

Show Shines Despite Showers

In true British style over five hundred adults plus lots of children didn't allow the weather to dampen their spirits as they enjoyed the competitions and attractions at the 68th Purslow Show.

The Show Tent, which looked wonderful as always (thanks to the hard work of the committee and stewards), demonstrated what a lot of talented local growers, bakers, handicrafters and photographers we have and the entries in the children's section, whether done at home or in school, were truly amazing this year. Well done all! (Cup Winners listed over the page.)

The Clunbury Hill Run is the event that makes this show different from others. Everyone enjoys catching sight of the runners along the top of the hill and watching as they race for home down the steep fields. This year a field of fifty four hardy runners young and old competed. First home was Jack Blackburn in a time of 23 minutes 19 seconds. (Further results over the page.)

The Dog Show and the Gymkhana were much enjoyed by the participants and those watching. New this year, the Donkey Derby, proved to be a very exciting and popular attraction



A fight for first place in the Donkey Derby

and the chance to try archery, with the Bowmen of Caradoc or hold and learn about birds of prey with the Owl Man also drew the crowds. The Parish Post offered a testing challenge in the Steady Hand Game and Frog Hoopla – all in the good cause of supporting your free local newsletter. The whole afternoon was enhanced by the toe-tapping music played by local band, Anything Goes.

Many thanks to all the people who work tirelessly every year to make sure the Show continues for us all to enjoy. If you weren't there this year save the date for next – 29 August 2016!



A steady hand at The Parish Post stand

Lucky Programme Prizes - Numbers and prizes still to be claimed – 343 £25; 266 whiskey; 524 gin; 478 sherry; 188 wine; 252 chocolates. If you have any of these numbers phone Annie Sutton 660140 or 660141 to arrange to collect your prize at the Old Wheelrights Tea Rooms.

Show Tent Cup Winners

Mrs J.F.C. Woosnam Flower Cup - Wendy Heighway; Ted Lewis cup for Roses - joint Wendy Heighway and Richard Bott; Margery Price Rose Bowl for Flower Arranging - Richard Bott; Dr Hamar Handicraft Cup - Carol Bowen; Ken Davies Perpetual Challenge Cup for Photography - joint Gordon Bailey and Bernard Walker; Dr Hamar Cookery Cup - Rebecca Huffer; Monica Reynolds Cup for Cake Making - Anthony Wood; W. I. Store Cupboard Cup - Susan Grimes; Dr Hamar Vegetable Cup - Paul Grimes; Sheila Train Perpetual Children's Cup - joint Maisie Angell and Kathryn Ellams

Photos: left - winners amongst the floral displays; below left admiring some of the vegetable exhibits; below right - children's gardens in a seed tray.



Hill Run Winners

Men's Open - Jack Blackburn (23.19); Men's Veteran - Andy Davies (24.42); Boy's under 16 - Gareth Lewis (27.17); Ladies Veteran - Amy Fulford (28.58); Girl's under 16 - Madeline Williams (31.05); Ladies' Open - Holly Fothergill (32.55).



Start of the Hill Run

Advance Notice Clunton Scrumpters Juicing Day

17 October 9am - 4pm
Light refreshments
To book a slot or for more information phone Anne Shepherdson 660309

Notice of Public Local Inquiry Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981

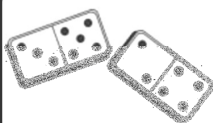
Bridleway addition at Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice.
The inquiry will be held in Clunbury Village Hall
on
22 September, 10am
For more information go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/qhdmag9>

Clunbury Village Hall Games Night



**Sat. 19th September
from 7pm - free entry**

**Fun for all from
young to old !!!!!
Enjoy a night out with
family and friends**



**Table Tennis, Pool,
Darts, Table Football,
Dominoes, Cards
and Board Games
(Scrabble etc.)**

Tea/Coffee and biscuits available or BYO

CAKE, COFFEE AND A GOOD GIGGLE

Laura Richards is holding a
Coffee Morning to raise
money for Macmillan Cancer
Support on Friday 25
September between 10 and
12 in Clunbury Village Hall

Obley Jam and Plant Table

The jam and plant table at Obley raised £70 for the Children with Cancer UK charity. Many thanks to all who contributed to making it a successful event.

Pam Trewin

100 Club August Winners

Clive Seabury £20, Marianne Hints
£15, Pat Harding £10, Alice Matveieff
£5, Ann Wadsworth £3

Clunbury Village Hall Summer Lunch

Around 60 people got together in Clunbury for a sociable lunch. Thank you to all who helped provide delicious savouries and puddings. The consensus and the empty plates confirmed that all enjoyed the food. It was a lovely occasion and luckily the rain kept off so the walking groups from Aston on Clun and Clungunford arrived happy and dry. There were lots of winners in the raffle and the, now traditional Dingbats table game, was won by the Clungunford walkers with full marks.

Eirlys Ellams

Ride and Stride 2015

The annual Ride and Stride for Shropshire Historic Churches takes place on Saturday 12 September. **Can you cycle or walk around a few churches and raise funds to be shared between your church and the SHCT?**

This is a national event which helps to raise money for grants towards the repair and maintenance of churches.

For sponsorship forms and all the information you need, contact Pat Harding 660169 or email: patmharding@aol.com

SUMMER BBQ



CLUNTON VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 13 September, from 3pm

Food served at 4pm

*Cooked on the BBQ by the Chairman
Salads and vegetarian option, + puddings
Raffle, Licensed bar*

Tickets £10.00 (includes glass of Pimms)

Children £5 (Primary school children free)

Tickets from Committee Members
or phone 660169

The First Since 1862

On 16 July, readers of *The Independent* were treated to this historic photo which may well have been taken in our parish. It is of a pine marten, a cat-sized carnivore related to the stoat and polecat. Once widespread in England they were persecuted to extinction in the 19th century and the last Shropshire record was of one killed in Bucknell Wood in 1862.

Pine martens survive in reasonable numbers in the west of Ireland and north of Scotland and a sparse population persists in the wilder parts of Wales. It is possible that the animal in the photo had wandered from there, whereas recent sightings in Cornwall and Staffordshire are thought more likely to be of escaped or released individuals. So the sighting of the pine marten in this photo (right), taken by



Dave Pearce (a well-respected bird-watcher from Craven Arms) has been dubbed the first confirmed observation of a wild pine marten in England for a hundred years. For understandable reasons the precise location of the observation is being kept secret, but the photo was taken in the Clun valley, quite possibly not far from where you are reading this. Camera traps have since recorded footage of two pine martens in the area. Should you happen to see a pine marten yourself, or, better still, get a photo, do please let us know.

The Shropshire Wildlife Trust is setting up a pine marten project to find out more about the numbers and distribution of pine martens in Shropshire. If you have any information, please contact Stuart Edmunds on 01743 284280

or www.ShropshireWildlifeTrust.org.uk



Lydbury North Village Hall Events

Bookworms Friday 18 September - 7.30 pm. An illustrated talk by Mark Cocker, author, naturalist and Guardian Country Diarist. His book *Birds & People* is a global survey of the cultural place of birds in human lives. This presentation explores the ways birds have given wing to the creative imagination for thousands of years.

Tickets: £5.00 to include tea/coffee - 680302.

Harriet Earis & Clovis Phillips

Friday 25 September. A duo instrumental concert of lively, foot-tapping Celtic harp music backed by jazz guitar to include original arrangements of Welsh, Irish and Scottish tunes along with some new compositions and jazzier numbers, everything from Celtic to ragtime. Doors and bar open from 7.30pm - concert starts at 8.00pm.

Tickets: £7.50 U/16 £5.00 from 680302.

Health Matters

Flu Clinics 2015

If you are 65 or over, pregnant or suffer from chronic respiratory disease (including asthma), chronic heart disease, chronic renal disease, diabetes or have a weak immune system, then you may be more at risk from flu. You can book your flu injection at your local surgery:-

Bishop's Castle: Monday and Thursday 5-6pm, starting 28 September.

Craven Arms: Saturday 3 October from 9am. Appointments 672309

Clun: taking place in September and October. Appointments 640573.

Well and Wise Information Day

Clun Memorial Hall, 9 September, where a range of service providers will be on hand to offer advice on health, exercise, finance and security. A range of charities and local community groups will also be in attendance.

Diabetes awareness programme

On 15 and 22 September in Church Barn, Bishop's Castle. The events will provide a range of information and talks about diabetes: how to spot early signs of the condition; how to manage the condition and what support there is for patients and families with the condition.

Both events are FREE but places need to be booked in advance through the Shropshire Rural Community Council. Phone Susie Hancock on 01743 342160.

Bedstone Village Hall Events

Come to lunch

Sunday 6 September 12-2pm
Scrumptious buffet lunch and delicious puddings, licensed bar. £8 adult, £4 child

Flicks in the Sticks

Woman in Gold
9 October 7.30pm
*Cabaret seating - bring your own alcohol.
Refreshments at half time*

Live Music Weekend!

Montgomery Ladies Choir
Saturday 17 October
Very talented local choir performing to help raise funds for churches in Hopton Castle & Bedstone. Refreshments will be served.

Tim Kliphuis and his Trio

Sunday 18 October
Featuring the music of French gypsy jazz violin maestro Stéphane Grappelli and his partner, guitarist Django Reinhardt
Licensed bar. Tickets £10
To book ring Margi Savery
01547 530282 or email
bedstonehoptoncastlelvh@hotmail.co.uk

St Andrew's Community Church presents

Elvis Tribute Andy Kelso

Saturday 17 October, 6.15pm

Aston on Clun Village Hall
Hot supper included, BYO drinks

Tickets: £8 from
Wendy 660218 or Gloria 672184

New Rope String Band

The Farewell Tour

Wednesday 23 September 7.30pm

Clun Memorial Hall

Tickets: Adult £10, Child £6
Enquiries: 640254

Buy tickets online: www.artsalive.co.uk

Events at St Cuthbert's Clungunford Open Day

Saturday 12 September 10.30am - 5.00pm
Free refreshments all day

In conjunction with "Ride and Stride"

Parish Breakfast

Sunday 20 September 10.00am
Booking essential! Details from 660158

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 26 September 10.15am
Cakes, Produce, Bring and Buy etc
Everyone Welcome!

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Events Diary for September 2015

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| Tue 1 | Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm | | |
| Tue 1 | 7.30pm | Flicks - Kingsman | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Wed 2 | Evening | Quiz - proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance | Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun |
| Thur 3 | 10-11.30am | Clunbury Café | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Thu 3 | 7pm | NT Live - The Beaux Stratagem | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Thu 3 | 7pm | NT Live - The Beaux Stratagem | SpArC |
| Sat 5 | 2-4.30pm | SWSGC Show | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Sun 6 | 11.15am | Morning Prayer | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Sun 6 | 12-2pm | Sunday Lunch - 01547 530282 | Bedstone Village Hall |
| Sun 6 | 7pm | Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info. | Kempton Village Hall |
| Tue 8 | | Start of Autumn Term - Clunbury School | |
| Wed 9 | 9.30-2.30 | Wise & Well Information Day 01743 342160 to book | Clun Memorial Hall |
| Thu 10 | 8pm | Parish Council Meeting | Kempton Village Hall |
| Thu 10 | 7pm | The Old Vic Company Live -The Crucible | SpArC |
| Sat 12 | | Ride and Stride - 660169 | St Cuthbert's, Cluntonford |
| Sun 13 | From 3pm | Summer BBQ - 660169 | Clunton Village Hall |
| Sun 13 | 6.30pm | Joint Evening Prayer | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Mon 14 | 9-11am | Parent & Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Mon 14 | | There will be NO computer assistance at the Kangaroo Inn this month | |
| Tue 15 | Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm | | |
| Tue 15 | 2-4.30pm | Diabetes Awareness Programme-01743 342160 to book | Church Barn, Bishop's Castle |
| Tue 15 | 7pm | Opera Australia - Aida on Sydney Harbour | SpArC |
| Wed 16 | | Tim's Travels to Malvern - 640506 | |
| Wed 16 | 8pm | Bishop's Castle Film Society - Force Majeur | Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle |
| Thu 17 | 10-11.30am | Clunbury Café | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Fri 18 | 7.30pm | Bookworms - Mark Cocker: Birds & People | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Sat 19 | From 7pm | Games Night | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Sat 19 | 7.30pm | Flicks - The Second Best Marigold Hotel | Clun Memorial Hall |
| Sun 20 | From 10am | Parish Breakfast - booking essential: 660158 | St Cuthbert's, Cluntonford |
| Sun 20 | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Mon 21 | 2-4pm | BC & District Carers Group - Eye Care—01694 722024 | Boar's Head Hotel, BC |
| Tue 22 | 10am | Public Enquiry-Bridleway Addition | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Tue 22 | 2-4.30pm | Diabetes Awareness Programme-01743 342160 to book | Church Barn, Bishop's Castle |
| Wed 23 | 7.30pm | SWS Gardening Club - A Flower for Every Day | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Wed 23 | 7.30pm | The New Rope String Band | Clun Memorial Hall |
| Thu 24 | 7pm | NT Live - Coriolanus | SpArC |
| Fri 25 | 10am - 12 | Macmillan Coffee Morning | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Fri 25 | 7.30pm | Harriet Earis & Clovis Phillips Concert with bar - 680302 | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Sat 26 | 10am-2pm | Craft & Collectables Market | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Sat 26 | 10.15am | Macmillan Coffee Morning | St Cuthbert's, Cluntonford |
| Sat 26 | 7.30pm | Flicks - The Second Best Marigold Hotel | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Sun 27 | 11.15am | Joint Holy Communion | St Mary's, Clunton |
| Mon 28 | 7.30pm | Live Acoustic Folk Music | The Crown Inn, Clunton |
| Wed 30 | 8pm | Bishop's Castle Film Society - Timbuktu | Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle |

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month