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Crowds at Clunbury Café



Clunbury Café is proving a great hit with locals and visitors. More than 40 people enjoyed Fair Trade tea or coffee with home made cake (all for £1) at each of the first two sessions. The Bring-and-Buy stalls were also very popular, with most of the fresh garden produce selling out quickly. The next Café session is on Thursday 2 August from 10.00am until noon at Clunbury Village Hall, when we will be asking for help in identifying people in some old Clunbury School photos. Please donate to the Bring-and-Buy if you can. Proceeds are in aid of Village Hall funds. For more details contact David or Sue on 660355.

Dawn Parsonage invites you all for **Cream Teas in the Garden**

Saturday 1 September, 2.30 to 4.30

at Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice

£3 (children free)

Raffle, Bring-and-Buy

In aid of Clunbury Village Hall

Fruit Trees still looking for a good home,
£5 per tree. Contact Anne Shepherdson
on 660309

Please send your contributions by the 20th

2012 PURSLOW SPORTS, SHOW & GYMKHANA

66th Show

To be held at
Purslow Farm

**on August Bank Holiday Monday
27th August from 1.30pm**

Handicraft and Produce Show Tent

Savage Skills Mountain Bike Display Team
(As seen on ITV's Let's Get Gold)

plus all the usual attractions

Free Car Parking

Admission **£5** (includes lucky programme number draw)

children under 14 FREE

Handicraft & Produce Schedules are
available from shops, cafes & pubs throughout
the area, online at www.theparishpost.org or
from Sue Hill on 660355

Helpers Required at Purslow Show

In view of the extra attraction and the increased number of visitors expected at this year's show, the Show Committee would love to hear from anyone willing to help on the day. If you could help please contact Annie Sutton on 660141.

Jack Huffer's Charity Hog Roast in aid of Help for Heroes &

the Air Ambulance

evening of Saturday 25 August

Purslow Show Ground

for information & tickets

contact Jack on 660539

Swithin Sunshine Shock

To everyone's amazement and relief, it was dry on St Swithin's day! Our barbecue in aid of St Swithin's Church was a great success, and after the unrelenting days of rain a good crowd from the oldest, Raymond Savill, to the youngest, the Richards twins, enjoyed George Williams' hog roast with an array of salads, followed by magnificent puddings, on a sunny afternoon. It was a happy occasion to welcome Paul and Carlynn on their first official visit to Clunbury.



Paul and Carlynn Wignall

A Songs of Praise service followed, and the congregation sang lustily, in gratitude perhaps for the sunshine. Our thanks to Paul for taking the service, to Nick and Maddy for the use of their house and orchard, to the teams who lent and erected the tents and everyone who contributed to make St Swithin's Day such a success.

Christina Whitehead

Noel Shepherdson – Local Artist

Noel started his working life as a lecturer in art but his ambition was always to paint full time. This was achieved in 1973 when, in his 30's, he moved, with Anne and their two sons, from the south east to Clunton. Anne taught art in Shrewsbury, whilst Noel devoted himself to painting. He paints the local landscape in both oils and water colours, often from photographs he has taken, and said "I never get tired of it as it changes so much with the seasons and the weather". Amongst his favourite subjects are Clunbury Hill and Stepple Knoll but he also works to commission and has recently been busy with paintings of newly restored Hopton Castle. Another favourite subject, though further afield and more exotic, is Venice. Before selling, either privately or through galleries, Noel usually frames his work and said "I know exactly what type would suit each picture best". He has had sixty 'one-man' exhibitions and has sold over 2,000 paintings, many to repeat customers. I'm sure lots of readers are the proud owners of one or more pictures by 'our' local artist.



Asked to name his own favourite artist, Noel said, "Vermeer, particularly for the quality of light in the interiors".

As well as the Clun exhibition (see below), his work will also be on display at The Silk Top Hat Gallery in Ludlow from 13 August for three weeks.

Sue Hill

Exhibitions at The Old Surgery Gallery, Clun

1 - 13 August: Work by local artists; Sophie Bignall, Mary Campbell, Jacqueline Fletcher, Russell Morris, Anna Ravenscroft, Noel Shepherdson, Jane Wells and Gordon Yapp. **16 August - 17 September:** Brian Fletcher, Royal Academy Summer Exhibition exhibitor: Paul Hipkiss, Ron Law, Ann-Monique Stellinga and Tim Nash.

Clunbury Parish Past & Present

The third extract from Archdeacon Plymley's report on his visitation to Clunbury in 1793 relates to agriculture:

The principal part of the parish is enclosed, and a great deal of it under a very good course of husbandry. The size of the farms have in many instances been enhanced and the number of houses diminished. The farms are a mixture of arable and grazing land. Wheat, turnips, barley, and clover and the clover ley broken up for wheat is the course of husbandry with their best farmers.

It is clear from discussion with Malcolm Jones of New House Farm, Kempton, that in terms of crops, farming today within the parish of Clunbury is not dissimilar to what it was in Plymley's day.

There is still a mix of grazing and arable land, and wheat and barley are still the main cereal crops (along with some oats). Plymley refers to turnips: they may well have been grown for both animal and human consumption. Nowadays, stubble turnips are sown in autumn, serving as winter fodder for sheep after which the land is worked again in the spring for cereals. Such rapid alternation of crops is made possible by the huge advances in mechanisation since Plymley's day. And yields have increased enormously too – doubling even during Malcolm's lifetime. A major factor here is the use of artificial fertilisers. In the eighteenth century farmers depended on organic methods such as the use of clover which fixes nitrogen in the soil, and Plymley refers to clover leys being 'broken up' (i.e. ploughed) to nourish the subsequent crop of wheat. But clover is still used in grass leys today to enhance soil condition.

So, whilst in some parts of the country crops have changed dramatically (e.g. the many acres of asparagus and strawberries in Herefordshire), here, on our home patch, crops remain broadly similar. Plymley and his contemporaries would however have been puzzled by the

spring-time dazzle of oil-seed rape, of which there are now several fields within the parish, and perplexed no doubt by the notion of bio-fuel for which some of this crop is destined.

The full report is in Shropshire Archives reference SA6001/6860-5. Tom Wall

Tips for Success in Show Cookery

Want to improve your chances in the Cookery Classes of the Purslow Show? Here are some tips from the Judges.

Victoria Sandwich - take care with lining the tins; weigh the mixture before baking to ensure 2 even halves; use only a light sprinkling of caster sugar; avoid crusty edges.

Loaf Cakes - do not use commercial liners (crinkly corners are a give-away).

Fruit Scones - knead carefully to avoid stretch marks; too much liquid makes them hard; they should not be glazed and should stand erect.

Fruit Tarts and Quiches - care should be taken to cook the pastry underneath by placing on a hot baking tray when putting in the oven.

Bread - bread should be made 24 hours before showing, it cuts more easily and has a better flavour.

Marmalade - to avoid tough peel in the marmalade ensure it is cooked before adding the sugar.

Jams - should be shown in 1lb jars which should be full; new lids should be used.

Chutney - a waxed disc is not necessary; the lid should be put on hot to make a seal.

Clunbury Parish Home Guard

As part of my family history research I am trying to find information about Clunbury Parish Home Guard. If you can help, please let The Parish Post know so they can forward it to me. Thank you, Raymond Edge.

Clunbury School Corner

Clunbury School have been very busy this half term. At the end of June there was a Class Act violin concert up in Shrewsbury at the Theatre Severn and some of the children from KS2 went to it. They performed brilliantly.

We are all very sad that the year 6s are leaving, but they had a wonderful time at Warwick Castle when they went to their leavers' treat. They got quite scared in the dungeons though!

We were lucky because KS2 got to go to the village hall to see a poetry show called Umpteen Pockets, and KS1 had a puppet show.

We have been studying the Ancient Greeks and the Olympics this term. We had an Olympic themed sports day this year with different events such as javelin,



long jump and discus. But half way through, the heavens opened and we had to abandon the races. What a shame!

We heard Class 1 singing and singing and we wondered what they were doing it for, then we realised: Shropshire Sings. They had a fantastic time singing their hearts out.

There has been an outbreak of chicken pox this half term. It started in nursery then gradually made its way up through the school until everyone in the school that hadn't had it before, caught it.

In the last week year 5s and 6s performed a play, Old School Daze. Our teacher Mrs Spreadborough was so impressed with us we got some chips in the afternoon. What a treat!

We have all been trying very hard the past few weeks with our entries for Purslow Show. Painting, writing, drawing, creating... We hope it is not going to rain.

The weather this term has been OUTRAGEOUS! Lots of things have been cancelled due to the weather: playtimes, cross country and athletics.

Finally there was a leavers service on the last day of term in the church. The year 6s and some other children are going, *and* some staff: Miss Drury, Miss Edwards, Mr Boddy and Mrs Leon!

So we would like to say "good bye and good luck" to all those who are leaving and "thank you" to all the teachers, especially Mrs Greenaway.

Charlotte Hadwen. Age 10



Bench and tree at Clunbury School in memory of Penny Marsh

Skydive for Air Ambulance

My life was saved by the Midlands Air Ambulance in March 2009 following the birth of my son. The six minute helicopter journey from Craven Arms to Shrewsbury was vital to my survival and so we are now fundraisers.

Many will know someone who has needed this service and it is more important to our rural community than most. It costs £6 million each year to keep the air ambulances operational, going out on average ten times each day. All funding comes entirely from donations and fundraising activities.

On 6 September, my husband Andy, is doing a sponsored skydive. He has already raised over £500 and we hope to double that. You can donate online at: <http://www.bmycharity.com/hadwen> or, there is a sponsorship form in the Crown Inn, Clunton. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Suzanne Hadwen.

P.S. National Air Ambulance week is at the end of September, when there will be a variety of local activities.

Parish Council Meeting Notes

12 July, Clunton Village Hall. All Parish Councillors were present.

Bridleway at Ashbeds: Mr Sweetman, a local resident, explained that, following an appeal, the Planning Inspectorate had decided that the route from Coppice Lane at Ashbeds to a forestry track in Purslow Wood was a bridleway. There remained a period of two weeks during which this decision could be appealed. If no-one appealed, Shropshire Council (SC) should re-instate the bridleway. This may not be the end of the matter however. Councillors agreed to wait and see what, if anything, happens next.

Shropshire Council's Site Allocation and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan: This sets out what new housing development is anticipated. Cllr Hill expressed surprise that Clunbury formed part of a 'Community Cluster' with Clungunford. Being in a 'cluster' indicates an aspiration for 'open market housing' with 15 new houses proposed within the 'cluster'. Settlements outside a 'cluster' (such as Clunton and Kempton) would be treated as countryside and subject to very limited development. The 2009 Parish Plan clearly expressed the wish of parishioners: either for no further development (56%) or limited development such as barn conversions and small scale affordable housing (44%). The PC had never expressed the wish to be part of a cluster and the Clerk was asked to write to SC making this clear. A questionnaire was available on the SC website; Cllr Hill will complete this on behalf of the PC.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations: The Councillors expressed their appreciation of the events that had taken place, which had been enjoyed by all. The commemorative mugs for Clunbury School had not materialised, enquiries are to be made as to this or an alternative memento.

Parish Path Partnership (P3): Mr Steve Reynolds from Clunton has volunteered to be P3 warden. Councillors gratefully accepted his offer.

Roads: Following recent accidents at Little Brampton crossroads, councillors and the clerk held a site meeting with a highways representative from SC. The best improvement would be an interactive speed sign on the approach from Aston on Clun but this was beyond the available SC budget. It was agreed that an advisory speed limit sign would be added to the existing signage. Also discussed:

- Redwood Lane top-dressed but potholes not filled; both done on a lane in Clunton.
- Action will be taken unless the overgrown hedge at Mallow Cottage is cut back.
- Progress on Purslow crossroads awaiting contact from SC.

Correspondence: B4385 closure (see article on diary page)

Community First Responders asked for financial support. The PC recognised the value of their work. A donation of £50 was agreed.

Finance: Account balances (in the order of £10,300) and expenditure for May-June (totalling about £750) were detailed and approved.

Other matters: Councillors from Clungunford, Hopesay and Clunbury are to meet in September to consider the possibility of joint initiatives.

Code of conduct: Parish Councillors are expected to declare their spouses'/partners' interests in parish business (as well as their own).

Next Meeting: 13 September 8.00pm in Clunbury VH

Gisèle Wall

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Events Diary for August & early September 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details			
Wed 1		Quiz Night with Quizmasters Jan & Ian Simpson	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 2	10.00am	Clunbury Café. Tea or coffee plus cake for £1. 10am to 12.	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 4	10.00am	AED training 10.00am - 2.00pm in Craven Arms	Lambeth Friendship Centre
Sat 4		Clun Carnival and Show	Clun
Sun 5	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 6	pm	CUTHBERT'S PLUS holiday club until Fri 10th	St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Tue 7		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 8	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 10	9.00pm	Live Music: Tattie Jam	White Horse, Clun
Sun 12	11.00am	Mattins BCP	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 12	6.30pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 13	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 14	2.30pm	Bible Study Group	9 Redwood Dr. Aston on Clun
Wed 15	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 16	10.00am	Clunbury Café. Tea or coffee plus cake for £1. 10am to 12.	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 18	7.30pm	Flicks - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 19	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's. Clunton
Sun 19	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 21		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 21	7.30pm	Bedstone WI - Social	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 22	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 22	4 - 7 pm	Drop-in session about road closure at Twitchen	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 23	9.00pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Sat 25	evening	Jack Huffer's Charity Hog Roast. Phone 660539 for tickets	Purslow Show Ground
Sat 25	9.00pm	Kangaroo Inn 14th Annual Beer Festival until 27th. Live music from Sweetwater	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Sun 26	11.00am	Holy Communion CW	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 26	9.00pm	Live Music with Grey Wolf	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Mon 27	1.30pm	Purslow Show	Purslow
Thur 30	10.00am	Clunbury Café. Tea or coffee plus cake for £1. 10am to 12.	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 1	2.30pm	Cream teas in the garden 2.30 to 4.30	Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice

Road Closure in Twitchen

The B4385 Purslow to Twitchen road will be closed for 7 weeks from 10 Sept. between Clunbury junction and Twitchen Farm so that a water rehabilitation scheme can be carried out. The contractor is holding a drop-in session on Wednesday 22 August from 4 - 7pm in Clunbury Village Hall. If you have any concerns this is your chance to air them. A map showing the proposed diversions can be found on our website at www.theparishpost.org/roadclosure

Tree Planting Opportunity

Trees and hedging transplants available on a first come - first served basis. Contact the Tree Team for more information and advice on 01743 252564 or email:

natural.environment@shropshire.gov.uk

Jubilee Tree Planting

If you would like to plant a commemorative tree, contact Martin Sutton on 01743 252422 or email:

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