



## Parish Council Elections 6 May 2021

The nomination period opened on **Tuesday 16 March**. Existing councillors have been given nomination packs to fill in, should they wish to stand. Other candidates can obtain all the information on the procedure by visiting the following site:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/elections-and-electoral-registration/voting-and-elections/town-and-parish-elections-6-may-2021/>

Then choose:

- Voting and elections
- Town and parish elections.

Candidates can obtain their own pack by any of the following methods:

- Download from the [Electoral Commission's](#) website (Note there will be 6 application forms to download too).
- Contact the parish clerk  
Mrs N E Adams  
**Phone:** 01588 641154, **Email:** [nancy@adamsanchor.co.uk](mailto:nancy@adamsanchor.co.uk)
- Send an email to [elections@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@shropshire.gov.uk) providing your name and address and specifying Clunbury Parish.

**A proposer and a seconder** are needed whose names must be on the electoral register with an address within the parish.

Packs must be completed and submitted **by hand** to the Returning Officer no later than **4pm on Thursday 8 April**. They may be returned by the candidate, or a person whom they trust – but cannot be posted, nor submitted electronically. In addition to being able to do this at the Shirehall in Shrewsbury, details of additional “local offices” to which completed nomination packs may be returned will shortly be published. These will however be open on specific dates and times only, not throughout the whole of the nomination period.

Candidates are advised to deposit their completed nomination paper as soon as possible to avoid any waiting times; and due to Covid restrictions they may have to wait outside the building until a member of the team is available.

## Well Done Judith!

Judith Payling has now completed her cycling challenge of 121 miles on her exercise bike for the Midlands Air Ambulance. A big thank you to all those who have supported her so generously. She raised a fantastic £300 although the final sum may be more than this as Judith is still waiting for some donations to come in. People can still donate so if you would like to contribute you can do so at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Judith-Payling>



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

## Help With Red Grouse Survey Welcomed

Red grouse are game birds usually associated with the moors of northern England and Scotland where they are managed for people to pay vast sums of money to shoot.

Surprisingly we do have Red grouse in Shropshire, one of the most southerly places they can be seen in the British Isles. Here they are left to breed and roam around our heather uplands, undisturbed and for all to enjoy freely. Monitoring the county's population, which are found on the Stiperstones and the Long Mynd, is important.

They will be surveyed this year on The Mynd during April and May. Volunteers visit various areas around The Gliding Station and Shooting Box during the evening. This is when male birds display and are easy to both see and hear.

All help is welcome and, while surveying for grouse, many other birds can be seen such as curlew and short eared owls.

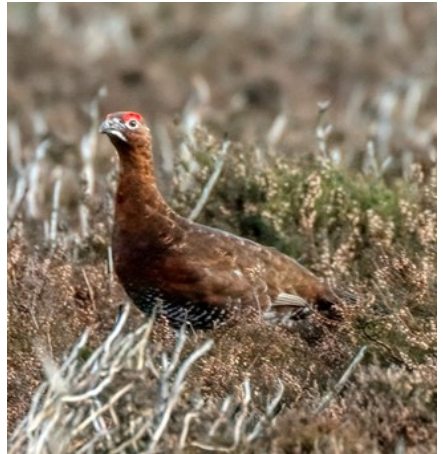


Photo: Terry Moore

If you are interested in helping, contact for more information:

<https://www.shropscwgs.org.uk/strettons-area-wildlife-group/long-mynd-red-grouse-project/>

Carol Wood

## Easter Holiday Activities for 12-16 year olds

Shropshire Hills  
**Young Rangers**  
 Hands-on conservation for young volunteers, aged 12-16



Discover activities



Find the hidden Easter eggs!



Sun 4th April, 10:30am -2:30pm

**Discovering ancient oaks—**  
 identifying and recording trees and spring wildflowers  
 Walcott Wood, nr Bishops Castle



**got bendy!**

Weds 7th April, 10:30am - 2:30pm

**Willow Craft—basketry and garden structures**  
 Poles Coppice, Pantesbury



Sat 10th April, 12:30pm - 3pm

**Nest Box Survey**  
**Monitoring Pied Flycatchers**  
 Resting Hill, Snailbeach, Minsterley



**Free introductory events for young people, parents and volunteers**

- ✓ No experience necessary
- ✓ Full training and support provided
- ✓ Booking essential! (places limited)

**Young Rangers** offers the opportunity to connect with the outdoors, to learn new skills and to improve mental and physical wellbeing in the special landscape of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**what's involved?**

- Action** Positive and fun work to help protect and conserve some of South Shropshire's most important wildlife and habitats
- Skills** Opportunities for outdoor learning and skills development, including countryside crafts, navigation training and bushcraft
- Leadership** Finding a voice for young people in decisions which affect our local landscape
- Recognition** Celebrating and receiving recognition through the John Muir Award

For booking, further information, and to get involved, please contact:  
 Joe Penfold, Young Rangers Project Officer [joe.penfold@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:joe.penfold@shropshire.gov.uk)  
 or visit <https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/projects/working-with-young-people>  
 Young Rangers is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with the following organisations:











## South Shropshire Climate Action (SSCA)

[South Shropshire Climate Action](#) was set up in November 2019 following a large public meeting in Craven Arms of concerned citizens. The first activity was a very successful online conference in September 2020 which strongly supported the idea of local action to combat the twin threats of Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss.



Philip Dunne, the local MP, attended both meetings and encouraged the initiative which covers the whole of the Ludlow constituency. A similar campaign is taking place in the rest of the county by Shropshire Climate Action Partnership (SCAP) and the two organisations are working closely together.

SSCA's objective is to create an action plan for the achievement of Net Zero Carbon emissions in South Shropshire by 2030 and, in conjunction with others, to implement the plan as far as possible.

There are three working groups focussing on Buildings & Energy, Transport and Land & Biodiversity – and a fourth group concentrating on Communities and Education including the creation and maintenance of a website so that materials are available for community groups and schools.

We are contacting local organisation of all kinds to see how we can learn and help with mitigating the climate and ecological crisis. If you would like us to be involved in your climate emergency discussions, please get in touch at [info@southshropshireclimateaction.org](mailto:info@southshropshireclimateaction.org). Our second online conference is planned for 22 May 2021. There is still time to join one of the working groups. We would also be pleased to hear from you if you would just like to know more.

### Letter to the Editor



On the subject of Red Kites (*see the March edition, p1*), there is a Red Kite Centre on Plynlimon and a smaller one in Llanidloes. If anyone should feel so inclined, there would be drinks and cakes etc available at my new home in Kerry, which is easy to find (subject to minimal directions) and only half a mile off the Newtown bypass. This is of course an invitation when circumstances allow, and when England is again allowed into Wales!

Another point, this time prompted by your Gardening Corner article (*March, p5*), is that living a singular life, I have found it difficult to keep basil in full leaf as I don't always need it for cooking, so, to make the maximum use of plastic egg "boxes" I now chop any herbs often required in minimal quantities and freeze them in said boxes, so that they are ready on demand. Just a thought!



Jackie Williams



## Night Flying Training

No. 1 Flying Training School, based at RAF Shawbury, will be conducting essential night flying training for approximately 6 weeks from Monday 15th March 2021. Crews will operate throughout Low Flying Area 9, which covers Shropshire and the borders of adjacent counties. Night flying is an essential skill needed for front-line operations, enabling aircrew to operate in the dark. A weekly night flying update can be found on our website:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/flying-info/>

In addition, a video is available via our Facebook and Twitter sites:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RAFShawbury/posts/5544899248861062>

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/RAF\\_Shawbury/status/1371433719886667776](https://twitter.com/RAF_Shawbury/status/1371433719886667776)

RAF Shawbury would like to thank local communities for their support.

## Road Closure Notice

*Road Closure:* B4385 Purslow

*Start Date:* 9th April 2021

*End Date:* 16th April 2021 to include Saturday working

*Purpose:* pre-dressing patching works.

*Works Promoter:* Shropshire Council

*Works Promoter Ref:* UJ216RS-882080

*Enforcement pattern for B4385*

*Purslow:* All the time.

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here:

<https://one.network/?tm=121189399>

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on

[streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk).



**Clunbury 100 Club** - March draw:

Lynne Thompson £20; Hazel Grimes £15; Robert Morris £10; Karen Williams £5; Stephen Cornes £5.

**Clunton 100 Club** - March draw:

1st Di Casey; 2nd Tricia Uzzell; 3rd Alister Thompson.

## Livestock Worrying

The following is a notice received from West Mercia Police:

We are now coming into the lambing season where historically it has coincided with increased reports of livestock being worried by dogs.

It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep. Worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep and farmers are legally entitled to shoot dogs if they are endangering their sheep. Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to sheep, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of worrying by dogs can cause sheep to die and pregnant ewes to miscarry their lambs.

Dog Owners, either living locally or simply visiting the countryside for a walk, have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control at all times. It is vital that dogs are kept on the lead around livestock, even if they can usually be trusted to come to call. If living in or near a farming area, please make sure that the dog is secure and cannot escape from the property.

## Church services in April

*Clunbury:* Sunday 4 April at **10.30am**, Holy Communion for Easter Day (please note the new time).

*Clunbury:* Sunday 11 April at **11.15am**, Holy Communion.

## Parish Council Report 11 March

**Present:** Meeting by Zoom: Diane Dorrell (SC), 9 Councillors, the Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

**Minutes of the last meeting** on 17 September amended in para on Clunton Burial Ground. Last sentence: The white lane went from the main road to Gunridge, although it was badly overgrown and currently impassable.

**Report from Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin**, main points:

SC are considering moving their offices to Pride Hill and selling Shirehall.

Council Tax rate increased by 3.99% this year.

Meeting held with SC on road maintenance. SC are trying to improve the quality of work and keep within the limited budget.

**Parish Council finance:**

*Account balances:*

Community (current)	£1,617.15
Business Savings	£1,323.41
Sports and Recreation	£396.29

**Precept:** Agreed to add £500 to bring total to £5,000, to cover any election expenses.

**Planning:** *Garage at Riverslea, Clunton:* Objection to position.

*Ashbeds cottage:* No objection.

*Mobile home at Kempton:* No objection.

*Conversion of barns at Coston Manor:* No objection.

*Coppice View, Clunton:* insulation cladding to nos 1 and 3: No objection to the work proposed, but concern on the effect to neighbours at nos 2 and 4. Draft response to be prepared and circulated to councillors for comment.

**Elections update:** Polling Station at Clunbury Village Hall. Nomination papers for Parish Councillors must be returned by hand by 4pm Thursday 8 April to Shrewsbury, or to Ludlow by 30 March.

**Clunton Burial Ground:** Amongst the correspondence received regarding the burial ground, the Noonan family, who have a family grave there, have been in contact with the Parish Council since August 2020 about access into the burial ground. The Council have made it clear that the correct and legal access is from the white lane and across the garden of The Villa, now known as Winberry House. Councillor Croxton reported that both he and Councillor Davies had received formal letters from SC regarding their correspondence with the

Noonan family. Both had replied and are awaiting the response from the monitoring officer.

**AOB: Road safety:** Letter from Tom Wall regarding road safety in Kempton. To be discussed at next meeting. Councillor Lewis will remind SC that a traffic counter was to be installed in Kempton before the end of March. *Since the meeting, SC have replied that the survey will take place from April when traffic levels may get back to a more normal level.*

Councillor Bailey asked the clerk to write to SC about the installation of the poles in Twitchen and Clunton for the speed cameras that we have already purchased.

**Flooding:** More problems in Clunton in February. Councillor Croxton is trying to arrange a formal site visit with SC to address the problem.

**Parking:** Councillor Lewis has been contacted by Clunbury Primary School, which had received a complaint about lack of parking near the school for parents. The school would like to demolish the school house, which is in disrepair, and create a car park. It would cost £128k. Councillor Harding to contact the Headteacher.

**Councillor Hill has now moved to Clun** so will not be standing for Clunbury PC. The chairman thanked Councillor Hill and expressed the appreciation for all the work he has done for the PC.

**Councillor Croxton** announced that he will not be standing as Chair of the Parish Council.

Officers for the Parish Council are decided after the election.

**Next meeting:** The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 7.30pm followed by Parish council meeting at 8pm. Venue to be advised.

### CONTACTS

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## Kitchen cupboard - Easter

### Fish Pie—serves 4-5 people

Fish is traditionally a meal served on Good Friday.

You can buy a fish mix which can work out a bit cheaper.

450g haddock or cod, 225g smoked haddock or cod, 100g salmon, 150ml water, 150ml milk, sliced lemon, parsley and bay leaf. 450g potatoes cooked and mashed, 25g butter, 1.75 litre pie dish. Oven temp 190°C 375°F



#### Method

Put fish in the pan with water, milk, lemon, parsley stalks & bay leaf. Heat slowly until bubbles rise to the surface, simmer for 10 min. Lift fish out when cooked and strain. Keep 300ml of cooking liquid and leave fish to cool slightly. Discard any skin and bones.

#### Sauce

25g butter, 25g plain flour, 5ml lemon juice, 45ml chopped parsley, black pepper & salt.

Melt the butter in a pan. Add flour, cook for 1-2 min stirring constantly. Gradually add fish stock stirring well until the sauce is smooth. Remove from the heat stir in parsley, lemon juice and seasoning. Add the fish and mix gently place into the pie dish and top with mashed potato. Dot with butter and bake for 20 mins

### Hot X Buns—makes 12

450g strong flour, 1tsp of salt, mixed spice, 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 50g sugar, 50g butter or margarine, 7g pack dried yeast, 300ml tepid milk & water mixed, 500g currants, 50g chopped peel. Glaze: 50g sugar, 2tbsp water



#### Method

Sift flour, salt and spices into warm bowl & rub in fat. Stir sugar into milk/water mix & sprinkle in dried yeast. Leave in warm place for 10 min until frothy. Make a well in the centre of flour pour in the milk/ yeast mixture. Mix by hand until it becomes a thick dough. Knead for 10 min put in greased bowl & cover with a cloth. Leave for 1 to 1 1/2 hrs until dough has doubled in size. Add the fruit and knead for 5 min until smooth and elastic. Roll dough into long sausage shape and cut into 12 slices. Shape into buns and leave at room temp to double in size. Cut a cross on the top & bake at 220°C or 425°F for 15/20 min.

Glaze: dissolve the water & sugar in a pan boil until syrup is formed. Brush over the buns.

Mary Jones

## Advance Notice



The Purslow Show advance schedule for Handicrafts, Gardening and Photography is now available online at:

<http://www.theparishpost.org/purslowshow/Parish Post Tent Committee>

## Free Oak trees: your last chance

Courtesy of the Parish Council there are still about 30 small oak transplants available for free for planting in the Parish, but they will need planting out by the middle of April at the latest. You can have just one if you wish, or as many more as you have space for. Please contact Tom Wall on 660561 or email him:

[walltom@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:walltom@hotmail.co.uk)

## Parish litter pick

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Group and others are planning a litter pick along roads in the Parish on the morning of Saturday 17 April. Please join us! Equipment will be provided, Covid regulations respected and safety protocols agreed. Please contact Tom Wall on 660561 or [walltom@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:walltom@hotmail.co.uk) to express an interest and for further details.

## Crown Inn Re-opening!

Ahead of their re-opening (they hope!) on 16 April, Blaine and Michelle send huge thanks to all their customers who stuck by them and sent so many words of support through this most difficult of years. They look forward to welcoming you all soon for a drink in the sunshine! ♥

## Gardening Corner

**S**ow, sow, sow – now that the rain has eased and the east wind has dried the ground, it's time to get sowing. Parsnips, broad beans and peas can be sown directly in the ground in rows. Potatoes, onion sets, and shallots should also be planted now in their rows. Brassicas (cabbages, purple sprouting, cauliflowers) can be sown in a square patch to germinate. These can then be transplanted later in the season. A propagator is needed to encourage squash, tomatoes and chillies to germinate but failing that, place your sown seeds in a sunny spot – a windowsill is ideal. Try not to let the compost dry out but don't drown it either! Once germinated the seeds need to be kept in a warm place with plenty of light. If leaving on a windowsill, keep turning the trays round so that the seedlings don't grow 'leggy'.



As well as vegetables, summer annuals can also be started off now, eg *Cosmos*, *Ammi* (great for cut flower displays) and *Nicotiana* (tobacco plant).

In the garden look out for the beautiful magnolias – these are most definitely a shrub that improves with age; there is a magnificent one on the way in to Twitchen, the trunk and branches have the most stunning form as well as a fantastic display of flowers – frost permitting!

Also flowering soon will be *Spiraea arguta* (pictured right) which can be pruned once it has flowered along with other spring flowering shrubs.



The daffodils are truly stunning this year and if you can, don't cut off the leaves once they've flowered, but let the growth die back naturally to feed the bulb.

*Amateur Gardener*

### Pam's Plants

#### Plant Sale

Saturday 24 April  
10.00am-12noon  
Clun Methodist Church  
Forecourt

Proceeds: Alzheimer's  
Research Trust & Clun  
Methodist Church

### Urgent Medical Care Survey

Healthwatch Shropshire is asking people to share their experiences of ringing 111 and how they were helped (or not) to access the right service. No one who turns up in A&E should be turned away or asked to call NHS 111. But how does it work in practice? You can let Healthwatch know by filling in their online survey at: [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/urgent-medical-care-survey](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/urgent-medical-care-survey) or ringing 01743 237884 and staff will fill out the survey for you.

## Easter Bunny cupcakes

The kids will love making these, a special treat for Easter!

Make the cupcakes from your usual sponge recipe. Make the butter icing using 1/2 butter to icing sugar. Cream together and add vanilla extract and green colouring. Now the fun begins.

You will need a block of white sugar paste icing and small amounts of pink and black colouring. Some water for sticking, a small paint brush and a little cornflour for dusting.

The picture gives you an idea of how to make the rabbits.

Use the large ball to make the body into a slightly oval shape. Stick the bobtail on with a bit of water. To make the ears see the pictures below. Roll the sugar paste into a sausage shape slightly pointed at the end. Hollow in the centre and dust with pink dusting powder. Stick the ears to the front of the body.



To make the feet, make 2 small balls of paste then shape and flatten slightly, then mark the paws and add the pads

To make the head roll a ball of paste and shape into an oval. Flatten the top slightly. Make a muzzle and mark the mouth. Add the eyes, nose and ears.



Now to assemble. You can either pipe the green buttercream onto your cupcakes or spread it with a knife. Then place the rabbit's body in the centre with his bottom sticking up so it looks like he is going underground. For the other one place his head towards the back of the cake and then his feet towards the front so it looks like he is popping up out of the hole.

