

# The Parish Post

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## Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes

Pat Harding is, once again, collecting for Operation Christmas Child.



Samaritan's

Purse is calling on all UK churches, schools, workplaces, families and individuals to help achieve a remarkable milestone - delivering the **100 millionth gift-filled shoebox** to a child during this year's Operation Christmas Child (OCC) campaign.

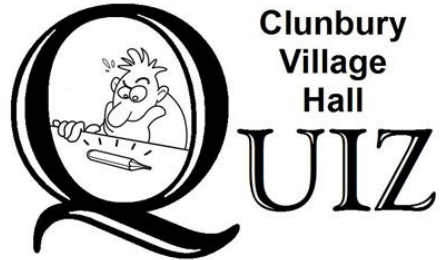
Over the past 22 years, OCC has delivered 94 million shoeboxes to needy children in over 100 countries. To lift this total to 100 million and beyond, UK staff and volunteers have embarked upon a nationwide drive to find and encourage even more people to help bring joy to children around the world this Christmas.

Leaflets are in churches, or telephone Pat Harding on 66069.

Final collection day is Tuesday 13 November, so please let Pat have your box between Sunday 11 and Tuesday 13. Your box can be collected – or take it to The Orchard, Clunton.

## ¿Adivina Quién Es? (Guess Who?)

No, it's not Prunella Scales as Sybil Fawly but our very own Christina Whitehead. She gave a wonderful performance as Sibila in a Spanish version of Fawly Towers (Torres Basilianas) in which Wally (Manuel) hailed not from Barcelona but from Clungunford! Fiesta, an evening of entertainment, tapas and wine tasting, was organised by the Clun Spanish Group in support of St George's Building Fund.



Clunbury  
Village  
Hall

With a Ploughman's Supper (optional)

Friday 23 November 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

## Remember, Remember the 3rd of November



Kempton Bonfire &  
Fireworks

From 7.00 pm

*For safety & insurance  
reasons, please do not bring  
your own fireworks and  
sparklers*

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

## Remembrance 2012

There will be the usual Remembrance Service at St Swithin's, Clunbury, on Sunday 11 November at 10.50am, led by Colonel Raymond Savill.



An Act of Remembrance at the Parish War Memorial at Purslow, led by the Rev Canon Paul Wignall, will follow at 12.30pm, at which wreaths will be laid to honour the Fallen. Members of the Clun and District branch of the Royal British Legion will join us with their Standards and bugler.

There will be no formal buffet at the Hundred House this year. *Raymond Savill*

### Clunbury Village Hall is available for hire

£5 / hour if you are in the parish  
£6 if you live outside (rates include electricity). For full details contact David Hill 660355, Eirlys Ellams 660625 or Duncan Brown 660578 or email [clunburyvh@gmail.com](mailto:clunburyvh@gmail.com)

### FAIRTRADE CLUN VALLEY

You are invited to a meeting to launch the bid for Fairtrade Valley status!

**Thursday 15 November 7.30pm at Haslehurst, Clun**

Information will be given by:

John Anderson

(Bradford Fairtrade City and VSO work) on 'What it means to become a Fairtrade community', 'Coffee production in Ethiopia' & 'Fairtrade and the Land, Life and Livelihoods' group'.

With discussion and FT refreshments, Stall & Draw, **Do come along!**

### Parish Post Newsletter Association AGM

Monday 19 November  
7.30pm in Clunbury Village Hall  
All welcome

Have your say about The Parish Post  
Volunteer your help

## Correction

In last month's issue we wrote that Barry Powderhill had Himalayan Balsam growing in his garden. This is incorrect. Barry is concerned about the spread of balsam but it is not present in his garden. *Apologies from the editors.*

## Computers for Rural People

Do you need a computer, but can't afford one? The Arthur Rank Centre provides high quality, fully-refurbished second-hand computers at very low cost to individuals or groups in rural communities. For further information please contact John Bennett on 02476 853066 or email him at [johnb@arthurrankcentre.org.uk](mailto:johnb@arthurrankcentre.org.uk).

The above information came via the Shropshire Hub, newsletter of the Rural Hubs Partnership. Though aimed especially at farmers and small rural businesses, their website and newsletter have items of general interest too. Check it out on [www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk](http://www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk), or follow the link on the Parish Post website. *Penny Valentine*

## Apple Pressing Time

Clunton Scrumbers will be holding their annual juicing event in Clunton Village Hall on 10/11 November. Contact Pauline 660120 or Anne 660309



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

I would like to thank everyone who attended, helped or donated towards the MacMillan Coffee Morning held on Saturday 29 September at Aston-on-Clun Village Hall. It raised a fantastic **£1,035.00**.

An amazing feat for our small community and I appreciate everyone's support. *Jackie Bowen*



## Whose Old Place?



Does this photo ring a bell?

Yes, it is Ron Mold's old forge in Kempton, where from 1915 to April 2006 the Molds (Ron, and his father before him) worked as blacksmiths.

If you pass by today, on your way to Bishop's Castle, this is what it looks like.



Different? In use, certainly: on Saturday 7 October, after 3 years of hard labour, Lynn and Gary moved in to what is now a comfortable home with stunning views across the Kemp valley.

Back in 2009 they were looking for a place in the country within commuting distance of Wolverhampton, where Gary has a plumbing business; the forge came on the market, with planning permission for conversion, and they fell in love with it. Although they realised (well, almost) the enormity of the task they were undertaking, they were undaunted. They welcomed the challenge of preserving the historic elements of what is a Grade II listed building.

Apart from the sunroom on the west side, the footprint of the old building hasn't changed. The sitting room houses the forge which has become the fireplace, with the bellows (nicely cleaned up and in working order), the quench and the anvil, all preserved. They sleep in the cowshed (now an en-suite bedroom).

Gary and Lynn have carried out much of the work themselves but Paul Arrowsmith of Kempton has done the stonework, Peter Ellams of Beambridge, the joinery and Mike Davies of Lydbury North the roofing.

Local people, when told where Lynn and Gary lived, would unflinchingly say: "Ah, Ron Mold's old place", a designation they



have worked into a commemorative plaque made by Paul Arrowsmith. To celebrate the occupation of their new home they invited the Mold family to unveil the plaque.

Have they encountered any difficulties? "Plenty of soot; it was banked up on the beams, everywhere between the roof and the tiles." Any buried treasure? "Lots of rusty nails and a few horseshoes, but, alas, nothing else!" Were the restrictions imposed by the listing an impediment? "Not at all. We would not have chosen to do it any differently".

Lynn and Gary took many photographs as the work progressed, but they would welcome any old photographs or stories to add to their archive of the forge which they intend passing on to future generations.

*Gisèle Wall*



*Members of the Mold family present, from L to R: Back: Geraint, Kate, Joy, Jessica, Julie, Kim, Richard*

*Front : Nichola, Issy, Molly, Chloe, Euan, Isabel*

## Clunbury School Corner

Recently we have had a visit from Maria from the West Midlands Air Ambulance. A Y6 called Nancy was dressed as a paramedic in the assembly we had for the whole school, to show what they look like. A pod from the helicopter came up to see us at school; we were taken out in groups of four to see it. Mrs Suzanne Hadwen organized all of this. Also because the Midlands Air Ambulance is celebrating 21 years of existence, Mrs Hadwen has come up with a scavenger hunt which consists of 21 things to find, and if you wanted to score more points, red things you have to bring in.

Mrs Hadwen came in to make cookies with Class 1 and Reception. The next day, 6 pupils went down to the Clunbury Café in the village hall to sell the cookies to raise money for the Air Ambulance; they sold very quickly. Baby Finlay Hadwen came to join in by eating balloons! Everyone thought the event was fabulous.

The other day, some children out of classes 2 and 3 went to Bedstone College to compete in a cross country challenge. Everybody was extremely tired. The lap was 1.3 miles! Megan Gittoes came a brilliant 2<sup>nd</sup> place and won herself a silver medal! And we have had another cross country at Bishop's Castle, that was fantastic. Megan came second *again!* Next William came third!

On Thursday 11 October we had a 'jeans for genes' day. Everybody wore jeans and brought in £1 for charity. The money will help medical research. Also Selvi Genc, Jessika Rocke, Charlotte Hadwen and Joe Baker have been chosen to represent Clunbury School in a 'Mega mathletics marathon' at Hope Primary School.

"We have had a very nice autumn term and we are determined to finish off this term with more brain knowledge than ever!" said Nancy

*Selvi, Charlotte, Martha and Nancy*

## SW Shropshire Gardening Club

Alan Read, a Wildlife Ranger working in the Marches forests of Shropshire and Herefordshire, was the speaker in October. The Forestry Commission was started in 1919 to re-establish woodland after the First World War. Now that the policy of this government agency is to "manage the forests on behalf of the nation" Alan's job is one of conservation, protection and education. Locally, at Bury Ditches, a broadleaf woodland is being reinstated and here is found the rare Wood White butterfly which lays its eggs on leguminous plants. To preserve the habitat of such a rare species it is necessary to control creatures such as rabbits, grey squirrels and deer, which browse the grasslands (the habitat of invertebrates), damage young trees, destroy nests and kill young birds. Alan's job is to try to find a balance in nature.

Next meeting: speaker, Michael Marriot of David Austin roses, 28 Nov. Lydbury North VH. Contact Pauline Edie 660120.

Please note: Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time tickets - **SOLD OUT**.

## Parent and Toddler @ Clunbury

The exciting news for youngsters in and around Clunbury this month, is that a new parent and toddler group will be running in the Village Hall, starting on Monday 12 November and then every Monday in term time from 9am until 11am. Parents, carers, toddlers, babies and bumps can come and enjoy play and refreshments. At only £2.50 per family, it shouldn't break the bank, but will provide the opportunity for little ones to mix before they start school. Everyone is welcome - just turn up. *Suzanne Hadwen*

### Clunbury Café

Thursday 8 November 10am – 12noon  
Thursday 22 November 2.30 – 4.30pm  
(please note change of time)  
Join us for Coffee or Tea & Homemade  
Cake for £1



## Shropshire and Well Beyond

Forty or so Kemptonians and friends gathered in the Village Hall on 13 October, where, in aid of the Air Ambulance and the Hall, Hilary and Ian Templeton of Marshbrook were to present what many expected to be a slide show; their title was 'Shropshire and Beyond'. What followed was a series of ten short audio-visual presentations ranging in location from Wenlock Edge to the Austrian Alps (by way of Folkestone and Venice) with the voice of Churchill and the throb of Spitfire engines, music from Antonio Vivaldi to Richard Rogers and poetry from Lear to Housman. Original, inventive, varied, different and unexpected, it made for a most entertaining evening and, entirely as expected, the cake and coffee makers of Kempton rose to the occasion.

*Tom Wall*

### Gentle Keep Fit Clunbury Village Hall

2.30 – 3.30pm every Wednesday  
£3.50 per session  
Exercise to music for the over 50s

Exercises are mainly chair-based and intended to reduce the impact on joints and limbs, but still provide you with the benefits associated with being active

Just come along or for further details  
contact Eirlys Ellams 660625  
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## BBQ Boosts Air Ambulance Funds

More than 260 people sat down to a very tasty locally reared Dexter Beef BBQ on August Bank Holiday weekend. The event was organised by John Huffer, John Morris and Anthony Evans, who had all had accidents and were air-lifted by the County Air Ambulance.

John Huffer commented: "I keep Dexter cows on the farm, so it was a great idea to combine a Dexter beef BBQ with this very worthy cause".

"Everyone had such an enjoyable evening, with entertainment given for free by locals, Jane Ryan of Bishop's Castle and comedian Ken Pugh of Cardington. Thanks to all who supported the event", said Anthony Evans.

A cheque for £3,700 was later handed to Maria Jones, Fundraising Manager who said: "It costs on average £2,000 per call-out or roughly £2.1m per year to run the service and, especially in rural areas, it could be the difference between life and death. When John found himself injured it took a mere 7 minutes to reach the operating theatre. We are completely self-funded and it is becoming harder to meet the ever increasing costs. We are very grateful for this donation."

*Tim Croxton*



Pictured L-R : Lucy Lewis, Martin Angell, Jennifer Huffer, John Morris, Maria Jones, Anthony Evans, Francis Evans, John Huffer.

## The Beep

### A short story for Ron Wellings

**R**on sat, cupping his coffee. “You know, Rich,” he said, “I sometimes think this modern world is passing me by.” He took another sip, looking pensive.

“I was telling our Jan last week how my old phone was a bit tired, the numbers were fading. You know Jan, all modern. On the computer she gets and we’re looking at every phone imaginable.”

Taking another swig he continued:

“She persuaded me to get a fancy new phone with an answering machine all for thirty pounds. Next day it came; smart and ready to go. Eric came round to connect it because I can’t get down *there*; well I can get down but I have real trouble getting up again. He sorted it and I felt quite grand ringing Shirley using the little green phone to start and the red one to finish.”

Ron settled back comfortably.

“Did I tell you about the beep?” he said.

“It was while I was watching the cricket. I’d just settled down with a cup of tea to catch up when I heard this ‘beep’. I knew all about beeps because I remembered some years ago, when Glen was alive, hearing that same beep. It was the smoke alarm needing a new battery. We had a battle with it and I ended up cutting the wires; that shut it up!”

“I’ll soon sort that out”, I thought. The new alarms couldn’t be opened but you could unscrew them, so I stood wobbling on a chair and unscrewed it from the ceiling. I took it out into the garage and put it in a bucket with a lid then went back to watch the cricket.”

“Did that stop it?” asked Rich.

“I’m blown if it did. I just got comfortable and the beeping started again. I realised I’d taken the wrong smoke alarm down so up I go and unscrew the one upstairs and out I go to



the garage and into the bucket it went. I was a bit peeved because we’d lost a wicket and I’d missed it.” “At least you saw the rest of the match,” said Rich, chuckling.

“Not a bit of it! I’m settling down for the third time when ‘BEEP!’ I was quite exasperated. It must have been the old one all along so up I go to the old one and wrestled the thing down. Now I had three smoke alarms in the bucket. I’m just going back in and there it is again, ‘BEEP!’”

Ron paused and drained his coffee.

“I couldn’t think what to do so I rang Eric, he was very good and came right round. He listened to the beeping then looked at the new phone, now flashing.”

“It’s your phone,” he said.

“It turns out it was telling me my messages were full and I hadn’t ‘diluted’ them.”

“Anyway that decided me - out came the newfangled phone and in went the old one that understood me.”

*Eirlys Ellams*

## Bookworms

### Lydbury North Village Hall

Friday 2 November

A presentation by **John Challis**, star of television's ‘Only Fools and Horses’, who will talk about and read from his autobiography. Books will be on sale and available for autograph. 7.30pm (bar open 7.00pm), tickets £5.00. Proceeds to New Hall Project.

Wednesday 14 November

**Matthew Engel**, renowned columnist and author is currently writing a book about the English counties and, on his research visit to Shropshire, has agreed to be our guest. 7.30pm, tickets £5.00 including refreshments. Proceeds to The Teenage Cancer Trust – Laurie Engel Fund, in memory of his son who died in 2005.

Reservations for both events: 680302

*Richard Beaumont*

## Correspondence

### Traffic Calming in Twitchen

*Email from Christine and David Dumbarton, Twitchen*

No doubt the parish councillors have noticed that the hedging at Mallow Cottage has now been cut back, and this is not due to any of the comments they have made about the hedging at the last two Council meetings.

If a member of the council had had the courtesy to call at Mallow Cottage before they put the hedging matter on their Council Meeting Agenda, they would have been informed that the proposed work was already in hand and that no interference was needed from them.

The reason why the hedging had been left to grow is because, ever since Shropshire Council placed a sign at Purslow instructing all lorries and trailers to take the B4385 route and avoid Clun, Twitchen is now blighted by huge noisy lorries and other traffic passing through the village at great speed. 30 mile an hour signs have been put in place along the road, but for the most part they are totally ignored. As the hedging at Mallow Cottage grew however, the enormous lorries that travel along the road were gradually forced to slow down. Thus giving the village effective traffic calming - far better than any signs!! Now the lorries have got a completely straight run through from the centre of the village to the road junction for Clunbury - the increase in speed is already noticeable. Are the councillors happy about this?!

What measures are the Parish Council now going to take to make sure there is a completely effective procedure in place to force traffic to keep their speed down to 30 miles per hour? The residents of Twitchen should surely be entitled to be able to walk along the B4385 without the fear of being run over by excessively speeding traffic.

### Great Parish Post Heist!

*Email from Rosie Evans, Beambridge*

Last month, I put 5 Parish Posts in an envelope in the box at Aston on Clun village hall, addressed to Sandra and Dave Mitchell, who were going to collect them and deliver them to the good folk of Coston Lane. In the space of an hour, they had disappeared into thin air. I thought that box at the village hall was for putting newspapers for collection in. Someone thought otherwise, and swiped them - possibly thinking: 'Who on earth do those Clunbury lot think they are, using OUR box'. We certainly won't be making that mistake again. I shall now tramp across the fields from Beambridge, to deliver them to Sandra and Dave's. We were lucky that good old David and Sue Hill printed us another 5 copies, which got to the correct Coston recipients in time. Anybody know what happened to the originals?????

**Editor's note:** the Parish Post is obviously irresistible.

### Carers Support Service Events

**Thursday 8 Nov:** Drop In Surgery for carers, 10-12noon at Lambeth Close, Craven Arms. **Monday 19 Nov:** Afternoon Tea and Mince Pies with entertainment from 'The Shropshire Strummers', open to all carers and the person they care for, 2 - 4pm at Stone House, Bishop's Castle. For more information tel: 01694 722024 or email: [maysi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:maysi@hotmail.co.uk)

### Clean It Up!

It has been reported to us that the incidence of dog fouling in Clunbury, particularly around the churchyard, has been on the increase. Please would all dog owners do the responsible thing, clean up their pooch's poo and take it home for disposal.

**Clunbury 100 Club October Draw:** Caroline Holmes £20, Gill Deakin £15, Trevor Owens £10, Mark Grimes £5, Penny Grimes £3.

Events Diary for November & early December 2012 - go to <a href="http://www.theparishpost.org">www.theparishpost.org</a> for more details			
Thur 1	7.00pm	NLive -Timon of Athens	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 2	7.30pm	Bookworms - A presentation by John Challis	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 3	7.00pm	Kempton Bonfire	Kempton Farm
Sat 3	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 4	6.00pm	Memorial Service to remember those who have died in the past year	St George's, Clun
Tue 6	7.30pm	Flicks - Tortoise in Love	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 7	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI AGM plus Bring & Buy	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 7	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 7		Quiz Night with Quizmasters Chris & Carol Clarke	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 8	10.00am-noon	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 8	10.00am-noon	Drop in surgery for carers at Lambeth Close Sheltered Housing	Craven Arms
Thur 8	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Kempton Village Hall
Fri 9	8.00pm	Flicks - The Angel's Share	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 10		Clunton Scrumpers juicing session	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 10	7.30pm	Flicks - War Horse	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 11	10.45am 12.30pm	Remembrance Service Act of Remembrance	St Swithin's, Clunbury War Memorial, Purslow
Sun 11		Clunton Scrumpers juicing session	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 12	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 13		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 13	2.30pm	Bible Study Tel 660760 or 660302	9 Redwood Dr., Aston on Clun
Wed 14	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 14	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 14	7.30pm	Bookworms - A talk by Matthew Engels	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 14	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Days of Heaven	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 15	7am-10pm	Police and Crime Commissioner Election	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 16	9.00pm	Live Music: Wallis	White Horse, Clun
Sat 17	7.30pm	Ludlow Choral Society concert. Tickets - 01584 875053	St Laurence's, Ludlow
Sat 17	7.30pm	Flicks - War Horse	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sun 18	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 18	6.30pm	Evening prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 19	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 19	2.00 - 4.00pm	Afternoon tea and mince pies with music for all carers and the person they care for	Coverage Care, Stone House, Bishop's Castle
Mon 19	7.00-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Mon 19	7.30pm	Parish Post Newsletter AGM - all welcome	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 20	7.30pm	Bedstone WI AGM and Limerick Competition	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 21	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 21	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 22	<b>2.30-4.30pm</b>	Clunbury Café - <b>NOTE CHANGE OF TIME</b>	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 22	8.30pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 23	7.30pm	Quiz and Ploughman's Supper	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 23	9.00pm	Live Music: Beyond the Fridge	White Horse, Clun
Sat 24	7.30pm	Flicks - Shadow Dancer	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 25	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 26	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 27		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 28	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 28	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 28	7.30pm	SW Shrop. Gardening Club - Michael Marriot of David Austin Roses	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 28	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - The Debt	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 30	7.30pm	Flicks - Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975)	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 30	8.00pm	Flicks - Shadow Dancer	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 30	9.00pm	Live Music: Adrian Byron Burns	White Horse, Clun
Sat 1	7.30pm	Flicks - Mirror Mirror: The Untold Adventures of Snow White	Clun Memorial Hall
Mon 3	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 4	7.30pm	Flicks - The Angel's Share	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 6	10.00am-noon	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 7	7.30pm	Flicks - Salmon Fishing in the Yemen	Bedstone Village Hall