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## Two Queens for Clunton

**H**azy Hollinshead from Clunton, aged 10 (pictured centre), was delighted



to be chosen as Junior Carnival Queen for Bishop's Castle's 116th town carnival on 7 July. She invited three attendants, Holly Paige, Mai Price and Josie Farrington to join her. Hazy was very pleased to be a part of the parade and really enjoyed designing and decorating the float in purple and white. The Unimog truck, driven and owned by Steven Owen of Union Street Garage, was presented with the best kept vintage vehicle award before Hazy and the Senior Queen were crowned in the carnival arena. It was a lovely sunny day and a lot of people had made it out for the event, which made it even more special. The Carnival Queens visited and delivered flowers to Stone House residents and patients in the Community Hospital and had lots of lovely conversations. Hazy thoroughly enjoyed the day and the experience and is looking forward to the next carnival.

*Amanda Hollinshead*

**Nicola Noel**, also from Clunton, aged 17 will be crowned Clun Carnival Queen on 3rd August. More on this next month.

## 2013 PURSLOW SPORTS, SHOW & GYMKHANA

66th Show

To be held at  
Purslow Farm

on August Bank Holiday Monday  
26th August from 1.30pm

Handicraft and Produce Show Tent

Savage Skills Mountain Bike Display Team  
(As seen on ITV's Let's Get Gold)

plus all the usual attractions

Free Car Parking

Admission £5 (includes lucky programme number draw)

**children under 14 FREE**

Handicraft & Produce Schedules are available from shops, cafes & pubs throughout the area, online at [www.theparishpost.org](http://www.theparishpost.org) or from Eirlys Ellams on 660625

## Clunbury Village Hall Upcoming Events

**Summer Lunch**

Thursday 22 August

12.30-2pm £3.00

Put  
the dates  
in your  
diary!

**Dance with live music**

from Tony Hughes

Saturday 28 September 8.00pm

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

## No Longer on the Shelf

Tony Goodwin is well known in the Parish for his building skills, but away from this, he has always had a passion for motorbikes. However, after just one ride, Mrs Goodwin decided that cars would be a much safer option!

In May 1979 Margaret saw a Morris Minor at Cooksons in Clun, told Tony, and the story began. The car was new in 1933 and had been used at some time by a nurse on her rounds. Following this, children had been allowed to play in it, run it round fields, and paint it red and blue with house paint inside and out! It was in great need of love and attention. Tony stored it for 23 years in pieces (all carefully labelled) on his shelves. In 2002 restoration work commenced. Tony did a lot of it himself but had the seats restored in Hereford and the hood and carpets in Wolverhampton, which took a very long time and was very costly. The car was on the road by Summer 2005 and now Tony and the car visit local shows regularly. There is no doubt that this car and Tony were destined for each other as when the dashboard was stripped down the badge detailing the name of the garage where it was originally sold was none other than 'Goodwins' of Birmingham!

In December 1979 Tony discovered a Morris 8 Series 1 and just couldn't resist it. In 1936 it had originally been sold to Mr Gwilliam who used it to go on his holidays to Wales. Following this it became the property of Vince Sherwood and from 1964 was stored in a building in Horderley. When Tony brought it home he stored it in one of his sheds, encasing it in scaffolding and piling 'stuff' on the scaffolding – there it stayed until 2008 being well used in the meantime by a squirrel who made its home in the back seat causing considerable damage and leaving a lot of nuts! Tony decided that this time he would do all the work himself. With trepidation (and his



industrial sewing machine), he undertook the repair of the original leather seats. The roof lining took considerable brain power, ingenuity and application. The leather door hinges were made from leather belts and metal from one of his saws.

In February 2013 the Morris 8 (on left, below) was back on the road for the first time since 1964 and the intention is for it to visit local shows this year, the centenary year of Morris cars.

Tony tells us that there is quite a demand for old vehicles at the moment but that these are not for sale!

Whilst his love of restoring vehicles has gone full circle, Tony can now be seen riding a Triumph Bonneville motorbike. His next project is to be the restoration of a BMW motorcycle which he he bought from Colebatch , and then told "the wife"! We wish him lots of happy hours with this and look forward to seeing him, his cars and his motorbike at future shows.

*Sheila Downes and Gisèle Wall*



## Cream Teas in the Shade

It was Saturday 13 July and it was 75 Fahrenheit in the shade. What to do? Well, quite a lot of folks made it to Dawn Parsonage's shady garden. Scones piled with cream and strawberries, fresh pots of tea, a chance to chat with friends and to cool off, what could be better? Proceeds went to support Clunbury Village Hall.



*Rosemary and John Jones, Pat Harding, Jane Rose and Ann Ogram enjoying their cream tea.*

## e-Petition for Better Broadband

The South-West Shropshire and Marches Campaign for Better Broadband believes that Shropshire Council's current plans put the emphasis on Superfast Broadband speeds for a large majority, who are already on higher speeds, and will leave the very rural parts of the county with no or minimal internet service for the foreseeable future.

They have started an e-Petition to prioritise rural areas and are encouraging everyone with an email address to sign it. The e-Petition needs to reach 1,000 signatures in order that Shropshire Council discusses it at a full council meeting. To sign the e-Petition go to [www.petitions.shropshire.gov.uk/petitions.ti/betterruralbroadband](http://www.petitions.shropshire.gov.uk/petitions.ti/betterruralbroadband)

To find out more about Shropshire Council's plans go to [www.connectingshropshire.co.uk/the-project/](http://www.connectingshropshire.co.uk/the-project/)

## Café Celebrates its First Birthday

Clunbury Café was one year old on 4 July and a celebration was in order. The new 'posh' upholstered chairs had their first outing and Eirlys Ellams had baked and decorated a fantastic birthday cake. As is traditional on such occasions, around fifty Café regulars joined in with 'Happy Birthday' to piano accompaniment. The Café organisers would like to thank everyone who comes to the Café and they look forward to many more Café birthdays. If you haven't been yet, Clunbury Café is open every other Thursday from 10 to 11.30am. Fairtrade coffee or tea and home made cake costs just £1 with free refills. The next Café dates are 1 and 15 August.



*Young members of Café society admire the cake!*

## Clunbury 100 Club July Draw Winners

- £20 Christina Whitehead
- £15 Joy Windsor
- £10 David Hill
- £5 Ann Wadsworth
- £3 Penny Grimes

## Gratefully Received

Many thanks to Mrs Tomkins and her daughter Shirley for their very generous donation to the Parish Post.

*The Parish Post Team*

## Plaster Fall in Clunbury Church

Pieces of plaster fell from the ceiling of the church on Sunday, only hours after a rousing evensong concert by Vital Spark, the 'West Gallery Quire' from Malvern.

The plaster came down just above the choir, dislodged perhaps by the robust part singing and playing by the singers with concertinas, fiddles and bassoon. It was all quite different from our usual services, and by the last hymn, the well known 'And can it be', the congregation were joining in with great gusto.

The vicar told us that it is sometimes known as 'the bicyclist's hymn' from the words 'my chains fell off' in the fourth verse. And, by the last verse, the singing was certainly unfettered!

Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments and who helped on the day.

A week later, a large congregation gave a whole-hearted welcome to the newly baptised Amelia Anne, daughter of Gary and Laura Richards. Amelia was rumoured to be very noisy and certain to cry and probably bring down more plaster, but she was entirely entranced by all the attention and gazed happily at the vicar.

*Christina Whitehead*

**Shirley and Alan Baker invite you to a Coffee Morning in aid of St Michael's Hospice, Hereford**

**Saturday 10 August 10.30 to 12.30 at 2 Brampton Bridge, Clunbury.**

**Coffee and biscuits  
£1.50**

**Cakes and books for sale**



## SWSGC

In June, members of the gardening club and friends went on their annual outing. This year it was to Aulden Farm, a garden near Leominster which holds the national collection of Siberian Irises. As well as admiring the beautiful irises, everyone enjoyed strolling around the rest of the 3 acre garden on a warm, dry evening. The garden visit was followed by a very good supper at The Boot at Orleton.

## 2013 SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE GARDEN & PRODUCE SHOW

**Saturday 31st August 2013**



**Clun Memorial Hall, Clun**

**2.00 to 4.30pm** (exhibits staged 9.30-10.45am)

**Open to everyone!**

**Flowers & foliage, fruit, vegetables, floral art, handicrafts, photography, cookery, produce, preserves, children's classes**

**Plus: Plant & Produce Stall, Refreshments, Raffle**

For more information:

Sandy Burton:

01588 680454 or keith.burton785@btinternet.com

Organised by South West Shropshire Gardening Club

## Kempton Garden Party

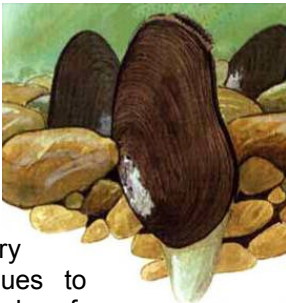
On Sunday 21 July members of Kempton Village 'got together' for a Garden Party. The weather remained kind, the plates of food were delicious and the 'Pimm's' was flowing! Youngsters swam in the pool and those of us who were older talked and laughed a lot! A great time was had by all. Our thanks to Fiona, John and Julie – what a great idea it was.

*Sheila Downes*

## River Clun Demonstration Farm

John and Tim Croxton of Purslow Farm have been working with the Environment Agency, Natural England and the Woodland Trust to create a Demonstration Farm in the heart of the River Clun catchment at Purslow.

As part of a project to reverse the decline of the Freshwater Pearl Mussel in the catchment they have agreed to try different techniques to protect the banks from erosion, caused in part by overgrazing, which within the Clun catchment is contributing to the deposition of tonnes of soil into the river every year and suffocating the juvenile mussels within the river gravels.



John Croxton said, "We've planted over 5000 trees and put in over 3km of fencing to try and stabilise the river banks as in some places we've been losing over 2 metres of good ground every year. It won't solve the problem overnight but hopefully in a couple of years we'll see if all this work has helped."

The farm and a solar-powered cattle drinker were recently featured on BBC's Countryfile. Tim said, "The solar powered cattle drinker works well and it has the added advantage of being mobile and able to charge an electric fence to keep the stock out of the river. Also, if we'd never had the drinker I wouldn't have met Julia Bradbury!!" He added, "The whole project should encourage better habitat for wildlife to come in. We're hoping that wild ducks, moorhens and coots that were gone might come back. We've already noticed that some of the diseased alders that were coppiced last

year are starting to grow back". The tree planting will help replace the native alders which are being devastated by a fungal disease called Phytophthora.

It is hoped that other landowners in the area will visit the farm to look at the advantages of this type of work, and the three organisations hope to show the local community what can be achieved during the Purslow Show held at Purslow Farm on the August Bank Holiday.

*Adam Shipp*

For further advice on grants for planting trees please call Stuart Holm from the Woodland Trust on 0845 2935781. For any other advice relating to the project, contact Adam Shipp of the Environment Agency on 01743 283577.

## CLAC@CLUN New Community Initiative

The Community Larder and Advice Centre for the Clun Valley and wider Clun Forest areas was officially launched at a united service at St George's Clun on 30 June. The smart new logo, shown here, was designed with the invaluable help of David Hill, to whom the CLAC@CLUN committee offer a heartfelt thank-you! Even before the Centre, based in St George's, was officially open, it had received requests for emergency food aid from several people. It is hoped that it will provide a real community service for those who, for one reason or another, find themselves in difficulties.



Thanks to all those who have donated non-perishable items to the Larder. For those who would like to help in the future, there is a collection basket at Clunbury Parish Church, as well as other churches in the benefice, and in the Meadows Surgery, Clun.

*Penny Valentine*

## Parish Council Meeting 18 July

The meeting was well attended: all Parish Councillors, Cllr Nigel Hartin and 21 members of the public. Glyn Shaw (GS), a Senior Traffic Engineer with Shropshire Council had been invited to the meeting to explain options.

**Speed limit at the Twitchen:** Speed readings had demonstrated, to Shropshire Council's satisfaction, that a speed limit of 30mph, asked for by the residents, was acceptable; however, the police were not willing to enforce it. They work to a national policy which dictates that only when the speed registered for 85% of motorists is no higher than 37mph will enforcement action at 30mph be taken. The current Twitchen average is 40-44mph; this falls within enforcement criteria for a 40mph limit. Twitchen residents expressed dismay at the apparent perversity of this policy and many telling contributions were made about the problems and dangers experienced. A range of suggestions was made and various options were discussed. Amongst those proposed by GS were:

- To limit the 30mph zone to a shorter stretch, in the middle of the village, and to have 40mph buffer zones at both ends
- To review and upgrade speed limit signing (adding extra signs and/or installing an interactive warning signal), whilst avoiding the suburbanisation of the village through an excess of measures.

GS advised that gaining police agreement on enforcement was critical and whilst the first option was acknowledged to have significant downsides, it was agreed that he should discuss it informally with the police. A local action group would be formed to which he would report back.

There was also considerable discussion about the inappropriate use of

the road by HGVs and the dangers that this posed. GS explained the difficulties involved, not least with respect to the frequency of the need to close Clun Bridge. Efforts had been made to alleviate the problem but no easy solution presented itself.

**Fairtrade in the Clun Valley:** Jenny Barker addressed the Council on this subject. Fairtrade works to help small farmers in the Third World obtain a fair price for their products and to support them in development initiatives. She emphasised that the only Fairtrade products recognised by the International



Fairtrade Foundation bore the Fairtrade logo and the name FAIRTRADE (in one word).

The county of Shropshire has Fairtrade status and several volunteers are trying to obtain Fairtrade status for the Clun Valley. Their aim is to ensure that a range of Fairtrade products is widely available in shops and that local community organisations and local Councils support the project. They are therefore asking Parish Councils, Village Halls, etc to pass a resolution that they will only use Fairtrade goods (tea, coffee, sugar). The Chairman expressed the opinion that there should not be a problem with this, but no resolution was tabled.

**AED Scheme:** A 4x4 vehicle has been obtained.

**Local Joint Committee:** Emergency services: A presentation had been made by the emergency services explaining the implications of the cuts they were obliged to make. Some emergency services would no longer be based locally. The police Rapid Response service will now only operate from Shrewsbury and Leominster. The Fire Service was consulting on a range of options for implementing additional cuts of £1.9 million, including the closure of local 'retained stations'.

**Grants:** A grant had been received for new chairs in Clunbury Village Hall. The chairs were in use and much appreciated.

**Parish Plan:** The Parish plan was written 5 years ago and is due to be reviewed soon. Some 100 copies are still available. Should anybody want a copy, look in the village halls or contact the Parish Post.

**Planning:** Councillors had no objections to applications to fell a tree in Clunbury and to build a garage and make alterations at Orchard House, Clunton.

**Roads:** The B4368 road closure near Clun which was due to take place on 5 August, has been postponed until May/June 2014.

**Correspondence:** The possibility of closure of the fire station at Clun is causing concern. It was agreed that the Council would write to the Chief Fire Officer, John Redmond, expressing its opposition to this option.

**Shropshire Hills AONB:** grants are available through the LEADER project.

**House building:** Shropshire Council is still considering Clunbury as part of a 'cluster' with Clungunford, in spite of Clunbury Parish Council having never agreed to this and having written to the Council last year to this effect. Comments have to be submitted by 23 August. The Chair and Councillors Hill and Hoskins were to review the document and comment as appropriate.

**Finance:** Current account: £2,126.40; Saver Account: £3,711.68; Sport and Leisure Account: £3,600 (approx). Expenses: npower: £51.01; Clerk's Salary (May – June): £300.00; Clerk's Expenses: £122.10; Previous Chairman's departure event, The Crown, Clunton: £265.50.

**AOB:** The Good Councillor's Guide is available for £2. The clerk will order one for each councillor. The new councillors have received training.

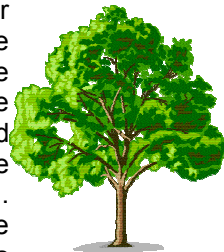
A protective bollard at the war memorial has been damaged. The clerk is to find out who is responsible for the repair. Shropshire Council had put it in on Parish Council request.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 19 September in Clunton Village Hall. Meet at 7.30 pm for a site visit to the burial ground prior to the council meeting.

*Tom and Gisèle Wall*

## Big Tree Plant Project

**Y**ou may remember last year we were able to provide free trees to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee through The Big Tree Plant. Although the jubilee may seem like a distant memory, the good news is that the BTP Project is set to continue for another two years!



This means that we can still supply trees for planting, providing there will be some public benefit to the location. The project is open to anyone, including previous applicants, on a first-come first-served basis, to be collected during December for planting before end February 2014.

In addition to standard trees (2-5m tall) the project can also supply small 'whips' (30-90cm) for planting 'en masse' to create copses and small woodlands. So, whether you want to plant a single tree on the village green, or create a Forest School woodland for the future, the Big Tree Plant Project can help.

**The deadline for applications is 30 September 2013.**

For further information on conditions, and to receive an application form, please email your request to Martin Sutton at

[martin.sutton@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:martin.sutton@shropshire.gov.uk)

or contact Martin on 01743 252422.

## Summer Barbecue at Clunton Village Hall

Sunday 4 August from 4pm, with licensed bar and raffle. Food served from 5pm. Tickets are £10.50 to include a glass of Pimms. Children under 10 free, aged 10 to 14 £4. Contact 660652 or 660169 for tickets.

### Events Diary for August 2013 - go to [www.theparishpost.org](http://www.theparishpost.org) for more details

Thur 1	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 2	9.00pm	Live Music: Misty Blue Trio	White Horse Inn, Clun
Sat 3	1.00pm	Clun Carnival Procession	Clun
Sat 3	2.00pm	Clun Show	Clun
Sun 4	4.00pm	Clunton Summer Barbecue	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 4	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 4	7:00 pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. All are welcome.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 5	2 - 5pm	Cuthberts in the Woods Holiday Club until Fri 9th. Phone Catherine on 660231 for details.	St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Tue 6		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 7	10 -11.30am	Regular coffee morning	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 7	9.00pm	Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Fri 9	9.00pm	Live Music: Delve	White Horse Inn, Clun
Sat 10	10.30 - 12.30	Coffee morning in aid of St Michael's Hospice	2 Brampton Bridge, Clunbury
Sun 11	11.15am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 11	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 12	7 - 9pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 15	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 18	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 18	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 19	2 - 4pm	Carers Group meeting. Contact Jenny 01694722024	Stone House, Bishop's Castle
Tue 20		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 21	10 -11.30am	Regular coffee morning	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 21	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 22	12.30 - 2pm	Summer Lunch	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 23	9.00pm	Live Music: John Hardman Band	White Horse Inn, Clun
Sat 24	7.30pm	Flicks - The Great Gatsby	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 25	11.15am	Holy Communion ( CW)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 26	afternoon	Purslow Show	Show Field, Purslow
Thur 29	10 -11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 30	9.00pm	Live Music: Magical Bicycle Tour	White Horse Inn, Clun
Sat 31	2 - 4.30pm	SWS Gardening Club Show	Clun Memorial Hall

**Advance Notices - Jewellery and Card-Making Workshop:** Friday 6 September, Clunbury Village Hall, Contact Lin Brown for more details, 660578.

**Cream Teas and Crafts at Pool House Farm:** Sunday 8 Sept, 2.30-5.00pm. In support of the Community First Responder scheme.

### A Secret Dinner Party

This will take place on 12 September in Ludlow. It is being organised by people from South Shropshire in aid of Parkinson's<sup>UK</sup>. Tickets £35 each for a 3-course dinner, starting at Ludlow College (5.45 pm) and moving on to 3 different venues, one for each course. Contact Pat Buchanan at Meyricks Cottage, Kempton 661001.

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