

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All Our Readers



Everyone is invited to the
Clunbury Village School

CHRISTMAS BINGO!

Tuesday 5th December

Clunbury Village Hall

Eyes down 6.00pm

Fantastic Prizes!

Refreshments provided

All proceeds to Clunbury School



Clunbury Village Hall

invites you to

A Festive Tea

Thursday 28 December



From 3.00pm

Free entry

Hamper Raffles

Parish Post AGM

You are invited to join us for
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

14 December 2017

Kempton Village Hall, 7.30pm



As a new member of the Parish Post team, I have seen first hand the work that goes into providing our community with a FREE monthly newsletter. The Parish Post keeps us all informed about local activities and events, as well as local news items of interest to the community. I think we would all miss this fantastic resource if it were to stop now. The AGM is your opportunity to come along, meet the team and show your appreciation for the brilliant job they do. It's important to let them know what you think and share any thoughts you may have for improvements.

This is your Parish Post! Your opinion matters to us!

Here are a few interesting facts that you may not know: since 2010 there have been 88 issues and over 24,000 copies printed and delivered.

This is an amazing achievement and they should all be congratulated, so please show your support.

Lynne Thompson

Please send your next contributions by 20 January 2018

A Tribute to Dawn



Dawn pictured at the last Purslow Show

It was with sadness that we heard of the sudden death, on 14 November, of our friend Dawn Parsonage. For the last five years she has been a lively and active member of Clunbury Village Hall Committee, contributing to our café and other events. She organised and manned many a raffle which helped raise money to keep the hall going for the benefit of the community. Over the years she became a friend as well as a colleague. She was funny, kind, spirited and generous with her time and talents. She will be greatly missed, and we extend our condolences to her family and friends.

Clunbury Village Hall Committee

Clunbury Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Monday 8 January 2018, 7.30pm

This will be an open meeting to which all are welcome.

Why not come along; enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Share your thoughts and ideas for the coming year.



Clunbury 100 Club

Ann Wadsworth: £20; Sally Goodwin: £15; Caroline Bason: £10; Jane Cassford: £5; Marianne Hints: £3.



Christmas Coffee Morning

Friday 8 December, from 10.30am
for St Mary's Church
in the Crown Inn, Clunton

Bring and Buy, cakes, raffle & coffee
Come and join us



Clunbury Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17 December, 5pm
at St Swithin's

With mulled wine and mince pies

Clunbury Singers will be singing at the
Carol Service. If you enjoy singing and
would like to join us

contact Pat on 01588 660169

Clunton Carol Service

Friday 22 December, 7pm
at St Mary's

Mince pies and mulled wine
following the service



Clunton Scrumpers Quiz Night

27 Jan 2018, 7pm
Clunton Village Hall

Ploughman's + Puds

Bring your own Drink

Clunton Mulled Cider available

Tickets from

Pauline 01588 660120
and Anne 01588 660309



Clunton 100 Club

October 1st: Mary Gittins; 2nd: Ann Malpas; 3rd: Rene Collins.

November 1st: Mary Minns; 2nd: Della Peers; 3rd: Pam Bay.

Family Enquiry

If anyone knows anything about the Southern family, at one time in Kempton, and who are buried at Clunbury, could you please contact Christina Whitehead 01588 660424.

Parish Post Funding Success

The Community Shop in Aston on Clun once again made funding available to help pay for projects that benefit residents of local parishes, including Clunbury. Our successful application for funding ensures that the Parish Post can continue to be published and distributed free of charge. All involved with the Aston shop deserve a big 'Thank you' from us and we encourage all in Clunbury Parish to support them either by volunteering to help or by shopping there.

Sue Hill for the PP team

Kempton Village Hall Committee joins the Parish Post in thanking Aston on Clun shop for their very generous grant.

Birds, Books and Boxes

Tom Wall entertained us all with his amusing little anecdotes about his passion for wild birds. Everyone enjoyed it and we all came away inspired to do our bit to support our feathered friends.



Even though the House Martins may have had mixed reviews, I think we can all agree that our gardens would be a much more forlorn place without them.

What made this event even more special was that neighbouring villages Kempton and Clunbury, worked together to put this event on, sharing the money raised for both communities and making the evening a great success.

Lynne Thompson

SW Shropshire Gardening Club

The Work of the Royal Horticultural Society

A talk by Elizabeth Banks

Wednesday 24 January 2018, 7.30 pm

Lydbury North Village Hall



Elizabeth Banks was President of The RHS from 2010-2013 and is now President Emeritus. She is a landscape architect and has run an internationally renowned agency for 20 years specialising in the restoration of historic landscapes. Along with her husband she manages the seventy acre, Hergest Croft Gardens, 'one of the best collections of trees and shrubs in private hands'. Elizabeth has written a book 'Creating Period Gardens'. She has appeared on TV and given lectures in both Europe and America.

Elizabeth will describe the huge range of the RHS's work. Its mission is to transform communities through gardening, be it Britain in Bloom, in education, community projects, providing inspiration through shows, as well as excellence in science. This is a unique opportunity to see from the inside this much loved national institution. She will also talk about the development of Hergest Croft Gardens.

This 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 our Chairman, Sandy Burton 01588 680454 or please look at our website:

www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Sara Metcalf

Don't Miss the Christmas Post

Last December Posting Dates:

Inland:

1st class: Thurs 21st

2nd class: Wed 20th

Airmail

Australia, New Zealand: Sat 9th

Canada, USA: Thurs 14th

Europe: Fri 15th





Christmas Fair



Saturday 9 December
10am-1pm

Hightown Community Room
Vicarage Road, Clun

Admission £1 (includes coffee/tea)
A great selection of gifts including
preserves, cakes, Christmas
decorations and other crafts, and.....

Father Christmas has promised
to join us

Something for everyone

Held in aid of St George's Church, Clun



Bishop's Castle Tandem Triathlon – Organisers Support the Save the SpArC Campaign

The Trustees of the Save the SpArC charity were delighted to accept a cheque for £500 from the organisers of the 2017 Bishop's Castle Tandem Triathlon in recognition of the critical part played by the centre in this unique event. The next triathlon will be held on 30 June 2018.



The photograph shows (left to right): Jean Shirley, Chair of SpArC Trustees receiving the £500 cheque from Dr Adrian Penney, a founder of the event, and Mr Alan Doust, Headteacher at Bishop's Castle Community College and SpArC Trustee.

Charity Trustee Wanted

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) is a registered charity founded in 2007 whose mission is to provide no interest loans to people who are assessed to be in acute financial need, underpinned by our values of Integrity, Inclusivity, Community and Respect.



The position of Trustee is purely voluntary and is not remunerated, but we are offering the opportunity to be part of a charity that supports local people and businesses and makes a real difference to people's lives. If you would like to find out more please contact us via

enquiries@tenburynils.org.uk
or telephone 01584 811512
10am-2pm Tuesday/Thursday

Aston on Clun Craft and Collectables
Last Minute Christmas Market
16 December 10.00-1.00pm
Handmade local crafts

PLEASE SUPPORT!

We will be collecting for the local Food Bank and local Cat and Dog rescue Centre. Please bring an item of non perishable food

All donations gratefully received; you will receive a free raffle ticket for each item donated to be entered into the prize draw

Bedstone Village Hall

8 December, 7.30pm
'Churchill'

with Brian Cox as Churchill

12 January 7.30pm

Film classic: Hitchcock's

'North by Northwest'

Entry: £4. Refreshments served at half time, but please bring your own wine/beer if you want

Clunbury Parish Council Report 9 November

7 councillors present, the clerk + 3 members of the public

Apologies from Cllrs Jones and Morgan.

Minutes of the Planning Meeting following the 25 July site visit to view development proposals at Kempton Farm were approved.

Matters arising from the last meeting:

Footbridge behind Chapel House at Clunbury: no progress. A letter could be sent to the papers underlying the difficulties of getting in touch with Shropshire Council on matters of footpath safety.

Tree Warden: Catherine Lishman has volunteered.

A good job had been made of cleaning the ditch that runs by the Crown at Clunton.

Planning:

Cwm House: Erection of front entrance canopy, rear porch, basement enlargement and terrace over, realignment of rear boundary wall and installation of satellite dish and security alarm affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Granted

Moor House, Twitchen: Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building. Granted.

Chicken sheds at Hurst Barn: not yet decided.

SWSLJC: No meeting had taken place.

Health Service: Discussion on 'Future Fit': Sylvia Jones described the situation and outlined the problems. (see Sylvia Jones's article, next page).

Roads:

Lights: One street light out in Clunton. The pros and cons of changing from Sodium to LED lights were discussed; Sodium lights are to be phased out in 2020. LEDs would consume 80% less electricity but are more expensive to install and the poles might need replacing. The clerk to get some quotes.

Speed limit in Clunton: the police have monitored twice, and have issued 3

speeding tickets to date. Monitoring will continue.

Twitchen and Kempton speed limits: no progress as yet.

Clunton Burial Ground: The clerk suggested a working party to cut hedges. Cllrs Croxton and Davies to go and have a look, meet the adjacent owner, and report back.

Correspondence: The Parish Post has been awarded a grant by Aston on Clun shop. Cllr Croxton praised the PP volunteers for the publication.

Finances:

Bank accounts: £6,630.53

Bills to settle: £425.84

The clerk outlined the problems of electricity bills: the Council only meets every 2 months; this creates a problem if the bills are presented early in the period. It was decided to pay by Direct Debit (it was suggested that this might lead to a slight reduction).

The Parish Council elections: £100 will be invoiced in April. Although there were no elections in the parish, this represents the administrative cost for Shropshire Council. Although an election would be welcome, as there has not been one for a long time, it would be much more costly.

The precept for 2018/19 will be discussed at the next meeting, when more information on the cost of replacing street lights in Clunton would be available.

Next meeting: Clunton Village Hall, 11 January, 8pm.

Gisèle Wall

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NHS Future Fit - Update

Public consultation on the proposed Future Fit (FF) proposals has been delayed again because NHEngland managers and local councillors on a scrutiny committee continue to raise searching questions about finance and wider community care.

The latest Business Case document – the 31st attempt to get it right since it was first published in the summer of 2016, and the 16th in the last three months alone – went back to NHSE last week with more caveats, rewrites and revised figures for such basics as bed numbers and staffing levels.

Very serious concern about the viability of FF and whether projected figures were accurate were raised last week at a key meeting of Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (who together with Shropshire CCG control our local health services) where two directors voted against the plan and a further two abstained.

There can be no public consultation until NHSE gives the green light. The current draft consultation document contains no information about community healthcare service changes even though FF hospital reconfiguration is based around reducing admissions to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital and acute hospital beds.

The consequences for patients in rural areas like Clunbury Parish are not being addressed – mainly because evidence based analysis is only now beginning to be carried out and there is no money to pay for care unless current services are slashed, so that 80% of those savings can be “reinvested”. At the moment there is no provision at all for transitional funding.

Community hospitals with in-patient beds – like Bishops Castle and Ludlow – appear to be at serious risk. Simon Freeman, chief officer of Shropshire CCG, says they are “too expensive”. But years of penny-pinching cuts and closures have resulted in fewer bed numbers raising unit costs for those buildings.

A group of patients, health campaigners, GP and, former NHS staff are hoping to form a working party to offer a series of rural community healthcare proposals based on population needs and evidenced research. This will be offered to the CCG for inclusion in the, so far, very sketchy ideas officials are putting forward. But the main aim is to inform the public about what could – and should – be available in our area. This will also help everyone to ask well informed questions during the 14-week consultation period. Anyone who has skills and information that could be useful, and would like to join the working party, will be very welcome.

Sylvia Jones 01588 660114

Former Parish Councillor representing the Parish Council at Future Fit meetings

Clungunford Flicks in the Sticks

Friday 15 December
Hampstead (12A)

Starring James Norton, Diane Keaton, Brendan Gleeson

Friday 26 January

My Cousin Rachel (12A)
*Starring Rachel Weisz, Sam Claflin,
Holliday Grainger*

All performances 8pm
box office open from 7.30pm

Adults £4; Children £2

Raffle, ice creams and licensed bar

For enquires and reservations

tel: Ann: 01588 660727 or Maureen: 01588 660781

National Theatre Live **Aston on Clun Village Hall**

7 December

Young Marx

starring Rory Kinnear as Marx

In the New Year

22 Feb: **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**
(Tennessee Williams)

22 March: **Julius Caesar**

There are other performances coming up, please go to the Hall's website
<http://astononclunhall.org/index.html>
for further information

Events Diary for December 2017 (see next page for January 2018)

Fri 1	8.30am	Christmas Shopping trip to Birmingham – 01588 660493 to book	Leaves from Aston Village Hall
Fri 1	7.30pm	BC Railway Society – Building the 81st Grange – 01588 638998	Methodist Hall, BC
Sat 2	7.30pm	Flicks – 2nd Viceroy's House – 01588 640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 3	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 3	PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO Songs of Praise in four-part harmony THIS MONTH		
Mon 4	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group – every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 5	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 5	2pm	Flicks – A Christmas Carol (1984) – 01588 638038/630321	SpArC
Tue 5	6pm	Clunbury School Christmas Bingo	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 5	7.30pm	Flicks – Going in Style-680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 6		Quiz–proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 6	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society – Hail Caesar	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 7		Tim's Travels – Gloucester Christmas Shopping – 01588 640506	
Thu 7	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 7	7pm	NT Live – Young Marx – 01588 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 7	7pm	NT Live – Young Marx – 01588 638038/630321	SpArC
Fri 8	from 10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning	Crown Inn, Clunton
Fri 8	7.30pm	Flicks – Churchill	Bedstone Village Hall
Sat 9	10am-1pm	Christmas Fair at Clun	Hightown Community Room
Sat 9	2.30pm	Alison Neil – Mrs Beeton, My Sister – 01588 638038/630321	SpArC
Sun 10	11.15am	BCP Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 10	2pm	Royal Ballet Live – The Nutcracker Encore – 01588 638038/630321	SpArC
Wed 13		SWSGC Meal Out	
Thu 14	7.30pm	Parish Post AGM with refreshments	Kempton Village Hall
Fri 15		Clunbury School Last Day of Term	
Fri 15	8pm	Flicks-Hampstead – 01588 660159	Parish Hall, Clungrunford
Sat 16	10am-3pm	Craft & Collectables Market – Last Minute Gifts	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 17	5pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 19	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Thu 21	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 21	6pm	Flicks – ELF – 01588 638038/630321	SpArC
Fri 22	7pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 24	3pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Midnight Holy Communion	St George's, Clun
Mon 25	8.30am	United Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thu 28	From 3pm	Festive Tea	Clunbury Village Hall

Bishop's Castle Railway Society

1 December 2017: Building the 81st Grange; Paul Appleton & David Huntbatch

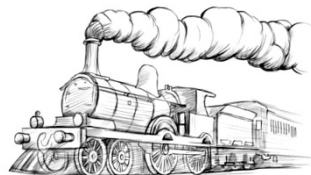
5 January 2018: Preserved Steam on BR; Ron Davies

All meetings at the Methodist Hall, Station Street,
Bishop's Castle at 7.30pm

Members free; Visitors £2.00

Refreshments available

For details, contact: John Rimmer 01588 638998

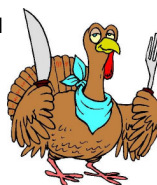


Events Diary for January 2018

Tue 2	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 3		Clunbury School First Day of Spring Term	
Wed 3		Quiz – proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 4	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 5	7.30pm	BC Railway Society – Preserved Steam on BR – 01588 638998	Methodist Hall, BC
Sun	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 7	6pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 01588 661171	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 8	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group – every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 8	7.30pm	Clunbury Village Hall AGM	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 10	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society – Glories of Tango	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 11	7pm	Flicks – Howard's End – 01588 638038/630321	SpArC
Thu 11	8pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 12	7.30pm	Film Classic – North by Northwest	Bedstone Village Hall
Sun 14	11.15am	BCP Holy Communion	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
Sat 20	7.30pm	Flicks – Dunkirk (2017) – 01588 660545	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 21	2pm	Royal Opera House – Rigoletto Encore – 01588 630321/638038	SpArC
Sun 21	6.30pm	United Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Wed 24	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club – Garden Design in the 21st Century	Lydney North Village Hall
Wed 24	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society – Manchester by the Sea	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 26	8pm	Flicks – My Cousin Rachel – 01588 660159	Parish Hall, Clungunford
Sat 27	7pm	Clunton Scrumpers Quiz + Ploughman's & Puds 01588 660120/309	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 28	11.15am	United Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 30	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		

The Twelve Days of Christmas

- On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me
"I'm glad we bought fresh turkey and a real Christmas tree."
- On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard
As we tucked into our turkey – a most delicious bird.
- On the third day we entertained the people from next door.
The turkey tasted good, just as it had the day before.
- Day four: relations came to stay – poor gran is looking old.
We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold.
- On the fifth day of Christmas outside the snowflakes flurried,
But we were nice and warm inside, for we had our turkey curried.
- On the sixth day I must admit, the Christmas spirit died.
The children fought and bickered – we ate the turkey – fried.
- On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince:
He sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.
- Day eight and nerves were getting frayed – the dog had run for shelter,
I served up turkey pancakes with a glass of Alka Seltzer.
- On day nine our cat left home, by lunchtime Dad was blotto,
He said he had to have a drink to face turkey risotto!
- By the tenth day the booze had gone (except our home-made brew)
And as if that wasn't bad enough we suffered turkey stew.
- On the eleventh day of Christmas the Christmas tree was moulting,
The mince pies were as hard as rock – and the turkey was revolting.
- On the twelfth day my true love had a smile upon his lips.
The guests had gone – the turkey too – we dined on fish and chips!



Elementary Bible School Tests
The following quotes are from children from a Catholic school who were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. They have not been re-touched or corrected. We have chosen 2 of the most relevant to the Christmas period.
**"When Mary heard she was the Mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta.
 "Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption."**