

## Close Encounters of the Bird Kind

### Birds, Books and Boxes



Talk by Tom Wall  
Clunbury Village Hall  
Friday 10 November  
7.30pm

£3.00 entry

All welcome

Light refreshments

*In aid of Clunbury and Kempton Village Halls*



### 'Copters in Kempton

We had an unusual visitor to Kempton today. An RAF helicopter, on a training flight, landed in Michael Windsor's field due to a bird strike. A second helicopter turned up with engineers to inspect it and make the necessary repairs. It took off again after about 2 hours.

*John Hoskins*



### Sparrow Alert

On 30 September, in Kempton, this beautiful male Sparrowhawk perched on the gutter of our extension - it had just started to pour down with rain, and I happened to look up from my writing shed opposite. I keep my camera next to the desk and only had about 30 seconds, through a dirty window, to take the picture! So it was a complete fluke, not least because I wasn't wearing my glasses and am not good at focussing without them! I suspect the rain took him by surprise and his dinner had flown into cover!

*Janet Kregel*

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.



**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING**



Barbara and Jeremy Freeman kindly hosted the Macmillan coffee morning in their garden, with the support of Clunbury Village Hall. It was a most successful morning with cakes for sale, a tombola, a raffle and guess the weight of the cake. Everyone enjoyed the morning and helped to raise a fantastic amount of money for a very good cause.

### A Prickly Subject

Attached is a picture of the little hedgehog that I rescued from my gateway. Looking online I followed directions set out by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society based in Ludlow: I popped him in a comfortable high-sided box, on a hot water bottle to keep him warm! I gave him a towel to hide in and fresh water and a little wet cat food! I then phoned Jenny, the local hedgehog rescue nurse who lives in Clunton. She asked details and said "I will be with you in 10 mins with my hedgehog rescue kit!" and, sure enough, in a flash, Jenny arrived with her carry case, small hot water bottle, blankets and sturdy gloves. On examining the little soul she said he was an autumn juvenile and most certainly I had saved his life!! He should not have been out in the daytime and was looking for food to try and gain enough weight to hibernate; had I not called her, he would have been a gonna!! She has promised to keep me posted about his recovery and if he is fit and well in time she will bring him back, so that he can hibernate in his home village! Jenny also said there may be brothers or sisters about, so keep eyes peeled! The moral of the story is if you see a hedgehog out in the day you too must call Jenny, the hedgehog nurse on 01588 660394.



You call them **BONFIRES** but some **HEDGEHOGS** call them **HOME!!**



Please remember  
This bonfire night  
Check for Hedgehogs  
Before you light!

### *A few days later...*

Sadly, I have just had a call from the hedgehog nurse: the little soul turned out to be a girl and sadly died during the night, but at least, as the lady said, she spent her last hours in the warm and in comfort. I wish I had found her before, then things might have been different!

*Claire Hern*

## Harvest Festival

The harvest decorations in St Swithin's Church were magnificent this year. Each leaf and berry and flower reflected the colours and the bounty of this harvest time. Thank you to all those who worked so hard, and our thanks too to everyone who helped with the supper that followed our thanksgiving service. It was a very enjoyable evening, though, for the farmers there is still work to do to get the harvest safely in.

*Christina Whitehead*

## Clunbury 100 Club

Joey Matveieff: £20; Anne Williams: £15; Toby Matveieff: £10; Sandra Morgan: £5; Pat Turley £3.

## Clunton 100 Club

Thank you to all who have joined our 100 Club so far. New members are still welcome to join. See Pat for an application form. The first draw took place at the Harvest Supper on 29 September and the results were: 1st: Richard Webb £20, 2nd: Angela Reynolds £12, 3rd: David Pearson £6.

## Crown Inn, Clunton

Now re-opened by John & Mary Stradling from the Six Bells pub & brewery, Bishop's Castle, with manager Louise in charge on a daily basis.

Opening hours, bar only

Mon-Thurs: 5–11pm

Fri-Sun: 12–11pm

Fish & chips Wed from 6pm

## National Theatre Live

16 November

Aston on Clun Village Hall

**Stephen Sondheim's  
legendary musical "Follies"**

starring Imelda Staunton

Tickets £10.00

Call 01588 660493 or go to

<http://astononclunhall.org/index.html>

## Kemp Valley Wildlife Group

is presenting a talk on

### The Secret Life of Elephants

By

**Dr Michael Leach**

**Friday 17 November**

Lydbury North Village Hall

Doors open

7.00 for 7.30pm

Bar available

Tickets £5.00



Contact Derek Mattey to reserve tickets:  
01588 638944

## Clunton Scrumpers

Very successful apple juicing sessions were held at Clunton village hall and at Clun & Clunbury Schools. Last weekend, despite the bad weather, we were very busy both demonstrating and juicing apples. The next task is to collect from here and there, to get enough to make the CIDER ready for next year's Cider Evening. Always an event to mark in the diary.

*Noel and Anne Sheperdson*



## Aston On Clun Village Hall

**Craft and Collectables**

**Christmas Market**

18 November

10.00 - 3.00pm

Handmade local crafts

## Tree Down on Black Hill Footpath

A large oak tree has come down across the footpath on the way up to Black Hill from the Cwm Hall side at Grid Reference SO 336 791. It is not passable, as the crown of the tree is blocking the way completely. Thanks to Mandy and Gerry Dance for this information.

This problem has been reported to Shropshire Council. If anyone is aware of any other problems with footpaths or bridle paths in the parish go to the Shropshire Council website at

<http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/outdoor-partnerships>

and follow the links - Comments, concerns or complaints; Public rights of way. You can then choose to give your name or make an anonymous report.

Or email

[outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk)

Or phone 0345 678 9000.

It is very important to give a six figure Grid Reference if you can, to pinpoint the location of the problem.

## Reminder to Dog Owners (Again!)

Dog poo left in our villages, churchyards, along footpaths and forest tracks is still an issue throughout the parish. Irresponsible dog owners are probably in the minority but it doesn't take many to make a mess if their dogs are regularly allowed to foul the same area. Everyone knows the mantra, 'bag it up and take it home' or 'stick it and flick it' as appropriate. It is not acceptable to leave plastic bags hanging on fences or from bushes like gruesome decorations, nor is it acceptable to verbally abuse someone who politely asks you to clean up after your dog (as has been reported to the Parish Post). Help keep Clunbury Parish a clean and pleasant place to live.



## Bishop's Castle Railway Society *Constructing the Worcester to Hereford Railway – Gordon Wood*



3 November  
7.30pm  
Methodist Hall  
Station Street  
Bishop's Castle  
Members free  
Visitors £2.00

Refreshments available  
Further details contact  
John Rimmer 01588 638998

## Bedstone Village Hall

### FUN QUIZ FOR CHARITY

Wednesday 22 November, 7.30pm

£2.50 per person, teams of 4

Come as a team, or join one here

To book: email

[BedstoneHoptonCastleVH@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:BedstoneHoptonCastleVH@hotmail.co.uk)  
or ring 01547 530282

Saturday 18 November, 7pm

### Concert by popular folk and harmony group **Rapsquillion**

St George's Church, Clun  
£6 on the door

Please join us for an entertaining evening  
Wine/drinks will be available during the interval

Held in aid of St George's Church, Clun





## Apple Pressing for SpArC

With equipment and volunteer expertise kindly provided by the Kemp Valley Group, visitors came along to press their own apples and make their own juice which they pasteurised for storage and drinking over the coming year.

Juice was made from a variety of locally-grown apples including Russets, Bramleys, Worcesters and Discoverys which resulted in a wide variety of juice colours from gold and amber though to pale pink.

A plant stall and the sale of home-made cakes and refreshments also contributed to the total raised of £279.

The Kemp Valley Group is a local community group which supports local schools and "good causes" with expertise and equipment in order that they may process local produce in a friendly social environment.

The next fundraising event in aid of the Save the SpArC campaign will be a Christmas Prize Bingo on Friday 24 November at Bishop's Castle Public Hall. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm.

For more information about the Save the SpArC campaign please see our website [www.savethesparc.com](http://www.savethesparc.com)

## Correspondence

### UPDATE October 2017 - Twitchen & Clunbury Community Superfast Broadband

We are still expecting this installation to take place sometime next year. While we are waiting, we have proved that there is a useable 4G signal (useable for data, nothing to do with phones) available at both my own and Matthew Trustman's properties here in Twitchen. Matthew and I were both amazed that, in an area where our mobile phone coverage is so poor, we could get a useable 4G broadband signal. **Just to be clear, I will only be using this in the interim period and replacing it with Fibre To The Premises, a much better solution, when that comes in.** If you want to know more about 4G please contact myself or Matthew and we'll tell you what we know. Please note, we are not installers, we are neighbours trying to help out. (That means we might be prepared to bring my box to your house to see if there's a signal, but we're not climbing up on the roof!). Regards

## South West Shropshire Gardening Club



### Friends and Foes In The Garden

A talk by Roger Umpleby

Wednesday 22 November, 7.30pm  
Lydbury North Village Hall

Roger is a professional entomologist and horticulturalist. If you don't know your ground beetle from your lily beetle or your hoverfly from your sawfly, Roger might just be the man to help you out! How to find the balance between encouraging the wildlife you want, while limiting the damage from those you don't, is a constant battle. Whether you're fighting slugs and snails, vine weevil, leatherjackets, rabbits or a heady cocktail of all of them, Roger will set you on the right path. This talk is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors: £5 per person, including refreshments. Queries to Sandy Burton 01588 680454 Carol Clarke 01588 660753 or on our website: [www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk)



**Severn Trent will be closing the road near Clunbury Bridge to repair a section of water main. The work will probably take place between 30 October**

**and 3 November. For more details ring Severn Trent on 0800 783 4444.**

## Events Diary for November 2017

Wed 1		Quiz - proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Fri 3	7pm	Food, Follies & Fun Quiz	Clunton Village Hall
Fri 3	7.30pm	BC Railway Society: Constructing the Worcester to Hereford Railway	BC Methodist Hall
Sun 5	11.15am	CW Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 5	6pm	Benefice Memorial Service	St George's, Clun
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		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,	Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Tue 7	2pm	Flicks - The Princess Bride - 630321/638038	SpArC
Tue 7	7.30pm	Flicks-Elle - 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 8	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Letters from Baghdad	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 9	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 9	8pm	Parish Council Meeting	Kempton Village Hall
Thu 9	7pm	Flicks - Their Finest - 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 10	6.30pm	Flicks - Despicable Me 3 - 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 10	7.30pm	Birds, Books and Boxes talk by Tom Wall	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 11	7.30pm	Flicks-Golden Years - Grand Theft OAP - 640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 12	10.45am	Remembrance Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 12	12.30pm	Remembrance Service	Purslow Memorial
Thu 16		Tim's Travels-Ikea - 640506	Wednesbury
Thu 16	7pm	NT Live - Follies - 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 16	7pm	NT Live - Follies - 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 17	7.30pm	The Secret Life of Elephants - Dr Michael Leach - 638944	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 17	7.30pm	Hotbuckle Productions - Wuthering Heights-630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 18	10am-3pm	Craft & Collectables Market - Christmas Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 18	7.30pm	Flicks - Untouchable - 660545	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 18	7pm	Rapsquillion Concert	St George's, Clun
Sun 19	6.30pm	United Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Tue 21		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,	Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Wed 22	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club - Friends & Foes in the Garden	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 22	7.30pm	Fun Quiz for Charity - 01547-530282	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 22	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Neruda	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 23	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 24	8pm	Flicks - The Graduate-660159	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 24	8pm	SpArC Christmas Prize Bingo	BC Public Hall
Sun 26	11.15am	United Morning Worship	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thu 30	7pm	Flicks - Wonder Woman (2017) - 630321/638038	SpArC

### Advance Notice



**Parish Post Newsletter  
Association AGM  
Thursday 14 December  
7.30pm  
Kempton Village Hall**

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