

The Parish Post

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



The Angell's Share

In order to raise money for Clunbury School, children were given £5 to set up a money-making scheme. Maisey Angell held a Garage Sale on 5 and 6 May (Bank Holiday). It was a huge success: she raised £143.70. Then Maisey spent her £5 on a car boot stall at Bishop's Castle on 11 May where she raised another £56.30; a grand total of £200 for Clunbury School.

A big thank you from Maisey to all the people who donated items for her stall and supported her enterprise.

Note from Editors: Any other enterprise to report?



The Boys with the Blackstuff!

Clunbury's footbridge has been in disrepair for many years. Eventually Shropshire Council funded replacement of the missing rails and Stuart Seabury (tradesman) and David Hill (apprentice) volunteered to re-paint the entire bridge with red oxide primer and black paint.



Clunbury Village Hall

Invites you for
Cream Tea



At Brook House Clunbury

By kind permission of Stuart & Ruth Seabury

Saturday 15 June

2.30—4.30pm

£4.50 p/p

Plant sale and Raffle

Clunbury Village Hall if wet

Contact Alister 661180 or Barbara 660629

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month



JACK FEST

Purslow Showground
Saturday 29 June
Gates open 1.30pm
Music from 3.30-11.30pm

Bad Medicine* Bon Jovi Tribute
The Wayne Martin Band * Hotrod 55

The Sultana Brothers

Torque * Andrew Pearce * Boon Dogs Over The
Hillbillies * Riverman Blues

Children's area with rides, crafts
and face painting

Hog Roast and Caribbean food and BBQ
on sale

Adult Bar with Real Ale, & more

Advance Tickets Adult £15, on the day: £20

Children: 0-11 free, 12-17: £8

Gazebo pitch: £10

For more information contact:

Jack or Jenny Huffer: 01588 660539 ·

Mostyn: 07966254742 · Stella: 01588 674925

All proceeds to Air Ambulance

What is JACK FEST

It is an afternoon and evening of live music sitting in the summer sun for all the family.

How we started: A group of 12 local people known as the 'JACK FEST TEAM' got together last year and put on our first Jack Fest; we raised over £3,000 for Shropshire Air Ambulance.

One member of the team, Jack Huffer, was airlifted by the Air Ambulance after a serious farm accident. Since then, each year, Jack and Jenny have raised money for Air Ambulance; so we set up the team and decided to put on a yearly event for local families to share our enjoyment of live music. We named it 'Jack Fest', as Jack is the founder member, and each year we hope to build on his achievements.

Stella Mellings

Advance Notice

Clunton Scrumbers Cider Evening

6 July, 6.30pm

in Clunton at Harry's Yard, Fold Farm

Light refreshments
& plenty of CIDER

Gypsy Caravan Passing Through

What a sight for sore eyes! The beauty of days long gone - in the peaceful setting of Housman's own County - just a few days ago on Clunbury Road! From the front, a wonderful story of how some people used to travel - from the rear a stark reminder of what MAY happen in the future.

Awareness of how we are spoiling our planet is imperative or there will be a dramatic increase in the sale of horse drawn homes globally!

Marilyn and Julian Spencely



Climate Change:

our greatest threat in thousands of years

Extinction Rebellion (abbreviated as XR) is a socio-political movement which uses non-violent resistance to protest against climate breakdown, biodiversity loss, and the risk of human extinction and ecological collapse.

www.rebellion.earth

If you are interested in finding out more there is a local contact for our area :

Christina O'Neill

XRLudlowAndLeominster@outlook.com

**Clun Valley
Young Farmers' Club
70th Anniversary
Dinner Dance**



**Hurst Barn
Clunton**



Saturday 15 June

Doors open 6pm

seated at 7.30pm prompt

Smart Dress

Band "All Fired Up"

Tickets: £35

contact Kath Morris 07581 204731



**Hereford Gilbert
and Sullivan
Society**

at the invitation of Clunbury PCC
proudly present an

**Evening of Music and
Pleasure**

St Swithin's Church, Clunbury

Friday 5 July 7.30pm

**Tickets: £10 from 01588 660169
or 01588 660424**

**Licensed wine bar and strawberries
available from 7pm**

Clunbury Millenium Bench

Some of you may have noticed that the bench in Clunbury has gone. Unfortunately it had rotted significantly including all the joints and was no longer safe. On inspection it was decided that it was not repairable as it would not meet safety standards required for a public space. Later in the year we will have a fundraiser to replace it with a new bench.

Eirlys Ellams



Saturday 15 June, 7.30pm

Three Tuns

Bishop's Castle

Tickets £8

Available in

Bishop's Castle: Gwythers, Drovers

Travel and Art & Artisan Books

Lydbury North: Shop

Clun: Richard's

or by calling 07553 010196

**In aid of Bishop's Castle Railway
Weighbridge restoration**

Clunbury 100 Club May Draw

Maggie Vaughan-Morgan: £20; Heather Jones: £15; Phillipa Halliday: £10; Lesley Holland: £5; Jessica Grimes: £5.

Reminder

Subscriptions: Please could you let Mary or Maddy have your £12 subscriptions that are now due for the 100 Club. New members welcome!

Clunton 100 Club

May Draw: 1st: Sheila Hindle, 2nd: Mike Minns, 3rd: Jonathan Griffiths



Rookeries of Clunbury Parish

The first Shropshire-wide survey of rookeries was in 1975 and Clunbury Parish was then reported to have just one site, at Kempton - certainly a case of under-reporting! The county survey I organised in 2008 found seven rookeries in Clunbury Parish, at Purslow, Coston, a quarry north of Clunton and Clunbury, with Kempton having three separate clusters of nests. Together the seven sites then supported close to 200 nests. All the 2008 sites were probably present in 1975 but were not found and reported - there were few birdwatchers around in those days and they were not very well organised.

How have things changed in the parish since 2008? The colony in riverside Alders at Clunbury (around 45 nests) was lost in around 2015 when the trees were felled. A few of those birds appear to move closer to Clunbury Hill for a year or two but they have now gone. Also now empty is the site just north of Clunton (about 5 nests) and Kempton is now down to two clusters of about 40 nests in total from the earlier village total of around 75. Purslow still has close to the same 40 or so nests and Coston currently also has around 40. The Clunbury Parish total in 2008 was of around 200 nests in seven sites and this year has around 125 nests in four colonies.

The Shropshire-wide survey this year revisited 428 of the 550 rookeries logged in 2008 and found that exactly 200 of them have quite gone – disappeared; that is 47% of them. Nests were counted this year and their loss is slightly less – about 30%. Against these figures Clunbury Parish appears to be faring relatively well. The reasons for the stark decline are not known but survey work next year will visit the remaining 2008 sites and then we can look at the numbers and seek answers as to why. *John Tucker, Aston on Clun*

Road Closure

B4385 Brampton-Bishop's Castle Road

Start Date: 31 May 2019

End Date: 21 June 2019

Purpose: Surface dressing of the carriageway.

Pre-surface patching

31/05/19 09:30-14:45.

Surface dressing

15-17/06/19 09:30-14:45.

Lining

21/06/19 09:30-14:45.

Weather permitting, dates may change

Details from

<https://roadworks.org?tm=113557101>

To Be Lit or not To Be Lit?

That is the question for the residents of Clunton.



Following the latest round of street light problems, a Parish Councillor carried out a thorough survey of all 5 lights and fittings in the village. The results confirmed their view that the aged lights are becoming beyond economic repair. At their latest meeting the Council decided to seek the opinion of the residents on whether to remove them or to spend money on a complete upgrade. *Clunton residents:* watch out for the survey included with your June Parish Post. Let's hope we get a decisive response.

Pat Harding

Clunbury Parish Council Report

Annual Parish Assembly

Present: 8 councillors, the Clerk, Nigel Hartin (County Councillor) + 4 members of the public

No apologies for absence

Chairman's report: This year has seen more cuts in services resulting in concerns for the elderly in rural areas, schools, libraries, etc. Planning issues have resulted in the loss of a councillor who resigned over the frustration felt at the inability of Parish Councillors to make their voice heard by the County Council. Two housing developments have been approved: in Kempton and Clunton. The Chairman thanked everybody, including The Parish Post, for their work.

Shropshire Councillor's report:

There have been no elections this year (next one due in 2021) therefore no great change in the composition of Shropshire Council (SC), still dominated and run by Conservatives, with committees made up of councillors from various party groupings.

SC remains under budget pressure: the budget has been cut by £48 million over the last 3 years, and a further £18.5 million has been agreed for this year. The largest cuts will be in Public Health: £3.8 million; other areas where services will be affected are schools, mental health, road maintenance, planning, etc. The Planning Committees will probably be reduced from 3 (North, South and Central) to 2 (North and South). Further cuts will affect the Highways budget.

Agreement had been reached with Natural England with respect to measures for safeguarding the Freshwater Pearl Mussel thereby enabling the embargo on building developments of more than ten dwellings to be lifted.

Thanks to Matthew Trustman and Nigel Holland, Clunbury was able to get better broadband access. Unfortunately,

so far, SC has refused access to it for the school. It is hoped that this may change, but it is a very complex situation.

Anyone wanting to get in touch with Nigel Hartin may do so on his mobile: 07583 96 22 92 or by email, on:

nigel.hartin@shropshire.gov.uk

Questions to Nigel Hartin

Q: Has the Council knocked hard enough on the Treasury's door?

A: It has probably done its best

Q: What news regarding the Shirehall premises?

A: Not decided

Q: What news about the purchase of the shopping centre?

A: It has gone ahead at a cost of £52 million; the hope is that it will provide a return of about 10%. No sign of this being the case, yet.

Q: What is the risk of SC becoming insolvent?

A: Controls are in place, but it had happened in Northamptonshire

Questions asked primarily of the Parish Council

Q: What about progress on controlling speed, particularly in Twitchen, Clunton and Kempton?

A: Nigel Hartin mentioned the possibility of purchasing an interactive speed sign between several parishes and moving it around. Would the Parish Council be interested?

Action is being taken with respect to additional speed restrictions at the Twitchen.

Suggestions were made as to other means of traffic calming (eg speed bumps, rumble strips, chicanes). These were dismissed as too expensive for consideration by SC. It was suggested by a parishioner that without them the problem would never be resolved and that the case needed to be made.

Q: In 2014, Oak trees were felled along the B4385 at Kempton. At the time, Mr Habershon (the Kempton estate representative) wrote an article in the

Parish Post stating that they would be replaced. This doesn't appear to have been done yet. Any news?

A: No.

Parish Council Meeting

Present: 8 councillors, the Clerk + 3 members of the public

Election of officers:

Chairman: John Croxton

Vice Chairman: Ian Davies

Appointment of cheque signatories:

Cllrs Croxton, Hill, Harding and S Morgan.

An enquiry was made as to the attendance requirements of councillors and what period of absence was acceptable; the Clerk stated that it should not exceed 6 months.

The Chair and the Clerk will look into the matter.

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:

Footbridge at Clunbury: the painting has been done by Stuart Seabury, assisted by David Hill. Thanks to both.

Oddfellows Banner: Bishop's Castle Museum is very interested in storing the banner (free of charge) and displaying it, on occasions, in the Town Hall. However, it declines to take ownership. Clun Museum is prepared to take ownership, if the Parish Council donates it to the Museum. Cllr Bailey is to contact Colin Payne (who had donated it to the Parish Council) to see if he is agreeable to this arrangement.

The river bridge at Clunton has been damaged by a Travis Perkins lorry. Cllr N Morgan suggested that Highway Maintenance should be advised, in order for them to carry out an inspection and repair which would be charged to Travis Perkins. The Clerk will follow up.

Burial ground: hedges need cutting, probably in September/October; this needs to be done by a contractor. Ian Davies will keep cutting the grass.

Broadband in Kempton: the necessary electrical connection had still not been made. The Clerk has undertaken to contact Openreach.

Planning:

Porch at Clunton Farmhouse: no objection.

Greenhouse and garden shed at Cwm House: no objection.

Ashbeds: concern about parking in the bridleway. Some trees have been cut down (with felling permission?). Any more to be felled?

Sunny Meadow, Clunton: granted

Kempton development: variation on garage; granted.

Clunton Coppice: this is an enforcement issue. The case officer will be approached to enquire as to the state of play.

Fitzwaryn Hall: Planting of verge; sorted.

South Shropshire Place Plans meeting: Cllr Croxton reported that this did not relate to Clunbury Parish.

NHS: the two Clinical Commissioning Groups of Telford and Shrewsbury may be amalgamated, but not immediately. As to the hospitals, no decisions had been taken.

Roads:

Report potholes by phoning the Pothole hotline: 03456 78 90 00, choose option 4, then 2 and give the nearest known postcode.

One bollard by the war memorial has been damaged.

The grass cutting at the Purslow junction only covers a 1m wide roadside strip, which is insufficient to improve visibility; SC unwilling to do more.

Some railings to be repainted in Clunton.

Roadworks will take place on the B4385 (Little Brampton to Bishop's Castle road) for surface dressing, subject to weather (see notice on p 4).

Clunton street lights: Cllr N Morgan provided a full report of his findings regarding the state of the lights and the cost attached to replacing them. Clunton residents will have to make a choice. (See article To be lit or not to be lit page 4).

Finances: Accounts: £9,533.44

Payments to be made: £1,115.28

Parish Council management:

The Clerk will order a Good Councillor Guide for all councillors.

Finance and Clerk's appraisal/pay review meeting: will take place on 31 May, 2.30 at Cllr Croxton's house.

There was an inconclusive discussion about communications with councillors whether by phone, text, email or letter; the suggestion of using WhatsApp met with no enthusiasm.

Next meeting: 18 July, 8pm, Kempton Village Hall.

Gisèle Wall

Bedstone & Hopton Castle

Village Hall

(in Bedstone)

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BARBECUE



Saturday 29th June

from 7.00 pm

Tickets : £5.00 Child £2.50 - includes food

Licensed bar / Real ale / Raffle
Share profits with local charity

Tel : 01547 530282

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Clungunford Parish Hall

The Chef Show

2 June, 2pm-4.30pm

A fusion of play and cookery demonstration, an award winning rural touring show. Two actors play all the roles in the story of a busy night in the local curry house. They are also joined by a chef from your very own local restaurant – offering a spicy cookery demonstration. Includes a chance to share food and conversation with your local chef and the cast. A show that will be deliciously entertaining for all the family!

Tickets £10, Under 16: £5 Family Ticket:
£25.00 (two adults up to three under 18)

Advance Notice

Comedy, humour & poetry

Luke Wright



A FREE event

12 July, 7.30pm-9pm

F lamboyant, political and riotously funny, Luke Wright creates inventive poems with loads of heart. Part Essex wide boy, part dandy fop, he writes from the sidelines about small-town tragedies and national farce, then performs his work with snarl and spit. Since 2006 he has written and performed nine spoken word shows and two verse plays, touring them to top literary and arts festivals. Alongside his own shows, Luke is John Cooper-Clark's regular support act, performing at venues such as The London Palladium and The Palace Theatre in Manchester. He's won a 4Talent Award, a Stage Award, a Fringe First Award, a Saboteur Award, and an NFBC short film competition at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival.

Events Diary for June 2019

Sun 2	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 2	2-4.30pm	The Chef Show—660152	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sun 2	2-5pm	Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Open Gardens	Broadward Hall, Clungunford
Mon 3		Clunbury School back from half term	
Mon 3	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 3	10am	Table Tennis every Mon not the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tue 4	9.15-10.45am	Yoga Sessions every Tuesday—Beginners Welcome	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
Thu 6	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 6	7pm	Flicks—Swimming with Men—630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 7	8pm	Flicks—The Children Act—660159	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sun 9	11.15am	CW Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 11	2pm	Flicks—Some Like It Hot—630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 15	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 15	2.30-4.30pm	Clunbury Cream Tea—661180/660629	Brook House, Clunbury
Sat 15	7.30pm	Clun Valley YFC 70th Anniversary Dinner—07581 204731	Hurst Barn, Clunton
Sat 15	7.30pm	BC Railway Society—Ludlow Male Voice Choir—07553 010196	Three Tuns, BC
Sun 16	6.30pm	United Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 18	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 19		Tim's Travels—Hello Dolly—640506	Wolverhampton
Thu 20	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 20	2pm	Flicks—Green Book—630321/638038	SpArC
Sun 23	11.15am	United CW Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Wed 26	10am-1pm	Craft Group-661180	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 27	7pm	NT Live—Small Island—630321/638038	SpArC
Thu 27	7pm	NT Live—Small Island—660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 29	3.30-11.30pm	Jack Fest	Purslow Show Ground
Sat 29	From 7pm	Annual Barbeque—01547 530282	Bedstone Village Hall
Sun 30	8am 10am	Benefice United CWHC Benefice United Service	Clun Methodist

Aston on Clun Village Hall National Theatre Live

Thursday 27 June, 7pm “*Small Island*”. Andrea Levy’s Orange Prize-winning novel comes to life in a new theatre adaptation. The play embarks on a journey from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948 – the year the HMT *Empire Windrush* docked at Tilbury. It follows three intricately connected stories. Hortense yearns for a new life away from rural Jamaica, Gilbert dreams of becoming a lawyer, and Queenie longs to escape her Lincolnshire roots. Hope and humanity meet stubborn reality as the play traces the tangled history of Jamaica and the UK. A company of 40 actors take to the stage of the National Theatre in this timely and moving story.

Advance notice: 25 July, “*The Lehman Trilogy*” and 26 September “*One Man, Two Guvnors*”. You can find more information on the Village Hall website:

www.astononclunhall.org