

## Wildlife News

Here is a photo of Krispie who had to be returned to me a few weeks ago, horribly thin and dehydrated. He had been released in late April, fat and healthy having come in as an orphan the previous autumn. The challenges of the weather this summer had simply been too much for him. However, he is now fully recovered and will be returning to the wild shortly, for a second and hopefully successful attempt at alfresco living!

In this hot, dry weather, hedgehogs suffer badly. The parched soil provides little food and the lack of natural water from puddles,

pools and lush vegetation can cause many to die, or to end up trapped in drains trying desperately to find liquid as other water sources dry up. If you can provide a nightly supply of water in a heavy, shallow dish, this could be a life saver for them.

In passing it is worth mentioning that slug pellets can and do kill hedgehogs. Lavender, rosemary, sage and mint, dried, powdered and sprinkled around plants can apparently keep slugs (and rats) away. To date I have only tried sprigs of fresh rosemary arranged around the base of plants but incredibly it works.

Jenny Aylwin-Foster



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# Environment

## On Whinberry Hill

The Black Hill, above Clunton, was once open land to which, a century ago, local people walked to pick whinberries, and the landed gentry drove to shoot grouse.

Subsequently sold to the Forestry Commission, it was planted with conifers.

Within the plantations, running to some 350 acres, the Parish owns 9 acres of unplanted ground known as the Obley Turbary and Recreation Ground. Presumably this was at one time prime whinberry-picking territory, but today it is a mass of bracken and is being invaded by self-sown trees, particularly Sitka spruce.

Recently, the Climate and Environment Group drew up a costed plan for controlling the bracken, felling the spruce, putting up an interpretation board and arranging site visits from Clunbury Primary School. The Parish Council applied to the Conservation Fund of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for support towards delivering this plan and it has been awarded the maximum grant of £2,000.

Our aim is to safeguard and extend the sparse scatter of whinberries which are currently being suppressed by the bracken. We hope that eventually parishioners may once again go whinberry picking on the Black Hill.

We need help to make this happen, so do please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Clunbury Climate and Environment Group.

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



## Recipes and Gardening tips

We would love to hear of any recipes that you particularly enjoy or any seasonal gardening tips.



Please send them to [articles@theparishpost.org](mailto:articles@theparishpost.org)

# South West Shropshire Gardening Club



## Upcoming Talks and Events

**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.



## Support Ukraine

### Coffee and Chat Mornings

St John the Baptist Church

(outside if good weather)

Bishop's Castle SY9 5AF

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday

10.30am to 12noon

Starting 1st June

**ALL WELCOME**

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*All money raised will be ring-fenced and only  
used to support Ukrainian families who are  
placed in South Shropshire.*



## Clunton

### August

- 1st. Bertie Shuker
- 2nd. Bob Bay
- 3rd. Della Peers



## Clunbury

- Shirley Baker £20
- Jane Rose £15
- John Croxton £10
- Victoria Seabury £5
- Sibilla Whitehead £5

# Charity news



The Kempton Platinum Jubilee event raised money for the Midlands Air Ambulance (see attached certificate) and, with extra donations and a sum from the Village Hall, the Support for Ukraine Appeal. Here is Lucy Lewis handing over the cheque for £200 to Margaret Warren for the Ukraine Appeal.

Joan Kerry, Link person for Homes for Ukraine families, sent a letter of thanks on behalf of the Appeal in which she mentioned “Lack of transport and other facilities in our area are not ideal for families but we are now seeing a few placements being made locally. People are coming with very little in the way of personal possessions and the sorting out of finances for them, claiming of benefits etc is taking many weeks. It is because of this that we have set up the hardship fund. Families can of course call on the food bank but for more personal items of clothing say, we need cash so that they can be bought new. The fund is managed by the Bishop’s Castle Food bank on our behalf and is ring-fenced specifically for the use of Ukrainian families.

Thank you for your generosity.”

There are Coffee and Chat mornings to raise funds for this appeal, see flyer on page 3.

**Clunbury Village Hall  
Invites you on a  
Wine Trail 2022**



Visiting 4 gardens\* in the village to sample wines from around the world.  
Followed by a light supper at  
**Brook House Clunbury**

This event is dependent on the weather and may be rearranged at short notice.

**Saturday 13 Aug starting at 6.30pm**

Tickets from **Brook House**

£13.00 p/p

Ticket includes map, wine at each garden and the supper at the end.

**Contact: Duncan Brown 660578 or Alister Thompson 661180**

**Please drink responsibly. \* gardens may vary.**



[www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk)

We welcomed passengers back on board the Shuttle Buses over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend and as the summer holidays approach we're

encouraging visitors once again to hang up their car keys and travel by bus to explore the hills. Our weekend Shuttle Buses link with a network of public footpaths and waymarked walks – passengers can stride out across the Long Mynd, explore the Golden Valley, hike along the Stiperstones ridge, or stroll along the easy access trail at the Bog.

Shuttle stops include Carding Mill Valley and Church Stretton, the Stiperstones National Nature Reserve (NNR), the Bog Mine and Visitor Centre, the Stiperstones Inn and Bridges Country pub.

**Butterfly & Moth Festival; workshops, walks & surveys**

The Festival which is running throughout the summer is part of the Shropshire Uplands Commons project co-ordinated by the Foundation for Common Land. The Festival highlights the importance of upland commons for butterflies and moths and aims to encourage better recording. The events include moth mornings, survey days and butterfly walks on Clee Liberty, Long Mynd and Stiperstones.

**Photographic Competition - as part of the Festival a photographic competition is being held. Up to six landscape format photographs (minimum 1MB in size), taken in 2022 can be entered accompanied by a 6-figure grid reference of where the photo was taken and the date. Photos have to be taken on the three participating commons and be submitted singly by email to [nigelaball@gmail.com](mailto:nigelaball@gmail.com) by the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.**

## Footpaths

Anyone who has recently travelled along the back lane from Purslow to Kempton will have noticed quite a few improvements have been made to the stiles on the roadside, along with new finger posts. Over the past few weeks, a total of six new stiles, three marker posts and three finger posts have been installed around Kempton.

This work has been undertaken by Shropshire Council and a group of volunteers from Shrewsbury, for which I am very grateful. It means that those wishing to walk from Kempton or Purslow, up beyond New House Farm towards Clunton, will find the footpaths easier to negotiate with less chance of getting lost.

The team who came on what was one of the hottest days to date were very appreciative of the drinks brought out to them by a passing local resident. Thank you.

If you are new to the parish you may be unfamiliar with the extensive network of public rights of way in the area and unaware of the system for reporting tumbled down stiles or impassable routes. The best way is to go online and report through the link below, where you will also find lots of interesting information relating to public rights of way including an up-to-date interactive map.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/outdoor-partnerships/report-a-rights-of-way-issue/>

Catherine Lishman



**Church services:**

## *Church News*

Sunday **7th August:** 8:00am Holy Communion at St George's, Clun  
Sunday **14th August:** 11:15am Holy Communion at St Swithin's, Clunbury  
Sunday **21st August:** 6:30pm Evensong at St Mary's, Clunton  
Sunday **28th August:** 11:15am St Swithin's, Clunbury

**Every Tuesday** at 10 am, Holy Communion at Trinity, Clun

Afternoon Tea on 16th July

Thanks you to everyone who supported this event. We raised £655 for Ukraine. It was a lovely sunny day - but we could sit in the shade and enjoy all the wonderful sandwiches, scones and cakes.

A happy occasion enjoyed by all.

Clunbury School said farewell to 6 leavers - heading for Secondary School in September.

The church was full of family and friends who enjoyed hearing all the children sing. The leavers gave farewell tributes and thanks to their teachers. Each leaver received a Youth Bible from Clunbury Church and we wish them well for the future.

### **Do you remember Rev John Richard Hudson Royds former vicar of Clunbury?**

I have received an inquiry about Rev Royds from his relatives who live in Australia but who plan to visit next year. They would love to find out information about him and wonder if anyone remembers him or may even have him on church photographs. Please get in touch with me if you can help and I will pass on your information or put you in touch with them.

Joan Kerry

Clun Valley Benefice Administrator

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## Notices

Diane and Barry Powderhill lived in Clunbury until 2016, when they moved to Ludlow. Sadly Barry passed away in his sleep on 27<sup>th</sup> June this year.

## Calendar August 2022

*Please refer to page 7 for Church Services*

Date	Event	Venue
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Clunbury Cafè 10 – 11.30 am	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Concert Visio Improvisus 2.30 pm	St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Wine Trail 6.30pm	Clunbury Village
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Classic Motor Show 10 am – 4pm	Clungunford Village Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Clunbury Cafè 10 – 11.30 am	Clunbury Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Craft and Collectables Market 10 am – 1 pm	Aston on Clun Village Hall

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