

# The Parish Post

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## Pat at the Palace

On the train from Craven Arms, with the posh hat in a carrier bag on the luggage rack, we made it down to London the day before the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Out for a stroll down Oxford Street in the late afternoon and we are no longer used to so many people around us. The traffic and noise are far from the quiet of the Clun Valley - even though there, it can be a noisy quiet with sheep, cattle and tractors. We did our bit for the London economy by a couple of taxi rides through the traffic jams.

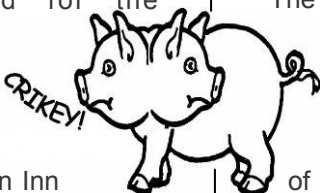
After a pleasant morning at the Natural History Museum we set off for the Palace. Traffic was heavy even at 3pm, but after a lengthy taxi ride we were dropped off by the Hyde Park entrance to the Palace and joined a queue to get in. Once through the security checks we strolled through the gardens towards the lawn.

There are over 200 magnificent trees, flowering shrubs and a rose garden, plus a famous 170 metres long herbaceous border. The garden is a nesting site for many native birds and the lake is a haven for water fowl, with the great crested grebe nesting on one of the islands. (cont. on page 2)



### Crown Inn Celebration Hog Roast

It is 20 years since the Crown Inn in Clunton was saved for the community. To celebrate the occasion there will be a Hog Roast at 7.30pm on 25 July. Tickets are £6 in advance from the Crown Inn or contact 660120.



### Clunbury Church Hog Roast Lunch

Sunday 19 July 1pm in the orchard at The Old Vicarage (or the Village Hall if wet). Hog Roast, potatoes, salad & pudding £10 & £4 children under 10. Tickets in advance from PCC members. Followed by Songs of Praise in the Church at 4pm. To choose a hymn contact Pat on 660169.

**Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month**

(cont. from page 1) Tea was served from large marquees and we were offered a cup of tea - or iced coffee, Sandringham apple juice or iced water. It certainly wasn't a day for cold drinks - the wind was strong and very cool. However it stayed dry, and the tea was delicious. Small sandwiches (no crusts), strawberry , raspberry and lemon tarts, chocolate mousse cake with a little crown on top, and other delicacies . Waiters were on hand to take your plate once empty and seconds were allowed!

The National Anthem announced the arrival of the Queen at 4pm, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Andrew and the Duke of Kent. There were a small number of individual presentations to Her Majesty and then the Gentlemen at Arms arranged the crowd to form a lane for the Queen and members of the Royal Family to move through the guests. Their tea was served in the Royal Tea Tent - I couldn't quite see if they had the same as us. There were many military guests and a good number of clergy - including a few Bishops.

A wonderful day for people watching and the ladies fashions were very interesting. Some were quite astounding and as for the shoes - well some were quite unsuitable for the lawn and many a heel got stuck in the ground. I spotted one pair of gladiator style shoes worn with pink socks!!

The Royal Family left before 6pm - again with the crowd forming an orderly avenue - precisely 4 metres wide (we watched the Equerries pace it out). The National Anthem marked the end of a remarkable day, never to be forgotten.

*Pat Harding*



**Clunbury School Fete**  
**Sunday 5th July, 2 - 5pm**

*Cakes*  
*Tombola*  
*Farmers Market*  
*Cream Teas*  
*Bouncy Castle*  
*Car Boot*  
*Hot Dogs*  
*Bar*  
*Children's Games*  
*Raffle*  
*Face Painting*

**Everyone welcome !!**  
**For car boot pitches ring**  
**01588 660207/605**

**Clunbury Café in the  
Village Hall**  
**Fairtrade tea or  
coffee plus homemade  
cake**  
**all for £1**  
**The Café will be open  
on Thursday 9th and  
23rd in July from  
10.00am until  
11.30am. There will be  
a table top sale with  
books, bric-a-brac and  
plants and produce  
when available. If you  
have something to  
donate please bring it  
along. All proceeds  
support the Village Hall**

## Letter from Gilbert Jones

This photograph shows Kevin Pritchard receiving my Domino Challenge Cup, which is played for in a tournament every May at the Crown Inn, Clunton. This is the fourth tournament, which was started to celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, as I wanted to encourage more people to play the game of dominos in years to come.

It was a huge shock and with great sadness that we heard of Kevin's passing the day after winning the tournament. Kevin will be very much missed in the Clun Valley, especially by the Kangaroo Domino Team of which he was the captain, and the Clun Valley League of Dominos.

I would like to send my sincere condolences to Kevin's Family and friends and hope that they can take small comfort from the fact that they are able to see photographs of Kevin on winning form on the Sunday night and thoroughly enjoying his evening.

I would also like to thank Andy and Della from the Crown Inn for putting on refreshments for everyone and Andy Coull and my daughter Kath for organising the evening.

With deep sympathy to Kevin's family. Yours sincerely, Gilbert Jones



## Goose Mystery Solved

Remember the 'spot the goose' photo in the June issue of the 'Parish Post' and the speculation as to where the bird came from? We have since learned more. The goose has lived its entire life in Kempton, in the garden of the late Joan Tomkins. Her daughter, Shirley, the last of the family to live in the village, moved recently but thought the goose might rather stay around. So she placed it on the bank of the Kemp where it is now a nice reminder of Joan, a keen reader and generous supporter of The Parish Post, and of her family.

## SWSGC Fuchsias: Propagating, Growing & Enjoying

Nancy and Arthur Phillips have been growing fuchsias "for as long as we can remember".

Arthur is President of the British Fuchsia Society and an experienced judge. At home in Bromsgrove



they grow about two hundred cultivars in the greenhouse and shade house as well as many varieties in pots. After the talk there will be a chance to buy plants very reasonably priced which you may not find elsewhere.

**Lydbury North Village Hall,  
Wednesday 22 July, 7.30pm.**

Free to members, visitors £3. Contact Carol Clarke 660753 or Allison Walter 620055 or look online at [www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk).

## Craft & Collectables Market Saturday 18 July

10am - 2pm

at Aston on Clun Village Hall

There will be a demonstration of  
Papercrafting.

# It's Showtime!

## **Purslow Show Monday 31 August**

**F**rom the end of July Purslow Show Schedules will be available to pick up in:-

- Kempton** - Old Wheelwright's
- Clunton** - Crown Inn
- Purslow** - 100 House
- Lydbury North** - Powys Arms, Shop
- Bishops Castle** - Decorative Antiques, Enterprise House, Jane's Petals and Gifts, Co-op Shop
- Clun** - Richard Hairstylist, Cost Cutter, Garage Shop, Bright Flowers
- Twitchen** - Anne Williams (Twitchen Farm)
- Bucknell** - Bucknell shop
- Leintwardine** - Garage Shop, Griffiths (butcher)
- Clungunford** - Rocke Cottage Tea Rooms
- Aston on Clun** - Kangaroo Inn, Community Shop
- Craven Arms** - Cyril Bason, Discovery Centre, Library, Hospice Shop, Walls (Butcher), Craven Arms WI
- Clunbury** - Library Van, Clunbury Cafe

## **Clun Carnival & Show Saturday 1 August**

Schedule and entry form  
from BrightFlowers  
Closing date for entries –  
Sunday 26 July

Sunday 19 7.30pm Shrewsbury Male  
Voice choir etc £6 St George's, Clun  
Sunday 26 3-5pm Cream Teas £3.50 9  
Church St, Clun  
Tuesday 28 7.30-9.30pm  
Val Littlehales "Shropshire Tales" £2.50  
Clun Methodist Church

## **SWSGC Show – Saturday 5 September**

**N**ow that the sun and rain are encouraging our gardens to flourish, it is a great time to think about possible entries to our Garden and Produce Show. There are many categories to choose from so even if you want to keep your fruit and veg level of expertise a private matter (like me!), have a go at something else such as photography, handicrafts or floral art.

Classes are open to anyone – only 30p per entry or 50p on the day. All the information you need can be found in the brochure. Please contact our show organiser Sandy Burton 01588 680454 or email [sandy\\_burton@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy_burton@btinternet.com) for further information.



The logo for the Clun Art & Craft Show features the word 'Clun' in black at the top. Below it, 'Art &' is written in large, colorful letters: 'A' is pink, 'r' is blue, 't' is yellow, and '&' is orange. Underneath that, 'Craft' is written in large, colorful letters: 'C' is blue, 'r' is purple, 'a' is cyan, 'f' is dark teal, and 't' is green. At the bottom, the word 'Show' is written in black.

**Hightown Community Room  
Saturday 25 July – Sunday 2 August**

**Open 10am – 6pm**

(Sunday 2 August 10am – 12 noon)

**and Clun Open Studios  
Saturday 25 July – Monday 27 July**

a chance to see artists at work in their own studios

Clun Art and Craft Show is affiliated to the Clun Carnival and Show

## **Cheese and Wine Evening**

**Saturday 4 July from 7pm**

**at The Orchard, Clunton**

**Cheese, wine and puddings Tickets**

**£7.50**

**Licensed bar and a raffle, with all proceeds to St Mary's Church. This is our main fund raiser for the year - so please come and support.**

**Tickets from Pat ( 660169) and Church Committee members.**



## **CLUN GOOD FRIENDS**

**A** big thank you to everyone who came or supported the Garden Party at Purslow Hall in May. It was a wonderful afternoon hosted by Annabel and James Morris allowing us to wander around their gardens. We also had music by Rapsquillion and fantastic refreshments. The outcome was £714 which puts us on a sound financial basis for future training and travelling expenses. So, thank you again.

We are now in urgent need of more volunteers, people who have an hour or two about once a fortnight, who would enjoy befriending an elderly 'neighbour' and having a chat over a cuppa. Volunteers are well supported and meet regularly, sometimes over a shared lunch. Our next training day by Severn Hospice is on Tuesday 7 July at Purslow Hall and you are very welcome to come.

If anyone would like to know more about what we do or would just like more information, please get in touch. Co-ordinator Rev. Ann Ogram 640830, 07970 072836 or chair of Clun Valley Good Neighbours Scheme, Joan Kerry 640401 or Carolyn Lewis 640477, would be very pleased to hear from you.

## **Summer Lunch**

**Advance Notice**

**Clunbury Village Hall**

**Thursday 13 August**

**from 12.30pm**

**£5. Contact Eirlys Ellams 660625**

## **Lydbury North Village Hall**

**Friday 10 July**

**Blackheart**

A male/female all-acoustic modern folk duo. Their show features all original songs, acoustic guitars, mandolin and keyboards with a strong emphasis on harmony. Blackheart's music appeals to audiences of all ages. Doors open 7.00pm – concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: £10.00, U/16 £5.00 from 680302.

## **Bedstone Village Hall**

**Sunday 5 July**

Buffet Lunch in aid of St Mary's Church Bedstone and St Edwards's Church Hopton Castle. Fantastic range of local food. 2 courses, all non-alcoholic drinks included. £10.

**Bring wine/beer if you like.**

### Events Diary for JULY 2015

Wed 1		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Sat 4	From 7pm	Cheese & Wine Evening for St. Mary's Church- Tel 660169	The Orchard, Clunton
Sat 4	7.30pm	Ludlow Choral Society-Songs from the New World-01584 878141	St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow
Sun 5	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 5	Lunchtime	Buffet Lunch in aid of St Mary's Church Bedstone	Bedstone Village Hall
Sun 5	2-5pm	Clunbury School Fete	Clunbury School
Sun 5	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 6	9-11am	Parent & Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 7	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 7		Clun Good Friends training day Tel 640830	Purslow Hall
Tue 7	7pm	Flicks—The Second Best Marigold Hotel	SpArC
Thu 9	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 10		Blackheart concert	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sun 12	11.15am	Holy Communion with Baptism	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 13	7-9pm	Monday Night Club-free help with using computers	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 15		Tim's Travels—'Anything Goes'—640506	Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton
Thu 16		Clunbury School—last day of Summer Term	
Thu 16	7pm	NT Live—'Everyman'	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 16	7pm	NT Live—'Everyman'	SpArC
Thu 16	8pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 18	10am-2pm	Craft & Collectables Market. Demonstration - Papercrafting.	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 19	1.00pm	Clunbury Church Hog Roast Lunch followed by Songs of praise at 4pm in the church.	The Orchard, The Old Vicarage / St. Swithin's
Tue 21	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 22	7pm	RSC—'The Merchant of Venice'	SpArC
Wed 22	7.30pm	SWSGC — Fuchsias—Arthur Phillips	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thu 23	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 25-Sun 2 Aug	10am-6pm (10-noon 2 Aug)	Clun Art & Craft Show	Hightown Community Room
Sat 25-Mon 27	10am-4pm (Sat noon-4pm)	Clun Open Studios	Clun
Sat 25	7.30	Celebration Hog Roast- Tel 660120	Crown Inn, Clunton
Sat 25		Live Music 'The Riverman Blues Band'	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Sun 26	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Clunton
Mon 27	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Sat 1		Clun Carnival	
Thu 13	12.30pm	Summer Lunch	Clunbury Village Hall

### Folk at the Crown

The folk night will be changing from Wednesday to Monday from 22 June and will be every 4th Monday after that at the new start time of 7.30pm.

#### Clunbury 100 Club June Draw

1. David Hill £20; 2. Julie Saunders £15; 3. Jean Jones £10; 4. Marianne Hints £5; 5. Caroline Bason £3.

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