

Queen's Birthday Poplar Planted

Children from Clunbury School joined residents from the village to plant a tree to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. It was a lovely September afternoon and all enjoyed the walk, the planting and elderflower cordial made by the Nursery children.

The tree was a cutting from the Black Poplar Arbor Tree in Aston on Clun, famed for its role as a tree traditionally dressed with flags for Oak Apple Day - a practice dating back to Celtic times. The tradition was revived to remember the marriage between John Marston and Mary Carter in 1786 and continues to this day. Sadly the parent tree was brought down in a storm twenty-one years ago and had to be replaced with a new one.

Barbara and Jeremy Freeman have nurtured a cutting (taken by Barbara's father Cliff Williams) for many years and the resulting tree is now able to survive in open ground. Mr and Mrs Whitehead happily agreed for the tree to be planted on their land near Binks Bridge (a footbridge leading from the Beambridge road to footpaths across the meadows).

Also, to mark the year, and in memory of her husband Jerry, Eileen Breach has sponsored a time-capsule which children from the school will help to fill.



Eirlys Ellams

Promise Auction The Hundred House



Purslow

Friday 18 November at 7.30pm

(Viewing from 6.30 pm)

In aid of St Swithin's Church



St Mary's Church, Clunton

Soup & Puds



The Orchard, Clunton

Saturday 3 December, 7pm

Licensed bar and raffle

Tickets £7.50

from Church Committee members

or Pat on 660169

All proceeds to St Mary's Church

The next edition of The Parish Post will cover December and January. If you have an event during that period you want us to publicise, please send the details by 20 November.

St Swithin's Harvest Festival and Churchyard Working Party

The service of thanksgiving for harvest on 14 October started with Rev Simon Mondon thanking all those who had contributed to the glowingly rich decoration of the church - the rich colours of autumn and harvest sang out against the austere stone and plaster of St Swithin's.

The theme of thanks continued as Simon thanked farmers for looking after our beautiful countryside and putting food on our tables. He talked of the labour and toil of farming, of loneliness, and of course of the weather. It is a calling, not just a job, he reminded us.

After the service we retired to the Village Hall, where a whole new reason for thankfulness was laid out for us to eat. More thanks were given to all who contributed to the magnificent supper, and to the washing up. And perhaps especial thanks for the conviviality of the evening are due to John Jones who ran the bar so well! So well, indeed, that the final parties were there until 11pm. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening - and as one celebrating farmer remarked: this was the first year for some time that harvest was got home *before* the Harvest Festival. Proceeds from the supper will go to Shropshire Rural Support.

If you go down to the Church today you are sure of a big surprise, well maybe not that big, but the Churchyard is looking a whole lot more cared for. Ivy has been removed from all the walls of the building, inroads have been made into brambles, many self-sown trees have been felled, graves have emerged from the thickets, and all rubbish has been carted away.



Grateful thanks from Rev Simon, the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council, to all the kind souls who turned up on a lovely sunny day (October 15) and worked so hard with only coffee and tea, biscuits and a lovely lemon cake to sustain them.

St Swithin's really does belong to all of us.

Carol Griffiths

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Emily with the cheque

Emily Stone of Orchard Place, Clunbury and her family raised £214.00 for Macmillan Cancer Charity with their coffee morning at Clunbury Village Hall last month.

Annie Sutton

100 Club results

Heather Jones £20; Toby Matveieff £15; Clive Seabury £10; Bernard Pugh £5; Caroline Holmes £3.



Christmas Craft Fair

Sat 26 and Sun 27 November
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Craven Arms

10 am to 4.30 pm

A wide variety of fabulous quality handmade crafts for that unique gift, or treat for yourself!

Free parking and entry to fair
Café and lots more to see



South West Shropshire Gardening Club

Wednesday 23 November



Lydbury North Village Hall

The Genus Lavender

A talk by Joanna Spencer from Shropshire Lavender

Joanna and Robin Spencer have been growing lavender at Wellbank Farm, Pickstock, near Newport, since 2005. This family-run business was first inspired by early memories of the heady scent of lavender in childhood gardens and family holidays in Provence. After much research, two hundred plugs were planted in 2002 and many battles with rabbits, weeds, wind and wet weather ensued. The Spencers now make a wide range of homemade products using their own essential oil. They have an orchard planted with over thirty varieties of specialist plants which flower from early June to late September. The farm and tea shop are open to the public and hosts group visits, special events and talks. There are now over 25,000 plants in three acres, so it will be interesting to discover how the rabbits and other challenges were overcome! Plants and products will be available to purchase at the meeting.

Any further queries to Sandy Burton 680454 or Carol Clarke 660753 or look at our website.

www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Clun Valley Fairtrade Group AGM



Tuesday 15 November
7.30pm

Clun Methodist Church

Short business meeting followed by a presentation 'Talking Tastings' and DVD 'Fairtrade Matters'

Refreshments & Fairtrade Stall

All welcome!

Ludlow Traveller Update

The Ludlow Traveller provides affordable door to door transport for anyone who finds it difficult to use public transport. They have a spacious minibus with a tail lift for wheelchair users and a low step to help getting on and off. There are no age restrictions for using the service, but you need to be a member, which costs £15 per year. After that the charge is £1 each way per trip if you have a bus pass, or £1.75 each way if you don't. A new leaflet about the service includes an indicative timetable, however times can vary, as the service is responsive to demand. The timetable does not seem to be available on their website (www.shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk) at present so we have put it on The Parish Post website at <http://tinyurl.com/hdrzj4p>



Local Joint Committees

Your
Local Joint Committee
welcomes everyone

Home and personal security event Wednesday 16 November

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Craven Arms

Drop in from 3pm - 7pm

**The public Local Joint Committee
meeting will take place at 7pm**

Drop in and get advice and support to keep you and your property safe this winter. Stalls will include:

- West Mercia Police
- Shropshire Council Scam Team
- National Flood Forum
- Shropshire Council's flooding team
- Demonstration of sample security products including Smartwater (until 5pm)

Telephone: 07990085656

Website: www.shropshire.gov.uk

email: lisa.bedford@shropshire.gov.uk

Kissing: Still Fashionable?

It is said that 'when gorse is out of bloom, kissing's out of fashion'. Should you wish for confirmation that the activity remains fashionable take a walk up onto the Black Hill. Here you will find plenty of gorse still decked with vivid golden-yellow flowers on spiky twigs.

That kissing remains strongly in fashion in our parish despite the onset of winter, is thanks in part to the



presence of two species of gorse. The common gorse flowers at any time from January onwards, peaking in spring, though the occasional flower may be found at almost any time of year. Come July it is the turn of the western gorse, which flowers on into the start of winter; it is the flowers of this species which may still be found in quantity on the Black Hill.

If you go in search of it, you may see a yellow flower or two on the broom bushes too. This is a related, but spineless plant, whose long, straight, green stems when gathered and bound to a stave would once have served as a broom of the type used by witches, not least perhaps at Halloween. And, late though it is, the yellow flowers of ragwort are in evidence here and there as well, as are those of other members of the daisy family.

Tom Wall

Goodbye to Our Phone Boxes?

Shropshire Council (SC) has received notification from BT of their proposal to remove the phone boxes from Clunbury, Clunton and Kempton. Only the Kempton box has been used to make calls (3) in the last twelve months.



SC is seeking the formal views of the Parish Council before deciding whether to exercise its powers of 'local veto' and insist that the payphone is retained.

If it is decided that a box is no longer required for telephone calls, it is possible to have the pay phone equipment removed and the box kept in situ under the 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme. This however can only be done by a local council or charitable association.

If you wish to express any views concerning retention or adoption of phone boxes contact any parish councillor.

Clunton Scrumpters

We have been busy. Lots of apples this year. We had a lovely day at the



village hall, pasteurised, juiced and talked. Lots of tasty food was served throughout the day, ending with a great meal at the pub. Thank you Della & Andy. We

also juiced at Clun & Clunbury schools & the Discovery Centre.

Anne Shepherdson

Don't Let The SpArC Go Out

A table top sale held in Bishop's Castle, on Saturday 1 October, raised £545 for the campaign. Donations and a raffle boosted funds to £795. A car wash held on the same day resulted in a fabulous £493, in spite of heavy rain. Thanks to all volunteers and sponsors.

Clun Table Top Sale for SpArC

The next sale will be held on Saturday 5 November in the Hightown Community Centre, Clun from 10am to 12.30pm. More information from Tim Wood (640506).

Memories of Dr Gandy Needed!

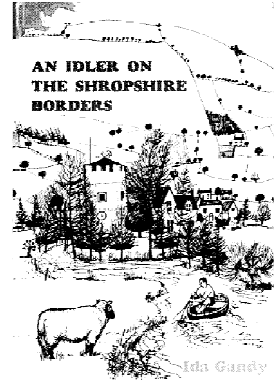
Dr Richard Harding, a retired doctor living in Ludlow, is researching the history of Clunbury and surrounding villages, using the medical practice of Dr Thomas Gandy as his framework, and wants to record your memories. Dr Gandy was the GP in Clunbury from about 1930 until at least the outbreak of World War Two, and his wife Ida wrote a book, 'An Idler on the Shropshire Borders', and plays for the BBC. One of these, 'The Breaking of the Spell', was broadcast on the Home Service in June 1936, and was, according to the Radio Times, 'presented by The Clunbury Players'. Dr Gandy fished the Clun. The Gandys had three children, referred to, in Gillian's recent obituary, as Christopher, Robin and Gillian. But in her book, Ida refers to the boys as Thomas and Oliver, and Gillian as Jill. All three went on to have distinguished careers away from the village.

At the same period as the Gandys were in Clunbury, another country GP, Dr Will Pickles of Wensleydale, did pioneering work on infectious diseases. This work was possible because of the isolation of the Dale. The Clun valley shares many characteristics with Wensleydale, though it is smaller. Memories you may have of Dr Gandy and his practice, of being ill and attended by him, of epidemics that closed the school, or of having a baby, all are of interest; and any others.

Ida's book refers to several people and events in the village during their time there, including: The Clunbury Players; meeting Emperor Hailie Sellassie at Walcot Hall; Jimmy the fiddler, who played at weddings; a forest fire on Titter Hill that threatened Hopton Castle; red squirrels aplenty; a girl who came to live in the village who was a Basque refugee, presumably from the Spanish Civil War; and Pamponi's Mammoth Show, an Italian couple with a monkey who did a touring show and came to the village in summer 1939, just before the war.

Were you at school then? Were you in the Clunbury Players? Did Dr Gandy attend you at any time? Richard wants to record your memories of life at that time. He will happily come and see you at home. Please contact him. His details are:

Dr Richard Harding, The Friary, Corve Street, Ludlow, SY8 1DL, tel 01584 874649, email: richard.harding11@icloud.com.



Charity Book Shop Craven Arms

Wondering what presents to get for Christmas? Why not visit our bookshop in Craven Arms? We will have a table of pristine books for sale all through November and December. Don't forget, our wonderful collection of Antiquarian Books also make great presents.



Remember,

**Remember the
5th of November**



Watch out for hedgehogs in your bonfire. If you find one and are not sure what to do, take it inside, put it in a deep sided box, keep it warm and call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801.

Events Diary for November 2016

Tue 1	7.30pm	Flicks - Our Kind of Traitor - 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 2		Quiz - proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 3	11-4.30pm	Healthwatch Shropshire Annual Event - 01743 237884	Guildhall, Shrewsbury
Fri 4	7.30pm	BC Railway Society - Welshpool & Llanfair Railway - Present & Future	Methodist Hall, BC
Sat 5	10am-12.30	Table Top Sale in aid of SpArC - 640506	Hightown Community Room
Sun 6	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 6	6pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 7	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 8	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		
Wed 9	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Lamb	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 10	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 11	7.30pm	All Quiet on the Western Front - 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 12	10am-4pm	Bedstone Art Group Art Sale with refreshments	Bedstone Village Hall
Sat 12	7.30pm	Flicks - Money Monster - 640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 13	10.45am	United Remembrance Day Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 13	12.30pm	Remembrance Service at Purslow War Memorial	
Sun 13	3.30pm	Film - Love and Friendship	SpArC
Tue 15	7.30pm	Clun Valley Fair Trade Group AGM	Clun Methodist Church
Wed 16		Tim's Travels - Dead Sheep - 640506	Malvern
Wed 16	3pm-7pm	Home and Personal Security Event	Discovery Centre, C. Arms
Thu 17	7pm	Film - Race	SpArC
Thu 17	8pm	Parish Council Meeting	Kempton Village Hall
Fri 18	7.30pm	Promise Auction in aid of St Swithin's Church	100 House, Purslow
Fri 18	8pm	Flicks - Bridge of Spies - 660727/660781	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 19	10am-4pm	Craft & Collectables Market - Christmas Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 19	7.30pm	Flicks-Bridge of Spies - 660545	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 19	7.30pm	Ludlow Choral Society - Hail! Bright Cecilia	St Laurence's, Ludlow
Sun 20	6.30pm	United Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 22	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		
Wed 23	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club - The Genus Lavender	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 23	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Gett	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 24	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 25	7.30pm	British Owls: illustrated lecture - Dr Michael Leach - 680223	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 26/Sun 27	10am - 4.30pm	Christmas Craft Fair	Discovery Centre, C. Arms
Sun 27	11.15am	United CW Holy Communion (Teaching)	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 28	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton



Bedstone Art Group
Art Sale
Saturday 12 November
10am – 4pm
Bedstone Village Hall
 Refreshments
 (Profits to Air Ambulance & Bedstone Church)
Meet the members and find that perfect present



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