

The Parish Post

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



Everyone is invited to the
Clunbury School

EASTER BINGO!

Monday 8 April
Clunbury Village Hall
Eyes down 6pm
Fantastic prizes!
Refreshments provided
All proceeds to Clunbury School



Coffee Morning

for St Mary's Church, Clunton

Friday 5 April, 10.30am



at The Orchard, Clunton
£1 for tea or coffee and biscuits
Bring and Buy and raffle
All welcome

Clunbury Village Hall presents a Family Film Matinee



Friday 26th April 2019 (Easter holidays)

Doors Open 4.30pm - Film starts 5.00pm

Cost £4.50 adults : £3.00 children

Hotdogs and Drinks on sale.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

All ages welcome 'so come along and enjoy a good film'

Contact: Alister Thompson 661180 or Barbra Freeman 660629

Air Ambulance Fundraising Success

We raised a total of **£411.85** which includes all donations and sales of merchandise during the afternoon of 15 March and at the Clunbury Café on the previous morning. Jensen and I were absolutely delighted with such a fantastic amount. Some of the key stage 2 pupils from school came down to help us during the afternoon and we had a great time. Jensen had a birthday cake for his 10th

continued overleaf

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

birthday at the end of the afternoon and we also sang to Tommy who was 7 on the same day.

Please could we say an absolutely huge, huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes, biscuits and raffle prizes, or came along to support us during the afternoon. We really appreciated it. Jensen and I will be going up to the Air Ambulance HQ in April to present them with a cheque. *Suzanne Hadwen*



From left to right: Charlotte, Finlay, Suzanne, Jensen and Andy Hadwen

Trinity Hospital Clun

The Trustees of Trinity Hospital, Clun would like to hear from people in housing need over 55 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.

Two one bedroom ground floor properties which are situated in the quadrangle are available. The properties have central heating and an alarm system.

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, Petan,
Wistanstow, Craven Arms,
SY7 8DG; 01588 672303

Calling Junior Gardeners

The Purslow Show Tent Committee have been given a Challenge Cup for Junior Gardeners by Clunbury School. It will be awarded to an individual gardener for maximum points gained in the Flower (growing) and Vegetable Sections. Additional points will be awarded for competing - one point for every entry. This is open to any child age up to 11, whether or not they attend Clunbury School.

The Advance Schedule is now available on the Parish Post Website and in the school newsletter. If you want to know more you can email me on ellams999@btinternet.com

Eirlys Ellams



Purslow Show
26 August 2019
Handicrafts



Crafting has become glamorous again. Traditional crafts and hobbies such as knitting, sewing and woodwork, as well as a whole host of new crafts, are enjoying a resurgence in popularity. The increased numbers of entries for the handicrafts section in the Purslow Show confirms this and has led to a rethink about the categories for this year's entries.

Crafting is believed to be a great stress reliever, another reason many more people are taking up crafts. It is calming and also provides the maker with a sense of satisfaction and pride that is otherwise hard to come by nowadays.

So why not give it a go this year? Learn a new skill or brush up on old ones. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or experienced, just enjoy doing it and share your project for others to admire.

You are welcome to join Clunbury Craft Group, we meet every 4th Wednesday of the month 10.00-1.00pm in Clunbury Village Hall.

Lynne Thompson



NHS

The Meadows Surgery, Clun

Patient Participation Group Annual Meeting

**Tuesday 9 April, 7.30pm
Memorial Hall, Clun**

Meet the PPG
Update the Practice doctors
Presentation by Jayne Morris of Healthwatch
'How was it for you?'
Why it's important to give feedback on your experience of the NHS

Free refreshments



Church News Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 10 April

7.00pm, Clun Methodist Church

All are welcome to attend this meeting. Church Wardens will be elected and all those on Electoral Rolls are entitled to vote.

Good Friday

Everyone is welcome to join us for the annual walk up Clunbury Hill carrying the cross. We start from the crossroads at 3pm and pause at stages up the hill for prayers. The view from the top is well worth the effort to get there. Hot cross buns, tea and coffee afterwards in the village hall.

Easter Sunday

Our Holy Communion service is at **8.30am on Easter Sunday 21 April**. A lovely early start to the day to celebrate the resurrection. All welcome

Reordering in the Church

Plans for a staircase to the bell chamber, and a disabled loo and kitchenette have now been given a preliminary go ahead and we can apply for permission from Hereford Diocese. Plans are on display in the church.

Advance Notice

Clunbury Church is organising a concert by the Hereford Gilbert and Sullivan Society, on the evening of

5 July 2019

Please will event organisers note this date to avoid clashes.

Further details available later.

healthwatch
Shropshire

Have your say on how the NHS should improve in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin

The public are being asked for their views in two surveys.

- ♥ One is about how services for cancer, mental health conditions, heart and lung diseases, long-term conditions, such as diabetes and arthritis, learning disabilities, autism, and dementia could be improved.
- ♥ In the other, you will also be asked to share your ideas on how people can live healthier lives and what improvements would make it easier for people to take control of their own health and wellbeing.

Details of both surveys can be found on:

<https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do>

Clunbury 100 Club March Draw

Rose-Marie Mondon: £20; Rosemary Jones: £15; Julie Saunders: £10; Marianne Hints: £5; Annie Sutton: £5.

Clunton 100 Club

March Draw: 1st: Wayne Shuker; 2nd: Jenny Aylwin Foster; 3rd: Dave Webb

Eighty Percent Project Progress at Pool House Farm

As you might have seen, we have a poly tunnel. As part of our quest to get the Eighty Percent Project off the ground and create a community centred around home-grown food, we thought we'd better make a serious effort to grow our own. We had a greenhouse when we lived in Abcott, but the cats and the chickens and the various forms of wildlife seemed to disrupt our vegetable growing, and so this time, anything in the 'at risk' category will be under cover and we're planting the soft fruit and the nut trees and anything else safe outside.

We're heading for a Charles Dowding, 'no dig' method of growing, which means I spent most of Monday morning getting filthy and, apparently, stinking in the process of unloading a van full of hop waste from a local brewery to act as mulch. I've got powdered bacteria and fungal cultures from a hydroponics company that produces what is supposed to be the best growing medium for seeds - and I've just this moment had the soil analysis back from the lab. Copper is high, iron, zinc and manganese are 'satisfactory' and everything else is low. So I'll be hunting out some rock dust soon, to see if we can help the plants balance themselves out.

I went to a talk that explained that seeds can sense the size of the container they're in by two weeks from germination and the bigger the better, so we haven't quite potted out in buckets, but we're going for big pots rather than tiny trays. And still thinking about a micro-dairy. We just have to sort out the mob grazing ideas and how we can manage them. Anyone with any experience is welcome to let us know.

In the meantime, thank you for everyone who got in touch to support the idea that we might be able to reach a point where eighty percent of us in the local area are sourcing eighty percent (or at least some) of our food from sustainable local producers. Anyone interested in more information please contact me.

manda@mandascott.co.uk or 01588 660221

Manda Scott

SWSGC Garden Design A Talk by Christine Scott Wednesday 24 April, 7.30 pm Lydbury North Village Hall



This month's talk on Garden Design by Christine Scott is an absolute must for all our members, especially those thinking of coming on our club visit to the fantastic gardens at Bryn y Llidiart on the 13 June 2019.

Bryn y Llidiart is located in the glorious Berwyn Hills at 1100ft. Christine has designed a fabulous hillside garden that melts seamlessly into the landscape. There are acres of wildflower meadows, a veg garden, a stream tumbling down to a bog garden and a natural pond. Nearer the house, beautiful borders, an infinity pool, and various seating areas complement the restored welsh longhouse. A masterclass on how to turn a stunning, but extremely challenging site into a unique and beautiful garden.

The garden has been featured on Gardeners' World and in The County Times. Come and learn some of the design ideas and principles that Christine has used to inform you and your garden plans.

The talk is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £5 per person including refreshments. Any further queries to Sandy Burton 01588 680454 or please look at our website: www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Sarah Metcalf

Superfast Fibre Broadband Comes to Clunbury Village (and very soon to Twicken)

Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) is now available in Clunbury village. This offers very fast broadband speeds but is likely to cost you more than retaining the old, slower copper wire connection. There are a number of different suppliers including BT and Zen. Some of the other suppliers appear to concentrate on business accounts rather than retail. If you visit the suppliers' websites you can see their charges and compare deals (check if they include line rental). If you are looking for a 'package' e.g. phone, broadband and line rental, then BT is probably your first choice. Nigel Holland and Matthew Trustman (both from Twicken) have produced a useful guide which you can find at theparishpost.org/broadband

Remember your online security is extremely important. Use effective passwords. Take care what information you give and to whom. If a stranger knocked on your front door or rang you and asked you for your bank account number, would you tell them? Then don't tell anyone online either, it's just the same, there are always people out there who would take advantage if they got the chance, just take the same precautions as you would anywhere else.

Kempton Afire!

Who would have thought that a handful of ashes from the woodburner, put into the bin located in a nearby outbuilding, at 10am, would cause so much disruption to the occupiers of No 8 Kempton. They were busy clearing the house for their imminent move later on that day, when around 12 noon, they noticed flames leaping through the roof of the outbuilding. The Fire Brigade was alerted and two crews (one from Craven Arms and one from Clun) deployed all their skills and apparatus to extinguish the flames and remove the tiles to expose the beams and contain the fire. The fire fighters were so prompt and efficient that the next door neighbour, only a few yards away, said, when asked if she had been scared: "Fire, what fire?"

Gisèle Wall



Picture provided by the Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service

Clungunford Village Hall Re-opening Party

Please come along to the open day on April 7th from 1pm to 8pm and see the newly refurbished hall in Clungunford.

We will have information about events, community groups, hall hire, and how you can get involved.

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 1PM-8PM

CHAPEL ROAD, CLUNGUNFORD SY7 0PP

**CRAVEN ARMS
BIG BAND
FROM 3-6PM**

**1.30PM - SOUP,
SANDWICHES,
TEA & COFFEE**

**FREE ENTRY
BAR OPEN**

Parish Council Meeting 21 March

Present: Chairman, Clerk, six councillors and two members of the public.

Apologies: Sandra Morgan

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

Painting work on footbridge behind Chapel House due to start soon.

Lack of progress re Broadband in Kempton; Clerk to write to Open Reach

Oddfellows banner – Cllr. Bailey to contact local Oddfellows branches to see if anyone would like to have it, as the church can no longer accommodate it.

Planning:

Kempton Farm: 2nd application received still showing two trees on the plans, even though they have been taken down. Agreed to request replacement. Overall, no objections, revised plans considered to be an improvement.

Fitzwarren Hall: owners request Parish Council support to gain permission to plant a low hedge to prevent vehicles intruding onto the verge. Agreed that the Council should arrange a site visit within the next 4-6 weeks prior to any decision.

South West Shropshire LJC Meeting:

Meetings are 'on hold' pending funding decisions.

Future Fit:

Sylvia Jones attended an open meeting with Simon Wright CEO of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust in Clun on 18 March, where issues of after-care in rural communities were discussed. Sylvia was impressed by his willingness to listen to local people and felt that it was a very positive meeting. Sylvia is moving to Matlock, so the Chair thanked her for all her work in the parish over many years.

Roads:

Some potholes have been filled since the last meeting, but large ones are still causing concern. The Clerk advised the best way of reporting them was to phone into the **Pothole Hotline on 0345 6789000, choose option 4, then option 2, giving the nearest known postcode.**

Issues relating to street lighting in Clunton were noted. It was agreed that

the Clerk would write to EE to investigate the costs of converting lights to LED and reducing quarterly bills.

Speeding traffic in Twitchen: it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Department confirming that the Parish Council supports a 40mph buffer zone at both ends of the hamlet, so that that the 30mph section by the houses can be enforced.

Radar speed units are being investigated in Bucknell, which could be shared by a number of adjoining parishes. It was agreed to wait for further information before considering taking part in a scheme.

Correspondence:

The parish has received notification from Shropshire County Council that it will receive £679.82 via the Community Infrastructure Levy to be spent on neighbourhood projects.

Finance:

Bank balances: £5931.34.

Additions to cheque signatories in hand.

Parish Council vacancy:

Nick Morgan was co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of John Hoskins. The Chairman welcomed Mr Morgan to the Council.

A.O.B.:

Cllr. Harding reported that lightweight material was blowing out of recycling boxes and creating more litter. Householders are asked to make efforts to minimise this problem

Next meeting :

Thursday 16 May at Clunbury Village Hall. Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting 8pm *Gill Haynes*

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Another Great Pampering

Cunbury School Pamper Evening, on Friday 22 March, was another successful fundraising event for the school, making just over £600. This will be put towards a new computer and charging units for the iPads.

Suzanne Hawden



Above: Janet and Shauna Williams looking at the cakes

Right: Nicki Williams having her eyebrows done by Lucy Morris.



A Taste of the Lakes in Kempton

Martin Angell from Kempton runs several varieties of sheep; recently, he acquired some Herdwicks, a hardy breed from the Lake District, recorded as far back as the 12th century. The breed was apparently introduced by early Norse settlers during the Viking invasions (although it is also suggested that it came from a wrecked Spanish Armada ship). They are usually grey, but, mysteriously, Martin's are white. However, true to form, the new-born lambs are mainly black; but they should lighten over the first year, to a dark brown, and then, after the first shearing, to grey.

In her later years, Beatrix Potter (the creator of Peter Rabbit) kept Herdwicks and, when she left her estate to the National Trust, she also left instructions that they should continue to graze Herdwick flocks; her wish has been fulfilled.

As a Herdwick's fleece is coarse and not easily dyed, it is best suited to use as carpet wool, but it is also an excellent natural insulator and one can buy sheets of fire-proofed wool to fit as loft insulation. Their meat is said to have a very distinct taste (between lamb and mutton) and was eaten at Queen Elizabeth II's coronation banquet. We are looking forward in due course, Martin, to a parish banquet.



Maisie and Charlie Angell with the new born lambs

Shropshire Group Hardy Plant Society Spring Plant Fair

Sunday 14 April, 12 noon to 3 pm
Bayston Hill Memorial Hall, Lyth Hill
Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury
SY3 0DR

Non Members Welcome

Light Refreshments

Disabled Access and Toilets

Free Admission & Parking

www.hardy-plant.org.uk

 **HPS**
HARDY PLANT SOCIETY
Gardening with hardy perennials

Events Diary for April 2019

Mon 1	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 1	7.30pm	Table Tennis every Mon not the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tue 2	9.15-10.45am	Yoga Sessions every Tuesday–Beginners Welcome	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 2	7.30pm	Flicks–The Wife–680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 3		Quiz–proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 3	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society–Bombshell:The Hedy Lamar Story	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 5	10.30am	Coffee Morning in aid of St Mary's Church	The Orchard, Clunton
Fri 5	3.45pm	Flicks–Fantastic Beasts:The Crimes of Grindelwald-630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 5	7.30pm	BC Railway Society–Steam from the Sixties-638998	Methodist Hall, BC
Sun 7	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 7	1-8pm	Village Hall Re-opening Party	Parish Hall, Clungunford
Mon 8	6pm	Clunbury School Easter Bingo	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 9	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 9	2pm	Flicks–Patrick–630321/638038	SpArC
Tue 9	7.30pm	Meadows Surgery PPG Annual Meeting	Clun Memorial Hall
Wed 10	7pm	Clun Valley Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Clun Methodist Church
Wed 10	7.30pm	Flicks–Bohemian Rhapsody–640109	Clun Memorial Hall
Thu 11	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 11	7pm	NT Live–All About Eve–630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 12		Clunbury School break up for Easter holidays	
Fri 12	8pm	Flicks–Bohemian Rhapsody–660727/660781	Parish Hall, Clungunford
Sun 14	11.15am	CW Holy Communion for Palm Sunday	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 14	Noon-3pm	Shropshire Hardy Plant Society Spring Plant Fair	Bayston Hill Memorial Hall
Fri 19	3pm	Good Friday Walk with the Cross up Clunbury Hill	
Fri 19	4pm	Flicks–Mary Poppins Returns–630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 20	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 20	7.30pm	Flicks–Bohemian Rhapsody–660545	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 21	8.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 23	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 24	7.30pm	SWSGC–Garden Design	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thu 25	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 26	4.30pm	Film–Peter Rabbit (film starts at 5pm)-661180/660629	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 26	7.30-9pm	Kali–660152	Parish Hall, Clungunford
Sun 28	11.15am	CW Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 29		Clunbury School start of Summer Term	

Just around the Hill Live Performance Music Humour Stories At the refurbished Clungunford Village Hall



Kali

26 April, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Join Emily Hennessey and sitar player extraordinaire, Sheema Mukherjee, for a white-knuckled tuc-tuc ride through sun-kissed palaces, fiend-infested forests and every cacophonous, saffron-scented marketplace in between.

Tickets: £10; Under 18: £5; Family Ticket: £25.00 (2 adults + up to 3 persons under 18)

Age advice 14 years and older

Bookings 01588 660152 or from the Arts Alive Web site

<https://www.artsalive.co.uk/>