

Purslow Sports, Show & Gymkhana

**Food and Fun in the Marquee
on the Purslow Showground
Saturday 27 August 2016
from 1pm**



Food served at 1.30pm
Hog roast, salads, puddings
(vegetarian and children's food available)



**Treasure Trove Puppets
Magic and Balloons**

Bar and President's Raffle

Tickets £10

Free entry for primary age children,
£5 for secondary school children

Tickets from Committee members or
Wheelwrights Tearooms, Little Brampton
Tel: 660141

**Platinum
Anniversary
1946 - 2016**



Purslow

**Sports, Show and
Gymkhana**

Many attractions to include:

Show Jumping, Hill Run, Donkey Derby,
Show Tent, Dog Show, Owls, Archery,
Carousel, Music, Food, Bar,
Car Boot, Raffle



Bank Holiday Monday
29th August from 1.30pm
on Purslow Show Field

Admission: £5
(children under 14 free)

Fundraising Event
for St Swithin's Church, Clunbury

BBQ at the Barn

*By kind invitation
of David Mansfield*

**Saturday 13 August
6pm till late**

**Charcoal BBQ of quality burgers, sausages
and lots more. Vegetarian options**

Licensed Bar Tombola

£10 Adults, £5 Children under 12

Tickets from PCC Members
or Julia Brereton, 660185

email: julia.brereton@btconnect.com

**Limited numbers so buy your tickets now!
Closing date 6 August**

Clunbury Village Hall invites you to

Cream tea

in the garden

Jasmine Cottage, Clunbury

Sunday 21 August

2.30 onwards

£3



Bring and Buy
Stall, Raffle
For more
information
contact
Eirlys Ellams
660625

A Busy Morning

From all over the Parish we trekked to The Orchard, Clunton, for a Coffee Morning organised by Pat and Alex Harding to raise money to install a handrail in St Mary's church, Clunton. (Estimate £240)

Cakes sold like hot cakes, coffees were filled and refilled, raffle tickets were sold, raffle prizes eyed eagerly, plant sales were discussed, and the bring and buy



was bought and went. Old friends were greeted, newcomers introduced, the young played football, the older were grateful for comfortable seats.

And at the end of a very jolly, busy and chatty morning Pat and Alex had raised £303.35.

And we had all had a lovely time.

Carol Griffiths

The Church Key

A big thank to all the people who have been helping me by opening and locking the church each day. It has worked well so far but please let me know if there are problems or changes that you would like me to make. The rota has just started again so please look on the list in the church porch for the new rota.

Christina Whitehead

Scrumpters Report

A big thank you to all who helped support a great village event. The cider was good, the weather kind and lots of ideas were shared.



The Angell family: Martin, Lucy, Charlie and Maisie with Noel Shepherdson

Date for diary: Apple juicing day
15 October, in the Village Hall, Clunton.

Anne Shepherdson

Patronal Festival

The sun shone on the Patronal Service at St Swithin's Church Clunbury on Sunday 17 July. We sang our hearts out, helped by many friends from other churches in the Benefice, and encouraged by Rev Simon Mondon. With five hymns following on one another, it was a real test of our wonderful organist Pat Harding as she raced from one book to another – but she rose to the challenge in her usual way. Shattered by our vocal exercise we were jolly grateful for the delicious Pimm's and extensive nibbles laid on afterwards in the welcome shade of the Church. As there was a small amount of drizzle, but only in some parts of the Parish, on the actual St Swithin's day there was much discussion about the future weather outlook...

Carol Griffiths



Do you have an hour to spare when you could socialise/chat with the residents of Abbeyfield House, Bishop's Castle? If you are interested and would like an informal chat about it, please ring 630000. Subject to DBS checking.

Nick Downes

SWSGC
Annual Garden
and Produce Show



Saturday 3 September
Lydbury North Village Hall

This is a fun show with something for everyone to enjoy, whether you are an expert or you just love anything about gardens or gardening. It is only 30p to enter a class (50p on the day) and there are over eighty classes to choose from such as fruit, vegetables and flowers for the green fingered or handicrafts, photography and cookery for the creative. Some classes are free to enter for fun, such as our Hollywood themed scarecrow competition and the children's classes. If you find yourself looking after a bored child in the summer holiday, why not have a go at making an animal out of fruit and/or vegetables or make a garden on a plate. There are trophies and prizes to be won; there will be delicious homemade cakes and refreshments; plant and produce stalls and a raffle. The hall is open from 9.30– 11am for delivery and staging of exhibits and the show itself takes place from 2pm –4pm.

Non-members are most welcome to enter – our Show Schedule can be obtained from Sandy Burton on 680454 or sandy_burton@btinternet.com

Angie Salmon

Advance Notice

Clunbury Village Hall Committee would like to organise a **Clunbury Village Open Garden Day** in the summer of 2017 (June ?).

If you are willing to offer your garden (big or small) please contact Alister Thompson on 661180

Clunbury 100 Club

Jane Rose £20: Eirlys Ellams £15: Alice Whymark £10: Wilfred Morris £5:
John Croxton £3

Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme

This scheme has been developed by the UK government to provide access to subsidised broadband installations for homes and businesses that are unable to get a broadband service (with a download speed of at least 2mbps) and that will not benefit from the superfast broadband roll out. If you currently experience poor broadband speeds, or are unable to obtain an affordable broadband service at all, the scheme will provide you with access to a basic broadband service that will offer speeds of at least 2mbps. If you take advantage of this scheme your household or business will still be eligible for a superfast broadband service in the future. Applications to the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme can be made until the end of 2017.

The scheme ensures that no household or business needs to pay more than £400 to access a basic broadband service over a 12 month period.

Who is eligible to take advantage of the scheme?

Households and businesses if they meet the following three criteria:

1. The property is not currently able to access a broadband download speed of at least 2mbps.
2. There are no alternative affordable broadband services available, which would provide a download speed of at least 2mbps.
3. There are no plans to provide superfast broadband to the location within 12 months of application.

A full guide to the scheme is available at <http://tinyurl.com/hrwk7zq> *David Hill*

Grave Dog Fouling

Mowing the graveyard at Clunbury is becoming increasingly distasteful for the team who do it, due to dog fouling. Could owners please clear up after their dog?

Orchids in Clunbury

Exotic and showy orchids grace many a modern home; sourced originally from tropical regions they are now grown commercially. Some of our native orchids are showy too, others, though exquisitely formed, are notably discrete; one such is the broad-leaved helleborine. Christina Whitehead has drawn our attention to some that grow in the road-side splay at the entrance to the



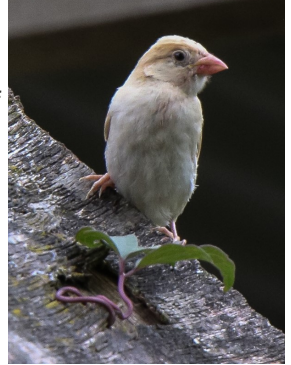
Lawn Farm at the northeast end of Clunbury Hill; others are to be found in the gateway just to the west of there. By all means go and have a look, but please keep your car and feet on the tarmac, because they are right by the road, and, until you get your eye in, they are both very difficult to spot and easy to crush. The flower-spike is often a foot or more tall, densely populated above the lower leaves with thirty or more tiny blooms, each in a typical orchid arrangement of three sepals (which are green), framing three petals (varying in colour from green to purple), which are arranged like a lip and two ears. Other plants are to be found on the north side of the road on the edge of Purslow Wood (SO 353802), some 60 metres west of where the forestry track heads uphill at an angle. Keep an eye out for it in other shady, wood-edge locations, including where there has been ground disturbance. And do please let us know if you find any.

Tom Wall, Dave Simpson, John Clayfield

Due to an oversight, common valerian (see last issue) was misspelt; apologies. It is still flowering well at the T bridge, Kempton.

And what is this?

Well, everything about it, notably size, behaviour and habitat, suggests house sparrow. And such it is, but a lack of pigmentation has led to pale plumage (golden in places) and a strikingly pink bill. Vince Downs, who took this photo, has spotted two such individuals recently in Kempton. They are not albinos (which would be all white with pink eyes) but are described as leucistic.



Art and Travel News

Noel Shepherdson, Clunton's well known and popular artist has been invited to show at The Old Surgery Gallery in Clun. His exhibition opens on Thursday, 18



August. The gallery is open Thursday to Tuesday, (closed Wednesday), from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily.

Tim Wood

The Parish Post congratulates Tim's Travels celebrating its tenth anniversary of trips and outings this year. Look out in the diary for details of trips.

Traffic Disruption

Severn Trent confirmed that work will begin in late August in Brampton Road (B4385) on the outskirts of Bishop's Castle, working towards Lydbury North. In order to keep everyone safe, the water company will need to use traffic lights and a 10 mile an hour convoy system. More information via [shropshirelive.com](http://www.shropshirelive.com) at: <http://www.shropshirelive.com/2016/07/22/new-water-pipes-for-bishops-castle/>

Parish Council Meeting 14 July

Seven councillors present plus Shropshire Councillor, Nigel Hartin, and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr M Jones.

Annual Parish Assembly: minutes approved.

Matters arising: *Kempton AED unit:* the position is still unclear. Cllr Hoskins will investigate further.

The Big Conversation: several councillors attended a meeting in Craven Arms relating to the possible funding of services and assets by parish and town councils. No one seems to know, or is willing to say, what services Shropshire Council (SC) expect parish councils to take over, but Cllr Hartin is seeking clarity. He reported that Malcolm Pate (SC leader) has mentioned in the press that some cuts may be deferred for up to another 12 months. Cllr Hartin reported that it is possible that mobile library services may be saved. Some SC councillors, including Cllr Hartin, have requested that a referendum be held, which is the only way to get an increase in Council Tax beyond the central government imposed cap.

Review of Parish Plan: now complete and the accounts have been approved. It was agreed that the balance of monies outstanding (originating from SC) should be donated to The Parish Post.

Cllr S Jones stated that the Review had already proved to be a useful tool in supporting arguments over NHS issues.

Planning: *Poultry Sheds near Clunton:* although no planning application has yet been submitted, Clunton residents (following a presentation by the land-owner's agent), are concerned about the potential construction of poultry sheds housing 100,000 broilers adjacent to the B4368 at Hurst Barn Farm. This could result in a 17% increase in traffic – mainly large lorries, at night, approximately every 35 days. There is also concern about the smell if manure is spread on the land.

20 Kempton: no objections to an amendment to previously submitted plans.

Health matters: *Clun Surgery:* over 600 comments have been submitted in response to the consultation document and a decision is expected by September.

Future Fit: Cllr S Jones continues to attend meetings but reports that the future is still very uncertain.

Roads: **Clunton:**

Street lights: the Parish Clerk said she had reported the faulty light.

Clunton/Cwm road: resurfacing has taken place and Cllr S Jones suggested that local residents might clear gullies in the future to keep the road in good repair. This was rejected on the grounds that the PC would then have a legal liability for safety.

Speeding: Cllr Harding reported that the recently installed signage has not reduced speeding through the village. She requested that the Police Community Officer should monitor speeds.

Mirror: the new mirror at the Crown junction has proved very useful.

Kerb stones: a safety problem with loose kerb stones within the village was reported.

Brook: the problem of the brook undercutting the hedge opposite the Crown has still not been resolved.

Kempton: following a recent serious accident on the B4385, Cllr Hoskins requested a site visit with Highways Officer, Glynn Shaw, to discuss the possibility of further action.

Any other Business: *Footbridge in Clunbury:* the dangerous bridge by Chapel House has still not been repaired. A request to do so will be sent again to SC.

Dog fouling: Cllr S Jones has received a complaint from a resident about dog fouling that he encounters when running on tracks and paths.

Next meeting: Thursday 22 September, 8pm, Kempton Village Hall.

Sue Hill

Events Diary for August 2016

Mon 1	Noon - 4pm	Annual South Shropshire Play Day	Playing Fields, Craven Arms
1st - 5th	2 - 5pm	Cuthbert's Holiday Club for children	St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
1st - 6th	10am - 6pm	Clun Art & Craft Show	Hightown Community Room
Tue 2	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		
Tue 2	7.30-9.30pm	Flowers & Folklore	Clun Methodist Church
Wed 3		Quiz - proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 4	10- 11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 4	2 - 5pm	NGS Open Garden for cancer and caring charities	Avocet, Plealey
Thu 4	9pm	Folk Night at The Sun	The Sun, Clun
Fri 5	7.30pm	Clun Carnival Canter	The White Horse, Clun
Fri 5	9pm	Live Music	The White Horse, Clun
Sat 6	1pm onwards	Clun Carnival and Show	Clun
Sat 6	7pm	Finals of Tom Beardsley Cup	Clun Bowling Green
Sun 7	10am	Clun Carnival Praise	Showground Bandstand
Sun 7	10am-noon	Clun Art & Craft Show	Hightown Community Room
Sun 7	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 7	7pm	Songs of Praise in four - part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Thu 11		Tim's Travels to the National Arboretum - 640506	
Sat 13	10am - 2pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 13	6pm-late	BBQ at the Barn, phone 660185	Clunbury
Sun 14	11.15am	Holy Communion, CW Order 1	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 16	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		
Thu 18	10- 11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 18	7pm	NT Live Encore - The Audience - 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 18	7pm	Film - Florence Foster Jenkins	SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Sun 21	11am - 5pm	NGS Open Garden for cancer and caring charities	Mynd Hardy Plants, Diddlebury
Sun 21	2.30pm	Cream Tea in the Garden	Jasmine Cottage, Clunbury
Sun 21	6.30pm	United Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 22	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Sat 27	From 1pm	Purslow Show - Food & Fun in the Marquee - 660141	Purslow Show Ground
28/29	2 - 5pm	NGS Open Garden - for cancer and caring charities	Upper Shelderton House
Sun 28	11.15am	United BCP Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 29	1.30pm	Purslow Show	Purslow
Tue 30	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		

September

Thu 1	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 1	7pm	NT Live - The Deep Blue Sea 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 3	2 - 4.30	SW Shropshire Gardening Club Show	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 7		Start of Autumn Term - Clunbury School	

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To Whom It May Concern

Thank you to the anonymous writer of the poem entitled 'Eric'. As space in the Parish Post is very limited we have not been able to publish it. If you would like to submit a shorter version, along with your name, we might reconsider.