

## Clunbury Village Hall

Invites you to join us for  
**Soup and Pudding**



Thursday 20 February

From 12.30 £6.00

Contact Alister 661180 or  
Barbara 660629

## Kempton's Lonesome Swan

Did the floods throw up some particularly delicious food? Or was it because of a family dispute up on Walcot Lake? We'll never know why but, for several weeks around the Christmas period, this majestic creature took up a solitary residence on the flooded pond at Lodge Barn in Kempton.



The Swan Sanctuary advised us to leave her/him be and to not worry about loneliness as the swan may have chosen to leave the lake flock for a bit of peace and quiet. Also, that if his/her departure was not voluntary it was not a disaster. They also said that the colder water due to less volume than the lake was not a problem, as it is in a swan's genes to be able to survive in Siberia.

As mysteriously as it arrived, it has now left us!

*Janet Kregel*

Other flood waters have been graced by one or more Great White Egrets.

## Attention! New day for Clunbury Craft Group

Every 4th Friday  
at Clunbury Village Hall  
10.00am-1.00pm



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Our Sewing Group meets  
every 3rd Friday  
10.00am-1.00pm  
with Catherine Crowther

For more information contact  
Lynne on 661180

## A Salutory Lesson in Kempton!

On Saturday evening at Park Cottage, Kempton, we had a frightening chimney fire. Thanks to the wonderful hard work and professionalism of the gentlemen from Clun Fire Brigade all ended well. We were so lucky it started in daylight and could see the early signs of heavy brown smoke, and that we were home at the time; had we been out we could very well have lost our house.

The fire was in a wood burner that we keep lit 24/7 in the winter. It is a high quality Clearview stove, professionally fitted and swept and checked annually; it was last swept in June 2019.

A couple of days before the fire, we could hear clinker occasionally falling down inside the chimney. In retrospect this was a warning sign, but the major tell-tale sign on the day was the thick, dark voluminous smoke from the chimney cowl even though the fire was burning below 300°F. The picture shows the fire when it had been more or less brought under control.



From now on we will be having that chimney swept twice a year, and would advise others to do so for wood burners that are in as regular use as ours is.

An intriguing footnote is that the firemen suggested the weather front might have had something to do with why it happened when it did. Yesterday (18 January) we had a high pressure front for the first time in three months, and there were 4 callouts for chimney fires in South Shropshire whereas they normally only get about 10 in a whole year. They said they would like to see more research into this phenomenon.

*Janet Krengel*

## Speed Awareness Signs Volunteers needed!

Clunbury Parish Council agreed to purchase a half share of one Speed Awareness Sign - sharing with Clunton and Cluntonford Parish.

If this goes ahead, the unit will be in Cluntonford for 6 months, Clunton and Clunton for 3 months each. A rota will be decided in due course.

Shropshire Council will install the poles in each village for the units to be placed on. It will need 2 people to place the unit on the pole, and to take it down when it is to be moved to another location.

**We need volunteers from each village to be prepared to help with this task and to charge the batteries.**

The unit is not too heavy - but for health and safety reasons will need 2 people to complete the task. If you are prepared to help, please contact

Pat Harding

01588 660169

email: [patmharding@aol.com](mailto:patmharding@aol.com)



## Greek Night Reminder!

Bedstone and Hopton Castle  
Village Hall present

Captin Corelli's Mandolin

Saturday 1 February

Supper 7pm Film 8pm

Tickets £12

Please book .. 01547 530282

## Christmas at Clun Community Larder

Grateful thanks for all the generous donations for the Christmas boxes.

This year 37 families were referred to the Larder, with 60 children, and your gifts, both treats and staples will have made their Christmas a happier time.

## Cut The Plastic, Save Money!

Thanks to a variety of initiatives by some of our lovely local retailers, there are now more ways we can cut our use of plastic in our everyday shopping. We thought it would be useful to summarise some of the options available in our vicinity.

**Refillable Milk Bottles:** the most recent development is to get your milk bottles refilled. Three outlets (that we know of) are now selling milk in this way, Broad Bean and The Fruit Basket in Ludlow, and The Discovery Centre in Craven Arms. The milk all comes from local grass-fed herds, so by buying it you are supporting high quality environmentally conscious local producers. You can buy special purpose 1litre or 0.5litre glass bottles and take them to be filled at a sizeable discount to the price of buying individual glass bottles of milk, and not much more than buying plastic bottles of milk in a supermarket. You can also take your plastic milk bottles for filling. You might be surprised to learn that standard plastic milk bottles and their caps can be washed a few times in the dishwasher (though not at the highest temperature).



*The milk dispenser at Broad Bean*

The idea seems to have caught on – the owner of Broad Bean told us that in the six weeks to Christmas, they had sold 1,478 litres of milk this way!

**Household Cleaning and Personal Hygiene:** We know of three outlets locally that sell a broad range of refillable cleaning products. One is the new Ecoleaf refilling station at Tuffins, where you can refill your bottles of fabric conditioner, laundry liquid, washing up liquid, liquid hand soap and toilet cleaner, all at a 10% discount to buying a new bottle. A similar range of products is sold by Broad Bean, including Ecover and Ecoleaf, with discounts ranging from 10% to 20%. Myriad Organics (Ludlow) sell the largest range of refillable products, including all of the above plus Faith in Nature handsoap, shampoo, conditioner and bodywash, as well as Suma hair conditioner.

However, there now appears to be a major glitch in the refillable cleaning product sector. Harvest Wholefoods (Lydham) have recently stopped providing a refill service. They say the 25 litre dispenser containers can no longer be returned to the producers due to new laws surrounding cleanliness and contamination. This leaves the shop to dispose of the containers, but as these are made of composite materials they are difficult to recycle. As an alternative, they sell 5 litre recyclable containers of all the usual household cleansers, for home refilling, at discounts to the RRP of between 6% to 10%.

We will do further research on this issue and will report back at a later stage.

**Dried Goods:** Myriad and Harvest sell these products in very different ways, both, we feel, are equally valid. Both buy in bulk, but Myriad uses self-service hopper dispensers where the customer either brings their own containers or uses the paper bags provided, to dispense whatever quantity she/he wants to buy. The products on sale this way are now not sold separately on the shelf so they have completely cut out this level of plastic. By contrast, Harvest Wholefoods package the products themselves on the premises in plant cellulose bags which break down quickly in landfill, or can be composted at home if kept damp.



*Self-service dried goods dispenser at Myriad*

## Correspondence

### Dog Fouling Problem!

In the close vicinity of Clunbury Village there is an approximate population of 127 people and 33 dogs. There is also a dog fouling problem – outside the village hall, on the crossroads, in the Twitchen and Beambridge lanes, in the churchyard and outside the school.

Toxocariasis, a disease caused by the roundworm parasite, found in dog faeces, can easily affect young children. Please will dog owners ensure that dogs are on a lead round the village, that they pick up and take home their dog's excrement, and that their dogs are not loose to wander at will around the village, possibly causing a dangerous situation or traffic incident.

Please observe the Dog Fouling Prevention signs in the village.

*Jeremy Freeman*

### Plea for 'Precious Scrap Metal'

You might already know that Clunbury church is being re-ordered and we are putting in a lavatory and a better area for serving coffee. As might be expected, prices have gone up and the PCC has to raise more money. We are therefore trying something a bit different.

Do you have any broken bits of silver, gold or platinum jewellery, old broken spoons, broken chains, odd earrings which might make a 'job lot' of precious scrap metal? Clunbury church would like to hear from you. Please contact the church wardens if you think you can help.



### Clunbury Village Hall AGM Report

Clunbury Village Hall held their AGM for the year ending 2019, this January. In his report the Chairman thanks all those in and around Clunbury village for their support of the fund-raising events organised by the Village Hall Committee and looks forward to your continuing support this coming year. We are planning a number of events for 2020, such as the Soup & Pudding Lunch in February, a Fun Quiz night in March and an afternoon Cream Teas in a local garden, the local Wine Trail in July, a late summer barbeque, and the Summer Lunch, with hopefully some other events throughout the year. Plus the Thursday fortnightly Café 10.00 -11.30; check the diary for dates.

Clunbury Village Hall is a 'community asset' for others to use, so please make the best use of it, if you wish to book the hall for your local event/parties, etc please contact either Duncan Brown on 660578 or Alister Thompson on 661180



### Clunbury 100 Club

**December 2019:** Camilla Holland £20, Karen Williams £15, Jess Grimes £10, Trevor Owens £5, Ann Brown £5

**January 2020:** Jane Rose £20, Tim Croxton £15, Jean Christian £10, Emma Jones £5, Bob Richards £5

### Clunton 100 Club January 2020

1st Daisy Price, 2nd Helen Minns, 3rd Pauline Eddie

### Interested in Fairtrade?

There will be a Fairtrade stall at Clunbury Café on Thursday 27 February.

Why not come and stock up.



**FAIRTRADE**  
INTERNATIONAL

## Parish Council meeting of 16/1/2020

Present: 6 councillors + Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin + 1 member of public

### Matters arising from the last meeting

Damage to Clunton river bridge - no action yet. Highways to check with Land Registry on the riparian owners of land down to the river. It was noted that some minor dredging has taken place in the brook at the side of the Crown Inn.

Repainting railings - on the list of work to be done.

BT Telephone boxes: Cllr Lewis reported that none of our boxes are to be removed. There are some repairs to be done.

### SmartWater

Cllr Hill to inform parishioners in February Parish Post. Parish Cllrs to canvass households in the Parish. The Parish Council favours this initiative, but parishioners would have to fund it. (formerly Neighbourhood Watch). *Report from Ms Barbara Freeman*

Barbara attended a public meeting at Craven Arms on the benefits of the Rural Watch scheme and the use of SmartWater to deter and reduce crime in the area. John Campion, the West Midlands Crime Officer and Graham Donaldson, Shropshire Rural and Business Crime Officer led the meeting. This has been successful and effective in other areas. Villages sign up free to the scheme and communicate via a WhatsApp Group Live. Villages can communicate with each other about any suspicious activity and will get priority action from the police. Currently there is a situation in the area with suspicious vehicle activity in the early hours of the morning in one or more of the villages. Graham Donaldson acknowledged that Craven Arms is a recognised area of drug activity and possible drug pushing and a target for County Lines. Graham Donaldson has agreed to come to Clunbury Café to give a talk and will also attend an evening for those who cannot come during the day.

### Report from Climate Advisory Group

This group is now an advisory group to the Parish Council. A Climate and Ecological Emergency Event is to be held on the 25 January at Clunbury Village Hall. Flyers and questionnaires to be distributed in the Parish.

### Planning

Lower House, Clunton: application to extend the operating hours of the bus company in Clunton. No formal complaints, as yet but it has been noted that residents are not happy about the application. Parish Council will set up a meeting and investigate the proposals further before making recommendations.

### Purslow War Memorial

Arrangements are in hand for the hedge to be cut back. Next steps: engraving and cleaning. A query was raised about what effect this may have on the insurance, Council agreed to wait for the result of the grading and revisit. The British Legion proposed an additional bollard. The Parish Council concluded that, if necessary, it should only be on the corner next to the Twitchen road.

### Roads

Cllr Hill reported that some potholes have been repaired but not all. These have been reported again and encourage members of the public to do the same.

The dangerous tree at Giles House was categorised as a priority job in November to be completed within 28 days but has not been done. Cllr Hill emailed again but has not received any response.

Sign at the bottom of Redwood Lane: the Council is considering cost of having a sign made to go underneath the notice board.

Radar speed signs: Need 2 volunteers in Clunton and Twitchen to help move the sign and charge batteries. The Parish Council has agreed to purchase and communicate with Cluntonford on how the share will work. There are some minor additional costs plus a 2nd battery charger at £95. Cllr Harding to put a request in The Parish Post for volunteers.

### Correspondence

Cllr N Morgan raised a number of issues, mainly concerning the poor communication with councillors between meetings and how long it takes for action. He also suggested that Health and Safety be added as a standard item on the agenda. To amend start time to 7.30 – this was agreed by the Parish Council.

**Finances:** Bank Accounts: £6,550.85; Expenses: estimate £450

**Next meeting:** Clunton Village Hall 19 March, 7.30pm

*Lynne Thompson*



## Designing for Atmosphere

A Talk by Malc Mollart

Wednesday 26 February 2020

7.30 pm

**Lydbury North Village Hall**

We welcome back Malc Mollart, a retired headteacher and horticulturist, author of the long running blog 'greenbenchramblings', inspired by his garden Avocet, a quarter acre plot, which he and his wife Jude have created in the South Shropshire Hills from a blank canvas over the past thirteen years. Malc is particularly passionate about "gardening with wildlife and creating a calm atmosphere and a place of contentment".

The creation of atmosphere is the subject of this month's talk. Malc will give guidance on how to incorporate design elements that help develop the unique atmosphere of any garden. Gardeners will look at their plot with fresh eyes!

Any further queries to our Chairman, Annie Frost 01588 620953 or please look at our website: [www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk)

*Sarah Metcalf*

## How is Home Care Working in Shropshire?



Home care is often seen as the 'front line' of social care delivery and is critical to the longstanding intention to enable people to 'age in place' and to deliver care as close as possible to people's homes. In 2015, more than 350,000 older people in England were estimated to use home care services and a further 76,300 younger people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental health problems were also estimated to be using publicly funded home care.

Healthwatch Shropshire, the local health and social care consumer champion, is asking those receiving home care in Shropshire to tell them about their experiences.

The online survey can be completed on:

<https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/home-care-questionnaire>, or contact

[enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk)

or 01743 237884

## Climate & Ecological Emergency Event

Thank you to all those who came to the Clunbury Climate and Ecological Emergency Event. There was plenty of information available to inform and inspire visitors. The event was well supported and gave all those attending a chance to meet people with a range of views on current climate and wildlife issues and to have their say about the Parish Plan in response to these. There is still time to contribute to the Parish Council's survey which has been distributed to every household in our Parish. Please return questionnaires by 14th February, they can be given to any parish councillor or left at the back of the church in Clunbury or Clunton. A full report will be included in the next Parish Post.

*Judith Payling*



*Common Lizard: a warm retreat in late summer sunshine. Photo taken by Katie Richards on 10 September 2019 at Lawn Farm, Clunbury. Sent by Christina Whitehead.*

## Report from Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin



South Shropshire Place Plan is out for consultation.

On 19/12/2019 a motion was introduced for a 20mph speed limit in all residential streets and school zones. Lack of funding and police support, led to the decision not to proceed with residential streets but the Council are still looking to fund 20mph in school zones.

**Climate Change:** Shropshire are 5<sup>th</sup> in the country for work on reducing carbon footprint. Currently services under council control are counted in the figures and exclude services that are contracted out, but this is going to change.

The Planning Committees are being reduced from 3 to 2 (North & South); their membership is based on the political split.

Shropshire Council have authorised South Shropshire road networks to reorganise the way the highway team operates. This has impacted on the quality of roads and it will get worse due to lack of funding; it has got to the stage that cuts in the budget are affecting services. The Government propose to ring-fence money from road tax to repair major roads. Roads categorised as urgent are classed as 5 day repair but in reality are taking weeks. There are not enough people to do the job – unless we can attract more Government funding. Hopefully this might improve when the new council takes over in April. There is no more future spending planned in this financial year.

Lynne Thompson

## Be Smart and Deter Burglars

Subsequent to the discussion about Smartwater kits at the November Parish Council (see report in December/ January Parish Post) we would like to inform you of the latest development.



SmartWater kits normally cost from £25, but the West Mercia Police offer would enable us to get them for £11 or less per household depending on the uptake. If we could achieve at least 80% uptake, the price could come down even more and the Police would put up signs warning potential miscreants that this was a SmartWater area.

The Parish Council does not have sufficient funds to fund these kits after recent commitments to purchase a radar operated speed sign and the renewal of streetlights in Clunton. However, it believes that our community should embrace this opportunity to improve our security and is hoping that sufficient households in the Parish will agree to pay the discounted price. Over the next few weeks Parish Councillors will visit as many households as possible to provide further information and, hopefully, obtain commitments to join the scheme. In order to proceed we need at least 80% of households to commit. For more details contact any Parish Councillor (contact details are on the Parish Council pages of [theparishpost.org](https://theparishpost.org) website) or visit <https://shop.smartwater.com/household-products/>.

David Hill

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## PLAY WITH CLAY

2020 course dates: 7-9pm, term time only

25 February–31 March

21 April–19 May

2 June–14 July

The Old Station Broome SY7 0NT

£20 per session, includes materials and firing.

Limited spaces Max 12 people. FMI contact:

Halima or Martyn on 0781 705 3308 or email [info@halimacassell.com](mailto:info@halimacassell.com)

## Events Diary for February 2020

Mondays 9-11.30am	Parent & Toddler Group. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall	
Mondays 10.00am	Table Tennis every Mon <b>not</b> the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall	
Tues 9.15-10.45am	Yoga Sessions every Tuesday – Beginners Welcome	Clunbury Village Hall	
Wednesdays 2.00pm	Clungunford Bowls 07951 292496	Clungunford Bowling Club	
Thursdays 2-4pm	Table Tennis £3 per session – 660847/07970-577614	Clungunford Parish Hall	
Thurs 13 10-11.30am	Clunbury Café alternate Thursdays	Clunbury Village Hall	
Sat 1	7.00pm	Greek Night – Film and supper 01547 53028/530101	Bedstone & Hopton V H
Sun 2	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's Clunbury
Wed 5	3.03-3.15pm	Mobile Library	Clunbury Bridge
Wed 5	8.00pm	BC Film Society – Ballad Of A Soldier 01694 328261	Bishop's Castle Three Tuns
Thurs 6	7.00pm	Flicks – Blinded By The Light 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 7	7.30-10pm	Bishop's Castle Railway Society 638998	Methodist Hall BC
Sun 9	11.15am	CWHC	St Swithin's Clunbury
Tue 11	2.00pm	Flicks – Downton Abbey – 660159	SpArC
Thur13	2.00pm	Flicks/Documentary A Dog Called Money 630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 14	6.00pm	Flicks – Shaun The Sheep 630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 15	7.30pm	Flicks – Fisherman's Friends 660493/660893	Aston On Clun Village Hall
Sun 16	11.15am	United Morning Worship	St Swithin's Clunbury
Wed 19	3.03-3.15pm	Mobile Library	Clunbury Bridge
Wed 19	8.00pm	BC Film Society – Leaning Into The Wind	Bishop's Castle Three Tuns
Thur 20	7.00pm	NT Live – Cyrano de Bergerac 660493/660893	Aston On Clun Village Hall
Thur 20	12.30pm	Soup and Pudding – 661180/660629	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 20	7.30pm	NLive – Bubble Schmeisis 630321/638038	SpArc
Fri 21	8.00pm	Flicks – Downton Abbey – 660159	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 21	10-1.00pm	Clunbury Sewing Group – 661180	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 21	2.00pm	NT Live – The 3 Ages of Drumming Experience	SpArc 630321/638038
Fri 21	7.30pm	Live Music – Blues and Roots	SpArC 630321/638038
Sat 22	2.00pm	Live Rhubarb Theatre Henry Moon and the Greasy Spoon	SpArC 630321/638038
Sun 23	11.15am	CWHC	St Mary's Clunton
Wed 26	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St John's Newcastle on Clun
Thur 27	10 –11.30	Fair Trade – Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 26	7.00pm	SWGC—Designing For Atmosphere 620953	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 27	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 27	7.00pm	Flicks – Judy	SpArC 630321/638038
Fri 28	10–1.00pm	Clunbury Craft Group 661180	Clunbury Village Hall

## Advanced Notices

### The Bach Players

St Swithin's Church

Sunday 15 March 5pm

Nicolette Moonen (violin) and

Pawel Siwczak (organ)

The Sorrowful Mysteries by H I F Biber

The Rosary Sonatas

Tickets £12.50

Telephone 01588 660424/ 660169

### The Arbor Tree Festival

Aston On Clun

Sunday 31 May

1.00pm.

Tree dressing, singing and dancing at the tree

Activities in the Village Hall

Plus Car Boot Sale

Booking essential

Contact Sandra 665065 or Rose 660139