement to set up a new home at Bethely Farm where he and Sandra farmed with Trevor Owen. They enjoyed their life farming there, with

lots of Welsh ponies that they rescued, together with some good harness horses, lots of dogs and the best Christmas geese around.

Brian, Sandra and Trevor have been familiar faces at many local events and it will be strange and sad not to see Brian there, always immaculately turned out with his familiar cap and pipe. He was kind and generous and supported many good causes. He loved the shows, point-to-points, trotting and hunt meets and he was able to enjoy these, right to the end. RIP Brian - it was a privilege for us all to know you and the happy memories will stay forever.

Julia Mansfield

Brian was a wonderful step-father to Justin Bowen, and Justin's daughter, Lou, wrote a lovely, very fitting poem for her much loved "Pa". She read it at the service in Clunbury.

Once upon a time, there was a man,
Named Brian Morgan of the Llan.
Proper good old fashioned chap,
Wore jacket, waistcoat, boots and cap.

Way of life, he was a farmer,
And to the ladies, a fulltime charmer.
Pipe in hand, glass of scotch,
Wind that fire up a notch.

New life was his favourite thing,
Any sign of the start of spring.
A newborn baby, was the best,
He would cuddle and hold them to his chest.

His generosity knew no bounds,
No kinder man, could ever be found.
A lover of life, man of the match,
Glass half full, best in the batch.

Louise Bowen

*Our Great White Egret in flight,
Walcot Lake, March 2018*

*Photo
Andrew Fusek Peters*



www.andrewfusekpeters.com

Coffee Morning

Saturday 28 April at 10.30am



The Lawn Farm
(home of James & Christina Whitehead)
in aid of St Swithin's
Raffle Bring and Buy

Attention! New Craft Club



Do you enjoy being creative?
Do you want to learn a new skill?
Do you have a skill you can share with others?

No experience necessary. It's an opportunity to come together once a month and share ideas, try something new or just have a natter.

Want to find out more?.... Please join us for a demonstration, with refreshments and an opportunity to talk about your ideas for the group.

Wednesday 18 April, 10:30am-12:00
Clunbury Village Hall

£2.00 - includes demo and refreshments
Contact Lynne Thompson 01588 661180

Clunton 100 Club

February Draw: 1st Helen Minns; 2nd Dennis Skilton; 3rd Tracy Price.

March Draw: 1st Anne Shepherdson; 2nd Kate Davies; 3rd, Pauline Eggington.

Clunbury 100 Club

Judith Payling: £20; Josie Jones: £15;
Ron Cornes: £10; Jean Christian: £5; Gill Deakin: £3.

The Parish Post thanks the Aston on Clun Community Shop for its generous grant.

Clunton Village Hall Italian Evening



Saturday 14 April
7:30pm

Italian wine and good food
Tickets £10.00

Available from committee members
for more information 660652 or 660169

Good News on Mental Health

The good news refers to the local Mental Health Trust. They received a 'Good' at the last Care Quality Commission rating and are working towards an 'Excellent'. The trust is also showing a surplus in their finances. The facilities at the Redwoods Centre [Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury] are excellent, with all patients having their own en suite rooms.

There is now a single point of reference number (available 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, year round) for all adult mental health services, including older adults, and the crisis response team. The qualified staff are there to listen to your concerns, give you support, and arrange appointments. This important number is

0300 124 0365

Karl Bailey, Governor, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare (NHS) Foundation Trust

healthwatch
Shropshire

carries out visits to Care Homes to give a voice to the people using this service, and publishes reports. The reports are available on <http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/news/careaware>

along with links to tips to help people choose a care provider.

**Shropshire Wildlife Trust
Hightown Community Room, Clun
Wednesday 18 April 7.30pm**

Brief AGM followed by

**'Wildflowers of Hedgerow and
Meadow'**

a talk by Fiona Gomersall

Plus 'The Edgton Verge Initiative'

a brief presentation by Janet Cobb

Members £2, non-members £3,
students free

Free Fairtrade Refreshments

Enquiries Mary Eminson phone 640921
meminson@btinternet.com

**The Meadows Surgery Clun
Patient Participation Group
(PPG)**

invite all patients of the practice and
interested parties to the:

Annual Meeting of the PPG

7.30pm Tuesday 24 April
Clun Memorial Hall, Bar Area

- Update on developments in OUR practice
- NHS improvements in South Shropshire
- Farewell to Dr Wendy-Jane Walton
- Free refreshments
- Re-elect or join the PPG - quiz your committee about what they do

*(Contributions to a gift for Dr Walton may be
left at the surgery or with Mary Eminson)*

For more information contact Mary
Eminson (PPG Chair)

meminson@btinternet.com

01588 640921

CLAC@CLUN

**Clun Community Larder
AGM**



will be held on

Tuesday 24 April, 7pm
St George's Church Vestry
All are welcome

Advance Notice Board

**Ludlow Fringe Art Trail
16 June - 1 July**

Artists are invited to exhibit and sell their work at a selection of venues across Ludlow. We link up artists wanting to take part, with venues wanting to act as hosts. A map is published showing all the venue locations with information about each artist, and 3000 copies of this are available prior to the event. The art trail is promoted nationally, including via the fringe festival brochure and website. To find out more please contact us for an information pack.

Email john.jarvis@freeuk.com or call John on 01584 873182.

**Open Gardens
The Hurst**

The John Osborne Arvon Centre
Sunday 13 May, 2-5pm

Details: www.arvon.org
Or call 01588 640658

Sow some seeds for SpArC

Save the SpArC is encouraging local gardeners to 'Sow Some Seeds for SpArC', ready for a grand plant sale, planned for

**Saturday 5 May, 9.30am-1pm
outside the Chemist's,**

Church Street, Bishop's Castle

Anyone with plants to donate can contact Ruth on 01588 638352 or Kate on 01588 638762 to arrange collection, or just bring them along on the morning.



**Re-opening of the
Crown Inn**

Keith and Carole
welcome you to the

Crown Inn at Clunton. We are open over Easter, pop in for a drink We also serve coffee and tea.

Parish Council 15 March

Present: 6 Parish Councillors, the Clerk + Cllr Hartin and 2 members of the public
Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting: *Street lights in Clunton:* done. *Footbridge in Clunbury:* not done. To be chased. Cllr Hill will put up some more tape.

Planning: *Application in respect of FitzWaryn Hall:* the clerk announced that it has been withdrawn.

Proposed affordable housing at Clunton Coppice: The Parish Council has supported the application. It is awaiting decision.

Poultry sheds at the Hurst: understood that the application had been approved, but the Council website does not include an update.

LJC: *Road maintenance* contract from 1 April will be let to Kier, instead of Ringway. It is hoped that this company will perform better.

Youth services: the budget for grants will go from £3,000 to £4,000, Small grants are still available. Contact John Croxton or Nigel Hartin.

SpArC: the work at the swimming pool is completed.

Shropshire Council's budget remains severely stretched, impacting in particular on adult social care (which is increasing in demand year by year) and the roads.

The alterations at Clun Fire Station, to give the space needed for the firefighters, are on-going.

Roads: *Potholes* were reported throughout the parish; the clerk will pass the information on to Shropshire Council.

Barbara Hutchinson had reported to Cllr Hill that the river is undercutting the bank under the road from Clunbury to Beambridge. The solution might be gabions to consolidate the bank. Should the Environment Agency be involved? Cllr Hill to contact Barbara Hutchinson.

Correspondence: Sylvia Jones is regularly updating the councillors on the NHS situation. The Chair proposed that a letter of thanks should be sent to her.

Finances: Bank accounts: £6,806.99.

The Chair enquired whether the Parish Post needed financial support. Cllr Hill

reported that the PP's finances were reasonably healthy at the moment. The councillors agreed that, should the PP need money, they must not hesitate to ask.

Expenses to be paid: £1374.79.

The clerk has received a grant to buy a computer dedicated to parish work. She was pressed to buy one.

AOB: A sympathy card to be sent to Sandra Morgan.

Next meeting: 17 May. This will start at 7.30pm, with the Annual General Meeting, in Kempton.
Gisèle and Tom Wall

Easter School Holiday Activities at SpArC

New holiday activities for primary school children are on offer at SpArC in Bishop's Castle, supported by the Save the SpArC charity.

Jonny Hughes Coaching are offering multi sports activity days on Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 and Friday 13 April. The cost is £12.50 per day per child or £30 if all three days are booked. Activities on offer will include tennis, football, badminton, tag rugby, rounders, ultimate frisbee and basketball. The days will run from 10 am to 3 pm at the leisure centre.

To book the JH coaching activities contact admin@jonnyhughescoaching.co.uk or phone 07793 982905. Children will need a packed lunch, drinks, suitable sportswear, trainers, rainwear and a hoody.

These activity days will complement those being organised by Teme Leisure at the centre for the 3, 6 and 10 of April.

Feedback on the Easter activities welcome and ideas for activities in the summer; please contact sparctrustees@gmail.com with any comments.

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Events Diary for April 2018

Sun 1	9.45am	Benefice United Holy Communion	St George's, Clun
Tue 3	7.30pm	Flicks—The Death of Stalin-680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 4		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 4	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—Frantz	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 6	7.30pm	BC Railway Society-50 Years as a Railwayman-Tony Goff	Methodist Hall, BC
Sun 8	11.15am	BCP Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 9	7.30pm	Table Tennis every Mon not the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tue 10	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Thu 12	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 12	7pm	Clun Valley Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St George's School, Clun
Fri 13	6pm	Flicks—COCO-630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 14	7.30pm	Italian Evening	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 15	Noon-3pm	Shropshire Hardy Plant Society Spring Plant Fair	Bayston Hill Memorial Hall
Sun 15	6.30pm	United Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 16		Clunbury School start of Summer Term	
Mon 16	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 17	2pm	Flicks—Goodbye Christopher Robin—630321/638038	SpArC
Wed 18	10.30am-noon	Craft Club-661180	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 18	7.30pm	Shropshire Wildlife Trust AGM at Clun	Hightown Community Room
Wed 18	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—Hunt for the Wilderpeople	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 19	12.30-2pm	Soup & Pudding Lunch—661180/660629	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 20	8pm	Flicks—Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool-660159	Parish Hall, Clunton
Sat 21	10am-1pm	Coffee Morning in aid of Alzheimer's Society	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 21	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 22	11.15am	United CW Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Tue 24	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 24	6.30pm	Clac@Clun AGM	St George's Church Vestry
Tue 24	7.30pm	PPG AGM	Memorial Hall, Clun
Wed 25	7.30pm	SWSGC—Wonderful World of Perennials & Scented Violas	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thu 26	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 28	10.30am	Coffee Morning in aid of St Swithin's at The Lawn Farm (home of Jim & Christina Whitehead)	
Sun 29	11.15am	Benefice United Service Holy Communion	Bettws
EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT SpArC:			
Tue 3,Fri 6,Tue 10	Activities organised by Teme Leisure		SpArC
Wed 11,Thu 12,Fri 13 (10am-3pm)	Activities organised by JH Coaching 07793 982905		SpArC

The Wonderful World of Hardy Perennials & Scented Violas



A Talk by Jack & Laura Willgoss
Wednesday 25 April, 7.30 pm
Lydbury North Village Hall
Free to members

Visitors £5

Details: 01588 680454 or visit
www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

SWSGC

Since 2011, Jack & Laura have transformed Wildegoose Nursery in Millichope Park into a totally new space that reflects their passion for plants, violas in particular. Learn about the history of violas, how to grow them, planting ideas and which are the best varieties in their collection, as well as an opportunity to buy some. A retail experience not to be missed!