

## TROVATORI

A concert in St Swithin's  
Church, Clunbury  
Saturday 15 July, 7.30pm

Singing sensations **Trovatori** are tenor  
Darren and soprano  
Caroline, who provide  
their own  
accompaniment on  
classical guitars to a  
wide variety of music.



Tickets £10

Interval refreshments of  
strawberries and fizz provided  
by Clunbury Church

## Clunbury Village Hall



Saturday 22 July 7pm – 9 pm  
Tea/coffee biscuits available  
£1.00 entrance  
Raffle and prizes  
Fun for all ages



You are invited to a Coffee  
Morning at St Swithin's Church  
Clunbury  
on  
Saturday 29 July from  
10.30 - 12.00

An opportunity to view and give feedback on  
the proposed plans for improvements to the  
church, including providing toilet and kitchen  
facilities and safer access to the bell chamber.

## Clunton Village Hall

Afternoon Tea  
Saturday 8 July  
From 3.30pm

Sandwiches, scones with cream and  
jam and all the tea or coffee you can  
drink



Tickets £6.00  
available from  
committee  
members

Raffle

## What a Bloomin' Success!

No one could have predicted the amazing turn out to Clunbury Village on Sunday 11 June for the open garden afternoon. The village welcomed 250 visitors and the whole event surpassed all expectations. The weather had been very challenging for gardeners, with the recent wind and rain bringing havoc to all our hard work, but all worked out well in the end. The atmosphere in the village was wonderful, buzzing with people coming from as far afield as Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Birmingham. People were very complimentary about the variety of gardens to view. The team working to provide hungry visitors with cream teas rose to the challenge and they did a fantastic job. Local bell ringers provided a very tuneful background and the porch and aisle of St Swithin's were strewn with sweet herbs creating a heavenly smell adding to the ambience of the day. Current indications are that £1700 was raised for Hope Hospice, Air Ambulance and the Village Hall. This is a splendid conclusion for the energy and effort produced by everyone in this village community.

*Lynne Thompson*

## Start Them Young 😊

The gardens at Clunbury School were opened as part of the Village Open Gardens on Sunday 11 June. Children from the gardening club made sure that the gardens looked at their best and, on the day, Izak, Evan, Freya and Christina showed visitors round the gardens and sold pots of mustard and cress that they had grown, raising a magnificent £6.76 to help maintain the garden. Well done children!

*Eirlys Ellams*



## Cuthbert to the rescue

**St Cuthbert's Church Clungunford  
Holiday Club**

**Registration forms now available  
Open to all school age children  
From 11 August, Monday—Friday  
2.00—5.00pm**

We offer children a range of art/craft activities, sport, stories and games and opportunity to play together. Refreshments included.

**For more information contact:**

**Catherine on 01588 660231 or  
[catherinelishman@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinelishman@hotmail.com)**

## Clunbury Church Pet Service

Calling all careful owners and polite pets  
in the Clun Valley Benefice

**Service at St Swithin's  
Sunday 16 July, 4pm**

*shortened for those quadrupeds (and bipeds) who  
have a short attention span, to give thanks for all the*



*love and joy we receive from our companions and  
working animals*

All welcome from guinea pigs to donkeys

If the weather is kind the service will be outside  
Light refreshments afterwards. Water will be  
available throughout. Owners responsible for  
their own pets and their doings at all times.  
Please keep dogs on a lead.

*Correspondence from Karl Bailey*

## Speeding Traffic in Twitchen

For a number of years now, the speed and size of vehicles through the Twitchen has been an issue. I was successful, a few years back, in obtaining mandatory 30mph signing. To back this up we were promised reactive signs. Due to budget cuts, these have not transpired.

This is a 'B' class road, it has no pavement and is very narrow in places. I have again been approached by residents walking along the road who have ended up in hedges in order to avoid being knocked over by speeding lorries; or local drivers who have been forced to swerve and brake heavily to avoid colliding with HGVs. The issue appears to be a serious accident waiting to happen.

**I have arranged a meeting with Glyn Shaw from Highways at 2.30pm on Wednesday 19 July at the crossroads in the Twitchen.** Anyone with any views, suggestions, comments, complaints or moans about the situation is asked to come along.

## South West Shropshire Gardening Club Wed 26 July, Lydbury North VH, 7.30pm "It's Not Time For Bed Yet: the Autumn Garden" a talk by Helen Picton



**H**elen studied Botany at Reading University and has worked at the family run business at Old Court Nursery, Colwall, near Malvern, ever since. The nursery was established in 1906 by Ernest Ballard, whose work was continued by Percy Picton from 1947. The stunning Picton Gardens display the Plant Heritage Collection of Autumn Flowering Asters which consists of over four hundred varieties. The nursery also features a wide range of other autumn flowering perennials. Helen will be bringing plants for us to pounce on after her talk so the end of Summer need not be the end of colour in your garden this year.

Visitors £5 including refreshments. Enquiries to Sandy Burton 01588 680454 or Carol Clarke 01588 660753 Website: [www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk)

**Show Reminder:** schedules for the show on Saturday 2 September at Lydbury North Village Hall are now available from any committee member or Angie Salmon on 01588 661025 or email: [angiejsalmon@btinternet.com](mailto:angiejsalmon@btinternet.com). There are over eighty classes to choose from and anyone is welcome to enter. It only costs 30p per class so please have a think about how you could join in the fun – all the information you need is in the schedule.

*Angie Salmon*

## Clun Art & Craft Show

Hightown Community Room  
Sat 29 July—Sun 6 August  
Open 10am-6pm

(Sun 6 Aug 10am-12noon)

Affiliated to the Clun Carnival and Show

**An Evening of Song**  
**St Edward's Church**  
**Hopton Castle**  
**Wednesday 5 July, 7pm**

**Craven Arms Men Chorus**

Compering Phil Gayther  
Refreshments in the garden of  
Yew Tree Cottage  
Tickets: £8

## A Trio of Birds

Red Kites have nested in the parish again this year, bringing off three young; another pair failed. A successful nest near Craven Arms in 2006 provided the first breeding record in Shropshire for 130 years; there are now 30 or more pairs in the county, a number of them in the Clun Valley. There are probably four times as many pairs of Barn Owls in Shropshire as there are of Red Kites, yet, being nocturnal, we see less of them.

There is however a pair in the parish and they are currently feeding a



healthy brood of five. The last of this trio is the Nightjar. It is the rarest of the three, with a county population of fewer than



ten pairs, but our Black Hill, a long-standing site, is occupied again this year. It is another bird of the night – last week it was an hour after sunset before it started to call – but to suggest that its song ‘jars’ is unfair, it is a wonderful, sonorous, churr. Should you wish to hear it, walk up the ride opposite the Fiddler’s Elbow and take the second right which leads to the young plantation. This, along with the adjacent unplanted parish land, is the kind of habitat which Nightjars favour.

*Vince Downs and Tom Wall*

## 100 Club June draw

Annie Sutton: £20; Liona Jones: £15;  
Tom Grimes: £10; Camilla Holland: £5;  
Philippa Halliday: £3.

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## British Stone Skimming Championships & Stone Games

Walcot Lake, Lydbury North

12noon - 5pm, Sunday 16 July

The event is a good family occasion and attracts people from far and wide. This year we are supporting the RNLI.

The stone skimming has age categories of Under 12s, Under 16s, Open and Over 65s, for male and female. We have a very impressive record of 93m in the men’s open class but the whole event is run in a light-hearted way. Each stone is judged on distance rather than the number of bounces, but it must bounce a minimum of three times. There is also a straightforward throwing competition for the Under 5s. The other Stone Games include: The Pebble Dash, Stepping Stones, Stone the Crows, No Stone Unturned, Balancing Stone, Stones in the Hand, Pebble Net Golf and any others we have the man power to run.



All the games are suitable for adults and young children.

There will be a bar and refreshments on sale but it’s also a perfect setting for a picnic.

£3 for 4 stones.

Under 16s £2.50. More info 01588 638818.



Thank you for your support in Christian Aid week. £89.75 was raised from donations in Clunbury.

## Correction

The phone number for Nancy Adams, the Clerk to the Parish Council, is **01686 671126** and not the number stated in the June Parish Post.

## Purslow Show News

### Show Tent Entry Fees Reduced

This year the entry fee has been dropped to 20p per entry for adults, and children's entries are free, when entering children's sections. So why not have a go - enter those flowers and vegetables you have been growing, showcase your talent with the handicrafts you are working on, the photographs you have taken and enter our own local Bake-Off! We look forward to welcoming new entrants and as always, enjoying entries from our established competitors. The Show Tent schedule is now available online at - [theparishpost.org/purslowshow](http://theparishpost.org/purslowshow) and printed copies will be around and about at the end of July.

*Eirlys Ellams*

### New Attraction for 2017 - Dog Scurry

Bring your dog along to the Purslow Show and enter the new Dog Scurry event. Can your dog go against the clock over four jumps, pick up the retrieve and return??

Suitable for any type of dog, so come and have a go. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and something for the best young handler. There is an added bonus for the more serious dog handlers if finishing in 1st or 2nd place, as you will be invited to attend a run off for the Marches Vets Cup to be held at the Bucknell Show. Vicki from Vicki's Gundogs and Country Crafts will run the event and be on hand to give tips and advice throughout the show, so come along and enjoy this new event.



## Clunbury and Twitchen on Their Way to Faster Broadband

The removal in May of the blue dot 'under review' status on Clunbury and Twitchen properties was an important step, making us eligible for public funding to bring a superfast broadband service into our properties, many of which currently receive slow or non-existent broadband.

At a public meeting in Clunbury Village Hall held on 22 June, Nigel Holland and Matthew Trustman, were able to announce that, following receipt of a BT quote for Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), they forwarded a detailed 'request for funding' to Connecting Shropshire. As a result of that submission and meetings with Chris Taylor, Project Manager at Connecting Shropshire, **public funding WILL be provided to meet the great majority of the costs involved.**

Matthew went on to say:

"FTTP will provide us with an exceptionally fast service and is widely regarded as amongst the best commercially available service there is in the UK. There is likely to be a further public meeting later this summer to include BT and Connecting Shropshire – do please make every effort to attend!

Four points to leave you with:

1. The service is exceptional, but optional, you are under no obligation to take it up.
2. The delivery date for the new service is not yet established – and is likely to be in the order of 12 months.
3. Plans and pricing for a FTTP service are available for you to look at on-line but costs and offers are subject to change.
4. We are hoping that the shortfall in funding may be met by grants from schemes like the BDUK Better Broadband Scheme, (we have written to Philip Dunne asking him to clarify the Government's position on this scheme), but if this is not available it will be up to us as a community to meet this shortfall which we expect to be up to £100 per household taking up the service.

Many thanks to the Parish Council, Nigel Hartin, and to you for your support."

### Events Diary for July 2017

Sat 1		Bishop's Castle Tandem Triathlon	
Sun 2	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 2	12—2pm	Annual Church Lunch	Bedstone & HC Village Hall
Sun 2	6pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 3	9-11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group—every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 4		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,	Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Wed 5		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 5	7pm	Evensong with Craven Arms Men's Chorus + refreshments	St Edward's, Hopton Castle
Thu 6	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 8	from 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 8	7.30pm	Ludlow Choral Society Concert—01584-878141	St Laurence's, Ludlow
Sun 9	11.15am	United BCP Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 10	2pm	Flicks-Beauty and the Beast (2016) - 630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 15	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 15	7.30pm	Concert with Trovatori	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 16	Noon-5pm	British Stone Skimming Championship-638818	Walcot Lake, Lydbury North
Sun 16	4pm	Pet Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 18		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,	Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Thu 20	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 20	7pm	NT Live: Angels in America Pt.1-Millenium Approaches-Aston VH 660493/660893	SpArC 630321/638038
Thu 20	8pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Fri 21	9.30am	Clunbury School Leavers' Service & last day of Summer Term	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sat 22	11am-late	Party in the Park	Bishop's Castle
Sat 22	2.30-5pm	Afternoon Tea Party on the Vicarage Lawn	Vicarage Road, Clun
Sat 22	7-9pm	Beetle Drive	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 23	11.15am	United Morning Worship with baptism	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 23	2-4pm	Children's Fun Day	Memorial Hall, Clun
Sun 23	7.30pm	Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir, Bettws Ladies Choir, Rapsquillon	St George's, Clun
Mon 24	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 26		Tim's Travels—Funny Girl—640506	Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton
Wed 26	7.30pm	SWSGC –It's Not Time for Bed Yet: The Autumn Garden	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thu 27	7pm	NT Live: Angels in America Part 2—Perestroika Aston VH 660493/660893	SpArC 630321/638038
Sat 29	10.30-noon	Coffee Morning & chance to look at proposed plans	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sat 29-Sun 6 Aug	10am-6pm (10-noon 6 Aug)	Clun Art & Craft Show-640401	Hightown Community Room
Sun 30	10am	Benefice United Service CWHC	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 30	2pm	Clun Rounders Tournament	Memorial Hall, Clun
Sun 30	9pm	Quiz	The White Horse, Clun
<b>August</b>			
Tue 1	7.30-9.30pm	Roadshow & Roses	Methodist Church, Clun
Wed 2	6.30-7pm start	from Memorial Hall—walking Treasure Hunt around Clun	
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