

## Clunbury Village Hall

Invites you on a  
**Wine Trail 2021**



Visiting 4 gardens  
in the village to  
sample wines from  
around the world.

Followed by a  
ploughman's supper

**At Upper House Clunbury**

Or Village Hall subject to weather

**Saturday 24 July**

**6.30pm**

**Tickets from Upper House**

**£13.00 pp**

includes map, wine and supper  
Contact Duncan Brown 660578

Or

**Alister Thompson 661180**

## Two Kemptonians to the Rescue

Maintenance at the Purslow crossroads has been so neglected over the years that, coming from the Kempton direction, the visibility – which was always poor – had become practically non-existent. Although this had been reported to Shropshire Council, nothing was done, so Martin and Lucy from Kempton, adding to work done on behalf of Tim Croxton, decided to complete the job themselves. They strimmed the long grass, and cleaned the mirrors (though the top mirror needs replacing as it is always frosted).

This is a very dangerous crossroads and although the mirrors help (when they are clean, not frosted and free of vegetation), they are not easy to use, and impossible when vehicles are parked on the pub layby opposite the junction. To the left, the telegraph pole on its mound obscures the view in that direction. Could the Parish Council put effective pressure on Shropshire Council to keep the verges mown, provide new mirrors and remove the telegraph pole before a serious accident occurs?

*Gisèle Wall*



*The mirrors after cleaning;  
(top mirror still unusable)*

*Below left: the view to the left  
after cutting.*

*Below right the view to the  
right after cutting.*



## Air Ambulance Saving Lives!

Living in rural Shropshire we are all well aware of the vital role that the local air ambulance service has in our Parish and surrounding area. Never more so than for 17 year-old Shaun Hillhorst from Clunbury, when on the 11<sup>th</sup> June, he was involved in a serious accident coming home from work, just 200 yds from where he lives.

Shaun was taken in the air ambulance to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Due to the seriousness of his injuries and his critical condition, he was put into an induced coma. Shaun's mum Sarah said, that there is no doubt the Air Ambulance Service saved Shaun's life that day, and she and her family will be eternally grateful for what they have done. Shaun is improving every day, although it will take some time and much care and attention before he will be fully recovered. One of the local residents set up a *just giving* page to help Shaun's family with the financial cost so that they can focus on Shaun and be near him while he recovers. Sarah and her family wish to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity during this difficult time. They would also like it to be known that they will be donating a good chunk of the money raised to the Air Ambulance Service in appreciation of the fantastic work they do.

This terrible accident brings home to us just how crucial and valuable the Air Ambulance service is to rural areas like ours. They are not state-funded and rely totally on charity and donations. If anyone would like to donate, go to: [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search for Gemma Fletcher crowdfunding.

Lynne Thompson



## Access to a Dentist



Healthwatch Shropshire has been hearing from some Shropshire residents about the problems they are having getting to see a NHS dentist. People are reporting that their dentist will no longer see them on the NHS and they will need to go private; people relocating to Shropshire are reporting that they cannot find a dentist offering NHS treatment. The NHS provides a 'Find a Dentist' service online but many people are reporting that the information is very out of date and despite ringing round dentists on the list none is currently taking NHS patients.

Lynn Cawley, Chief Officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, explained: "In the past we have heard of these problems and when we reported them to NHS England who was able to organise extra capacity in the areas affected, but the pandemic has made things much more difficult, especially with the restrictions it has placed on dentists' ability to see people. Oral health is tremendously important and people are worried about the long term effects this lack of access will have. We really want to hear people's experiences of finding NHS dental treatment in Shropshire and find out if this issue is widespread." People can contact healthwatch on 01743 237884,

Online: <https://healthwatchshropshire.uk/engagementhq.com/dentistry-in-shropshire> or through the website: [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk)

Healthwatch Shropshire is the independent consumer champion for health and social care in Shropshire. It gathers the views and experiences of patients, service users, carers, and the general public, about services including hospitals, GPs, mental health services, community health services, pharmacists, opticians, residential care and children's services. It also has statutory powers that it can use to influence service provision by encouraging improvements.

## Strimming Casualty in our Parish

Early this month a small female hedgehog was brought in. Seen out in the day and struggling to walk, she obviously had a problem.

Upon inspection it was obvious she was yet another strimming victim. Apart from the tell-tale signs of broken prickles, she had slash wounds to her stomach and one of her rear legs had been sliced off completely. Sadly she had to be put down. What was particularly heart breaking was that her little belly was full of unborn hoglets.

Please can people, before strimming and also those who use tractor mowers, just quickly check the long grass for sleeping hedgehogs. Contrary to what many people think, they do not run away from any approaching machinery.

## On a happier note.....

One week last autumn we were lucky to have a young hedgehog pay a nightly visit to our garden. I probably wouldn't have noticed it but our dog, nose to the ground, would sniff it out each night. Thankfully, I take her out on a lead late at night, so no harm was done.



Eventually, after conversations with our neighbour, who too was having visitations, we realised it was not one but a family of five autumn juveniles. Winter was fast approaching and being born late in the year they were unlikely to put on enough weight in the wild to survive hibernation.

After consulting the experts, we each kept two (one went to animal rescue), mine in our very draughty garden shed, where we could ensure they had enough food and water, and materials to make a nest, in the hope that they would gain enough weight to hibernate safely.

We were then in for a very tense few months. Were we feeding them enough,

would they hibernate, were they heavy enough, was it too cold? Being nocturnal, we saw very little of them even though I visited the shed each night! So, we set up a camera to capture their activity. It produced a few grainy close-up images.

However, each morning there was always evidence they had been partying all night; food had been eaten and their quarters ransacked!

The paper put out to line the floor was dragged and shredded

each day to add to their cosy nests; it

was impossible to find the entrance to these balls of paper. Then came the very exciting day when they clearly hadn't emerged, the paper was pristine and the food untouched. Had they gone into hibernation, or were they dead? It was very emotionally draining!

They both behaved differently, one hibernated for weeks while the other dipped in and out. But the great news is they survived the winter, as did my neighbour's. Mine were released back into the wild, in a dog-free garden, where they appear to take the food left for them in a cat-proof feeding station and leave evidence of their night-time wanderings!

*Catherine Lishman*



*Hedgehog caught partying at night by the camera*





## South Shropshire Shows the Way to Net Zero by 2030

The 'Climate Action Plan for the Ludlow Constituency to reach Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030' was launched at an online conference on 22 May. The report was subsequently presented in the House of Commons to the President of COP26 by the constituency MP, Philip Dunne. COP26 is the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Glasgow in October.

The South Shropshire conference opened with a live link to the Solomon Islands from where islander Gladys Habu talked of the forced evacuation and submergence of low-lying islands and the threats to food production. This is brought about by our activities in the industrial world causing sea level rises due to climate

change. It was a sobering and shaming reminder that, in the words of the Action Plan, "we must change our ways".

The South Shropshire Climate Action Plan is the first time a community has prepared a constituency-wide plan demonstrating how to achieve net carbon reductions.

Clunbury Parish's Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Group is considering how the Plan might be implemented within our Parish.

A recording of the conference can be followed at:


<http://southshropshireclimateaction.org/next-steps-recordings/>

The full report can be downloaded free from:

<https://southshropshireclimateaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SSCA-FINAL-REPORT-for-website.pdf>

or purchased for £18.30 including p&p from:

<https://southshropshireclimateaction.org/report-purchase/>



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**“Next steps”**

# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

For the Ludlow Constituency to reach Net Zero by 2030

- Land & Biodiversity
- Transport
- Energy & Buildings
- Communities & Education

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*Youth Voice for Nature*  
in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

For local people aged 17-21

### *What's involved?*

- \* Collaborate with AONB Partnership to explore local environmental issues
- \* Connect with and understand the special landscape of the Shropshire Hills
- \* Set young people's agenda for the environment

### *Get involved!*

To register your interest, search  
**Shropshire Hills Youth Voice for Nature**  
or for more information, email  
[shrophillsyouthvoice@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:shrophillsyouthvoice@shropshire.gov.uk)

*Join us online  
Monday 5th July  
7.30pm*



## Youth Voice for Nature

is a new forum set up to enable young people to come together to voice ideas and raise concerns over the environmental and climate challenges facing us in the Shropshire Hills AONB. This is a great opportunity for young people to discuss and influence policies. Meeting like-minded people and being part of a working group is also a valuable experience in future employment.

Register on Youth Voice for Nature. Project webpage:

<https://www/shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/projects/youth-voice-for-nature>

# Hay Meadow Festival

A fun filled family day

The Discovery Centre, Craven Arms



To celebrate wildflower meadows  
and their wealth of wildlife

Saturday 24 July, 11am to 6pm

*Many activities:* Scything, Wildlife discovery  
Rural Arts & Crafts, Eco talk tent  
Music & refreshments

Tickets available in advance  
01588 676060

Adults: £4; Children: £2; Family £10  
on the day: Adults: £5; Children: £3; Family: £13



## Gardening Corner

The cold spring might not have seemed great at the time, but the garden has certainly benefitted from it and is at its most beautiful now. The scent of honeysuckle in the hedgerows, the perfume of roses and the red of strawberries remind me so much of the H E Bates novel *Oh to be in England*. The hostas are looking spectacular – this is one plant that really benefits from a shady spot and our north facing wall is ideal.



All the hard work should be done by now so take the time to enjoy your garden. So often you can find yourself just doing, rather than appreciating, so take the time to enjoy the fruits of your labours.

If you're looking for jobs, roses benefit from regular deadheading to encourage new blooms, plum trees should be pruned now, taking new growth back by about a third. Keep an eye out for branches of fruit trees being overlaid with fruit and if necessary, provide extra support to prevent the branch breaking.

The tops should be pinched out of broad beans to prevent an infestation of black fly. Don't throw the tips away as they can be steamed or stir fried and eaten. Once you've harvested your beans, leave the roots in situ if you can, to allow the nodules to release nitrogen back into the soil.

*Amateur Gardener*

## Father's Day Remembered in Kempton

by the usual fairies?  
Thank you





## Kitchen Cupboard

Quiches and flans make ideal summer meals served with salad for lunches, dinner and picnics.

### Shortcrust pastry flan case

20cm/8" flan dish.

175g flour, pinch of salt, 50g margarine, 25g lard, 2-3 spoons of cold water to mix.

#### Method

Place the flour, salt & fat in mixing bowl. Rub until it looks like fine breadcrumbs. Add water to bind. Leave in fridge for 30 mins. Then roll out the pastry roughly 2" bigger than the flan tin. Line the flan tin & chill in the fridge for 15mins.



#### Fillings—Quiche Lorraine

175g bacon, rind removed, 2 whole eggs, 2 egg yolks, 150ml single cream, 150 ml milk, salt & pepper, 50g grated cheese, tomato or peppers chopped.

Fry the bacon until brown, place in the flan case. Beat eggs & cream lightly together in bowl. Pour over bacon. Stir in enough milk to almost fill the flan case. Add cheese and decorate with tomatoes and/or peppers.

Bake in the oven 190°C/ 375°F for 30 mins until set.

#### Stilton

225g sliced onions, salt & pepper, 75g butter, 25g plain flour, 300mls milk, pinch dry mustard, 100g stilton cheese (can add lightly cooked broccoli)

Fry onions in 50g butter until brown. Add rest of butter & mix in the flour. Add milk and mix well. Stir on low heat until creamy. Remove from heat. Stir in the mustard, salt, pepper and cheese. (Place broccoli in flan case if using), pour mixture into flan case.



**Lemon Tart** This is a lovely refreshing summer dessert

#### Pastry

350g Shortcrust pastry (recipe above or use frozen). Grated rind of 2/3 lemons, 150ml lemon juice, 100g caster sugar, 60ml double cream, 4 whole eggs & 3 egg yolks, icing for dusting.

#### Method

Pre heat oven 190°C Line 23cm flan tin, prick base with a fork and line with foil. Bake for 15mins and remove the foil. Bake for a further 5-7 mins until lightly brown. Beat lemon juice, rind and sugar together, then gradually add the cream and beat until well mixed. Beat in the eggs one at a time then the egg yolks. Pour into flan case and cook for 15-20 mins until set. Serve with cream/ice cream, fruit/strawberries.

Mary Jones

## Clunbury 100 Club

Gareth & Victoria Seabury: £20; Tom Grimes: £15; Trevor Owen: £10; Lesley Holland: £5; Sarah Marie Bailey: £5.

*Anyone wishing to join Clunbury Church 100 club subs now due. Old and new members welcome, please contact Mary Jones or Maddy Matveieff. Thank you for your continued support.*

## Clunton June 100 Club

1<sup>st</sup>: Caron Chance, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Minns, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Catherine Lishman.

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## Gardens Open in July

### Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

July 4<sup>th</sup> Cleve St Margaret Trail

July 11<sup>th</sup> Bitterley Court

July 18<sup>th</sup> Eyton Hall

July 25<sup>th</sup> Sambrook Manor

Garden descriptions and directions :

[www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)

### Clun: National Garden Scheme

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm to 5pm.

Tickets can be bought from garden

Adult: £7.50; child: free

(proceeds go to NGS charities)

Teas served at Hightown Community Room, Vicarage Road, Clun

1. The Ferns, Newport Street
2. The Old School, Newport Street
3. Riversdale House, Bridge Street
4. Mont Cenise, Newcastle Road
5. The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road
6. Mount Pleasant
7. Whitcott Hall, Whitcott Keysett.



## Services for St Mary's, Clunton and St Swithin's, Clunbury July 2021

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Clunbury

Events Diary for July 2021			
Every Thurs		Mobile Post office: 1.15—2.00pm	Clunton Village Hall
Every Thurs		Mobile Post Office: 2.15—3.00pm	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 1	10.30am	Clunbury Café (661180)	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 4	1-5pm	Clun: National Garden Scheme	Clun
Thur 15	10.30am	Clunbury Café (661180)	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 17	10am-1pm	Aston Craft & Collectable Market	Aston on Clun
Sat 24	6.30pm	Wine Trail	Clunbury
Sat 24	11am-6pm	Hay Meadow Festival	Craven Arms, Discovery Centre
Thur 29	10.30am	Clunbury Café (661180)	Clunbury Village Hall