

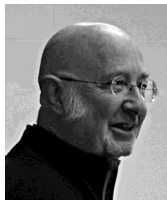
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Anything Goes!

After another wonderful performance by the 'Dance Band' *Anything Goes* on the occasion of the Burns' Night, in Kempton Village Hall, we tried to find out a bit more about music, in and around the parish. We met at John and Janet Phillips's house (easily recognised by the CND flag floating in the wind on the road to Bishop's Castle).

John and Janet have lived in the parish for 15 years (John taught music at Ludlow School and Janet, psychologist and teacher, was our Green candidate at the last general election). Both started music when they were very young. In fact, John started the piano at the age of 4, and accompanied his mother, who was a concert cellist, but he took to the trombone later on, finding it a more exciting instrument to play. He says he only started playing seriously when he joined *Anything Goes* and that he is 'still learning'.

Janet played the clarinet at school and, later, the saxophone (soprano, tenor and alto); she even took up the baroque lute (an instrument with 24 strings - how long does it take to tune, Janet?), thinking it would be quieter for the neighbours, but found it a lonely experience: not many players of the lute around!



John has been conducting the *Bishop's Castle Orchestra* for a number of years and both John and Janet joined the band *Anything Goes* about 3 years ago.

John Franklin, the leader, started the band in 2006 soon after coming to Bishop's Castle. He had been playing the trumpet since his school days, and been in amateur bands all his life. He soon found other like-minded musicians to join him; after one practice they played at an Amnesty International Concert in Bishop's Castle.

After a brainstorming session, the group came up with the name: *Anything Goes*. How apt given the mixture of instruments (brass, wind, percussion, double bass, guitar, keyboards; they even once had a lady playing a trombone part on the cello) and in view of the Cole Porter song *Anything Goes* with which they start their performances. The band specialises in 1920s and 1930s music and "a bit of Glenn Miller"; they have 100 numbers in their repertoire. The band meets once a week in the Church Barn, Bishop's Castle, and play at a number of venues such as Purslow Show, Midsummer Rejoicing, Bishop's Castle Carnival, and the Michaelmas Fair. They have now played twice in Kempton Village Hall, to the great delight of the audience. They are happy to perform inside or in the open air! Last year, they took part in three performances (in Craven Arms, Bishop's Castle, and



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Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Knighton) that were specifically for children. Both they and the children had a great time! They aim to play at local venues and/or for charity about 8 or 9 times a year and do sometimes take private bookings. They love playing music, any sort of music. "I prefer playing to listening" says John Phillips.

The *Bishop's Castle Orchestra* and *Anything Goes* often appear at the same venues. The Orchestra is preparing for a concert in Lydbury North Village Hall, on 12 March, in aid of Cancer Research (admission free, but there will be a donations box). Together, they are planning an Old Time Music Hall and are looking for performers: jugglers, acrobats, fire-eaters, anyone with some sort of circus skill. Any offers? Contact bcorchestra.org.uk or the Parish Post. *Sheila Downes & Gisèle Wall*



Pamper Evening

FRIDAY 4th MARCH

Clunbury Village Hall

6pm – 10pm

- **Discounted treatments available throughout the evening**
- Shopping opportunities
- **Fantastic prizes to be won**
- Refreshments available

FREE ENTRY!



With special thanks to N-Spa Ludlow



All proceeds to Clunbury School

Come with family and friends to a



Social Evening

Clunbury Village Hall

Saturday 19 March

from 7.00pm

Bring your own drink
Snacks, tea and coffee on sale

*For more details contact
Alister Thompson 661180
or Eirlys Ellams 660625*

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 4 March, 7pm

Bettws-y-Crywn Parish Hall

A service prepared by the Christian women of Cuba, 'Receive children. Receive me'.

Music, readings and refreshments
All are welcome

Easter Cross Good Friday 25 March

Come and join us for a walk up Clunbury Hill to place the Easter Cross on the top. Readings and prayers on the way. Enjoy the view from the top and walk the dog, then join us for hot cross buns and tea in the village hall.

Start from Clunbury crossroads at 3pm



To call ShropDoc

The telephone number for ShropDoc was incorrectly inserted in the Parish Plan Review. The right number is:

08444 06 88 88

Coop Gossip - Notes from Poppy

Look at all that bird food, why have they got so much?' asked Poppy, the Warren hen. 'It's some bird watching thing the humans are doing,



counting how many birds come into the garden in an hour,' replied Onyx, the wise Rhode Rock. 'Perhaps they'd like to count us?' chipped in Snowflake, the dim-witted Black Sussex. 'There's only 4 of us, so that wouldn't take much counting, would it?' said Onyx. The vain and highly strung Opal showed some mild interest. 'Well, if they're looking at the most *unusual* birds with a rare colour . . .'

'You're not rare, you're boring grey!' said Snowflake. 'Now, MY colour is very unusual - a splattering of white specks, like snow . . .'

'My colour is superb in the sunshine - black with an iridescence,' said Onyx.

Opal examines herself in a puddle. 'I'm not grey! I'm an opally sort of shade, and anyway, Poppy's the most dull - just brown!'

'Colour isn't everything,' replied Poppy, 'the humans say I'm their favourite because I'm sweet and I lay the biggest eggs!'

'Big mouth, big b'. 'That will do!' Onyx broke up the argument. 'Now, has everyone laid their eggs today?'

Snowflake confessed, 'Mine doesn't want to come out today!' The other hens tut. 'It's not my fault! I sat in the coop for so long I read the whole of the Shropshire Star!'

'And what did you learn from that?' asked Onyx. 'That it's going to turn cold and all about a special home for hens, where you can have thousands of friends and apparently, they all run on batteries! Do you think that's like having a pacemaker?'

Poppy sighed. 'Trust me, I have millions of cousins that live in these places, and you really don't want to go there! I think we'll stick with the weather news and here's the monthly advice from the Countryside Chick on how to cope with the cold weather:-

Put on everything you've got.

Run to the shop.

Buy crumpets.

Run all the way home.

Don't go out again.'

Hugs and pecks, Poppy

The Clungunford Players present



The Sound of Klungunnas

A specially written spoof Shropshire version of the Sound of Music!

Clungunford Parish Hall

Friday, 11 March & Saturday, 12 March
at 7.30pm

Tickets: £4.50 (Children £2.50)

To book please ring:

Eileen Chapman on 660438
or Brian Taylor on 660653

News From Afar

It is with sadness that we record the death of Dr Gillian Gandy, a former Paediatric Consultant at Addenbrooke's Hospital and daughter of the author, Ida Gandy.

The Gandys lived at Upper House, Clunbury, until Gill was about 17, and some people will remember Gill, and her partner, Jane, visiting the area in 2011.

Can You Help Pinpoint Drainage Outfalls in the Clun Catchment?

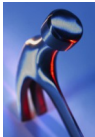
The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership has received funding from WREN and the Environment Agency to map highway gully pots and outfalls in the Clun Catchment. Under our roads are many kilometres of drainage networks. These efficiently feed excess water which carries salt, sediments and nutrients into our rivers. By mapping the gully pots and outfalls we will have a better understanding of what is entering our rivers and where, and how this contributes to local flooding issues. We are focusing on two areas, the lower Clun and Kemp Valley. With an estimated 2,000 + gully pots this is a huge task! If you live locally and know of any highway drainage outfalls to ditches, streams or rivers please get in touch with our Natural Environment Officer, Mike Kelly on 07990 086089 or email mike.kelly@shropshire.gov.uk



More Recycling Opportunities

You now can recycle paper, cans and bottles closer to home, on your way to your Fish & Chips. The bins are situated in the Car Park of The Crown, in Clunton. They are collected fortnightly

For use by all



Tools for Self Reliance S Shropshire & Borders

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12 March,

7.30pm

Methodist Church, Clun

Guest Speaker

Simon Carless of African Village Support, about the charity's work.

All welcome

Admission free

Tea, coffee, cake etc!

For more information contact

Dave Thomlinson 640550

Web addresses:

tfsr.org.uk

www.africanvillagesupport.org

Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group AGM

Monday 14 March
7.30pm

Lydbury North Village Hall

Report on Lapwings in the Kemp Valley

For information, ring

Chris Penny 680590



Advance Notice

In celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday

 **Royal Vintage Tea**

Sunday 17 April, from 3pm

Kempton Village Hall

News from South West Shropshire Gardening Club “ Climbing Plants: the Third Dimension”

A talk by Sue Russell
Wednesday 23 March
Lydbury North Village Hall



Sue has over twenty five years' experience as a speaker and has a reputation for being lively, engaging and knowledgeable. She was the co-proprietor of a nursery in Suffolk for many years and served on the RHS Pinks and Carnations Committee as well as chairing the Pinks Trial sub-committee at Wisley. She still produces plants for fund-raising events and, this year, is



opening her garden near Leominster, for the first time with NGS. Her talk will include information and advice on evergreen climbers; those grown predominately for foliage; plants with decorative flowers or scent and plants for sun or shade.

The talk is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £5 per person including refreshments. Any further queries to our Chairman, Carol Clarke 60753 or our Secretary, Allison Walter 620055 or look at our website www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

100 Club Winners

Jane Cassford £20; Tim Record £15;
Pat Turley £10; Mathew Whymark
£5; Trevor Owen £3.

Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana - Volunteers Needed.

This popular and local show will take place on Monday 29th August 2015. The committee work hard during the year to arrange this event, but on the day we could use a few more volunteers. For example: taking entrance money on the gate or helping with car parking, selling raffle tickets and various other small jobs that help with the smooth running of the show. If you can help in any way - even for a short time, please contact the Show Secretary Annie Sutton on 660140.

THANK YOU

Correspondence

Dear PP,

Earlier this year I wrote to you to ask if the school could write an article each month for the PP. It was to have been part of the annual Governors' Prize. However, as the head teacher is leaving us in May, the school and governors will not be able to give this the time it deserves. We hope to re-instate the competition in the next school year. In the meantime I will try to get one or two reports written by the children to include in the PP.

Many thanks
Valerie Redgrave
Thank you very much. We look forward to receiving contributions from the children.

The editors

BOUZATINA

*Traditional Celtic tunes and
iconic songs from 70s & 80s*

Friday 8 April

Lydbury North Village Hall

Bar opens 7pm

Concert starts 7.30pm

£7, £5 under 16s

To book: 680511

Fair News

Aston-on-Clun Craft and Collectables Market has been running successfully for nearly a year now. Andra Tongue from Aston and Judith Payling from Clunbury got together after meeting at another market and deciding that between them they could organise a monthly market which would attract a broad range of local craftspeople and antique sellers. They were keen to promote a community venue which would



enable local people to showcase their skills and provide a focus for people to get together once a month. The market has proved to be a venue for people from near and far seeking unusual gifts and items for their home. The traders have been very positive about their experience of working with the market organisers and there is a waiting list of people wishing to become part of the Aston-on-Clun Market.

The Market Café initiative has been a great success and Judy Cornhill has treated us all to many and varied tempting cakes and delicious cheese scones! There have been demonstrations at most markets and these have included furniture painting, needlefelting, papercraft, polymer clay modelling, upholstery techniques and glass bead making: more are planned for the coming year.

The market is not run for profit and last month donations of £100 were made to three charities, namely the Midland Air Ambulance, Severn Hospice and Rose Cottage Cat Rescue. These had been chosen democratically by the stall holders after a ballot in the autumn. All other costs such as room hire, publicity and insurance are covered by the £10 table fee. Andra and Judith would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported their efforts to make Aston C&C such a success and are looking forward to an even better 2016.

If anyone wishes to join please get in touch by contacting Andra Tongue 660492 or Judith Payling 660292. Next Craft & Collectables Market: 19 March, 10am-1pm

Judith Payling

Mary Webb Remembered

The Mary Webb Society begins their programme of centenary events in 2016 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the publication of Mary Webb's first novel *The Golden Arrow* with a special exhibition at Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery, from 7 March to 5 June. Shrewsbury Museum's writer in residence, Lisa Blower, will be drawing inspiration from the exhibition for her second novel and will share her practice

through live writing, workshops and readings.

Also in March the museum will be hosting talks about Mary Webb, plus family craft days in April and May.



SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES



EDUARDO NIEBLA DUO

Saturday 5 March, 7.30pm

Chapel Lawn Village Hall

Bucknell, SY7 0BW

One of the world's great guitarists,. Eduardo Niebla, presents an amazing repertoire of 'stunning flamenco jazz'. A spellbinding evening of passion, verve and fleet-fingered virtuosity .

Tickets: Adults £8, Children £6

Enquiries: 01547 530 535

or book online at artsalive.co.uk

Showing Soon... in a Wood Near You

Two of the most delicately beautiful of spring flowers will soon be in bloom in a wood near you. However, although local wildflower enthusiasts John Clayfield and Dave Simpson have trawled their memory banks, they can't come up with any very definite recommendations as to where to see both of them at their best. They point out that Wood-sorrel is widespread, whilst mentioning Clunton Coppice as probably



the most reliable location at which to see the plant in flower. Look out for the soft green

of their trefoil, clover-like leaves and their delicate white petals veined with lilac. Apparently an old Shropshire name is 'Cuckoo's sour' relating both to spring-time and to the lemony flavour of the leaves – try them in a cream-cheese sandwich or tossed in a salad, but don't over-do it, the flavour is that of oxalic acid and they are slightly toxic if eaten in quantity.

The star-shaped white flowers of Wood Anemone are often flushed pink on the underside. They are seen at their best in

drifts across the woodland floor, but neither John nor Dave can recall seeing a really good show in the parish. If you come up with one, do please let us know. The plant can however be found in Purslow Woods and on the banks of the Llan Brook, and aren't there some in Clunton Coppice and Walcot Wood too? We await your verdict..



Bookworms

Wednesday 9 March, 7.30pm

Lydbury North Village Hall

Guest speaker: Simon Holloway, author of *The Historical Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain & Ireland 1875-1900* and *Corrugated Iron*

£3.00 Book on 680 302

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Events Diary for MARCH 2016

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—Cabaret	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 2		Quiz	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 2	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—Barbara	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 3	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 3	7pm	NT Live—Hangmen 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 3	7pm	NT Live—Hangmen	SpArC
Fri 4	6pm-10pm	Ladies Pamper Evening for Clunbury School	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 4	7pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Bettws-y-Crywn Parish Hall
Fri 4	7.30pm	Borderlines Film Festival—The Martian	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Sat 5	7.30pm	Flicks-Suffragette-640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 5	7.30pm	Eduardo Niebla Duo in Concert-01547-530535	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sun 6	10am	United Mothering Sunday Service	St Mary's Hopesay
Sun 6	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 7	9-11am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 11	7.30pm	Borderlines Film Festival—A Walk in the Woods	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Fri 11	7.30pm	Clungunford Players-The Sound of Klungunnas	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 12	7.30pm	Clungunford Players-The Sound of Klungunnas	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 12	7.30pm	'Anything Goes' in aid of Cancer Research	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 12	7.30pm	Ludlow Choral Society	S Lawrence's Church, Ludlow
Sun 13	6.30pm	Joint Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 14	7-9pm	Monday Night Club-free help with using computers	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Mon 14	7pm	Flicks—The Lady in the Van	SpArC
Mon 14	7.30pm	Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group—AGM	Lydbury North VH
Tue 15	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 16	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—Watermark	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 16	7.30pm	Tools For Self Reliance South Shropshire AGM	Clun Methodist Church
Thu 17	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 17	9.45am	Tim's Travels to Derby—640506	
Thu 17	8pm	Clunbury Parish Council Meeting	Kempton Village Hall
Sat 19	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 19	7pm onwards	Social Evening-661180/660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 19	7.30pm	Flicks—Suffragette	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 20	6.30pm	Palm Sunday Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 21	2-4pm	BC & District Carers Group-The Samaritans	Boars Head Hotel, BC.
Wed 23	7.30pm	SWSGC—'The Third Dimension:Climbing Plants'	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thu 24		Clunbury School—Last Day of Spring Term	
Thu 24	7pm	Benefice Passover Meal	Clun Methodist Church
Fri 25	3pm	Good Friday walk on Clunbury Hill followed by refreshments	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 27	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 28	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Tue 29	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 30	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—Ida	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 31	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall