

Games and Social Night



Fun for all from young to old
Enjoy a night out with family and friends



Clunbury Village Hall
Saturday 25 March from 7pm



Table Tennis, Pool, Darts, Table Football, Dominoes and Table Games (Scrabble etc)
Or just CHAT!!!!!!!!!!!!



Tea/Coffee & biscuits available or BYO

General Meeting of The Meadows Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG)

All patients of The Meadows Practice are automatically members of the PPG - and all are invited to our next, free, Open General Meeting

Thursday 16 March, 7.30pm
Clun Memorial Hall

We have invited our GPs to update us on surgery matters, and will also touch on other health initiatives in Shropshire which could be rolled out here in future. Refreshments available. For more information, contact the PPG Steering Group on meadowsclunppg@gmail.com or Mary Eminson, PPG Chair, on 640921.

Pamper Evening

FRIDAY 24 MARCH

Aston on Clun Village Hall

6pm – 10pm

- **Discounted treatments available throughout the evening**
- Shopping opportunities
- **Fantastic prizes to be won**
- Refreshments available



FREE ENTRY!



All proceeds to Clunbury School

Meadows Surgery Clun Practice Update

Following the recent closure of the Knighton site the relocation of staff and patients to Clun has gone smoothly. To date the majority of the Knighton patients have chosen to remain with the Practice and will now be seen at Clun. The Practice has put a number of measures in place to reflect this increase in numbers and the inevitable pressure on services, especially at this time of year, including additional appointments to the daily total. We are confident that the measures we have taken are the right ones and we would like to thank patients for their patience and understanding during this time.

Mary Eminson

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Peter Hutchinson 1932-2017

It is with sadness we report the passing of Peter Hutchinson of Clunbury. His funeral at St Swithin's Church on 3rd February was well attended by family, friends and neighbours.

Peter was born in Sheffield and, after his National Service in the RAF, he worked as a Customs and Excise Officer. He knew this was not the life for him, so he happily left to take up his dream career in forestry. A position with the Forestry Commission meant a move to the Lake District, followed by other positions in Scotland and Herefordshire.

Peter and his wife Barbara moved to Clunbury in 1987 and lived on the edge of Clunbury Hill where he spent many happy hours walking. As a youngster and in the RAF, he was a keen runner and continued with cross country and fell running for many years. When The Purslow Sports Committee were looking for fresh ideas for their annual show, Peter suggested to Ron Mold (in the beer tent) that a Hill Run might be a popular event. Mr Whitehead readily agreed and told Peter: "If you set it up - we'll give it a go". The first event took place in 1992 with 22 runners. The crowds on the show field could enjoy watching the runners over a large part of the course. It was only recently due to ill health that Peter had to hand over the organisation to others.

The Hill Run has gone from strength to strength and is one of the most popular events in the running clubs' calendar - well supported by Ludlow Runners who have been involved since the start. 2017 will see the 25th anniversary and the number of runners is now over 80. Peter will be remembered for his valuable contribution to life in the parish. He was a true country gentleman.

Pat Harding



Gardener's twitch

Our neighbour, Mary Cooper, keeps one of the tidiest gardens in Kempton, uncorrupted by the Twitch (Couch Grass) that bedevils ours. But she does twitch a bit — ornithologically rather than horticulturally or medically speaking. We do too, but we've been adopted by a cantankerous crow which may be one of the reasons why our tally for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch was just 12 species, Gary Higginbottom up at the Old Smithy scored 17, but Mary at no 28 managed 19. What about tallies for elsewhere in the parish? Please let us know.

Mary's latest feeding-station twitches have included Redpolls (see her photo, a nice male, one of a dozen that have visited her garden recently) and a Brambling (a Chaffinch-like bird) which breeds in Scandinavia and winters here, to go with her customary Goldfinches and Siskins. Dave Simpson has watched a dozen or more of these feeding on Alders at the Kempton T Bridge where he's seen both Mandarin Duck (a new visitor to Kempton) and Dipper (nowadays, a rare one). *Tom Wall*

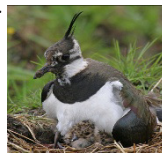


Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group

Kemp Valley Lapwing Project

LAPWING IN DECLINE

Learn about the state of this iconic farmland bird and how you can help conserve it, and other birds in decline.



**Lydbury North Village Hall
Monday 20 March 2017, 7.30pm**

Further information on:

www.shropscwgs.org.uk

Temperance Rules OK?

What do you think the initials P.R.H.A. on this sign hanging inside the Hundred House at Purslow stand for? Unsurprisingly, the answer can be found in the 'Parish Post'. Take a look at the edition of October 2010 which is on the website. Here you will find a short history of the pub and learn that, in 1926, the Earl of Powys sold it to the P.R.H.A. - the People's



Refreshment-House Association. The Association was formed in 1896, with the Bishop of Chester as chairman of the executive council. One of the instructions given by the Association was that each manager should regard himself *'as an agent in the cause of temperance and good behaviour [and] by the general tone and system of management of his house... make it a place where recreation and social intercourse of a harmless nature may be enjoyed, and where refreshments of the best quality may be obtained under conditions that encourage temperance'*.



Lydia & Andy preparing to carve the hog at their opening night, on 18 February

There is much here to which Andy and Lydia McGettigan, the new tenants of the Hundred House, will certainly aspire, but they will be selling alcoholic drinks! Andy, previously head chef at Maesmawr Hall, will be developing the food provision. 'Dado's Bistro Bar and Grill' is currently open from 16.30 on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and from 12 noon the other days of the week (it will be open from 12 noon throughout the week during the summer). 'Dado' is the name given to Andy by his grandchildren. He and Lydia have 5 children and 8 grandchildren, so no wonder they want the pub to be family-orientated! Lydia used to work as a nurse, while Andy is into scooters and mod music, so if you like fashion, music, hospitals or bandaging get down there quickly. If not, don't be put

off, there will be theme nights and special events (such as Mothers' Day on 26 March) and catering for special occasions. We wish Andy and Lydia good luck in their new venture!

Gisèle & Tom Wall

100 Club

Sandra Morgan £20
Mary Jones £15
Ann Wadsworth £10
Clementine Morris £5
Joy Windsor £3

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Bookworms Presents

The Apple's Rounded World

A lyrical journey through 100 years of
Cider with Rosie County



Featuring the writing of Laurie Lee,
read by Adam Horovitz
with music by Becky Delow
from a tune book used by Charles Hampton
(Becky's grandfather) who was in a band with
Laurie Lee.

Lydbury North Village Hall

Sunday 2 April, 2.30 pm

£10.00 - Reservations: 680302

TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE AGM

**Annual General Meeting,
7.30pm
Wednesday 15 March
Methodist Church, Clun**

**Guest Speaker
John Harrington
Fairtrade Uganda Coffee**

**All welcome
Admission free
Tea, coffee, cake etc!**

South Shropshire TFSR group meets weekly at its workshop to refurbish tools, which it sends to artisans in Africa. The group is seeking new volunteers to help with its work. Anyone interested is invited to contact Dave Thomlinson, secretary, on 640550.

Borderlines Film Festival

Bedstone Village Hall

Captain Fantastic

Friday 3 March, 7.30 pm



The Headless Woman

Friday 10 March, 7.30 pm



Details on www.artsalive.co.uk

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

Aston on Clun Village Hall will be showing the following performances broadcast live from London:

- 9 March: **"Hedda Gabler"**
- 6 April: **Twelfth Night"**
- 20 April: **"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead"**

Doors open at 6.30 pm

Start at 7.00 pm

Tickets £10 (£6 for under 18s)

For tickets & information please call David Jones on 660493 or Jeff Else on 660893.

News from South West Shropshire Gardening Club



Practical Propagation

Wednesday 22 March, 7.30pm

Lydbury North Village Hall

This practical, hands on session, is by John Millington from Hillview Hardy Plants Nursery, in Worfield, near Bridgnorth. John trained at Birmingham Parks, then Pershore College, before completing an RHS Masters at Whittle, where he met his wife Ingrid. In 1986, Ingrid started the nursery, which now houses the National Collection of Acanthus. They also specialise in Auriculas (409 sales varieties), Albuca, Primulas, South African bulbs and many other hardy plants. The nursery team attends many plant fairs across the country, including Wisley, Malvern, Chatsworth, Gardeners World NEC, Hampton Court and Hatton.

If you would like to learn more about propagation from some experts, who will probably make it look easy, then do join us for an interesting and informative evening.

Free to members

Visitors: £5 inc refreshments

Further queries to Sandy Burton
680454 or Carol Clarke 660753 or
www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Angie Salmon



SpArC News

A new pool cover, funded by an M&S community energy award grant, has been installed. It will reduce heat loss and water evaporation and help to reduce running costs by up to 15%.

The campaign goes on while awaiting the publication of the Shropshire Council leisure strategy which, hopefully, will confirm a future for SpArC. In the meantime fundraising will continue, for the benefit of the community of South West Shropshire.

Events planned so far for this year include a curry and quiz night at the Six Bells on **Thursday 2 March**. Teams of 4 can sign up at the Six Bells, (contact 630144). Cost £10 per person, to include curry.

Sunday 5 March at 2.30pm. 'Don't let the SpArC go out' fundraiser - Live music event; 'Celebrating life through song and dance' at the SpArC theatre. Cost: £8 adults/ under18s: £6 / family: £25.

A Public Reading of St Mark's Gospel

The Christian Community in Clun is arranging a public reading of St Mark's Gospel on Wednesday 12 April, starting promptly at 7.15pm, in the lounge of the Sun Inn, High Street, Clun. The version to be followed is the Good News; translation and copies of the single gospel have been obtained so that the same text will be used by readers and listeners. All are welcome to share this experience, either to take part or to just sit and follow as the story develops. No problem with those who arrive late or leave early. The story has huge implications and some people worldwide have found in it sufficient indications for priorities in life. For further information please contact Michael Newman 640776.



HPS
HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

Gardening with hardy perennials

**Shropshire
Group Hardy
Plant
Society**

**Spring Plant Fair
9 April 2017, 12 noon to 3pm**

Bicton Village Hall

Church Lane, Bicton,

Near Shrewsbury SY3 8EL

Signposted from A5

Free admission and parking

Light Refreshments

Disabled Access and Toilets

Events Diary for March 2016

Wed 1		Tim's Travels Sister Act — 640506	Wolverhampton
Wed 1		Quiz	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 1	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society — Gueros	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 2	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café-with a Fair Trade Stall	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 2	7pm	Flicks—I Daniel Blake—630321/638038	SpArC
Thu 2	Evening	Curry & Quiz Night in aid of SpArC — 630144	The Six Bells, Bishop's Castle
Fri 3	7.30pm	Borderlines Film Festival—Captain Fantastic	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Fri 3	7.30pm	BC Railway Society AGM	Methodist Hall, BC
Sat 4	7.30pm	Flicks-The Passing (Yr Ymadawiad) — 640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 5	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 5	2.30pm	Live Music Event in aid of SpArC	SpArC
Sun 5	6pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 6	9-11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 7	7.30pm	Flicks — A Street Cat Named Bob — 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Tue 7	8pm	BCRS — Railways before the Rocket with Peter Brown	BC Town Hall
Thu 9	7pm	NT Live — Hedda Gabler — 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
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Fri 10	7.30pm	Borderlines Film Festival — The Headless Woman	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Sun 12	11.15am	CW Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 14	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 15	7.30pm	Tools For Self Reliance South Shropshire AGM	Clun Methodist Church
Wed 15	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—The Wind Will Carry Us	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 16	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 16	7.30pm	The Meadows Medical Practice Open General Meeting	Clun Memorial Hall
Fri 17	7.30pm	Vamos Theatre Co — The Best Thing — 630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 18	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 19	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 20	7.30pm	Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group — Lapwing in Decline	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 22	7.30pm	SWSGC — Plant Propagation — A Practical Workshop	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thu 23	8pm	Clunbury Parish Council Meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 24	6pm-10pm	Ladies Pamper Evening for Clunbury School	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 24	8pm	Flicks — Light Between Oceans 660727/660781	Parish Hall, Clungunford
Fri 24	7.30pm	Worklight Theatre — Labels — 630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 25	7pm onwards	Games and Social Night	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 25	7.30pm	Flicks — A Street Cat Named Bob — 660545	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 25	7.30pm	Wild Willy Barrett's French Connection—680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sun 26	9.45am	United Mothering Day Service	Hopesay
Mon 27	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Mon 27	7pm	Flicks — Persepolis — 630321/638038	SpArC
Tue 28	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 29	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society — Dheepan	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 30	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall

NOTE:

The date for the Parish Council meeting, which had been set for 16 March at the last meeting, has been changed to 23 March (as shown above).