

## Clunbury Monarch of Your Choice Jubilee Scarecrow Competition.

Clunbury was fortunate to have the presence of a number of regal scarecrows to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee! Villagers went to great efforts to show the different aspects of our present monarch as well as her great-great grandmother. Judges had a challenging time deciding upon a winner considering elements such as creativity, design, materials and complexity. The winners were the Gittoes family with their most amused Queen Victoria!



For those of you who would like to know the answers to the Jubilee Quiz from the Beacon in Clunton please turn to page 4.



Kempton celebrated the Jubilee with a bring and share picnic, followed by an excellent Ukulele Band in the evening.



We were delighted to welcome Isabella Mary Lucinda Naprous Holland into our church family at her Baptism on 23rd April in Clunbury Church. Her parents, Alexander and Jessica were joined by family and friends on this joyous occasion. Isabella was in church on Sunday 24th to be welcomed by the congregation.



### *Well deserved Congratulations to Claire!*



The Parish Post spoke to Claire about when she was honoured for all the help and support she provided to the villagers of Kempton during the lockdowns. "I was invited to a wonderful garden party by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire for my efforts and support to Kempton during Covid. It was a wonderful and very humbling afternoon, the sun shone, the gardens and flowers were beautiful, we were treated to a super military band and a great afternoon tea of sandwiches, hot sausage rolls, quiche, scones and jam and tea and cakes."

Claire Hern

# What's On



**Afternoon Tea**  
**Saturday 16th July**  
**from 3pm,**  
**at The Orchard,**  
**Clunton**  
**Free entry - donations to**  
**Ukraine**



**Bring and Buy and Raffle**

## **Purslow Sports, Show**



## **and Gymkhana**

**CHANGE OF DATE:**  
**SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2022**

**FROM 12 NOON**

ON PURSLOW SHOW FIELD, OFF CLUN ROAD, SY7 OHJ

MANY ATTRACTIONS TO INCLUDE:

DOG SCURRY, SHOW JUMPING, HILL RUN, DOG SHOW, OWLS,  
ARCHERY, MUSIC, SHOW TENT, CLASSIC VEHICLES,

CLAY SHOOTING, POULTRY STAND, BAR AND FOOD

CAR BOOT—£5.00 per pitch

Admission: £5 per person Children under 14 free

Enquiries to: Annie on 01588 660471 or email: purslowshow@gmail.com



## **Purslow Show Tent 24<sup>th</sup> July**

The Show Tent schedule is now available on line:  
[theparishpost.org/purslowshow](http://theparishpost.org/purslowshow)

Hard copies will be available in local shops, pubs etc. around the area from the last week in June. The fee is 20p per entry for adults and free for children when entering children's sections. Why not have a go at entering those flowers and vegetables you have been growing. The Handicraft, Cookery and Photography sections have lots of classes for you to showcase your talent. We look forward to welcoming new entrants and as always, enjoying entries from our established competitors. Written by Eirlys Ellams



1. The Queen was born at her parents' house at 17 Bruton Street, in Mayfair, London. What is it now?

**A Chinese Restaurant.**

2. What are the Queen's two middle names? **Alexandra Mary**

3. In 1991 the Queen required three stitches to her hand. Why? **Breaking up a corgi fight.**

4. In 1968 which country presented the Queen with a pair of sloths? **Brazil**

5. What do Launer of London supply to Her Majesty? **Handbags**

6. What was the name of the Queen's first corgi, given to her on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday? **Susan**

7. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, Princess Elizabeth trained as what? **A mechanic**

8. How long has the Queen been Patron of Mother's Union? **70 Years**

9. What is reported to be Her Majesty's favourite cocktail? **Gin and Dubonnet**

10. Which Archbishop of Canterbury officiated at the wedding of the Princess Elizabeth?

**Geoffrey Fisher**

11. What language does the Queen speak fluently? **French**

12. What is the Queen's favourite flower? **Lily of the Valley**

13. Which English King had the longest reign? **George III, 59 years and 96 days**

14. What dog breed did the Queen become proud owner of this year? **A Cocker Spaniel called Lissy**

15. Who is 8<sup>th</sup> in line to the throne? **Lilibet Diana Mountbatten Windsor**

16. How many people watched the Coronation on TV in 1953? **20 million**

17. Who was the first woman to appear on a British banknote apart from the Queen?

**Florence Nightingale**

18. In which year did the House of Windsor come into being? **1917**

19. How many aircraft will feature in the Platinum Jubilee flypast? **70**

20. Who was the oldest Monarch to be crowned? **William IV came to the throne in 1830 aged 64**



## South West Shropshire Gardening Club

### Upcoming Talks and Events

**27<sup>th</sup> July** - Meeting with Speaker Mike King talking on the subject of Sarracenias - Carnivorous Plants and How to Grow Them.

**24<sup>th</sup> August** – Trip to The Dorothy Clive Garden



**The club meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month  
at Lydbury North Village Hall at 7.30pm  
unless there is an outing that month.**

### Clunton 100 club

#### June

- 1st. Tom Davies
- 2nd. Caron Chance
- 3rd. Helen Minns

#### July

- 1st. Malcolm Redgrave
- 2nd. Mike Minns
- 3rd. Tracy Price



### Clunbury 100 club

- Brenda Smith £20
- Leslie Holland £15
- Sarah Marie Bailey £10
- Philippa Halliday £5
- Jess Grimes £5

## Gardening Corner

Written by Lucey Van Den Bergh

Summer. With the herbaceous perennials blooming, for me it feels like seeing old friends back in the garden in their flowery finest. Another round of staking this month will keep the borders looking their best. In the evenings as the sun slips away behind the hills the garden is temporally back lit. The plant silhouettes turn silver and a glow of insects on the wing fills the sky, it's my favourite time of the day.



Last year the borders were filled with young plants grown from seed that spring and this year they are larger more mature, holding their own. The rain we had in June promoted growth and vigour and filled the water butts.

It has been such a pleasure to move to Shropshire and experience the insect life still here. Sadly, in rural Sussex where I've lived for most of my life it has decreased on an alarming scale.



Verbascum 'Southern Charm' & 'Flush of White' have thrived in the free draining stony soil, attracting hoverflies and bees. They can be sown direct in July and August, spaced at 40cm. They make excellent cut flowers, searing the stems in just boiled water, will give around five days in a vase. Combining well with hollyhocks, foxgloves and delphiniums.

As the cordon tomato's start to set fruit in the greenhouse, tie in weekly, pinching out the side shoots. I use an organic liquid seaweed feed. I've applied nematodes this year in the vegetable garden to reduce the slug population although they are still munching away at the runner beans, the sweet peas are faring slightly better.

The diligent rummaging for slugs and snails by the blackbirds and thrushes keep the flower borders manageable and are the most welcome visitors.

## *Garden Trail Success* Written by Julia Mansfield

The Clunbury Garden Trail held on 18 & 19 June was a great success despite a rainy day on the Saturday. Many thanks to all those who kindly opened their gardens that received compliments from all those who attended. We had visitors from all over the country and even Holland and the Channel Islands. The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) promoted it very well, and this contributed to the good attendance. Everyone thought it was wonderful to have so many different and attractive gardens so close together. Angela Hughes from the SHCT was very impressed with Evie's garden in Orchard Place and she felt it was very encouraging that the younger generation got involved. Eirlys Ellams, who leads the school gardening group, attended the lovely Clunbury School gardens both days, and showed all the great things the school are doing in their garden. Again, involving young roots that is so important.

Tim Croxton kindly lent his large field for parking and having the plant stall there was very successful, especially with Barbara Freeman and Helen White adding their expertise and selling the plants. We raised over £160 and the unsold plants went to Aston Shop where 50% of the takings will come back to the church. We are very grateful to all those who donated plants.

Last but not least the teas! Maddie Matveieff invited us to use the beautiful Old Vicarage garden for the teas and it was a fantastic venue. Alister Thompson kindly brought his tents and thank go to him and all his team who erect them and bring in tables, chairs china etc which were generously donated by the Village Hall. Our stalwart, Mary Jones organised the teas and collected hundreds of scones so many thanks to all those who donated them. There was a brilliant team of helpers who contributed to raising £742.48 on the cream teas so we are most grateful to them all. The church was full of lovely flowers and this was enhanced by some very good organ music played by Pat Harding and Andrew Buckley.



On the Sunday the village was brightened up with the chimes quarter peel of bells organised by Roger Webb and some volunteer bell ringers.

Due to the rain on Saturday, only 61 people attended, but the better weather on Sunday attracted 216 so in all we had 277 visitors. With expenses taken out, the whole event raised £2025.86 which has been equally divided between St Swithin's Church and the SHCT.

I cannot name everyone, but many, many, thanks to all who helped and contributed.

## Church News

### Church services:

Sunday **10th July**: 11.15am Holy Communion at St Swithin's, Clunbury

Sunday **17th July**: 6.30pm Patronal Festival at St Swithin's, Clunbury

Sunday **24th July**: 11.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Clunton

Sunday **31st July**: 10 am Benefice United Service of Holy Communion at St George's, Clun followed by a Benefice Lunch at The Vicarage.

Congratulations to Rev Caroline Harrison and

Rev Dr. Matthew Bullimore on their upcoming marriage.

They will be celebrating with a Benefice Lunch following the Benefice United Service of Holy Communion

at St George's Clun on Sunday 31 July at 10am. Everyone welcome.

## Environment and Wildlife News

### River Clun Monitoring

In the last issue we reported on the setting up of a River Clun Monitoring Group. Our Parish Council has provided welcome support by contributing £100 towards the purchase of equipment to test the physical, chemical and biological properties of the river. Monthly monitoring will soon be underway on the Clun and Kemp. Please email us if you would like to take part.

### Parish land on the Black Hill

As reported in the June issue of the Parish Post, the Climate and Environment Group is keen to develop ideas for the future management of the 9 acres of the Parish's Turbary and Recreation Ground on the Black Hill. We are very pleased that the Parish Council has agreed in principle to allocating £220 to an application to the AONB for a grant of up to £1,500 for the preparation and writing of a Management Plan designed to maximise the potential of these areas for the conservation of nature and the environment.

### Kites really flying

It was as recently as 2006 that Red Kites nested in Shropshire for the first time for 130 years. We now see them on a daily basis and are beginning to recognise their distinctive wild and wailing calls, notably in the Kemp Valley where there may now be three nesting pairs.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Climate and Environment Group  
email: [walltom@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:walltom@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Notices

There will be a Memorial Service on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for Jim Whitehead who died on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

The service will be held at midday, in Clunbury Church.

All friends are welcome. Please RSVP if you are able to come, to [ajwhitehead@farming.co.uk](mailto:ajwhitehead@farming.co.uk) so we have an indication of numbers.

## Calendar July 2022

*Please refer to page 7 for Church Services*

Date and time	Event	Venue
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00-1.00	S & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 16 July 8.00pm	Into The Shadows <b>CANCELLED</b>	SpArc Bishop's Castle
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Deadline for articles	
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Purslow Show (see page 3)	

Please let us know about your events in August by 20<sup>th</sup> July at [articles@theparishpost.org](mailto:articles@theparishpost.org)