

# The Parish Post

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

## VE Day Commemoration Beacon at Cwm Bydd Farm

**B**eacons will be lit across the United Kingdom on Friday 8 May, at 8.30pm, to symbolise the moment the light came back to Europe on VE day 70 years ago.

Our Parish will have at least one beacon, high on the hill above Clunton. This is not an organised party, but you are most welcome to join us at the lighting, if the weather is kind do bring a picnic or a bottle. We offer parking, a party tent with some heating and chairs for those who feel the cold, and an opportunity to be part of a national moment of reflection.

The field is the first entrance you come to on your left after the wood as you go up Clunton Bank (the turning up by the Crown Inn) and will be clearly signed. It will be open at 7.30pm for those who would like to picnic, but be warned, it is a 'working' field, so dress accordingly! This is entirely free, but the Royal British Legion are providing a collecting box. Any queries, ring 660304 or email [carolgriffithscwmbydd@gmail.com](mailto:carolgriffithscwmbydd@gmail.com)

*Carol & Jonathan Griffiths*



**St Swithin's & St Mary's  
Churches &  
Clunbury Village Hall  
invite you to**

## **“Tea at Three”**

**On Saturday 9th May at 3.00pm in  
Clunbury Village Hall**

**VE Day 70th Anniversary Celebration**

**Cakes, sandwiches & scones,  
live music, fun raffle**

**Free entry, donations to charity**

**Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month**

## A Month in the Life of The Parish Post

Have you ever wondered how the Parish Post is put together and delivered each month? Probably not, but I thought I would tell you anyway in case it might inspire someone to think 'that sounds interesting I think I would like to get involved'. Yes, you've rumbled me, this is yet another plea for more help!

You probably don't remember, but the Parish Post grew out of a desire for better communication within the parish expressed through the 2009 Parish Plan questionnaire. As a member of the Parish Plan Steering Group, I volunteered to try to organise the start-up of a newsletter to be run by those who had expressed an interest in it. It was not my intention that I should become the 'editor' (for want of a better word) but five years on I still find myself in that position. Other members of the team have come and gone except for Gisèle Wall, who does a great job putting it together on the computer (and standing in for me when I'm away) and my husband David Hill, who makes the final tweaks demanded by the editor and also oversees the printing.

As soon as one month's Parish Post has plopped through your letter box Sheila Downes (who is in charge of producing the Diary section) and I, start monitoring the items sent in to the PP email and, along with the rest of the team, keeping our eyes and ears open for local news. After the deadline (20<sup>th</sup> of the month in case you had forgotten) we have a meeting with the rest of the editorial team, currently Lin Brown, Mary Cooper, Nick Downes and Pat Harding, to discuss what has been gathered and quite often to panic, especially if we feel we only have events adverts etc but no 'feature pieces'. Who can think of a topic to write about? Who could someone go out to interview? Usually we manage

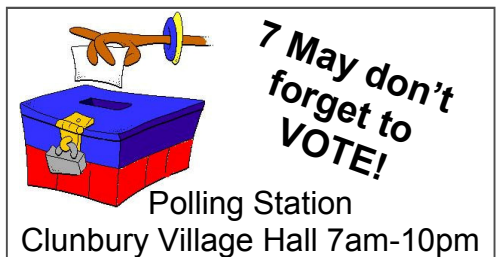
something but, and this is where you come in – we would love to receive small pieces about local people, local history, amusing stories or your poems, recipes or gardening tips or almost anything you care to send in (with the proviso that the final decision whether to use it or not lies with the editor!).

Once we have decided what to include, we then discuss the running order – especially what should go on the front page, after which Gisèle takes it away and tries her best to make sense of the jig-saw. We all proof read and I make a nuisance of myself by asking for things to be moved around the pages if I think they don't look right. Printing is done on our own laser printer and then the PP is folded or stapled. Jean Seckington was until recently our stalwart helper at this stage but as she has moved away we have a vacancy – so if anyone wants to volunteer to help (it only takes about an hour) please get in touch.

The final stage is delivery to your door by Rosie Evans (Beambridge), Lin Brown (Brampton/Purslow and Clunton Coppice), David and Sue Hill (Clunbury), Pat Harding (Clunton), Gisèle Wall (Kempton), Mary Jones, Sandra Morgan, Jean and John Brown (Twitchen and The Llan/Cwm/Obley).

If you think you might like to get involved please email [theparishpost@gmail.com](mailto:theparishpost@gmail.com) or ring Sue on 660355 or if you have already volunteered via the Parish Plan questionnaire, thank you, we will be in touch.

*Sue Hill*



**Annual Parish Meeting**  
Come and have your say  
on 14 May at 7.30pm  
in Clunton Village Hall  
(Followed by the regular Parish  
Council meeting)

**South West Shropshire  
Gardening Club**



**“Using a Small Greenhouse”**

A talk by RHS Speaker  
**Gareth Davies**

**Wednesday 27 May**  
**Lydbury North Village Hall**

If you would like to learn how to achieve more than a few tomatoes and a spindly lemon tree in your greenhouse then this talk could provide some vital tips and inspiration! Gareth is a rose advisor, qualified judge and member of the RNRS Shows Committee. He is a prolific writer and author of several books for the RHS. He is a former radio and TV presenter having appeared on BBC Wales, ITV and on the Channel 4 series “Real Gardens” with Monty Don. He is also a member of The British Fuschia Society. Based on years of experience in his “immaculate” garden in Talybont on Usk, Brecon, Gareth will be advising us on many things to consider in our greenhouses, such as design, heating and watering. His talk is illustrated with plants he grows for his “truly stunning” annual garden display.

It is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £3 per person including refreshments. Any further queries to our Chairman, Carol 660753 or our Secretary, Allison Walter 620055 or look online: [www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk).

*Angie Salmon*

**Wildlife Updates**

The beautiful spring sunshine has meant that the early white blossoms of cherry plum, then blackthorn and damson (see February's Parish Post) have looked especially magnificent this year.

Sadly, the dippers which started nesting at the T Bridge in Kempton, moved on. On an even sadder note, a barn owl was picked up dead on the road recently.

*Vince Downs and Tom Wall*

**Thank you**

The Parish Plan Team would like to thank all members of the Parish who completed the Parish Plan Review Questionnaire. They will now be working to collate the information in order to publish the final Parish Plan Review.



**Clunton Village Hall  
Afternoon Tea**

**Saturday 16th May, 4pm**

This popular event is back - so come and join us for sandwiches, scones and cakes, with tea, coffee or soft drinks. There will be a fun table quiz and a raffle.

Tickets £6 (children £3)  
available from Committee Members

**St Mary's Church, Clunton  
Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 27 May, from 10.30am  
In the Crown Inn**

Lovely social occasion with coffee  
and biscuits  
Bring and buy, bric a brac, cakes,  
plants, books etc and the usual  
raffle. Entrance £1

**Kempton Village Hall  
Annual General Meeting**  
26 May, 8pm. All welcome

## Clun Valley Good Friends Garden Party at Purslow Hall



**Sunday 17 May, 2.30 – 5pm**  
by kind permission of  
James and Annabel Morris  
**Entrance to garden and  
music by Rapsquillian £3**  
Refreshments available  
All proceeds to Good Friends  
Contact Carolyn 640477  
Everybody welcome

## Christian Aid Coffee Morning

St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford  
Saturday 9 May, from 10am  
**Open Gardens  
in Clungunford**  
Sunday 31 May  
Tickets, teas etc at the Church

## Aston on Clun Arbor Tree Festivities

**Ceilidh – music by Mostly John Ceilidh Band**

Saturday 30 May, 7.30pm Aston Village Hall

Tickets £7 from the village shop or tel Roger Rankin 661088  
or Sandra Spence 660657. Bar applied for

**Arbor Tree Dressing and Procession**

Sunday 31 May starts 1.15pm at the tree

**entertainment by the Bedlam Dancers with Benji Kirkpatrick  
and Martha Rhoden's Tuppenny Dish**

Tabletop sale and refreshments in the village hall. Tables cost  
£10 and can be booked at the above contact numbers



## Success for the Market

The first Aston-on-Clun Craft and Collectables Market was opened on Saturday 18 April by local wildlife photographer, writer and wild swimmer Andrew Fusek Peters.



There were 15 stall holders selling a wide variety of hand crafted goods, collectables and plants. Dawn Howe from Chic Brocante demonstrated painted furniture techniques and generated a lot of interest in her courses and bespoke painted furniture. The market café supplied delicious cakes and gave visitors the opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy the refreshments. Many local people supported the event and commented on the high standard of goods on sale. Peter Hillcox will be demonstrating glass bead making at the next market on Saturday 16 May (10am-2pm).

*Judith Payling*

**Clunbury 100 Club – April Draw** - Henry Matveieff £20; Valerie Redgrave £15; Gareth & Victoria Seabury £10; Sue Berry £5; Julia Brereton £3

## Advice on Staying Safe Online

On 1 December 2014, Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police launched the Be Cyber Smart Campaign

# CyberSmart

to raise awareness of internet-related crime and to give people the knowledge they need to protect themselves. The first phase focuses on online shopping. Here are a few simple tips and safety checks:-

### Don't Transfer Money

Always pay for items you buy online by card on a secure payment page, by cheque or by cash, in person. However desperate you are to secure an item, never transfer money into the seller's account, as you may never see the goods or your money ever again.

### Check that Payment Pages are Secure

Before you enter your card details on a payment page, make sure it is secure by checking that the address starts with 'https' (the 's' stands for 'secure') and there's a padlock or unbroken key symbol in the browser window.

### Use a Credit Card

Remember that you have more chance of getting your money back in the event of problems if you pay by credit card rather than debit card. Some sellers may charge a premium, but it could well be worth the extra for your peace of mind.

### Use Auction Sites Safely

Many of us buy from online auction sites. Always use trusted and well-known payment methods instead of paying sellers directly. Read the site and seller's

conditions. For your personal safety, if you're collecting in person, take someone with you or let people know where you're going.

### Check Out Bargains with Care

If you find, or are emailed about an item that seems just too much of a bargain, it could be a scam, fake goods or it doesn't match the description. Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

### Use Social Networks Safely

Social networks are a popular medium for scams and are becoming increasingly so. If you see a post promising something free of charge, free entry to a competition with a fantastic prize or perhaps an offer that seems just too good to be true, consider very carefully before following it up.

### Use Email Safely

An email urging you to click on a link to reveal a special offer, to open an attachment containing some great news, or to "confirm details" or "reset your account", could well be a scam, even if it appears to come from a reputable source. If in doubt, delete the email and don't respond to or forward it.

**Look out for more advice in future editions.**

## Internet Safety



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## Events Diary for May 2015

Sat 2		Castle Connect and Long Mynd & Stiperstones shuttle bus services start	
Sat 2	9am-2pm	Severn Hospice Bookshop Fair in the Square	Craven Arms
Sun 3	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 3	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 4		Green Man Day	Clun
Tue 5	7.30pm	Flicks—The Imitation Game	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 6		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 7	7am-10pm	Polling Day	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 8	7.30pm	VE Commemoration Beacon (see page 1)	Cwm Bydd Farm
Sat 9	10am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning	St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Sat 9	3pm	'Tea at Three' - VE Day Celebration Tea	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 9	7.30pm	Flicks—The Hundred-Foot Journey	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 10	6.30pm	VE Service of Thanksgiving	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 11	9-11am	Parent & Toddler Group - every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 11	7-9pm	Monday Night Club-free help with using computers	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 12	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 12	7pm	Flicks—The Theory of Everything	SpArC
Wed 13		Tim's Travels—'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'—640506	Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham
Thu 14	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 14	7pm	NT Live—Man and Superman	Aston on Clun Village Hall
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Thu 14	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 16	10am-2pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 16	4pm	Clunton Afternoon Tea	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 17	2.30-5pm	Clun Valley Good Friends Garden Tea Party	Purslow Hall
Sun 17	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 19	7.30pm	ENO screening of The Pirates of Penzance	SpArC
Sun 24	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
25-29	Clunbury School Half Term		
Tue 26	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 26	8pm	Kempton Village Hall AGM	Kempton Village Hall
Wed 27	10.30am	Coffee Morning for St Mary's Church, Clunton	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Wed 27	7.30pm	SWSGC—'Using a Small Greenhouse'	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 27	9.15pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thu 28	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 28	7pm	Flicks—Birdman	SpArC
Sat 30	7.30pm	Arbor Day Ceilidh	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 31	1.15pm	Arbor Day tree dressing and procession	Aston on Clun
Sun 31		Open Gardens in Clungunford—tickets, teas, etc in church	
Sun 31	11.15am	Benefice United Service	Bettws



**For Sale: Plants, Jams, etc. from 50p  
at The Barn, Obley  
during the summer months  
reg charity 298405**