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Jean's Jump!

To celebrate her 89th birthday on 29 June, Jean Seckington (from Twitchen) is doing a tandem Sky-dive



parachute jump at Netheravon aerodrome, accompanied by none other than a member of the Parachute Regiment's Red Devils Free Fall Team!

She is supporting the Mahaque Well Project, the work of a friend's daughter who lives and works in Africa. The project aims to raise £2,900 to sink a well and provide a hand-pump, enabling all families throughout this area to access clean water. Mahaque is an outlying area of Vilankulo, Mozambique. Right in the bush, it is a very poor area whose source of drinking water is the local lake and where waterborne disease is endemic.

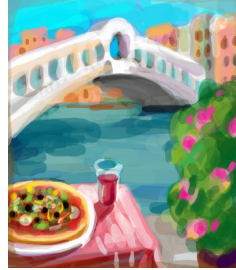
Jean is a stalwart volunteer in our locality. She helps to fold and assemble your 'Parish Post' each month and delivers it to part of Twitchen; she spends every other Thursday morning serving and washing up in the Clunbury Café and has worked in the Lydbury North Community Shop for many years.



Please pledge your support for her plucky endeavour. Sponsorship forms are available from Clunbury Village Hall (at the Café) and from Lydbury North Village Shop and Hall, or phone her on 600702 or the shop on 680501.

CLUNTON VILLAGE HALL ITALIAN EVENING

Saturday 10 May at 7.30pm



Come and enjoy Italian wine and food
(*Antipasto, Italian main course and dessert*)
with background music and a table quiz
Tickets £9 from Committee members

FUN QUIZ

Clunbury
Village
Hall

With a Ploughman's Supper (optional)

Saturday 17 May 7.30pm

Teams of up to six

Quiz £2.50 per person

Supper £2

Tea, coffee & soft drinks available

no bar – BYO

To book a table phone Sue Hill 660355 or
Eirlys Ellams 660625 or email
sueinclunbury@gmail.com

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Parish Plan Review Update

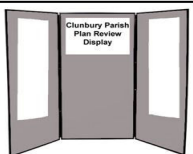
The Parish Plan Review got underway with a display in Clunbury Village Hall



Locals view the Parish Plan Review Display at Clunbury

showing progress since the original Plan was published in 2009. Visitors were encouraged to give their opinions and suggestions about what needs to be done in the future. The next chance to see the display and make comments will be on **Wednesday 7 May**, (see below for details)

Clunbury Parish Plan Review 2014



Display and Consultation Event

Wednesday 7 May
The Crown Inn, Clunton

10.30am to 12.00 and
5.00pm to 8.00pm

Come and see what has been achieved and help decide what needs to be done in the future

The final chance to catch the display will be on **Tuesday 3 June**, in Kempton Village Hall from 6.00 to 8.00pm.

If you can't attend either of these events, you can still have your say by sending questions, comments or

suggestions relating to the review to a member of the Parish Plan Review Group: Sheila Downes, Carol & Jonathan Griffiths, Pat Harding, Susan & David Hill, Andy Hutt, Fiona & John Hoskins, Sylvia Jones and Annie Sutton or email theparishpost@gmail.com and we will pass them on.

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7 May
10.30am to 12noon



in The Crown Inn, Clunton

Admission £1 to include coffee and biscuits

*Bric à brac, plants, cakes and a raffle
all in aid of Clunton Church*

Clunbury Café Bows to Brussels

Under extreme pressure from Brussels, Clunbury Café has agreed to move its scheduled Thursday 22 May coffee and cake extravaganza to **Wednesday 21st**. This is because Clunbury Village Hall will be used as a polling station on the 22nd and we wouldn't want to deny you the chance to vote for your very favourite MEP!

Do you have any spare cuttings or seedlings that might be of use to fellow gardeners? If so please bring them to the Café where we will offer them for sale at very attractive prices. All proceeds to the Village Hall to help keep down the cost of our social events.

Better Broadband.....But

Fibre cable has reached a cabinet at Little Brampton crossroads. To find out if you can get faster broadband contact your broadband provider or go to: www.productsandservices.bt.com/products/broadband/infinity#services-checker click on 'Check if I can get BT Infinity' and enter your phone number.

(Here's the But) But, to get the faster broadband you will need to sign up for the new service, probably at extra cost.

David Hill

Road Works Ahead!



Crossroads Safety Improvement Scheme

Safety improvement work at Little Brampton crossroads is due to be implemented within the next 12 months but it will not include the mandatory speed limit that many locals have wanted.

The proposal is to improve and enhance the junction warning signing with the possible inclusion of vehicle activated signs. Plans showing these proposals will be issued for Parish Council consideration prior to any works commencing.



Clun Cut Off (from civilisation!) B4335 closed for 4 weeks

The road from Clunton to Clun will be closed for up to 4 weeks starting 6 May to enable repairs to be carried out between The Hurst and Clun.

The closure will apply day and night, to pedestrians as well as vehicular traffic. A recommended diversion at Little Brampton will use the B4385, via Lydbury North to Bishop's Castle; then on the A488 to Clun.

Emergency services will not be allowed through the road closure.

A Visit to Tansy Cottage Clunbury in 1960

Margaret Austin, a previous occupant of Tansy Cottage now living in Hereford, came to the Clunbury Café recently and brought with her a copy of an article published in the Shropshire Magazine in 1960. It described a walk from Brampton Bryan to Clunbury that Constance Manders, from Birmingham, made to meet Agnes Meredith, her penfriend, who lived at Tansy Cottage.

George, Agnes' husband, was summoned from the far end of the garden by a ship's bell over the door. Constance was given a tea of home-produced delicacies. Then she was shown round the well-stocked garden full of vegetables and colourful with flowers, buzzing with bees from the beehives but, she said, it was the magnificent views of the surrounding hills which really made it.

The cosy little cottage, in which George

was born, had been modernised with much loving pride but still contained a very old-fashioned range twinkling with black-lead and elbow-grease and also boasted a 'hole-in-the-wall-oven' used for bread baking in years gone by.

Lynne and Alister Thompson, the current owners of Tansy Cottage, are carrying on the tradition of vegetable growing and have a few hens scratching about the garden and may in the future try bee-keeping. They are also re-introducing the tansy plant and would be interested to know if anyone else has this in

their garden and knows anything about why it was grown and how it was used.

The interior of the cottage inevitably has been changed and re-modernised by successive owners but the bread oven is still there and the views are unchanged and just as wonderful.

Sue Hill



George & Agnes Meredith from an old photo

News from South West Shropshire Gardening Club

Now meeting at Lydbury North Village Hall

“A Taste of Herbs”

A talk from The Cottage Herbery in
Knighton-on-Teme, run by Kim and Rob
Hurst



This talk promises to delight all the senses while covering many aspects of The Cottage Herbery – the garden, growing and using herbs, and exhibiting at shows. Kim and Rob have over thirty years of experience of caring about the quality and health of their plants, which are nurtured in “Fertile Fibre” – the only truly organic, coir-based compost, which they have developed at their award winning nursery. In addition to achieving success in many shows over the years (including Gold awards at Chelsea), they attend many plant fairs, events and farmers’ markets (including Ludlow). “We care about our plants too much to bundle them into boxes in the post”; fortunately for us, plants will be available at the talk.

Kim’s talk takes place on Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm in LYDBURY NORTH VILLAGE HALL. It is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £3 per person, including refreshments

Advance Notice

Looking for inspiration when choosing which crops to grow this year? Why not check out the schedule for our Garden and Produce Show to be held on Saturday 30 August at Lydbury North Village Hall. Get competitive with your onions, garlic, beetroot or carrots, but don’t let the frost spoil your chance of glory! Show schedules are available from Sandy Burton tel: 680454 or email: keith.burton785@btinternet.com

Angela Salmon

UnityCommunity Teams and Teas

The second Clunbury UnityCommunity event saw thirteen teams in St Swithin’s Church taking part in a challenging quiz set by Christina Whitehead. The 38 questions related to numbered objects in the Church but just to confuse everyone not everything numbered was the answer to a question! All who took part really enjoyed the search which made you look very closely at things you might not normally notice – do you know who was headmaster of Clunbury School in 1882? (William Edwin Deacon). Three teams succeeded in correctly answering all but one question. Donations for tea, and the excellent spread of cakes we have come to expect from Clunbury events, raised £20 for the local First Responders. Thanks to all who helped and took part.

Sue Hill

Right and lower: Sam Bellamy, Ann Wadsworth and Pat Harding hunting for the answers.



Above: Eirlys Ellams presides over tea and cakes for the participants.



Correspondence

Irene Rowlands, a well-known ex-resident of Orchard Place, Clunbury, died on Sunday 6 April aged 93 at Uplands Nursing Home, Shrewsbury.

Jean Seckington

Sadly, two Kemptonians have died recently: Joan Tomkins, a long-standing resident (a keen reader and supporter of the Parish Post) and Rod Davies, formerly of the Post Office, Bishop’s Castle.

Tom & Gisèle Wall

Bishop's Castle & District Carers Group

If you are caring for a family member or friend, please come, join us, and meet others in a similar situation.

We meet every third Monday of the month at The Boar's Head, Church Street, Bishop's Castle, 2-4pm.

Our next meeting is on Monday 19 May, 2-4pm: Maria Franklin will be talking to us about Kinesiology, Nutrition and Energy medicine that can help both you and the person you care for.

All carers are most welcome. For further details telephone: Jenny, 01694 722024 or e-mail maysi@hotmail.co.uk

Aston on Clun Local Produce

In association with the Shropshire Hills Local Food Group - promoting local produce through local shops.

Saturday 10 May 2014

10.00am to 4.30pm

*At the Village Hall
1 Broome Road, SY7 8EH*

Homemade cakes, lamb, fruit, cider, beer, bread, honey, plants, chutney, pork, wine, organic veg., ice cream, coffee, confectionery, preserves, smoked foods and much more.



If you would like to promote and sell your produce, please contact:
Di Williams 660378 di@diwilliams.org
or Janet Krengel 660209
janet.krengel@gmail.com

Don't Have a Wasp in Your Bonnet

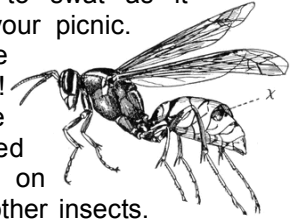
The social wasp is the one you might be tempted to swat as it buzzes around your picnic.

But think twice before you strike!

The grubs of the wasp are fed almost entirely on caterpillars and other insects.

By the end of the summer a nest may have consumed up to 250,000 insects. So trap those pesky wasps under a glass and let them free when you've finished eating. Solitary wasps also feed their young on flies and aphids so they should get a friendly welcome in your garden.

Fiona Gommersall, The Wildlife Trust



Programme

- 1.15pm Parade starts from Village Hall
Morris Dancing under the Arbor Tree
Wedding Pageant walk to the Tree
- 2.00pm Arbor Celebrations followed by refreshments at the Hall (provided by the WI) and events on the Green
- 7.30pm Ceilidh, in the VH, with live band 'Mostly John' with Pam Spenceley

Entrance & Parking Free

Raffle tickets available from the shop
Supporting Midlands Air Ambulance Charity
Offers of help welcome; please contact
Norman Brassington 660473

Events Diary for May and early June 2014

Thur 1	7.00pm	NT Live - King Lear	Aston on Clun Village Hall & SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Sat 3		Green Man Festival until 5th	Clun
Sat 3	7.30pm	Flicks - Blue Jasmine	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 4	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 4	7.00pm	Songs of praise in four-part harmony	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 5	9-11am	Parent & toddler group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 6	10.30am	Short Community Walk - every Tuesday	Maltings Tearoom, Clun
Wed 7	10.30am-12	Coffee Morning, admission £1 to include coffee and biscuits. Bric a brac, plants, cakes and a raffle - all in aid of Clunton Church	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 7	10.30am-12 and 5-8pm	Parish Plan Review Display and opportunity for discussion	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 7	9.00pm	Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 8	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 9	7.30pm	The Clun Valley Filling Station - A Faith that Works	Newcastle Community Ctr.
Sat 10	7.30pm	An Evening of Italian food and wine. Tickets £9, from Committee members	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 11	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 11	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 12	7-9pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 13		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm	
Wed 14	7.00pm	RSC - Henry IV Part I	SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Sat 17	7.30pm	Fun Quiz	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 18	10.00am	Benefice United Service for Christian Aid	Clun Methodist Church
Sun 18	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 19	2-4pm	Bishop's Castle & District Carers Group talk - Kinesiology, Nutrition and Energy medicine	The Boar's Head, Bishop's Castle
Wed 21	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 21	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 22	7am-10pm	European Election	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 22	7.00pm	NT Encore screening - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Aston on Clun Village Hall & SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Fri 23	8.00pm	Flicks - Captain Phillips	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sun 25	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 25	1.15pm	Arbor Day	Aston on Clun
Tue 27		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm	
Wed 28	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club talk - A Taste of Herbs	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sun 1	7.00pm	Songs of praise in four-part harmony	Kempton Village Hall

European Elections 22 May

Shropshire is due to elect seven MEPs to represent the region.

Your Polling Station is Clunbury Village Hall

In order to vote, your name must have been added to the Register of Electors by Tuesday 6 May. You can download a registration application form to register from www.about.my.vote.co.uk

To be able to vote by post, you must complete a 'postal application form' which must be received by 5pm on Wed 7 May.

Clunbury 100 Club April Winners

Henry Matveieff £20, David Hill £15, Clementine Morris £10, Jean Seckington £5, James Whitehead £3.

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