

We are concerned that many people believe that The Parish Post no longer exists, but it does, and we need help and support. In particular:

- Someone to join the editorial team - we use an easy PowerPoint format, take it in turns and meet once a month.
- Someone to co-ordinate the calendar and ensure that we know about what's going on locally.
- People to write features to ensure a variety of interesting articles
- Someone to deliver in Clunbury.

The Parish Post is produced monthly by a small team of volunteers. Regular features include a gardening page by Kimberley Searle, an environment page by Tom Wall, church news and photographs of local events. We often include a recipe, book reviews, local walks, and celebrate the achievements of local people and provide information about issues which affect life in our community.

The Parish Post is sent out to an e-list on the first of the month and is published on the Parish Website at about the same time, printed copies are left in St Swithin's and are delivered in Kempton, Twitchen and Clunton to those who request them. We can print as many copies as required as our printing costs are fully funded, and we received a grant from Aston-on-Clun Community Shop for a new printer last year.

If you want to receive a paper copy, **please complete the form** on the back page and return it to Holland House in Clunbury and we will endeavour to deliver it to your door.

The Editorial Team

Karen Aldred, Pat Harding, Catherine Lyttle, Peter Monk, and Judith Payling

LUDLOW ROTARY CARES 2024

Once again, Ludlow Rotary Club invites local community groups to apply for a grant.



'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is the name the Club has given to its annual scheme aimed at supporting community life in and around Ludlow by offering modest grants to local charities and organisations. For this year the maximum grant available has been increased from £500 to £750.

Over the past 9 years the Ludlow Rotary Club has been able to invest over £45,000 in almost 100 local community projects through this scheme from funds it has raised. After a successful Dog Day fundraising event in 2023, the Club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

The Club intends to be very open minded about the types of activities it will support so long as the project or programme responds to a community need in or within 15 miles of Ludlow and meets its criteria on the giving of grants. What the Club will need to understand is exactly what the money will be used for, who will benefit from it and how much difference it will make.

Further information and a simple application form can be found on the website www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk. Organisations which meet the criteria will need to get their applications in by **21 April**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on **14 May** at which they will be asked to explain their project for a few minutes to a small panel. There will also be an opportunity to meet other applicants as well as members of the Rotary Club.

The Club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations including those that have applied in the past or have been awarded grants in the past, so if you are involved in or are aware of one which might benefit, do take a look at the website and follow the link to download an application form.

For further information please email lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk .

Barry Forrester
Ludlow Rotary Club



March in the garden

With Spring just around the corner our gardens are ready to burst into life. The daffodils will be ending as the tulips start to flower, bringing much needed colour and hopefully blue skies with them. March can often feel like an early summer and yet also bring snow. However, the buds of fruit trees and bushes are getting ready to put on a show. Our last expected frost date is usually around the 1st May meaning it's time to jump into action and get our vegetable and annual flower seeds sown ready to be planted out.

- First week of March; I sow tomatoes (to grow undercover), cauliflower, kale, broccoli, calebrese, kohlrabi, leeks, calendula, marigolds, cosmos, cornflowers and herbs
- Third week of March; I sow tomatoes (for outdoor growing), sweetcorn, Brussel sprouts, kaleletts, lettuce, salad leaves, beetroot, oriental veg, cabbage, peas and any remaining flowers. All these are started in the house and moved to the polytunnel (greenhouse or coldframe will work too) once germinated, providing frost protection. The tomatoes need to be kept in the warmth of the house, in a bright windowsill.
- Directly outside you can sow carrots, parsnips and radish.
- An early crop of potatoes can be planted late in the month, as long as they are protected from any frosts by earthing up or a frost cloth.

If you'd like to learn how to grow your own food please join us at Seedling success UK on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Written by Kimberly Cornish @growingwithspaniels

PRESTEIGNE POP CHOIR

St Swithin's Clunbury, Sun 07 April, 3pm

Calendar - March 2024

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 6 th March 10am- 12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 9 th March 10.30am- 12pm	Clunbury Cafe	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 16 th March	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 16 th March	Art Exhibition	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 20 th March 10am-12pm	Clunbury Craft & Social Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Thurs 21 st March	Parish Council	Clunton
Thurs 21 st March From 12.30 pm	Soup & Pudding	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 27 th March 7.00pm	SWS Garden Club	Lydbury North Village Hall



Clunton 100 Club February 2024

1st. Pauline Terry
2nd. Tim Wood
3rd. Pauline Egginton

Clunbury 100 Club February 2024

Jane Cassford £20
Shirley Baker £15
Philippa Halliday £10
Ned Morris £5
Lorna Goodwin £5

Clunbury Village Hall

Invites you to join us for

Soup & Pudding



Thursday 21 Mar 2024

From 12.30 £8.50 per person

All welcome. To book a place/table contact:

Barbara 660629 or Alister 661180

Art Exhibition

CLUNBURY VILLAGE HALL
15TH & 16TH MARCH 2024

15TH: 7 - 9PM
16TH: 10 - 3PM

ENTRY: £2.50
INCLUDES FREE RAFFLE TICKET

Featuring work from local talented artists



Simon Marlow

Twickenham based Award Winning Wildlife Photographer with Wildlife images from the local area and locations around the world.

George Yeeles Loades RBSA

A range of stunning artwork created using Acrylics, Watercolour and Oils. Areas range from Shropshire, Seascapes and the North East.



Also on display will be a host of other local artists with a fantastic display of paintings and various forms of art on display for you to see, so come and have a look around at your local talent.

The opportunity to purchase Artwork and Photography on display will also be available

On Friday the 15th between 7pm - 9pm, please come along and meet the artists behind the variety of work on display and enjoy a glass of wine, where they will be happy to talk and explain the techniques and methods they use to create their works of art.

On Saturday 16th between 10am - 3pm, Tea, Coffee & Cold Drinks will be available.

The funds raised will go towards the costs of producing the monthly edition of the What's On

BEDSTONE & HOPTON CASTLE FILMS @ THE VILLAGE HALL SY7 0BE

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

7.30pm

"ANATOMY OF A FALL"

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

7.30pm

"PAST LIVES"

£5.50, cash on door.

Refreshments.

01547530282

www.artsalive.co.uk



Craft & Collectables

Spring Market

Saturday 16th March 2024

10.00 – 1.00

Aston on Clun Village Hall

A variety of antique & craft stalls

Local food producers

Delicious cakes, tea & coffee

Free Entry Parking

Contact Andra on 01588 660492 for details



Church News



*March Services for St Mary's, Clunton
and St Swithin's, Clunbury*

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Clunbury
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Mothering Sunday	Clunbury
Sunday 24 th	10.00am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	Clunton
Friday 29 th	3.00pm	Good Friday Walk of Witness	Clunbury Hill
Sunday 31st	9.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Clunbury

WALK OF WITNESS WITH BISHOP RICHARD

We are very honoured that Bishop Richard will lead our traditional Walk of Witness up Clunbury Hill departing from the church at 3pm. All are welcome, including well behaved dogs on leads. Prayers will be said along the route at various stops.

After erection of the Cross on the top, everyone is invited back to St Swithin's for tea and Hot Cross Buns.

Please support this event and take part fully if you are able, if not you are welcome to join us in the church. We would like to see a good crowd on the day - we are extremely fortunate to have our Bishop leading us on this occasion and must thank him for joining us.





Climate and Environment Group

Biodiversity Duty

An enthusiastic group of 15 met on 15 February, to discuss how we might help the Parish Council meet its Biodiversity Duty. This is an exciting opportunity and we came up with a series of promising ideas under the themes of Trees and Hedges; Verges and Meadows; and Ponds and Flood Management. But more ideas are needed, so please come to our next meeting which is on 14 March, 10.45am, at Clunbury Village Hall; it is open to all. We need your input. There will of course be refreshments and we will finalise proposals to take to the Parish Council meeting the following week.

On Whinberry Hill

We need all hands on deck on Sunday 3 March, so do please join us at 10.00am at the Fiddler's Elbow Car Park on the Black Hill (directions on request). There is a massive amount of work to do to clear a patch of branchwood and then plant it. This planting is a condition of the licence we needed for the felling of all the many Sitka spruce growing on the Parish Land, a key objective that has now been achieved. The planting will be of 72 trees and shrubs (oak, willow, rowan, crab apple, hawthorn and holly) which will go into shelters so as to protect them from deer. Please bring gloves, and if you have any favourite tools (bowsaws, loppers and spades) those too, but we'll have a stock to draw on.

Litter Pick

Our next pick will be on Saturday 9 March, in Clunton, meeting at 10.30am opposite The Crown. Litter grabbers and bags will be provided but please bring gloves and high viz jackets if you have them (we have some spares). We will finish at about noon.

Parish Walk

The first of a series of Parish Walks will take place on Saturday 6 April. Further details of this exciting new venture will follow in the April edition of the PP, but please put the date in your diaries now. These Walks will be explorations of our extensive parish, following rights of way. We will be guided by Catherine Lishman of the Llan, who knows our footpaths and bridleways through being a volunteer footpath warden for Shropshire Council. Our Parish Rambles have generally been just that, nothing too energetic and majoring on a particular countryside theme. The Walks will be more demanding, extending to 6 or 8 miles and sometimes involving a fair amount of ascent. They will be explorations of some of the more out of the way, but most scenic parts of the parish.

Parish Ramble

Advance notice that the first Ramble of the year will be next month – Saturday 20 April – when we will venture out of the parish for a ramble to Burrow Hill Fort.

Water Monitoring

Come and observe or participate at our monthly monitoring sessions:

River Kemp at Kempton Ford: Friday 8 March, 2pm

River Clun at Clunbury: Sunday 10 March, 11.30am (meet at the footbridge in the centre of the village)

River Clun at Clunton: Tuesday 12 March, 10.30am at Clunton Bridge

Group contact: Tom Wall walltom@hotmail.co.uk 01588 660561



Parish Post Contacts

For article submissions – articles@theparishpost.org

General enquiries - info@theparishpost.org

Additional local information can be found on The Parish Post website

www.theparishpost.org

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Please submit articles and photos by 20th of each month. To ensure we can include as many articles as possible, we have revised the maximum word limit to **200 words**. The editorial team does not accept responsibility for any opinions expressed by contributors and reserves the right to edit contributions if deemed appropriate.

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Date: