



Re-Dedication of the War Memorial at Purslow

If you are passing Purslow War Memorial I'm sure you will notice how spick and span it is looking.

Sculptor Jonathan Protheroe has completed the names of eight men from Bomber Command who were killed on 15 September 1943 when their plane crashed on Burrow Hill on a training flight. Members of the Clun branch of the British Legion resolved that these men should be remembered here where they died and records have been investigated, permissions sought and the project has now come to fruition.

Jonathan has carefully cleaned all the stone work, and his new work is skillfully matched with the existing names. He has been helped by volunteers Steve Arnold and Suzanne Surman who have given the railings a smart coat of black paint.

There will be a short service of re-dedication at the memorial on Sunday 26 September at 12.45, taken by the Rev Robert Payne, padre of Clun Royal British Legion.

Everyone is welcome.

Christina Whitehead



**Bishop of Hereford to
visit St Swthin's
Clunbury
Sunday 19 Sept**

Bishop Richard of Hereford will be holding a service at 3.00pm at St Swthin's to celebrate the new facilities in the vestry. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the Old Vicarage garden, by kind invitation of Madeline Matveieff. We hope you can join us. Everyone welcome.



Clunbury Village Hall
invites you to a
coffee morning in aid of the
Midlands Air Ambulance
at the Old Vicarage



Clunbury
Saturday 18 September
10.30 - 12.30pm
Coffee or Tea and Cake £4.00
All proceeds to Air Ambulance
Raffle

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Holland House



A spinster named Anna died in the parish of Clunbury on 26 March 1835 at the remarkably advanced age of 95. Her memorial (pictured left) survives in St Swithin's near the organ. She was the sister of William Hold, who died in 1808, after serving for many years as the parish clerk, His fine chest tomb (pictured right) still stands near the church door. The great mystery about Anna is that, at her death she had deposits of



as much as £9453 in the Bank of England. Part of this she bequeathed to her nephew, another William, who is also remembered in the same memorial. He survived her by less than a year, dying on 9 January 1836. They left two daughters, Sarah, who died unmarried in 1855 and is remembered in a separate inscription near Anna's, the other daughter, Mary, married Richard Wolley. It was this couple who eventually shared a part of Anna's wealth, but where did the rest go and how did Anna obtain it? She had neither a wealthy husband nor was she the Hold heir.

The wills of Anna and William yield some interesting information. The family was clearly well connected as Anna's executors were John William Barber of Pall Mall in London and a local gentleman, Richard Edwards of Little Brompton. He and his family have magnificent memorials on the chancel wall of St Swithin's. Before she lived in the village she came from Broadlands, where is that? Not all her bequests were about money. Some appear rather quaint. One favoured female relative was bequeathed six silver tablespoons, six silver dessert spoons, six silver teaspoons and two pairs of sugar tongs. Another female relative was to have all her wearing apparel, silks and silk dresses.

The terms of William's will made a few months later were soon to prove moribund because the chief beneficiary, his wife Mary, died only 18 days after him. Her death made the executors' task more difficult than it otherwise would have been. They no doubt earned the 20gns each bequeathed to them by the testator. The executors were two local gentlemen, James Edwards of the Crow, also known as the Comb, presumably now known as The Combe, who is perhaps Richard Edwards' brother and Aaron Wolley of Abcott, from the parish of Clunbury who married his son, Richard, to William's daughter, Mary on 25 May 1809. Sarah the unmarried daughter received annual rents of £50 per annum. He also left Pound Close in Clunbury to someone, where is this?

So many questions are raised just by looking at church memorials. Send any answers to Judith Payling, jmpayling@aol.com, please, as I continue to explore some of the heritage of Clunbury.

Judith Payling

Clun in the Future: Questions & Answers

**Sunday 19 September
10am to 4pm**

Hightown Room,
Vicarage Road, Clun
& other venues

10am Opening ceremony
with Philip Dunne, MP
& children of St George's
School

- How can I keep my house warm at low cost?
- What happens when oil for my boiler is no longer available?
- How do I fight the plastic?
- How can I afford an electric vehicle? Where can I charge it?
- How can we look after nature?
- Can I swap to buying local and support local businesses?

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Verging on the Sweet

At my aunt's funeral, my dad's eulogy mentioned how he and his sister would



carry armfuls of Meadowsweet home for my nan, who would then spend the day wiping insects off the table. They noticed how the sweet honey smell changed to a less pleasant pong. (Meadowsweet is also called 'Courtship and Matrimony' after the sweet smell...er...going off!). I listened to that eulogy thinking I hope dad left the roots in the ground (since 1981 it's been illegal to uproot a wild plant without the landowner's permission, although it's OK to pick leaves, stem, flower and seed) and do I know my Meadowsweet from my Cow Parsley or any other umbellifer growing on the wayside? Armed with wildflower identification books, it's been a decent lockdown pastime trying to name the abundance of flowers growing in the verges. As we've lost 97% of wildflower meadows since the 1930s, the verges and hedgerows are some of the last refuges for plants which pollinators need and which make a walk much more appealing. I don't fancy the bugs on my table but I am glad that our parishes have lots of Meadowsweet, Cow Parsley, Agrimony, Betony, Bird's-foot-trefoil, vetches, Wild Rose, Cuckoo Flower, Eyebright, St John's Wort and many other native wild plants still growing down its lanes. The wildflower season is winding down but seeds, if left to fall, will start adorning our walks again next year.

Janie Mitchell

Litter Picking

The Climate and Wildlife Group will be organising another litter pick in the parish in October, but if you can't wait until then, the Clun Climate and Environment Group are litter picking on Sunday 26 Sept, 10-11.30am, meeting at the Clun Memorial Hall car park. All volunteers are welcome. Litter picking sticks and bags will be provided, bring your own gloves and high vis jacket.

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Ron Wellings

A much loved character of Clunbury village, Ron Wellings passed away on Friday 6 August after a short time in Stonehouse, Bishop's Castle. He was just short of his 87th birthday and after having lived in his house in Clunbury for about 50 years, he spent the past two years at Kevindale in Broome. His funeral service took place at Clunbury church on Thursday 26 August, and his ashes will be buried with his wife of over 40 years, Glenys, in the churchyard.



Ron was born in Broome and went to school in Clungunford, and later Craven Arms. He got his first job at Newton Farm and spent the rest of his working life on local farms and lorry driving. Ron was particularly tidy, took pride in his work and was a good hedge layer. In later life he was a gardener for Joyce Brugh and others in the village and he continued at the Barn until he was over 80. Ron and his wife Glenys lived in a double decker bus behind the Engine and Tender at Broome before moving to Clunbury when the new council houses were built. Ron and Glenys had a great celebration in the village for their ruby wedding in the millennium year.

Ron had been a PCC member for many years and was a great supporter of Clunbury church and many events in the village. He was a keen member of the choir when we had one at Clunbury, and was cross-bearer for many years. He was always turned out immaculately and it was a pleasure to meet him with his happy and kind face. He was always willing to help other people and will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by many in the village.

David Mansfield



Clunton 100 club August

1st Charlotte Price
2nd Jean Jones
3rd Jenny Aylwin Foster

Subscriptions due on 1 Sept.
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Clunbury 100 club



August

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B and A Wadsworth	£15
Florence Whymark	£10
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Tim Croxton	£5

Bus survey

Shropshire Council is asking about bus services. Let's make them think about our rural areas and what we need for our young people, for our older people and for work - for us all to use our cars less!

This autumn they are bidding to the Government's Bus Back Better fund to transform services across Shropshire. They have got some initial ideas but the bid will be much stronger with your views included.

Here is their survey which should take about 5 minutes to complete, and if you represent a group there is an option to record the group's views too.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/shropshire-public-transport-survey-enhanced-partnership/>



RIDE AND STRIDE

11 September



We need a good turnout this year for Ride and Stride! Cycle, walk or ride (a horse - or in a car) and visit some of our lovely churches. Clunton has supported this event for many years, so let's make a good effort this year and get as many as possible riding or striding.

The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) have given £5,750 towards the vestry project at St Swithin's so it would be especially nice if people from Clunbury can take part in the Ride and Stride. Please sponsor the team even if you can't take part.



Sponsorship is shared between the church and SHCT.

To take part or find out more contact Pat on 660169

Gardening Corner



One of the phrases you'll often hear this time of year is 'hot' garden or border. The 'hot' refers to the colour of flowers on herbaceous plants flowering at this time of year ie reds, oranges and yellow. One of the best examples of a hot border can be found at RHS Rosemoor in Devon, but closer to home Wildegoose

Nursery at Millichope has an area dedicated as a hot garden. Whilst too late for this season, it is something to think about for next year, or indeed how you want your garden to look in general next summer.

Typical examples of flowers found in hot gardens include Crocosmia Lucifer, Bishop of Llandaff dahlia, Helenium 'Moerheim Beauty' and Rudbeckia Fulgida Goldsturm - Black Eyed Susan.

Autumn is the time to lift and divide or move herbaceous plants once they've finished flowering. Consider also collecting your own seed ready for next year. If the seed heads haven't dried on the plant, cut them off and store upside down in a paper bag and leave in a warm dry place until they've dried out. So far, I've collected seeds from lupins, marigolds, and oriental poppies.

In the vegetable garden consider lifting crops to store for the winter such as potatoes, onions and shallots. Ideally this needs a dry spell so that the crop can dry on the ground before being stored inside.

Amateur Gardener

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26 April – 24 May (5 weeks)

7 June – 19 July (7 weeks)

Cost £20 per weekly session, includes materials and firing, subject to reasonable use. Maximum of 12 people

For more information contact Halima or Martyn on 0781 705 3308 or

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The Old Station, Broome, Aston on Clun

Church Services for September

12 Sept: 11.15am Holy Communion at Clunton

19 Sept: 3pm Bishop of Hereford for a Service of dedication, Clunbury.

26 Sept: 11.15am Holy Communion at Clunbury

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Kitchen Cupboard

This recipe by Tom Parker Bowles is from the Fortnum & Mason Afternoon Tea Recipe Book.

Courgette & Thyme Scones

Recipe

375g plain flour, plus extra for dusting; 1 tbsp baking powder; 100g unsalted butter, cubed, at room temperature; 1/2 courgette, grated; 50g grated parmesan; 100ml whole milk; 1/2 tsp salt; 2 tsp thyme leaves; 1 egg, beaten

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Rub the flour, baking powder and butter together in a mixing bowl until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the courgette and cheese, stir to combine, then stir in the milk, salt and thyme using a wooden spoon until a dough forms. Tip the dough on to a floured surface and use a floured rolling pin to roll it out to a thickness of 3cm. Use a 6cm dough cutter dipped in flour to cut 8 rounds from the dough, bringing it back together to a 3cm thickness until all the dough has been used up. Transfer the rounds to a baking sheet lined with baking parchment and brush the rounds with beaten egg. Bake for 15 minutes, until deep golden on top.

Eat the courgette and thyme scones warm with butter, cheese and chutney, or store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.



Blackberry and Apple Crumble

Blackberries are ripening in the hedgerows and ready for picking. They go so well with apples, so what better than a traditional blackberry and apple crumble for pudding.

Crumble

225g flour; 100g block butter; 100g sugar. Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the sugar.

Filling

225g blackberries & 450g cooking apples. (cooked until slightly softened). Add sugar to sweeten.

Heat oven to 200°C / 400°F

Place fruit in oven fruit dish, sprinkle crumble over the top. Cook for 30-40 minutes until slightly brown.

Serve with custard, cream or ice-cream.

Mary Jones

Himalayan Hot Spot

On a hot day at the end of July, a small party went Himalayan Balsam bashing along the river Clun. When we arrived, a pink-tinged field greeted us. We pulled and bashed for a few hours and repaired to the next field with the same pink tinge. Tired, and somewhat less enthusiastic, we pulled and bashed again. When we left, the two fields we had covered were a pleasant green.

Bashed Balsam.



Recycling Wheelie Bins

This autumn the Council will ask residents if they want to use a wheelie bin instead of the recycling boxes. If you opt in, the bin should be delivered before Christmas. You can also opt in later. You can keep the boxes, or take them to recycling. The new bin is for plastic, cans and glass. There is no additional charge. Bags will continue to be in use for cardboard. For more information try googling "240 litre bin recycling shropshire council"



Events diary September 2021			
Every Thursday	1.15 - 2.00pm	Mobile Post Office	Clunton Village Hall
Every Thursday	2.15 - 3.00pm	Mobile Post Office	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 1	3.05 - 3.15pm	Mobile Library	Clunbury Bridge
Fri 3	until 30 Sept	Exhibition: Pocket Paradise	SpArc
Mon 6	9 - 11.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group: every Mon in term time.	Clunbury Village Hall
Tues 7	10.00 am	Tai Chi Class starts	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tues 7	1.50 - 2.10pm	Mobile Library	Clungunford, Brandhill
Tues 7	2.30 - 3.10pm	Mobile Library	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thurs 9	10 - 11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 11		Ride and Stride– Contact 01588 660169 (See page 5)	
Sun 12	11.15am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Wed 15	2.35 - 2.50pm	Mobile Library	Hopton Heath
Wed 15	3.05 - 3.15pm	Mobile Library	Clunbury Bridge
Thurs 16	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Thurs 16	7pm	Film: Minari	SpArc
Sat 18	10am - 1pm	Craft and Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 18	10.30am - 12pm	Clunbury VH Coffee Morning in aid of Air Ambulance	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 19	3pm	Dedication of new facilities by the Bishop of Hereford	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 19	10am - 4pm	Clun in the Future	Hightown Room, Clun
Tues 21	2.00pm	Film: Emma	SpArc
Tues 21	1.50 - 2.10pm	Mobile Library	Clungunford, Brandhill
Tues 21	2.30 - 3.10pm	Mobile Library	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thurs 23	10 - 11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 23	7.30pm	Live Music : Anna Ash	SpArc
Sun 26	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's Clunbury
Sun 26	10 - 11.30am	Clun Climate and Environment Group Litter Pick	Clun Memorial Hall
Wed 29	2.35 - 2.50pm	Mobile Library	Hopton Heath
Wed 29	3.05 - 3.15pm	Mobile library	Clunbury Bridge
Thurs 30	10 - 11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall

Advance notice: Harvest Festival in St Swithin's Clunbury 1 October 7pm followed by supper in the village hall