



The Vestry Project

It was around seven years ago that the idea of a toilet in the church was discussed, and the bellringers have waited even longer for safer stairs, but patience and prayer have been rewarded and we have finally achieved what we set out to do. There is a new spiral staircase, an accessible toilet and a place for catering and washing up, as well as a new boiler.

The vestry looks different indeed, but

the iron ladder hand made by Ron Mold and the old coat hooks for the choirboys are still being used. The graffiti and signatures of the carpenters who made the pews in 1880 are also preserved; small things to remind us of the long history of St Swithin's.

Christina Whitehead



**Clunbury
Village Hall**
Invites you to



Cream Tea
Sunday 27 June
3.00pm—5.00pm £4.50
Upper House Clunbury



Covid-19 safe protocols in place

Clunbury Village Hall if wet!

Contact: Barbara. 660629 or

Alister

661180



**Cider
Evening**



Clunton Village Hall
26 June from 5.00pm
Light refreshments AND CIDER
£8.00 on the door



Contact: Anne Shepherdson 660309

Kempton May Day!

The Fairies strike again on the 1st May in Kempton.



Old Wheelwright Tearoom reopening 12 June

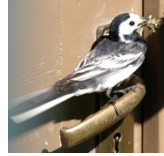
Jonathan and Kate Franklin, the new owners, are looking forward to welcoming you to the refurbished tearooms. Opening hours 10.30am to 4.30pm. It is accessible for disabled people with accessible WC. Contact: 660141



Pied Wagtails Take up Residence

Our front door is condemned: the Pied Wagtails have elected to make their nest in

the wall hydrangea within a foot or so of the door; they must not be disturbed! They had already chosen this place in 2013 when they used the door handle as a resting place on their way to the nest.



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Gisèle & Tom Wall



Bluebottle for lunch?



Photos: © Right top & bottom: by Andrew Fusek Peters of Lydbury North.; Left: Jean Charron

Kitchen Cupboard

June is the beginning of summer and we can look forward and enjoy an abundance of seasonal fruit and vegetables. Strawberries are at their best from now until September .

Chocolate Cake

This recipe makes a delightful dessert served with ice-cream or chocolate sauce and strawberries. 9" spring-release cake tin greased and lined.
275g caster sugar, 175g soft margarine, 3 eggs, 175g low fat yoghurt, 225g SR flour, 50g Cocoa powder, 1 tsp Bicarbonate soda.

Method

Pre heat oven 170°C 325°F. Beat the sugar, margarine until smooth. Beat in the eggs & yoghurt, sift in flour, cocoa & bicarbonate, mix till fully combined & spoon into tin. Bake for 40-45 mins until skewer comes out clean.

Icing

50g soft margarine, 50g cocoa, 3 tbsp milk, 350g icing sugar. Strawberries to decorate.
Melt margarine in pan, stir in cocoa & heat gently. Remove from heat, stir in milk & icing sugar until smooth; spread over the cool cake.
Serve with cream/ice cream/chocolate sauce and strawberries or any seasonal fruit.



Bara Brith

derives its name from the Welsh language, bara meaning bread and brith translating as speckled. It is claimed to have been invented by a Welsh chef who added dried fruit and spices to a bread dough, creating the first version of the traditional Welsh tea loaf.

400g dried fruit, 300ml strong hot tea, 250g SR flour, 1 tsp mixed spice, 100g demerara sugar, 2 eggs beaten.

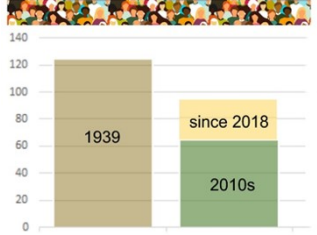
Method

Soak the fruit in the tea overnight. Line a loaf tin, pre heat oven to 180°C. Mix flour & spice into fruit & tea. Add sugar & eggs, stir well. Spoon into tin & bake for 1 hour. Try to leave for 2 days before cutting.



Mary Jones

Kempton population over the ages



Kempton Highs and Lows

There has recently been a 12% increase in the population of Kempton due primarily to the barn conversions at Kempton Farm creating five new households. This has reversed the steady decline in the population of the village over the last 100 years or so. Comparison of the population today with that at the time of the Register taken in 1939 at the start of the War is instructive.

The number of Kemptonians in 1939 was 125 (and this may not include some youngsters already conscripted). The same old cottages that housed these residents now house just 62 people; roughly half the number of 80 years ago. With the addition of 9 dwellings since the 1970s, the total population today is 91 – we are creeping back up!

The decrease in population is partly due to the fact that a number of cottages were divided into two dwellings (and some people had a lodger!). They have now been converted to single dwellings.

In 1939 there were 31 children of school age or younger; today, after a low of 6 children about 10 years ago, the number has increased to 20 (including the new dwellings). The number of children decreased as the age of the occupiers increased.

In 1939 there were 35 households, a further 13 households (including the barn conversions) have been added (either new buildings or re-purposed existing buildings), all over the last 50 or so years. Currently one property is unoccupied and four are second homes – a new phenomenon.



Barn conversions 2021

In 1939, men were almost exclusively manual workers employed on farms, roads and in general 'heavy' work. Women were all doing 'unpaid domestic duties'. A very different demography these days!

Anyway, Kempton is having a revival and we welcome the people who have contributed to it.

Gisèle Wall



Outside 25 Kempton
Circa 1900



Plant sale great success!

Even though the weather could have been a bit kinder, I think we had the best of the weekend with just a couple of showers. Thank you to everyone who supported the event either by attending, or by sending donations and plants. A big thank you to Mary Jones and Barbara Freeman who did a sterling job selling plants and refreshments. So far we have raised £350 for Breast Cancer Care and the West Midlands Air ambulance. A brilliant effort and thanks again.



Lynne Thompson

Annual Parish Assembly 20/5

Present: 9 Councillors, the Clerk, 11 members of the public

Apologies from: Nigel Hartin, Tim Selman, Manda Scott

The minutes of 2019 (last Annual Parish Assembly) were read and approved.

Chairman's report

This has been a difficult year with few meetings (online).

Interactive speed signs are still in Clungunford village hall, waiting for posts to be erected there and at The Twitchen and Clunton with which the signs are due to be shared.

Flooding in Clunton: little work has been done as yet to try and remedy the problem. Shropshire Council is due to do more at some point.

Election: the first for more than 20 years; the Chairman welcomed the new councillors (Harriet Evans and Claire Hern) and regretted the fact that Nick Morgan had not been elected as he had always been prepared to take jobs on, and had great relevant knowledge.

County Councillor Nigel Hartin could not attend but these were early days and the first meeting of Shropshire Council was taking place this very day.

Councillor Lezley Picton (Conservative) has been elected new Chair.

Issues raised from the floor:

Tom Wall referred to the Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration of September 2019 by the Parish Council, following which a Climate Advisory Group had been formed. The group had sent a letter to all councillors suggesting that they should :

- Attend the online conference on 22 May at which the Climate Action Plan for the Ludlow constituency was to be launched
- Report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting
- Invite a speaker to present the Plan to an open meeting in July
- Followed by another meeting in

should respond to the Prime Minister's target of 30% of the country safeguarded for nature by 2030

- The Parish Council should undertake to make an explicit assessment of the impact on climate, ecology and natural beauty of the actions and decisions it proposes to take (in planning for example).

The Council agreed to host a meeting in July; the advisory group is to organise it.

Parish Council Meeting

Election of Officers:

Chairman: John Croxton, who advised the councillors that he was due to have an operation and may be unable to fulfil his duties at some point in the future for an uncertain amount of time. The councillors agreed to offer help as and when.

Vice chairman: Ian Davies

Cheque signatories: John Croxton, Pat Harding, Ian Davies

Parish Council Management: Forms for signature, reference documents and information on training courses will be dealt with at the end of the meeting. Candidates expenses forms (even if they didn't have any expenses) must be returned to Shropshire Council by the end of June. Good Councillor Guides were available for newly elected councillors.

Finances

Expenses due: Insurance: £318.98;

Clerk's salary: £381.34.

Income: the precept has been paid in. No bank account details available.

Roads

Interactive speed sign: awaiting posts.

The positioning of the posts needs to be revisited.

A street light in Clunton is not working; this is apparently due to an energy supply fault.

Road safety

Purslow Junction

Nick Morgan had organised a meeting with Shropshire Council Highways regarding the BT pole, the poor quality of

the mirrors and of the verge maintenance. He and Cllr Croxton had met a Council official who said the Council would maintain the verges more regularly and could probably replace the mirrors; the BT pole should have been moved when the splaying was done, but he would see if they had the money to do it.

Twitchen

The speed limit changes: 30mph on the approach to be replaced by 40mph, reducing to 30mph when reaching the village proper.

Kempton

The potholes in Kempton are getting very deep and vehicles have been damaged. Cllr Lewis and Cllr Hern have been reporting the potholes to Shropshire Council to very little effect.

Communications with Shropshire Council seem to lead nowhere. Should Cllr Hartin get involved? Should the Clerk write to the Council on a regular basis so that complaints could be documented?

Road safety in Kempton:

Speed monitoring which was supposed to happen in March has not taken place yet; the County Council thought that, due to Covid, the amount of traffic would not be representative. This needs to be chased. Some of the recommendations included in the application to the Road Safety Trust last year could still be implemented, such as the creation of splays at junctions on the top road by the removal of some lengths of hedge and their replacement by fencing which would not obstruct the view;

compensatory lengths of hedge could be planted elsewhere. Cllrs Lewis and Hern to talk to owners and carry the project forward. Tom Wall highlighted the problem of cattle crossing the B4385. There is a warning light but, due to the speed at which cars travel, and bends in the road, it is not sufficient. This should be looked into as well.

Flooding in Clunton

Problems of flooding in Clunton: Nick Morgan suggested that clearing under the bridge by the Crown would not be effective and barriers might be needed. Cllr Jones stated that, when in spate, the water from the stream spilled into the road and towards the Crown rather than flowing under the bridge. Other measures need to be considered.

AOB:

Clunton Burial Ground:

Two members of the public challenged the Parish Council regarding the path from St Mary's Cottage to Gunridge. The Parish Council's position is that there is access to the burial ground from the white lane across the garden of The Villa (now Whimberry House).

The Parish Council made clear that it has no objection to an application for the path from St Mary's Cottage to Gunridge to be added to the Definitive Map. This proposal is presently with Shropshire Council and will be decided by them in due course.

Date of next meeting: 15 July, 7.30pm, Kempton Village Hall.

Gisèle Wall

Results of the Parish Council Election: Elected councillors

BAILEY Karl Georges, 660122, karlbailey.clunbury@yahoo.com

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HUFFER John Edward, 660539, hufferjohn1@gmail.com

JONES Malcolm, 660294, brenda_jones@me.com

LEWIS Lucy, 660584, l.lewis161@btinternet.com

Clerk: Nancy Adams, 641154, nancy@adamsanchor.co.uk

Gardening Corner



Firstly this month I must 'eat my words' having said in my May article that "May can be rather a dull month for colour – the daffodils and tulips having finished"! With the cool weather we've had, at the time of writing this, some of our tulips have only just opened and could well be flowering into June! If you want to lift the bulbs and store for next year, try and leave them in situ until they died back, or as long as you can to allow the nutrients to run back down into the bulb.

June is a joyous time in the garden with the bright green growth of the perennial leaves, first flowering of roses and herbaceous plants and the glorious reds of the soft fruit season. For a delightful scent, try Philadelphus 'Belle Etoile' (mock orange).

Now is the time to repeat sow rows of lettuce and other salad crops and plant out the other vegetable crops started off indoors or in the greenhouse. French beans can be sowed directly into the ground and should they all crop at once, leave some of the pods to ripen and harvest the dried beans for use in cooking throughout the winter. Tomato plants will benefit from a weekly feed, as will hanging baskets and other flower containers. Should it turn hot and dry (wishful thinking) and herbaceous plants show signs of suffering, one good weekly soak is better than a little often. Little and often encourages the roots to look up rather than down in search of moisture.



Amateur Gardener



Clunbury 100 club May

Emma Jones £20, Marianne Hints £15, Will Matveieff £10, Eileen Addy £5

Clunton 100 Club May

1st Brenda Jones, 2nd Helen Minns, 3rd Keith Terry.

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Church News



A big thank you to Roger Webb who hoisted the flag at half mast for the mourning of HRH Prince Philip, and organised the muffled bell for his funeral.

Volunteers needed to learn the skills of bellringing. If anyone is interested please contact David Mansfield 660356



Provisional date for your diary

The vestry project is now complete and we are planning to hold a service of dedication to coincide with our Patronal Day on Sunday 11 July, Bishop Richard has been invited to officiate, his attendance will depend on other commitments nearer the time and may need to be rearranged.

St Swithin's church is open 10am - 4pm for private prayer.

Clive Seabury 1943-2021

Clive was born on 29 July 1943 at Lady Forester Hospital Much Wenlock. He was the eldest child of Pete and Vera Seabury, and lived consecutively at Chapel House, Brook House and Chapel Farm. He lived most of his life in Clunbury, apart from the 20 years he spent on his uncle Ivor's farm in Inkberrow in Worcestershire.

Clive grew up with his younger brother Stuart and enjoyed life on the farm with Bernard Wadsworth. He went to Clunbury School and made lifelong friends with John Croxton and Brian Marsh. Clive was a very bright lad and passed his 11+ exam to attend Bishop's Castle High School. For many years he sang in the choir, and regularly attended church. However, Clive soon began to turn his attention to sport particularly football and cricket. At 16 he started to spread his wings and went to work on his uncle Ivor's farm. Soon finding new friends, he joined the farmers' cricket and football clubs, at the same time developing a taste for beer!

Clive became a supporter of Worcester Cricket Club and enjoyed many trips back to see them play. He always kept in touch with the friends he made in Worcester and enjoyed going to the Three Counties Show every year to meet up with old friends.

He returned to Clunbury in 1977 to help run the farm when his father was thinking of retiring. This was a fresh start for Clive; he became well known in the markets and local farms, buying and selling stock and made many friends. He was also popular in the sporting world, again getting involved with local teams; however, after a few injuries, he decided to take up a less active sport and took up playing dominoes, and it seems he was rather good at it. He was captain of a cracking team including his brother Stuart, playing all over the country for charity and winning championships in Bridlington and many other places.

As with most farmers Clive saw many changes during his farming life. He gave up the dairy side when the new regulations came in and did more hay making and stock rearing of sheep and cattle, which he seemed to enjoy. He always took part in all goings on in the village and loved to support all the functions, especially the church auction at the Hundred House, where everyone seemed to go home with something they hadn't been bidding for.

Clive leaves 2 children, Gareth and Victoria, he was very proud of both of them. He looked forward to summer holidays when he enjoyed spending time with them. Later, having Gareth's help on the farm gave him a lot of pleasure.

Sadly Clive hadn't enjoyed good health in the last few years of his life, and he suffered a stroke on 16 April and died on 14 May. His cheerful smile and happy, helpful nature will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The family wish to thank family and friends for their support and kind donations to the Air Ambulance which currently stands at about £500.



Events Diary for June 2021

Every Thurs		Mobile Post office : 1.15—2.00pm	Clunton Village Hall
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Thurs 3	10.30am	Clunbury Café (661180)	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 13	11.15am	Holy Communion Rev John Daniels	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thur 17	10.30am	Clunbury Café (661180)	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 19	10-1.00pm	Aston On Clun Craft & Collectables Market	Aston On Clun Village Hall
Sun 20	11.15am	Baptism and Holy Communion	St Mary's Clunton
Sat 26	5.00pm	Cider Evening Clunton (Anne Shepherdson 660309)	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 27	11.15am	Holy communion Rev Robert Payne	St Swithin's Clunbury
Sun 27	3-5.00pm	Clunbury Village Hall Cream Tea (660629 or 661180)	Upper House Clunbury

As more things open up and restrictions are lifted, we will be reintroducing the monthly diary of events. Let the Parish Post team know if you have any up and coming events. If you can add a regular or one off event to the diary.

Church Annual Meetings

The meetings were held on Tuesday 18 May and at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners David Mansfield and Karl Bailey were elected as Churchwardens. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Julia Mansfield and Tim Record were elected on to the Deanery Synod, Mary Jones, John Jones and Annabel Morris were elected on to the Parochial Church Council for the next 3 years joining Caroline Bason, Julia Dumbell, Michael Longmore, Maddy Matveieff, Alister Thompson and Valerie Redgrave. We welcome John and Annabel to the PCC and are pleased to have some younger faces.

The vestry project is pretty well complete and thanks was given to Christina Whitehead, and the sub-committee (Pat Harding, Duncan Brown, Malcolm Redgrave and Julia Mansfield) who had put in a lot of valuable time in seeing it all through. We plan to have an event to dedicate the new work on our patronal festival on **Sunday 11 July**, when we hope Bishop Richard will be in attendance. Our local builder Mark Grimes has done a superb job as principal contractor.



This is an excellent website, with a number of projects and activities of interest for all ages to get involved with. Including 'Youth Voice for Nature' launched as part of our Young Ranger programme; Farming in Protected Landscapes' grant programme ; Nature Recovery Plan for the Shropshire Hills AONB; Water quality enhanced in the Clun catchment and lots of interesting facts and information. Too much to mention here, you can read the full press release on the Parish Post Website. You can also go directly to their website on:



[Shropshire Hills AONB - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty](#)



Plea from the Parish Post

We are looking for someone to join our team who are familiar with publisher or similar programmes. It would involve editing the Parish Post about 3 times a year. Training can be provided FMI contact the Parish Post.