

# The Parish Post

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



**70<sup>th</sup> Show  
1946 - 2017**



**Purslow  
Sports, Show and  
Gymkhana**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hill Run**

Show Jumping, Gymkhana, Show Tent,  
Dog Show and Dog Scurry,  
Go Karts, Bouncy Castle,  
Treasure Trove Puppets, Archery,  
Carousel, Music, Food, Bar, Car Boot,  
Raffle



Bank Holiday  
Monday 28 August  
from 1.30pm  
Purslow Show Field

Admission: £5  
(children under 14: free)

Come and Join us for  
**A Summer Lunch**



Clunbury Village Hall  
Thursday 10 August  
12.30  
£6

For more information contact Eirlys Ellams  
01588 660625

## PURSLOW SHOW

**V**olunteers are needed to help on Show Day - 28 August. We particularly need help with the Gymkhana. If you can spare some time, to help us with various small tasks, please contact Annie on 01588 660140.



## Jess Jumps for Joy

**M**any congratulations to Jess Grimes of Beambridge who has just got a brilliant first class degree. Jess has been studying Criminology and Criminal Justice at Swansea University for the last three years. Everyone will wish her the best of luck as she hopes to move on to a Masters degree in Social Work after a well-deserved summer holiday.

*Jess celebrates her success at Swansea*



**Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month**

## Purslow Show – Judges' Tips

**O**ur judges in the Cookery and Store Cupboard Classes only make general comments, so if a label is near your entry it is not aimed specifically at you, but a general observation aimed at helping all entrants. Here are some of their tips.

**Savoury items** should be presented on a board or flat plate as this demonstrates skill, and shows off exhibits at their best.

**Bread** should be 24 hours old to be judged. Knead well to avoid a 'hole-y' texture. A flying top can be due to under proving or putting in too hot an oven.

**Pies** should be cooked 24 hours before showing, not frozen. An enamel plate conducts heat better for cooking pies, and a little caster sugar sprinkled on top helps appearance.

**Store Cupboard** items should have a full date.

**Jams** - take care not to over-boil fruit. Lids should be new, or use a wax disc and cellophane.

**Lemon curd** - sieve zest for showing and present with a wax disc and cellophane as it has a shelf-life and is not a true preserve.

**Pickles and chutneys** - fill jars to the top and use a new lid to avoid stale flavours.

Chutneys improve with keeping, consistency should be spreadable. Traditional honey/coffee jars are not airtight and therefore will not preserve.

**Jellies** - be careful not to over-boil as those with good pectin will set after a few minutes.

*Eirlys Ellams*

## 100 Club July Winners

Catherine Lishman: £20;  
Jeremy Freeman: £15;  
Heather Jones: £10;  
Karl Bailey: £5;  
Henry Matveieff: £3

## Crown Inn Farewell

**A**s I'm sure most of you are aware we are leaving The Crown Inn, Clunton. We have had just over nine very happy years there and feel it is now time to spend some precious time with our family. We would like to thank you all for your continuous support for meals, Wednesday night fish and chips and our drinking customers.

Our last night will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August but there will be no meals, as we will be having a farewell drink or two as part of our sad departure. We would love to see you there.

'Cheers' to you all

*Andy, Della, Chloe and Arron*



The Parish Post Team would like to thank Andy and Della on behalf of all who have enjoyed their hospitality and cooking. We wish them well for the future.

## Trovatori Concert

**S**t Swithin's Church, Clunbury, was full on Saturday 15 July to enjoy a wonderful concert. Trovatori are a husband and wife singing duo who entertained us with light opera and folk songs, accompanying themselves on guitars. The singing was superb and much enjoyed by all. In the interval, the PCC provided strawberries and Prosecco, shortbread biscuits and delightful bite-sized cakes. A lovely evening - with maybe more concerts to come! Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

*Pat Harding*

## Another Pet Service at Clunbury

Dogs, ponies and their owners gathered in Clunbury churchyard for a service to celebrate the companionship of our pets. All were well-behaved and the ponies helped by eating some grass. Coffee, biscuits and cakes were enjoyed after the service - even by people walking through the churchyard.



### Trinity Hospital Clun

The Trustees of Trinity Hospital would like to hear from people in need, over 55 years of age, 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 ground floor properties, a first floor flat and a 2 bedroom house 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 Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs J S Woodroffe, Petan, Wistanstow, Craven Arms, SY7 8DG Tel 672303

## So Who's the Vicar?

Not sure who your vicar is, or how good looking he may be? I am Rev Simon Mondon, vicar of the Clun Valley Benefice,



which includes St Swithin's, Clunbury and its daughter church St Mary's in Clunton. It also includes many of the outlying hamlets that surround it. You may have seen me - I'm the one in a funny hat!

I have now been in post for 20 months, and you are most welcome to come and meet me in church! But, if you would prefer a more informal time, why not invite me for coffee, (no cake or biscuits please, as I have a sugar issue) either by phone, email, letter or through a church warden. I won't bang on about church-going or even giving money (that's unless you want me to) it is just a time for me to get to know you, and you me.

I can't guarantee to get to you the same day, but will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time and I will get to you.

So don't delay, call me now on 640380 or email [revsimon@btinternet.com](mailto:revsimon@btinternet.com)

Your vicar, Simon  
The Vicarage, Clun, SY7 8JG

## Cash for Communities Funds Colour Run

The newly formed Save the SpArC Charity was recently successful in the Shropshire Star 'Cash for Communities Competition', when it was awarded £575 towards the Bishop's Castle Colour Run. This year it takes place on Saturday 16 September and the organisers plan to make it an annual event.

Mandy Cooke, SpArC Trustee said "The Cash for Communities money will really help put on this event which we hope will be bigger than last year and beat last year's fundraising total of over £3k. We are very grateful to everyone who cut out and saved tokens for us and to the Shropshire Star and their partner Enterprise for sponsoring the Cash for Communities awards". Anyone interested in taking part in the 5km Colour Run can register online at [www.entrycentral.com/bishopscastlecolourrun](http://www.entrycentral.com/bishopscastlecolourrun). The entry fee is £10 and under 5s are free. For more information contact: Ruth Houghton, email [Houghton.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:Houghton.ruth@btinternet.com) or phone 638352 or 07773 490773

## News from South West Shropshire Gardening Club



No meeting in August. Annual Garden and Produce Show on Saturday 2 September at Lydbury North Village Hall from 2.00-4.30. There will be refreshments, a plant stall and a raffle. Non-members are very welcome to enter. There are over 80 classes to choose from, including: Photography, Handicrafts, Preserves and Cookery. You don't have to be an expert.

You can see our newly planted garden at the front of the hall, which was created on Saturday 22 July, for our Pearl Anniversary of 30 years.

All the Show information you need to know is in the schedule – available from me at [angiejsalmon@btinternet.com](mailto:angiejsalmon@btinternet.com) or please give me a ring 01588 661025.

Members are also able to visit Heather and Julian's garden at Prolley Moor on Wednesday 16 August. Since they also run the plant stall at the Show, this could provide great inspiration for placing plants in the right place in your own garden.

*Angie Salmon*

## Air Ambulance Donation



Following the very successful Open Gardens event held in June Clunbury Village Hall donated £560 from the proceeds to The Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. The photo shows members of the Village Hall Committee and Clunbury Café customers with a certificate of appreciation from the charity.

## Hummingbird Hawkmoth Spotted in Clunbury

Every year many people are taken aback as they see in their garden what appears at first sight to be a hummingbird hovering at the flowers. A careful check on the size and a closer look unmasks this imposter as a Hummingbird Hawkmoth, *Macroglossum stellatarum*. This one was spotted in the garden of Tansy Cottage.



The Hummingbird Hawkmoth is a day-flying moth with a wingspan of about two inches (50-58mm). It has a brown, white-spotted abdomen, brown forewings and orange hindwings. It is very swift on the wing and an expert hoverer. The wings beat so rapidly that they produce an audible hum and can be seen only as a haze. The darting movement from one flower to the next with the long proboscis uncoiled, completes the illusion of a hummingbird.

*Lynne Thompson*

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## Parish Council Meeting 20 July

Eight councillors present + four members of the public. Apologies from Cllr Morgan and Nigel Hartin who was attending the LJC meeting.

**Planning:** *Barn Conversion to six dwellings at Kempton Farm.* Mr Bright gave a short presentation outlining the application. Councillors had been advised of the application and had been able to view the plans on-line. Mr Bright confirmed that all the dwellings would be in existing buildings and that the newer Dutch barns would be demolished. An ecological survey for bats had taken place. There would be a sewage treatment plant in an adjacent field. The development would make provision for nesting birds. The existing barns would eventually fall down if nothing is done with them, as they are not suitable for modern farming methods. The outer appearance would not change. If the plans are approved the site would be sold to a developer. There is no time scale as yet. Mr Bright left the meeting.

Cllr Hoskins has been in contact with residents of Kempton. In essence there was no problem with the development but some questions had been raised regarding the size of the development, increase in traffic and the lack of 'green' space. It was agreed that a site visit was needed and this was arranged for 25 July. Comments have to be sent to SC by 6 August.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes of meeting held on 18 May 2017**

*Footbridge at Clunbury:* Nothing to report. The clerk has emailed SC but had no response. Cllr Harding asked that this be followed up.

*Twichen Noticeboard:* Cllr Bailey reported that this is serviceable and the carpenter is now back from holiday and will carry out the necessary work.

*Clunton Speed Check:* Cllr Harding reported that this had been carried out but the results are not known.

**West Shropshire LJ Committee and NHS:** Cllr Croxton left the LJC meeting at Norbury to be at the PC meeting. The following were being discussed: moving the whole fire service control centre for the West Midlands to one

place; SpArC; the budget for grants.

*NHS:* Mrs Jones updated the meeting. Hospital departments (A & E etc) are still in a bad way. Maternity provision in Ludlow is reducing more and more. Social Care is in a critical state. There is a problem recruiting more First Responders. A trial of physicians going out with ambulances had proved successful but had affected response times. Bishop's Castle Hospital will be closed for a period due to unsafe floors but Bishop's Castle surgery are confident it will re-open and be retained. Positive News: Bishop's Castle are piloting a 'Frailty Footpath' system for older people; the Meadows Surgery is working well and looking for funding to expand; Shropdoc has been named as the best 'out of hours' provider in the country but they are still having to trim back. Mrs Jones urged councillors to think about some input into the consultation that will start in September. There will be a lot to discuss. She offered to attend the next PC meeting in September to update councillors.

**Roads:** *Twichen:* Cllr Bailey reported as follows on a public meeting held in Twichen regarding enforcement of speed limits. Glyn Shaw had inform them the way forward would be to have a 40mph buffer zone at the each end of the village commencing where the 30mph signs are currently in place. The 30mph would then commence nearer the junction with Redwood Lane at one end and near the junction with the lane leading up to the old quarry at the other. He will speak to the Police traffic liaison officer regarding this. He will draw up proposed plans for the exact placing of the signs and forward them to the Clerk for consideration by the residents. Once this has been achieved and the signs erected, we will be in a position to apply to the Safer Road Partnership for legal enforcement by their radar vehicles within both the 30 and 40 limits. The second issue is the increased use of the road by HGVs. This is currently an issue in Clun with continued damage to the bridge and street furniture. There is going to be consultation on preventing HGVs entering Clun. We have been asked to be part of this as we do not want them being diverted via the Twichen.

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**Kempton:** Cllr. Hoskins is meeting Glyn Shaw again regarding the main road through Kempton. There have been two further accidents: one involving a motorcyclist who waited 2 hours for an ambulance and the other when two cars were written off.

**Clunton:** Cllr Harding reported that weeds were still not cleared from Clunton Brook, one side of which is the responsibility of SC and the other the responsibility of the property owners. The

Clerk will contact SC listing concerns and asking for a site visit.

**Finance:** Figures were not available. Payments for electricity and the Clerk's salary were approved. It was agreed that the Clerk would complete the forms for the 'Transparency Fund Grant' which will enable her to put items on the Parish Council Website.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 21 September, 8pm, at Clunbury VH.

*Sheila Downes*

### Events Diary for August 2017

Sat 29 July-Sun 6 Aug	10am-6pm (10-noon 6 Aug)	Clun Art & Craft Show-640401	Hightown Community Room
Tue 1	7.30-9.30pm	Roadshow & Roses	Methodist Church, Clun
Tue 1	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 2	6.30-7pm start from Memorial Hall—walking Treasure Hunt around Clun		
Wed 2		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 3	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 3	Afternoon	Judging of Hanging Baskets & Tubs Clun	
Thu 3	9pm	Folk Night at The Sun	The Sun, Clun
Fri 4	7.30pm	Clun Carnival Canter—640910/640013	The White Horse, Clun
Fri 4	9pm	Live Music	The White Horse, Clun
Sat 5	1pm onwards	Clun Carnival and Show—Live Music in Square from 5pm	
Sat 5	7pm	Finals of Tom Beardsley Cup	Clun Bowling Green
Sun 6	9.45am	Clun Carnival Praise	Showground Bandstand
Sun 6	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 6	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 7-Fri 11	2-5pm	Cuthbert's Holiday Club for children-660231	St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Wed 9	7pm	RSC—Titus Andronicus—630321/638038	SpArC
Thu 10	12.30pm	Summer Lunch-660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 10	6pm	Flicks—The Boss Baby—630321/638038	SpArC
Sun 13	11.15am	United BCP Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 15	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Thu 17	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 19	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 20	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thu 24		Tim's Travels to Liverpool—640506	
Sun 27	11.15am	United CWHC	St. Mary's, Clunton
Mon 28	From 1.30pm	Purslow Show	
Tue 29	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Thu 31	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 31	7pm	NT Live—Yerma—660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 31	7pm	NT Live—Yerma—630321/638038	SpArC
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sat 2	2-4.30	SWSGC Show	Lydbury North Village Hall
Tues 5		Start of Autumn Term—Clunbury School	