

Clunbury Parish Life in Lockdown - Your Stories



Fifty Years in Lockdown!

Ed and Mary Cooper of Kempton had been thinking of some exotic escape for their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4 July (but not too far because of the cats!); they hadn't quite made up their mind when Covid-19 stopped the search. So, they stayed at home and prepared for a low-key celebration and an eventless day, when, at 11am, there was an unexpected



knock on the door and they were faced with a big balloon and a hamper full of goodies along with the best wishes of Kemptonians and others. A group had assembled by their gate and Ed and Mary promptly got a party going (respecting distances), by offering bubbly and impromptu snacks, as well as photos and reminiscences of their wedding day. "It made our day" they said. Many happy returns!



Clunbury Village Hall Café 'OPEN'



We are aiming to reopen the Clunbury Village Hall Café on

**Thurs 6 August
&
Thurs 20 August**

Coffee/Tea & Cake

Everyone welcome

Covid-19 safe protocols in place

Contact: Barbara 660629
Alister 661180 Duncan660578

Facing the Music

Eileen Addy from Kempton has been singing with the Edge Choir for some years. With lockdown, she has missed her usual rehearsals, and felt very bereft. When it was suggested she could do some 'distance-singing', she scratched her head: how would she do that? One of her daughters came to the rescue with the necessary equipment on which to record her contribution. Eileen is not a technophobe but she didn't find it at all easy:



"I'm not managing to marry the sound and the video together; goodness knows if I'll ever get my contribution to Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine* entered before the dead line" she said.

She persevered and she is performing here on this recording. Can you spot her?

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGCrP3sN-N003aB-zqDwASA>

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

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Home Schooling - Lock down for us...

Well, dare I say, it's not been too bad! I welcomed the extra help during lambing, Charlie and Maisy both eager to get out and about to check the ewes lambing on their bikes. The weather has helped a lot, school work has been done in the morning (most of the time!) Afternoons are NOT spent doing school work, they are both very unmotivated after lunch, so outside it is! Maisy had two cade lambs to start with, Jeremy and Jasmine, followed by five more as time went on, but Jeremy and Jasmine are firm favourites, Maisy can often be seen walking them up the lane on leads!! I must say she really has looked after them well (they're not dead, which is a miracle for cade lambs!). Maisy has also been tending to her growing guinea pig family, and selling the babies as and when ready' she really is quite the sales woman - at 10. Charlie has



set up his own scone making business; after making some for us on V.E Day, he thought others would enjoy them in the village. It turns out everyone enjoys them as much as we do! He's often found making a batch for his next order for his loyal customers, with the money he made making scones Charlie sourced and purchased a ride on mower so he can set up a new business! (he will still be making scones, so don't worry!). So we would like to take this

opportunity to say how proud we are of both our children during this time, yes school work is important but I think the memories my two have made will fade out corona... what??!

Martin, Lucy, Charlie and Maisy, Kempton

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Ian Davies has cycled in the annual Ride and Stride fund raising event every year since 2005. As this event was cancelled for 2020, Ian offered to do a sponsored ride for Clunton Church. He set off at 8am on Wednesday 22nd July and cycled to 14 churches, a total of 45 miles. Well done Ian. If you would like to support his efforts, please give any donations to Ian or Pat Harding. Thank you



Clunbury 100 club July 2020:

Margery Davies £20, Eileen Morris £15, Jean Christian £10, John Croxton £5, Camilla Holland £5

Clunton 100 Club July 2020

1st Barbara Jones, 2nd Alister Thompson, 3rd Mike Minns

Thank you everyone—Clunton are back up to 100 members.

The 2020/21 100 club subscriptions are now due ready to start the new year on September 1st, please pay Pat Harding by the end of August.

Schools through Lockdown...

The last few months have been strange, “unprecedented” for all of us. We have seen teachers and support staff go the extra mile to ensure that key workers’ children and vulnerable children had a place in school to help their families.

The Blue Hills Federation organised a rota across the federation. If they were able to, staff worked in school with children, and those who couldn’t worked from home preparing packs of work for the children. Online learning with suitable websites were recommended for parents to support home schooling. Topics were carefully chosen so that materials were easily accessible at home and study books sent home to ensure that children’s education continued. Staff were also available at the end of the phone or on email to answer questions and be there for the families when they needed us.

Our federation has been like a family where friendship has blossomed. We have persevered and been resilient and come through challenges not seen before. Teachers, support staff, parents and children have been amazing. **Well done to them all and to the Blue Hills Federation.**



BE TECH SAVVY...



POP JAM

PopJam is an online platform and app aimed at 7-12 year olds. There’s a focus on creativity. Users can create and share art, as well as taking quizzes. You can comment openly but there’s no private chat and the app is only open between 6am and 11pm – users cannot interact with any content outside these hours.

Official Age:

7+



Expert view of the risks...

Sexual: Low Risk	
Violence & hatred: Low Risk	
Bullying: Low Risk	
Suicide & self-harm: Low Risk	
Drink, drugs & crime: Low Risk	

Kids use Pop Jam To ...

Learn Connect Play Create



Top tips...

- ◆ Explore it together
- ◆ Show them how to report, unfollow and block other users
- ◆ Talk to your child about what they’re sharing

For more information please visit:
www.net-aware.org.uk or
www.ceop.police.uk

HUGE THANK YOU FOR OUR AMAZING NEW SUN SHADES!

We would like to thank Lily and Connie’s mum Zerena for organising our new sun shades for the forest school field and also a big thank you to the parent helper team for installing them last weekend - Jack & Arthur’s dad Leigh, Zerena, Lucas & Eva’s mum Faye, Daisy & Jamie’s mum Sophy and Jack, Archie and George’s mum Gemma.

The shades will be hugely useful during sunny periods, enabling the children to spend more time outdoors.

Help ←

Support →

Guidance ↑

Advice ↓

Returning to School

Following the significant disruption in education due to Covid 19, school attendance will again be compulsory from September 2020.

We are aware this may raise some anxieties or questions - therefore we have implemented a support service for parents, carers and pupils to try to ensure a successful return to school.

Support will be available from:

17th August until 2nd September 2020

Monday to Friday 9am–5pm

For help, support, guidance and advice, contact us:

03456789008

Scarlet Tiger Moths in South Shropshire

Knowing I was interested in butterflies and moths, my friend Sue from Edgton sent me a photo of a moth she had seen on her garden wall. She had correctly identified it as a scarlet tiger. Since then I have heard reports of several people finding these dazzling moths.

If you check on the internet, you will read that these moths are predominately confined to the south west of England and that they are especially fond of damp meadows and coastlines. In the past few years, they have been spreading northwards and have been observed in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. This year they have been observed fluttering amongst the flower beds of South Shropshire and may gain a foothold in our area.

They are day flying moths that actually enjoy the sunshine and basking on nettles. They are one of the few moths that eat nectar from plants like comfrey, brambles, herbaceous plants and shrubs, which they will find in our gardens and is the reason we might see them. When alarmed they flash their vivid, scarlet, lower wings. Their striking colours are there to warn predators that they are not good to eat

The caterpillars are black with creamy, yellow stripes and shiny black heads. As they hibernate throughout the winter it is as well to leave some plants and leaves as safe places for them during the cold months. Then next year we may again be amazed by these striking insects in our gardens.

Carol Wood

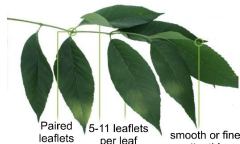


Ash Dieback

Ash trees are very common trees in Britain, present in woodland,



hedgerows, parks and gardens across the country and have much cultural significance in our urban and rural landscapes. They are also valuable habitats for over 1,000 species of wildlife, including a wide range of mammals, birds, invertebrates, mosses and lichens.



The leaves are easily identifiable

It is estimated that there are more than 60 million ash trees outside woodlands in the UK and that the majority will suffer

from ash dieback (caused by a fungus) in the years to come.

A proportion of these infected and weakened trees will pose safety risks, especially if they are next to a busy road, public pathway, school or community grounds.



Ash with Dieback

Anyone with an ash tree on their land has a responsibility to ensure that the risk posed by the tree is kept within appropriate limits.

SIGNS OF THE DISEASE

- Spots on the leaves
- Wilted leaves
- Branches losing their leaves and 'dying back'
- Dark patches (diamond shaped), called lesions, on the branches and/or trunk. A full guide is available on:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/science-and-research/ash-dieback/public-guidance/>

You can report possible cases through Tree Alert (www.forestry.gov.uk/trealert).

Want to get creative as a family but don't know where to start?



Need a hand keeping the kids busy, creative and inspired? Maybe you're looking for a project to complete over the summer holidays? Our Arts Award home-based opportunities may be the solution!

Available at both Discover and Explore levels, Shropshire Libraries' Arts Award has moved online. Arts Award is a set of qualifications for children and young people that gets them involved in, and excited about, the arts and culture. On completion, children will be awarded a certificate from Trinity College London, who manage Arts Award, in association with Arts Council England.

The Discover level qualification is designed for children ages 5-9 and Explore level for ages 7-11, although any young person up to the age of 25 can take part. Participants will create an online portfolio through a secure web platform to complete their qualification.

To support the Arts Award qualification, Shropshire Libraries Arts Award team have put together a resource pack highlighting relevant e-books, e-magazines and arts and cultural websites. The pack includes links to local arts and cultural organisations such as Shropshire Museums, who have created a selection of short videos and worksheets featuring objects and artworks held in their collection.

Sounds good? To register contact:



artsaward@shropshire.gov.uk

As our buildings begin their phased re-opening, don't forget there's still lots on offer online too. For more information and to view the full range of Libraries From Home services visit:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/groups-and-support/children-and-young-people/#>



Shropshire Libraries are inviting children across the county to sign-up for a seriously silly summer with this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at primary school-aged children and encourages them to keep reading over the summer holidays.

This year the theme is Silly Squad and is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh with characters created by award-winning children's author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson. The Challenge this year has moved online and, as always, it is free to sign up.

Participants will need the email address and permission of a parent or carer to register and set up their reading profile. Once they have done this, it's time to get reading!

Children can set their own reading goal, rate and review their books and unlock activities and rewards as they progress. When their reading goal is reached they can download and print a certificate.

The website also features video content, games, quizzes, digital and downloadable activities to get children excited about taking part in the Challenge at home.

CONTACTS

The Parish Post website:

<https://theparishpost.org>

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or Pat Harding 660169

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theparishpost@gmail.com

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Parish Council Meeting 23 July

8 councillors present + the Clerk + 5 members of the public

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting: *Clunton Brook:* repeated floods are causing damage to roads and threaten nearby properties. Some feel that debris in the brook is a significant issue. A letter from two parishioners outlining their various concerns was read out. Dredging is going to be done under and just up and downstream of the bridges, but this was felt to be insufficient. In times of spate the brook backs up because the River Clun is in flood. Holding back the flow of the brook by retaining water upstream was suggested as the only possible mitigation. Cllr Croxton suggested a site meeting together with Andrew Keeland from Shropshire Council to see how the problem could be alleviated.

Smartwater (security scheme)

In order to benefit from the offer to parish councils, 80% of parishioners need to agree to participate. The councillors will try and continue approaching all parishioners to establish whether they are interested. The offer will remain open until March 2021. Cllr Hill agreed to collate the results.

Climate Advisory Group report

Tree planting and verge cutting were discussed at length. Some councillors did not agree with the Group's proposed letter from the Council to farmers regarding tree planting. The Advisory Group was asked to amend the letter. Once agreed, a letter would be sent to all parishioners.

Clunton Burial Ground hay meadow initiative

Cllr Davies is seeking to manage the area as a mini hay meadow so as to encourage biodiversity. This has been done successfully in other churchyards (with encouragement from Caring for God's Acre, the organisation based in Craven Arms). He has cut the grass with a scythe and the hay will be gathered.

Planning

New House Farm Kempton: Erection of agricultural building, and installation of 2.4MW ground source heat pump. Granted.

Fold Farm Clunton: Fell a Weeping Willow, pending consideration: no objection.

Ashbeds Cottage Clunton Coppice: Change of use of detached annex to holiday let property,

pending consideration. The Parish Council is puzzled by this new change of use on top of one proposed previously.

Clunton Farmhouse: Formation of agricultural vehicular access and bridge: pending consideration. Site visit to take place.

Roads

There was general dissatisfaction at the way repairs had been dealt with: sometimes just putting markings around holes, but no action taken to fill them. You can report concerns on <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/highways-maintenance/pothole-maintenance-and-repair/>

Radar speed signs: The sign is stored in Clunton Parish Hall until such time as the posts are put in place. This is in the hands of Kier, contractors for Shropshire Council.

Sign at Redwood Lane: Cllr Morgan will make and erect a sign.

Finances

Accounts: £5,887.91

Expenses were agreed

The councillors agreed to make a donation of £150 to Clunbury School to help with the cost of erecting shelters.

Parish Council management

Councillor Sandra Morgan has resigned. It was agreed to send her a letter thanking her for her services over the years. The clerk will initiate the process of filling the vacancy and will send the official notice to the Parish Post. ***(The notice is included in this issue of the Parish Post)***

Date of next meeting: 17 September, venue to be confirmed nearer to the time.

Gisèle Wall

SmartWater Still Running

The SmartWater / We Don't Buy Crime initiative run by West Mercia Police was outlined in the February edition of The Parish Post. Parish Councillors began to canvass parishioners for support for the initiative; however this activity has been on hold during the pandemic. The Parish Council is still keen to pursue this opportunity so watch out for more details in next month's Parish Post.



David Hill

A thank you from Michelle and Blaine at The Crown Inn, Clunton



Well, this has been an interesting time for us all, we are in uncharted territory going forward but go forward we shall. We have tried to do what we can to help support the community that has supported us during our first year, three floods and then lockdown; our time at the Crown has been anything but dull.

We must take this opportunity to say thank you to everybody that has offered their support and kind words, it has made us feel blessed to be part of such a strong and supportive community realising that together we can get through these unsettling months.

We are continuing to order meat from Hough's butchers in Church Stretton, fish from Le Fish in Shrewsbury and any fruit and vegetables from Rowlands in Shrewsbury, for anybody that would like the service. Our takeaway meals, Thursday evening and Sunday lunch, will continue until the restaurant is up and running and although the pub is not open, we have opened the pub beer garden for drinks. Our Alfresco menu is available Friday and Saturday evenings at present, weather permitting, and if the summer arrives we will expand our opening hours; our pub snacks are available every day.

Opening the newly created beer garden seemed a safer way to operate in these uncertain times rather than trying to socially distance in the pub, and the gazebo and patio heaters are certainly a boon with our changeable weather. It has been wonderful to see so many of our customers since we reopened and all the new faces that we discovered during lockdown. With a fine selection of local, changing ales, wonderful wines, and a refreshing array of soft drinks, you are more than welcome to join us for a few well-spent hours in sunny Clunton. We are open 7 days a week Monday to Friday 4pm-10pm, then Saturday and Sunday 2pm-10pm.

Parish Post Printing

Please help neighbours who do not have access to printers or internet. Thank you!

Notices and updates

Lydbury North shop will be re-opening on Monday 20 July. Hours of business will initially be 8.30am to 1pm Monday to Saturday, and 9am to 11am on Sundays. All service will be from the front door, similar to Aston on Clun, and social distancing and hand sanitising will be in force. Payments will be by card only, preferably contactless. Many of you use Aston on Clun, but you may like to know that Lydbury Shop stocks much the same items, such as Mawley Milk, Clun Valley Foods, Clun Farm free range eggs, and Bloomers Bread, plus an extensive range of other goods, including Tanners Wines.

Church News

As we do not have a vicar, the number of services is reduced.

St Swithin's Church, Clunbury: open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays.

St Mary's Church, Clunton: open every day .

At present there are no services scheduled for Clunton Church, please join services at Clunbury or Hopesay

Sunday 9th 11.15am Holy Communion Clunbury

Sunday 23rd 9.45am joint Holy Communion Hopesay

Sunday 30th 11.15am Benifice Service of BCP Holy Communion Clun, led by Bishop Richard

Easy Fundraising

Please support St Mary's Church, Clunton by registering with Easy Fundraising. You can shop online with over 4,200 retailers and raise free donations for us at the same time! It costs you nothing. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryschurchclunton to register. We already have 2 donations of £0.75p and £0.83p. It all helps !

As the Purslow Show is not going ahead this year, The Parish Post team thought it would be a bit of fun to show your many talents by sending us photos of your fruit and vegetables, or flowers and crafty creations. Children can



send us photos of their paintings and crafty creations too. We will put a selection in next month's Parish Post. So come on, get creative!

NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (Section 87(2))

**VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor
for **CLUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL** following the resignation on
4th May of Councillor Mrs S Morgan

Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.

The rule allows **TEN ELECTORS** for the parish in which the casual vacancy has arisen to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy.* That request must be made within **FOURTEEN DAYS**, calculated in accordance with the rules,** of the date of this notice. The fourteen-day period ends on 12th August 2020.

Where ten valid requests for a by-election are received by the Returning Officer then under the provisions of The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the vacancy in the office of Councillor would, subject to further legislation, be filled at the poll at the next ordinary election of Councillors which is due to be held on Thursday 6 May 2021.

What if a request to hold an election is not received during the permitted time?

Rule 5(5) of the above Rules will apply. The Parish Council must, as soon as practicable after the expiry of the fourteen-day period, co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

The Returning Officer's address is:

**Electoral Services, Shropshire Council,
The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6ND**

The telephone number for further guidance is 0345 678 9015.

This notice is dated 23rd July 2020.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)
nancy@adamsanchor.co.uk
01686 671126

* There is no form of words for this request, which might simply be a letter headed with such words as "We the undersigned being electors for the [Ward of] ... Parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the [death][resignation] of ...". A template entitled "Request for an Election" is available to download from Shropshire Council's website – www.shropshire.gov.uk - under "Current Council Vacancies". It is helpful if the ten signatures are accompanied by printed names and addresses.

** In calculating the notice period, day one is the day following the date of this notice; a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning shall be disregarded, and the period closes at midnight on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice. Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.