

Our NHS Services Under Threat?

This document was recently sent to Clunbury Parish Council.

Future Fit

Our organisation, Shropshire Defend Our NHS, has produced a report

'Future Fit:

Briefing

Notes'

The document is a critical in-depth review of the Future Fit programme, which is the

blueprint for NHS hospital services in the county, drawn up by the Clinical Commissioning Groups in Shropshire, and Telford and Wrekin. Our concerns include the following:

- that the inevitable outcome of the Future Fit programme will be the closure of the A&E and acute hospital at Shrewsbury.
- that this will leave a single overburdened A&E and hospital at Telford, as well as leading to dangerously long journey times for many of us in a medical emergency.
- that rural urgent care centres, once a given, have now been designated as optional extras; effectively 'kicked into touch', with no decisions to be taken until after consultation on hospital closure has finished. This is a huge blow for rural areas.
- that, now the funding arrangements for Future Fit have been fully revealed,

the budget available to community services, expected to pick up 30% of activity from hospitals, is pitiful and totally inadequate.

- that, although Future Fit is predicated on community hospital beds taking

patients who will be discharged earlier from Telford's Princess Royal Hospital, there is currently a

strategy of closing community hospital beds to save money.

Future Fit is a failing programme. It is ill-conceived and based essentially on cost-cutting at the expense of patient care. The risks to patients are huge. We believe Future Fit must be stopped.

Our report is a public document. It is, of necessity, an in-depth report but the salient points are given in the three-page Executive Summary at the beginning.

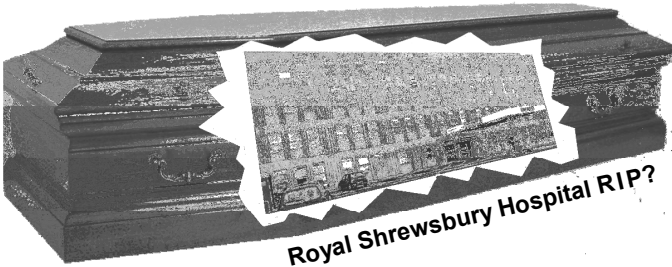
Should your council wish to discuss the report at one of your own meetings, or in any other forum, we would be very happy to provide a speaker.

Michael Green

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Editor's note: The report is available in full via the Parish Post Newsletter page of the Clunbury Parish Website at www.theparishpost.org.

Contact any Parish Councillor if you think this should be pursued.



Royal Shrewsbury Hospital RIP?

Another Threat to our NHS?

Hips and Knees in Danger

Shropshire NHS wants to reduce the number of hip and knee replacement operations – and make patients wait longer for surgery. The rate of operations in the county is ‘higher than the national average’ and is expected to grow even more because of Shropshire’s aging population, according to Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, who quietly shoehorned six ‘public and patient listening workshops’ into a three-week period at the end of August, with in some cases, less than a week’s notice. Not surprisingly attendance at the meetings was very low. Similarly an online and paper-based survey of opinion between August 10 and September 2 produced only 61 returns. (Detailed results can be found on www.shropshireccg.nhs.uk under Get Involved then Orthopaedic Surgery.)

This plan to cut this vital surgery that transforms lives is being presented as a ‘proactive approach to osteoarthritis’ to reverse the ‘ever increasing trend for surgery’. Dr Julian Povey from Shropshire CCG, said in a press release that this change will be ‘balanced and safety checked’ **with support from other services alongside increasing resources** to prevent the ‘complications of osteoarthritis’, **but did not give any details of what the other services or resources might be.** He thinks that better pain and weight management and physiotherapy will be enough to avoid or delay operations for many patients and he also wants to raise the threshold for surgery so that fewer will qualify under a new points system.

Shropshire Council’s Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee backed the plan in July, and now the CCG have recommended that the new plan is approved. Although the time frame for

asking for patient and public opinion has closed, any resident who feels strongly about this issue should write or email Dr Povey immediately to register their opinion or ask for further and wider consultation before any further steps or a final decision is taken.

Our views on how the local NHS spends **our money** on the future of **our healthcare** should be heard. So if – like most people in Shropshire – you missed the ‘listening workshops’ and the surveys, your views on this plan are still urgently needed.

Please write to:

Dr Julian Povey,
NHS Shropshire Clinical
Commissioning Group,
William Farr House,
Mytton Oak Road,
Shrewsbury SY3 8XL

or by email at ccg@shropshireccg.nhs.uk to get your voice heard. **It is vital to have a say in future treatment that could affect the quality of your life and allow you to remain active, healthy, and to work if you want to...and live pain-free.**

Sylvia Jones

Coffee and a Giggle

The Macmillan Coffee Morning at Clunbury Village Hall on Friday 25 September, was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for cake, coffee and a good giggle. Thanks to everyone who donated scrummy cakes and raffle prizes, and thank you to all who helped tidy up the village hall afterwards, it was very much appreciated.

Duncan Brown won the ‘Spot the cake’ game and Barbara Freeman won the ‘Guess how many 100’s and 1000’s are on the cake’ game, altogether we raised a huge £235. Thank you all again.

Laura Richards

We plough the fields and scatter...
and then we celebrate
HARVEST FESTIVAL



at **St Swithin's Church,**
Clunbury

2 October, 7pm

followed by a hungry
Ploughman's Supper
(with a bar by JJ!)

at **Clunbury Village Hall**

Tickets for supper (on the door):
£6, children under 14 free

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLUNTON



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Friday 9 October, 7.00pm

followed by a

HARVEST SUPPER

in the **CROWN INN**

Supper by ticket only - in advance

Tickets £8.00

*available from the Crown Inn
and Church Committee*

Operation Christmas Child

It's Shoe Box time again! Can you help by filling a shoe box with small gifts that can be sent by Samaritan's Purse to underprivileged children in other parts of the world.

Leaflets will be in your churches soon, or contact Pat Harding for information. 660169 or email:

patmharding@aol.com

Boxes will need to be ready by early November. THANK YOU



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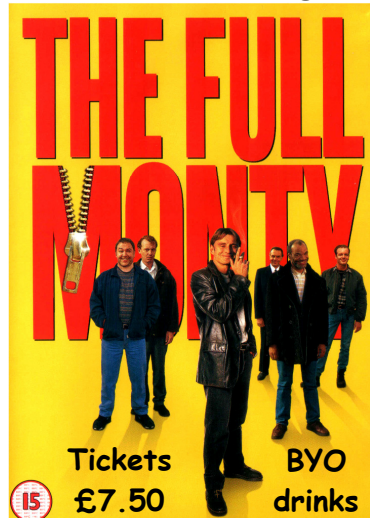
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Clunbury Village Hall Presents A Film & Food Night



Tickets

£7.50

BYO

drinks

Saturday 24 October at 7pm
Cottage Pie served before the film
& Spotted Dick in the interval!!

For reservations please contact
Eirlys Ellams on 660625

Hogspital News

All the prickly patients at Clunton hogspital would like to thank the many very kind people in Clunton who donated their old newspapers for bedding. This was very much appreciated and means that the autumn influx of sick and orphan hedgehogs have warmth and comfort.



Many young hedgehogs are now desperately trying to put on weight for hibernation and are particularly vulnerable. If you see a hedgehog out during the day it will need help. Please contain it somewhere safe and warm, and telephone the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890 801 or see www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk.

Jenny Aylwin-Foster

Our New Vicar

We are looking forward to welcoming the Rev Simon Mondon and his wife Tandy towards the end of October. He will be licensed on 9 November at Clun church and he will be taking his first service at St Swithin's at 6.30pm on 15 November.



Christina Whitehead

Celebration Bells

On 9 September, local ringers dedicated their Wednesday Clunbury practice to HM Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate her becoming the longest reigning British monarch. The ringers were Roger Webb, Helen and Alex Sharpe, Victoria and John Croxton, and Heather Morris. Also, on the same day, visiting ringers from Hertfordshire rang a peal at Clun to celebrate the occasion.

One Night With Rev Elvis!

Elvis Presley is coming to town! Andy Kelso's unique Elvis Tribute Act will be seen at Aston on Clun Village Hall on Saturday 17 October starting at 6.15pm. Andy's show comprises the very best of Elvis with rock, ballad and gospel songs and it's an evening not to be missed!

Andy is Chaplain to Worcester Warriors Rugby Club but he's now also on the road with Elvis. This year he was shortlisted for Britain's Got Talent!

Andy says of his show: 'I want everyone to have a great evening enjoying the best of Elvis and hopefully dancing! I'm able to share a little of Elvis' journey in between songs and also share how some of his journey and mine were the same. It will definitely be a night to remember!'

A near-fatal motorbike accident was to change the course of Andy's life and parts of his amazing story are woven into his act to make it a memorable and magical evening. Do visit Andy's website to find out more: www.revelvis.co.uk

Tickets are £8.00 and include a hot supper. Bring your own drinks. Call Wendy on 660218 or Gloria on 672184

the **ludlow** traveller



SHREWSBURY SHOPPING TRIP

EVERY 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH

(21 Sept - 19 Oct - 16 Nov - 21 Dec)

- ◆ Leave Clun at 9.30; collect passengers between Clun and Craven Arms; arrive in Shrewsbury at about 11.
- ◆ Drop-off points: Dobbie's Garden Centre, Meole Brace Retail Park and Shrewsbury Town Centre.
- ◆ Return from Town Centre 14.00.
- ◆ Fare: £10.
- ◆ Everyone welcome - non-members & friends. To pre-book call Andy or Peter on 01584 700907 or speak to Mark on the bus.

News from South West Shropshire Gardening Club

Our Annual Garden and Produce Show was held on Saturday 5 September at Lydbury North Village Hall. After heavy rainfall the night before, several members made last minute changes to their exhibits with a



sporting air of resignation. But that's the great thing about a friendly, local show – people are happy to just have a go – you don't have to have a nervous breakdown if your fuchsias are too floppy or your floating flower heads sink! It is such a pleasure to see what fellow gardeners have achieved, no matter how impressive or modest. My personal favourites included deliciously scented sweet peas; richly coloured perennials, annuals and nectar-bearing flowers; graceful ornamental grasses; delicate posies of culinary herbs; stunning photos and an ingenious upside down, painted flower pot which was designed to make any hedgehog proud to call it home. The judges were most impressed by the high standard of entries and the committee was relieved that our members

were not deterred by the dry summer and recent downpours! Many delicious cakes were consumed in a relaxed café atmosphere and treasures were to be found on the plant stall. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all our volunteers and judges.

Next Month's Meeting

'The Gardening Year in Photographs', a talk by Julia Stanley, on Wednesday 28 October, 7.30pm, in Lydbury North Village Hall.

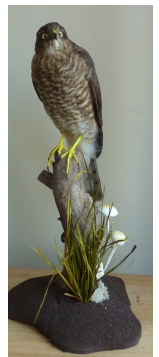
Julia is a superb, local, freelance photographer, specialising in plants and gardens. Since graduating in 2000 she has become a member of the Garden Media Guild; the Professional Garden Photographer's Association and an associate of The Royal Photographic Society. Her work has been published in several magazines including The English Garden and the annual NGS Yellow Book. In addition to working for newspapers, garden designers, nurseries, websites and on private commissions, she also leads workshops at the Dorothy Clive Garden on the Shropshire/Staffordshire border. Her love of plants and gardens is clear in the exquisite details observed in her photographs, examples of which can be seen on her website. There will also be a short AGM as part of the evening.

Contact Carol Clarke 660753 or Allison Walter 620055. *Angie Salmon*

From the Wellington Journal, 11 December 1869

(courtesy of Alan Brisbane)

STRANGE CAPTURE OF A SPARROW HAWK – The other day a singular capture was effected at Kempton, near Bishop's Castle. Mr. Southern, a gentleman residing in that locality, had occasion to call upon a cottager, when, just as the family were at dinner, a remarkably fine sparrow hawk flew in at the door after a smaller bird. The latter was allowed to escape, and the would-be captor was himself captured. He has since been stuffed and mounted by Mr. J. B. Langan, taxidermist, Castle-street, in this town. *[How times have changed! PP Ed.]*



Peekaboo!



Remember the fleeting photo of a Pine Marten in the Clun Valley (see September Parish Post)? Since then, Vince Downs of Kempton has been in Ardnamurchan, Scotland and courtesy of bread, marmalade and peanut butter got some close-ups, including this one.

Parish Council Meeting 10 Sept.

Six councillors present + two members of the public. Apologies received from Cllrs Hill, Hoskins and M Jones. There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Parish Land on Black Hill: Cllrs Croxton and Morgan will arrange a meeting with Annie Sutton who has a box of historical papers regarding this. Cllr Bailey reported that the accounts for the parish charity are being sorted and that the trustees hope to meet sometime in the next six weeks. It was felt that the papers held by the trustees refer to the green land. The clerk will attend this meeting.

AED Kempton: A member of the public who is a First Responder tested the box and the code did not work. She will report it to Cliff Medicott, Co-ordinator in Shrewsbury.

Ridgeway BOAT at The Cwm: Nothing to report at present. Cllr S Jones will follow this up with Mrs Griffiths who was going to contact Shropshire Council.

Bridleway at Ashbeds: There is to be a

Public Enquiry in Clunbury VH, 10am, Tuesday 22 September.

Clunton Burial Ground: The contractor has cleared the path. A machine will be needed to clear the lane. Cllrs Davies & M Jones will organise this. The new owner of the property is now in residence.

Parish Plan Review: Data is now being analysed. As yet, no date has been set for publication. The volunteer sheets have been passed to relevant bodies.

Planning: Cllr S Jones has investigated the site of a static caravan at Cwm Bydd and could see no problems. The clerk has sent in a response in support. It was noted that planning permission for chicken sheds at Walcot Farm had been approved by Shropshire Council.

South West Shropshire LJC: NHS

Future Fit Programme: Cllrs S Jones and Harding have been attending meetings and voiced grave concerns as there is now no funding for the Programme. Services in Shropshire will be cut drastically and operations will be reduced, particularly mentioned are hip and knee replacements. Shropshire Council has said the county 'has a rising older population and they are putting unsustainable demands on the services'. Social Care has been re-organised but funding is not known yet. One local Parish Council is already making enquiries about the situation. It was agreed that the clerk would contact other Parish Councils in the area expressing these concerns with a view to holding a joint meeting regarding the way forward. This may be a public meeting with MPs and Shropshire Councillors invited.

Roads: Road Conditions and Street lamp failures: All street lamps are working. Some pot holes have been skimmed over. Cllr Morgan will identify holes still not done on the Blackhill to Obley Road.

Purslow Cross Roads: Grass has been cut twice since the last meeting and visibility is better. The pole has not been

removed and the Severn Trent signs are still in situ. Cllr Croxton will continue to mention these matters to county officers at every opportunity.

Speed of traffic in Clunton: The clerk, councillors and a member of the public met with Glyn Shaw from the County in Clunton. He has agreed to arrange 'Concealed Entrances' signs at the Craven Arms end of the village and for a mirror to be placed by The Crown. He advised the Councillors to contact the Safer Roads Partnership expressing our concerns about speeding and asking if the village could be considered as 'a place of community concern'. If this is agreed, and after consultation with the police, we may be able to have speed camera warning signs up, meaning that there could be mobile speed cameras at any time

Clunton Coppice passing places: Cllr S Jones confirmed that the Wildlife Trust had stated that not a lot can be done until Autumn.

Twicken: Cllr Bailey reported that the interactive sign and mirrors requested will be installed.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19 November – 8pm – at Clunton VH.

Lin Brown and Sheila Downes

Clunton Scrumper's Juicing Day

17 October 9am - 4pm

Light refreshments

To book a slot or for more information
phone Anne Shepherdson 660309

Lydbury North Village Hall

Wild Willy Barrett's French

Connection

Saturday 10 October 7.30 pm

Tickets £10.00 U/16 £5.00 - phone 680302

Edgton Village Hall

North Country Theatre Presents

The Gift of Stones by Jim Crace

Tuesday 13 October 7.30 pm

Tickets £10.00 U/16 £7.00

phone 680302/680366

Increased Theft of Land Rover Defenders

It has been identified that in recent months, the WEST MERCIA policing areas have experienced a marked increase in the number of attempted thefts and thefts of Land Rover Defenders - since the start of the 2015.



In the vast majority of these cases offenders have stolen the vehicles without keys. This is likely due to the lower levels of security offered by the model. However, research has shown that there are devices that allow the immobiliser to be circumvented in a matter of seconds (one of which is a pre-programmed key and small block device - similar to the head of a SCART lead - that can be plugged into an internal port under the driver's seat).

To date, very few of these vehicles have been recovered - they may be broken down for parts (although this isn't confirmed).

If you see anything or anyone acting suspiciously around your area please report it by calling 101.

It may also be worth considering joining the West Mercia Rural Watch Scheme which can be found on the West Mercia Police Website. Alternatively you can visit: www.westmercia.police.uk/article/4530/Rural-Watch

Events Diary for October 2015

Thu 1	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 1	7pm	Flicks - Far from the Madding Crowd	SpArC
Fri 2	7pm	Harvest Festival & Supper	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Fri 2 - Sun 4		Clun Valley Beer Festival	
Sat 3	From 9am	Flu Immunisation Day - ring 672309 for an appointment	Craven Arms Surgery
Sat 3		Live Music-The Wayne Martin Band	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Sun 4		No Parish Church Services	
Sun 4	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 5	9 - 11am	Parent & Toddler Group - every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 6	7.30pm	Flicks - Dark Horse: The Incredible True Story of Dream Alliance	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 7		Quiz - proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Fri 9	7pm	Harvest Festival & Supper	St Mary's, Clunton
Fri 9	7.30pm	Flicks - Woman in Gold	Bedstone VH
Sat 10	7.30pm	Wild Willy Barrett's French Connection - 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sun 11	6.30pm	Joint Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 12	7 - 9 pm	Monday Night Club - free help with using computers	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		
Tue 13	7.30pm	North Country Theatre. The Gift of Stones - 680302/680366	Edgton Village Hall
Wed 14	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Love is Strange	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 15	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 15	7pm	NT Live - Hamlet	SpArC
Thu 15	7pm	NT Live - Hamlet - 660493	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 17	9am - 4pm	Clunton Scrumper's Juicing Day - 660309	
Sat 17	10am - 2pm	Craft & Collectables Market. Thomas Clough-Upholstery	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 17	6.15pm	Elvis Tribute Andy Kelso - 660218 for tickets	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 17	7pm	W Yorkshire Playhouse - Beryl-A Romance on Two Wheels	SpArC
Sat 17	7.30pm	Flicks - The Imitation Game-640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Hopton Castle & Bedstone Churches - Live Music Weekend - 01547 530282			
Sat 17		Montgomery Ladies Choir	Bedstone Village Hall
Sun 18	7.30pm	Tim Kliphuis Trio	Bedstone Village Hall
Sun 18	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 19		There will be NO meeting of the BC & District Carers Group	
Wed 21		Tim's Travels to The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton - 640506	
Wed 21	7pm	RSC Live - Henry V	SpArC
Sat 24	7pm	Film & Food Night - 'The Full Monty' - 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 24	7.30pm	Flicks - The Theory of Everything - 660544	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 25	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
26-30 October		Clunbury School Half Term Holiday	
Mon 26	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
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 - The Gardening Year in Photographs	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 28	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Au Revoir Les Enfants	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 29	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 31	7.30pm	Halloween Horror Film - 640254	Clun Memorial Hall