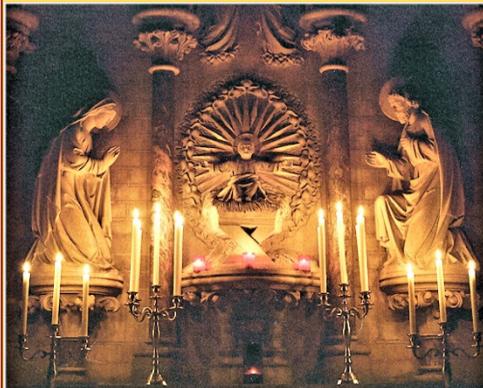


*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to all our readers*

*Music by candlelight  
for the Nativity*



**St Swithin's Church, Clunbury  
Sunday 9 December, 5 pm**

*The Rosary Sonatas by H I F Biber*

*The Joyful Mysteries*

**The Bach Players**

Tickets £12.50

From: Pat Harding 01588 660169

patmharding@aol.com

or: Christina Whitehead 01588 660424

ajwhitehead@farming.co.uk

## Parish Post AGM

You are invited to join us for  
mulled wine and mince pies

Monday 17 December

Clunton Village Hall

7.30pm



## Clunbury Christmas Craft Group Festive Crafting



Come and join us :

Clunbury Village

Hall

**Wed 12 December**

**10.00—1.00pm**

Bring and Share

Tea and Coffee provided.

£3.00

Contact: Lynne 661180



## Coffee Morning

In aid of St Mary's  
Clunton

**Wednesday 5 December  
Orchard House Clunton**

**10.30—12 noon**

**Bring & Buy  
+ Raffle**

**£1.00 Coffee  
& biscuits**



Please send your next contributions by 20 January

## Carol Services



### Clunbury Carols by Candlelight St Swithin's

Sunday 16 December, 4pm  
With Mulled Wine and Mince Pies



### Clunton Carol Service St Mary's

Friday 21 December, 7pm



Everyone is invited to the  
Clunbury School

# CHRISTMAS BINGO!

Tuesday 18th December

Clunbury Village Hall

Eyes down 6.00pm

Fantastic Prizes!

Refreshments provided

All proceeds to Clunbury School



# YOGA

Clunbury Village Hall  
from 20th November 2018

**Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am**

£6 per session. Beginners Welcome.



*"Yoga is an ancient form of exercise  
that focuses on strength, flexibility  
and breathing to boost physical  
and mental wellbeing"*

For further information please contact Kat

07968 819123 [katyoga@holwill.net](mailto:katyoga@holwill.net)

@Kat Holwill Yoga [kats.yoga](https://www.instagram.com/kats.yoga)

## Fund Raiser for Clunbury School AT NO COST TO YOU!

EasyFundraising are offering to donate an extra £5 to Friends of Clunbury School for everyone who signs up using this link. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/RORTD1>

It is so quick and easy to do. Just fill in your details, choose Friends of Clunbury School and go shopping. It really doesn't cost you a penny - just one extra click when you shop online. I've raised £22.82 so far - it might not sound like a lot, but it all adds up.

It's not a virus or a hoax, but it could get an extra £5 for the children. I'm happy to help you register - just shout. Please pass on the link to anyone who is happy to help. Thank you!



Suzanne Hawden

## Beacon of Light

How fortunate we were, when, under a clear and extraordinarily starry night, some forty or so of us gathered to light Clunbury's Beacon of Light to mark the end of WW1. Thanks to Annie Sutton who read the names of those who did not return, to young Emma Jones who carefully lit our Beacon, and to Yvonne who made the hairs stand up on the back of our necks as the Last Post sounded out across the Clun Valley.

Also thanks to all those who brought cakes and biscuits and nibbles and hot drinks, which made the evening so much more enjoyable/warmer.

NB: A navy rain hat and a pomped woolly hat in grey/blue and white were left behind... We have them saved; ring Carol or Jonathan Griffiths on 01588 660304 if they are yours.

*Carol Griffiths*

## On the Way to the Loo

Progress towards installing a loo, safe stairs for the bell ringers, and a kitchen unit in St Swithin's is slow, but, as our church is a Grade 1 building, we have to comply with all sorts of rules and regulations, as well as raising money on the way. However, we are getting closer and hope to be building next year; so watch for developments.

Thank you to all the parents who have made donations for coffee served in the church before children's services. Money will go towards removing four pews to make room for children, baby buggies or wheelchairs.

*Christina Whitehead*

## Clunbury 100 Club

Bob Richards: £20; Joey Matveieff: £15; Lynne Morris: £10; Sally Goodwin: £5; Ruth Seabury: £5.

## Clunton 100 Club

**October** Draw - 1st: Gill Deakins; 2nd: Di Casey; 3rd: Andy Peers.

**November** Draw - 1st: Barbara Huffer; 2nd: Catherine Lishman; 3rd: Marley Davies.

## Auction Results

The Auction of Promises at the Hundred House, in aid of St Swithin's Church, raised £3,465. As the report from Ludlow livestock mart might say: "there was a good showing of mince pies, with prices topping out at £18, swedes saw keen bidding, as did the pork pie. There was a good following for cakes with coffee and walnut with Baileys topping the market, trade on manure was slow, but all lots found a buyer, pickles, chutneys and jams had their usual healthy following".

Thanks to all who contributed by donating or buying, or both; thanks to our auctioneer, Les Thomas of McCartneys; thanks also to all the helpers on the evening, and to Andy and Lydia of the Hundred House for letting us turn their pub upside down!

*Carol Griffiths*

## Apple Juicing/Scrumper

A great day, but so cold! Lots of Apples. We pressed steadily throughout the day and everyone brought many different varieties. Next we'll press for cider and perry, but, to sample, wait for the cider day next June.

*Anne Shepherdson*



## Don't Miss the Christmas Post

### Last Posting Dates In December:

#### Inland:

2nd class: Tuesday 18th

1st class: Thursday 20th

#### Airmail

Australia: Wednesday 5th

Canada, USA: Friday 14th

Europe: Saturday 17th



## January Events

### Clunbury Village Hall

Invites you to join us for a

## Fun Quiz

**Saturday 19 January 2019**

**7.30pm**

£2.50 per person

Teams up to 6

Ploughman's Supper  
(optional) £3.00

No bar – Bring your own

To book a table contact:

*Alister 661180 or*

*Barbara 660629*



## Clunton Scrumpters Quiz Night

Saturday 19 Jan, 7pm

Clunton Village Hall

Food and Cider

Tickets £8.50 from  
Anne 01588 660309



## Clunbury Craft Group

Invites you to a workshop

### An introduction to your sewing machine

Catherine Crowther will be  
holding a workshop on

**Wednesday 23 January 2019**

**10.00–1.00pm**

£6.00

to cover cost of visiting demonstrators

Includes refreshments.

Contact: Lynne 661180



## Clunbury Village Hall AGM

Monday 7 January 7.30pm

Come along and enjoy a glass of  
mulled wine and a mince pie

Share your thoughts and ideas for the  
coming year.

Everyone welcome

Look forward to

seeing you.



## Electoral Roll Officer

Clunbury Parochial Church Council  
would be very grateful to hear from  
anyone prepared to be the Electoral  
Roll Officer. This is not an onerous task  
- just needs someone, preferably living  
in Clunbury, who could take on an  
administrative job for the Parish.  
Further details from Churchwardens.

Tel: 660169 or 660424.

## CONTACTS

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## SWSGC

Birds, Bees and Broad Beans

A Talk by Malc Mollart

Wednesday 23 January

7.30 pm

Lydbury North Village Hall



This month's talk is by gardening and wildlife enthusiast Malc Mollart. Malc studied horticulture at college and later completed a garden design course with the Open College of Arts. He and his wife have created a quarter acre garden in South Shropshire, described as a 'quirky cottage garden', which they have opened for the NGS for the last five years.

The talk will tell the story of how a group of interested people got together and turned an open field into Bow Allotment Community Gardens, a multi-award-winning community space. The local community, gardening and wildlife are at the heart of the project. Local families are encouraged to get involved and the garden is managed with the natural world always in mind. Wildlife is seen as the gardener's ally.

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 Sandy Burton 01588 680454 or look at our website: [www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk)

*Sarah Metcalf*



After several months of closure, The Crown Inn has new tenants: award-winning chef Blaine Reed and front of house manager Michelle Coutts. Blaine and Michelle have worked together for many years both in Shropshire and Gloucestershire, in quality hotels, restaurants and pubs and they are excited to have taken on the Crown Inn in the beautiful Clun Valley. Although the pub is still closed due to kitchen renovations, once complete they are looking forward to getting to know their customers, both old and new, but in the meantime why not look on the new Facebook page, where they will be sharing updates.

*Pat Harding*

## New five year Management Plan for the Shropshire Hills AONB

A new Plan has been drafted and is available for public consultation. The draft is the result of work among partners in the AONB Partnership over the last year and a half. We welcome comments from anyone who has an interest in the area. To view the document online follow this link <http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/a-special-place/management-plan/>

The Plan sets out draft policies of the local authorities, and proposed actions for a wider variety of partners, under three main aims:

- Land management supporting natural beauty and landscape
- Planning for a sustainable economy and communities
- People enjoying and caring about the landscape

For further information please contact AONB Manager, Phil Holden, on 01743 254741 or at [phil.holden@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:phil.holden@shropshire.gov.uk).

## Great White Christmas?

Readers may remember that, at this time last year, a Great White Egret frequented the Clun and the Kemp. One has been seen recently near Lydham and local birders have high hopes that it may grace our parish again before the end of the year.



*Photo: Andrew Fusek Peters*

# Parish Council Report

## 22 November

6 councillors present + clerk + Cllr Hartin + 1 member of the public

Apologies from Cllr Hill

### **Matters arising from last meeting:**

*Footbridge at Clunbury:* some welding has been done and new railings installed; still to be painted. A grant of £300 has been received from Shropshire Council. The Parish Council to pay the balance.

*Oddfellows banner:* the Parish Council is looking into the possibility of photographing the banner.

*Broadband at Kempton:* No news; Cllr Harding to enquire.

**Planning:** application for affordable plot eligibility on the land between Kempton village hall and the B4385.

### **South West Shropshire LJC:**

Cllr Hartin reported on the financial situation of Shropshire Council and its effect on the running of the Council. There is a spending freeze in place. With a view to economising, council workers will be working from home on Fridays; Cllr Croxton asked if the offices would be closed on Fridays; this is still undecided. Other plans include disposing of Shirehall buildings which have become too big and too costly to keep. Two main solutions:

- They could be redeveloped (with partners); the estimate cost would be £24 million. Payback expected across 12 years.
- They could be razed to the ground and the plot be sold; estimate cost: £6 million + £0.5 million to dispose of the asbestos.

Staff would have to be relocated (the old Guild Hall being an option).

Other solutions: more work from home; economise on use of paper, electricity, cut back on some programmes.

The Council has bought 2 Shropshire Shopping Centres for £51 million; viability plans project an 8% return on this investment.

Some money is still available for grants; each appropriate project could ask for up to £150.

There is also some money available from the Youth Commission.

**Roads:** The road maintenance has not been particularly satisfactory, especially in the rural areas. Cllr Hartin reported that the Department of Transport has given an extra £7.3 million to try and improve the situation. All funding will be held centrally in Shrewsbury with representatives from the different areas reporting to the Shrewsbury office. Councillors expressed the opinion that some roads would need resurfacing rather than patching holes. The Council has extended their target of dealing with problem areas from 10 days to 20 days, as the number of reports has increased tenfold in a year.

*Problems caused by SatNav:* a school bus toppled over near Clunton Coppice (fortunately the children were not on board at the time).

*Speeding in Clunton:* it is difficult to get out onto the road from the council houses; the concern has been reported to the Police who will come and do another speed check through the village. The councillors wish to compile a list of all road issues to present to Shropshire Council. Could all parishioners please report any local problem to their parish councillor (Karl Bailey, John Croxton, Ian Davies, Pat Harding, David Hill, Malcolm Jones, Lucy Lewis, Sandra Morgan).

### **Maintenance:**

*War memorial:* a bollard has been damaged. Shropshire Council have been informed.

*Lights in Clunton:* one light not working outside the Malthouse; one working continuously (day and night) outside The Old Spice Works. To be sorted. Cllr Hartin suggested the involvement of parties other than Eon, to keep the cost down.

In Clunton, the bridge over the River Clun has been damaged by a Travis

Perkins lorry. A resident reported it to the company who said they would deal with it. No repairs done yet.

**Vacancy on the Parish Council:** The resignation of John Hoskin has led to a vacancy. Please read the notice below.

**Notice under Local Government Act 1972 Sect 87(2)**

**Vacancy for a Councillor**

**Public Notice is hereby given on 22 November 2018**

The rule allows 10 electors for the parish to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy. If there is no such request by 13 December 2018, the Parish Council must, as soon as practicable co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

**Send requests for an election to:** Returning Officer, Electoral Services, Shropshire Council, The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewbury, SY2 6ND or phone: 01686 671126.

**Finances:**

*Bank accounts balance:* approximately £7,000 (including balance left over from transparency fund)

*Outstanding payments:* £591.65, approved; the clerk to contact Cllr Morgan for a second signature.

The question of the precept will be discussed at the next meeting, when the clerk will be able to give projected spending for the period up to end of March.

**Parish Council Management:**

The Councillors adopted the policies regarding the General Protection Regulations.

**Next meeting:** 24 January 2019, 8pm, Clunton Village Hall.

*Gisèle Wall*

**Events Diary for December 2018 (see next page for January 2019)**

Sun 2	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 3	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group—every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 3	7.30pm	Table Tennis every Mon <b>not</b> the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tue 4	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 4	9.15-10.45am	Yoga Sessions every Tuesday—Beginners Welcome	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 4	7.30pm	Flicks—The Greatest Showman-680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 5	10.30am-noon	Christmas Coffee Morning	The Orchard, Clunton
Wed 5		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 5	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—The Square	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 6	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 6	7pm	NT Live—Antony & Cleopatra-660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 7	7.30pm	BC Railway Society—A Continental Collection—638998	Methodist Hall, BC
Fri 7	8pm	Flicks-The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society—660727/660781	Parish Hall, Clungunford
Sat 8	1-5pm	Clungunford Christmas Tree Celebration	St Cuthbert's Church
Sun 9	11.15am	United BCP Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 9	5pm	Bach Players Concert	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thu 13		Tim's Travels—Worcester Christmas Shopping—640506	
Thu 13	7pm	Flicks—Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again-638038/630321	SpArC
Fri 14	7.30pm	Flicks—Mission Impossible—Fallout	Bedstone Village Hall
Sat 15	10am-3pm	Craft & Collectables Market-Last Minute Gifts	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 16	4pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Swithin's, Clunbury

**December Diary continued overleaf**

**Events Diary for December 2018 continued**

<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Parish Post AGM with refreshments-all are welcome</b>	<b>Clunton Village Hall</b>
Tue 18	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 18	2pm	Flicks–The Man Who Invented Christmas-638038/630321	SpArC
Tue 18	6pm	Clunbury School Christmas Bingo	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 19	7.30pm	Flicks–The Muppets' Christmas Carol–640109	Clun Memorial Hall
Thu 20	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 21		Clunbury School Last Day of Term	
Fri 21	7pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 23	11.15am	United CW Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 24	3pm	Crib Service	St George's, Clun
Mon 24	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Christmas Day	Services: 8am Clun; 9.45am Hopesay; 11.15am Newcastle		
Sun 30	10am	Benefice United Service of HC	St George's, Clun

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Sun 6	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 7	7.30pm	Table Tennis every Mon <b>not</b> the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Mon 7	7.30pm	Clunbury Village Hall AGM	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 9		Clunbury School First Day of Spring Term	
Wed 9	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society–Trumbo	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 10	7pm	Trafalgar Releasing–The King & I from the London Palladium-660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 10	7pm	Trafalgar Releasing–The King & I from the London Palladium–638038/630321	SpArC
Sun 13	11.15am	CW Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 14	9-11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group–every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
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
Thu 17	7pm	Flicks–Peterloo–638038/630321	SpArC
Sat 19	7pm	Clunton Scrumpers Quiz-Food + Cider-660120/660309	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 19	7.30pm	Clunbury Fun Quiz–661180/660629	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 20	6.30pm	United Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 22	2pm	Flicks–The Bookshop–630321/638038	SpArC
Wed 23	10am-1pm	Clunbury Craft Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 23	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club-Birds, Bees & Broad Beans	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 23	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society–God's Own Country	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 24	8pm	Clunbury Parish Council Meeting	Clunton VH
Sat 26	7pm	NT Live–The Madness of George III–660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 27	11.15am	CW Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
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	Flicks-I'm Not Running–630321/638038	SpArC

The Parish Post thanks the Aston on Clun Community Shop for its generous grant