

Calendar June 2025

| Date | Event | Venue |
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| Sun 1 st 2pm | Richard Durrant The Guitar Whisperer | SpArC Theatre BC |
| Tues 3 rd 7:15pm | Royal Opera: The Barber of Seville | Ludlow Assembly Rooms |
| Sun 8 th 10am | Holy Communion | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Sun 8 th 10am-12.30pm | Farming in the Shropshire Hills | The Bog |
| Wed 11 th 10am – 12pm | Craft Group | Clunbury VH |
| Thur 12 th 10:30am – 12pm | Clunbury Café | Clunbury VH |
| Thurs 12 th 7pm | Film: Conclave (12A) | SpArC Theatre BC |
| Sat 14 th 7:15pm | Film: The Great Gatsby (12A) | Ludlow Assembly Rooms |
| Tues 17 th 2pm | Film: Here(2024) (12A) | SpArC Theatre BC |
| Sat 21 st 9.30am | Parish Walk | The Llan Barn, Llan Farm |
| Sat 21 st 10am – 1pm | Craft and Collectables Market | Aston on Clun VH |
| Sat 21 st 6pm onwards | Clunton Scrumpers 20 year celebration | Harry's Yard |
| Sat 21 st 7pm | Film: Bridget Jones – Mad About the Boy (15) | Aston on Clun VH |
| Sun 22 nd 10am | Holy Communion | St Mary's, Clunton |
| Wed 25 th 10am-12pm | Craft Group | Clunbury VH |
| Thur 26 th 10:30am–12pm | Clunbury Café | Clunbury VH |
| Thurs 26 th 7:30pm | Film: Bridget Jones – Mad About the Boy (15) | SpArC Theatre BC |
| Sat 28 th 10am | Film: Zog (U) | Shropshire Discovery Centre |
| Sunday 29 th | Holy Communion Benefice United Service | Clunbury |

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THE PARISH POST

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Obley Purslow The Llan & Twitchen

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Clunbury school and the Village Hall came together on Thurs 8 May ... VE Day.... to celebrate with songs, led by K Jones and other school staff, poems and prose written and read by the pupils. The village attendees thoroughly enjoyed the children's entertainment and in reply they sang a Dame Vera Lynn song and gave them special refreshments!! Everyone then enjoyed tea, cake and wartime treats(bread'n'jam!).

A Huge Thankyou to the school pupils, staff, Kathryn Jones and the Village Hall committee.

Clunbury Climate and Environment Group

Our next 'Parish Walk', Saturday 21 June

This will be from The Llan to Obbley, about 6 miles. Walking along quiet lanes that link some of the parish's far-flung footpaths and bridleways we will head out via Llanbrook and return via Llanadevy. Please meet at The Llan Barn, Llan Farm, SY7 0HN (grid ref: SO 352 792) for a 9.30 am start. Bring a drink.

To register your interest, or for more details, please contact

Catherine Lishman 07930 117006 or catherinelishman@hotmail.com

Our Orchard Ramble, 10 May

The focus for the 10th Parish Ramble was the orchards of Kempton, old and new. About 20 of us enjoyed a very sociable afternoon calling into several gardens - by kind invitation of course! Like other settlements, Kempton has witnessed great change in the nature of fruit orchards particularly in the last 70 years or so. Maps suggest that in 1883 there were 10 separate orchards around the village.

Clunbury had a similar number, while Clunton boasted 15. Other orchards could be found near farms or other houses giving a parish total of over 40. It is believed that the majority were cider orchards. There was little change in the number or location of orchards up to the 1950s but since then, changes in cider production have meant that orchards in the Clun valley became uneconomic. When trees died, or blew over, they were not replaced.

We observed how one large orchard now consists of just three gnarled and twisted trees but also how those survivors were covered by seasonal, optimistic blossom. We also visited three contrasting gardens which together showed how fruit growing in Kempton has shifted from commercial to domestic and also demonstrated what a wonderful addition fruit trees are to gardens.

Many thanks to the Kempton residents who received the group so warmly.

Information about traditional orchards and apples, including varieties, propagation and other techniques, can be found via the Marcher Apple Network (www.marcherapple.net), a charity that encourages the conservation of traditional orchards and rare varieties local to the Welsh Marches.

Remember that the Parish has its own Clunton Scrumpers, a group dedicated to the local tradition of cider making, hosting cider related events and tastings throughout the year and a community apple juicing day every October.

John Bibby and Ian Aldred



Michael Lutman (in red) is explaining how to get Mistletoe started



Ian Aldred explaining the principles of fruit tree grafting

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



June brings the summer solstice, long evenings in the garden and with it hopefully time to stop and enjoy the moment.



Squash come in both winter and summer varieties while both are grown in the summer, winter varieties can be stored to enjoy in the months to come. Originally from Mexico these plants became a main staple some 10,000 years ago and are now grown and eaten worldwide. Grown alongside sweetcorn or other crops they offer great ground cover while producing many different shapes, sizes and colours.

Growing from Seed they grow very quickly and therefore only



need to be sown a couple of weeks before our last frost (until the end of July), waiting for warmer weather will really help to get them established and thrive. Once planted out they will spread quickly and require very little care. Summer squash aka Courgettes want to be

picked regularly or you'll end up with massive ones! Winter squash need to be harvested before our first frost, ideally they will start curing on the vine, while cutting the stem in a T shape can help them store for longer. Once cured in a warm room they should store for 4 to 8 months. We can eat the fruit, flowers, seeds and even make music with the stems!



Want more information? For support growing your own, look for Seedling success UK on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube.

Written by Kimberly Cornish

(village picture by Leigh Stevens)

Clunton Scrumpers

20 years of cider goodness
Celebrate 20 glorious years of the
Clunton Scrumpers this Mid Summer
Traditional village cider made by local people
to an ages old Clunton recipe

Saturday 21st June 2025

6 pm to whenever...

**Harry's Yard
Clunton**



Cider + pulled pork supper + Veggie Option + wine byo
~ All for £10 ~ no hiddens ~ just turn up

Farming in the Shropshire Hills – meet the farmer!

Sunday 8th June, 10am - 12.30pm, The Bog

Join Duncan Bennett and Cath Landles
for a farm walk to find out about farming
in the Shropshire Hills and the work of
the Upper Onny Farmers Group.

A free event organised for parishioners of
Clunbury and their friends.

Sorry, no dogs as we'll be around farm animals. Meet at
the large public car park near The Bog Visitor Centre
(SY5 0NG). Numbers limited so booking essential,
contact Tom Wall by email: walltom@hotmail.co.uk or
telephone 01588 660561.

We will be walking over farmland and
rough tracks, so please wear
appropriate footwear and clothing.



Duncan is an upland livestock farmer (beef and sheep) and
member of the Upper Onny Farmers Group. He'll share his
story about his farm, the challenges of modern day farming in
the Shropshire Hills, and the changes he's made to benefit the
landscape, environment, his farm business and himself.

Cath is our Community & Landscape Officer and will explain
the background to the Upper Onny Farmers Group and the
good work its members are achieving.

Clunbury Climate and Environment Group (continued)

Our Hillfort Walk, 26 April

Thank you to all who joined the 'Parish Walk' on 26 April, the largest group to date (18). We began with a gentle walk across fields from Kempton to Burrow, where the real work began ascending the hill fort. We stopped for quite a time on the ramparts to admire the view, listen to the birds and re-fuel for the walk back. This involved a steep descent through woodland and then a sharp rise from the end of Beeches Hollow up onto the Shropshire Way. Thanks must go to those responsible for the signage of the major diversions around wind-blown trees and for parking provided at 18 Kempton.

Catherine Lishman



Refreshment break on
Burrow Hill Fort looking east.



Group photo Burrow Hill Fort
looking west

Bracken Bashing on Whinberry Hill

Ten of us armed with scythes, sickles, slashers and sundry other weapons went bracken bashing on 18 May. Spurred on by the call of an insistent Cuckoo we covered more ground more quickly than we had expected, but if we are to have any success in holding back this persistent scourge it will be a long haul. We plan to return in June (on a date determined by the speed of the plant's recovery) and again in July. And then we'll need to keep at it in 2026 and well beyond. Please come and join us!



May 2025



Clunbury

Clunton

1st Lyn Skilton

2nd Pauline Terry

3rd Harry Pearson

Heather Jones £20

Joy Windsor £15

Sue Berry £10

Jess Grimes £5

Tony Pugh £5

Clunbury 100 Club subscriptions are due on 1st June, so please be in touch with Mary Jones or Maddy Matveieff to renew your £12 subscription for the year. We are grateful for your continued support and always welcome new members.

HEDGEHOGS NEED HELP!

The recent warm, very dry weather is great for humans but not for hedgehogs and some other wildlife too. Clunton has already had two starving and dehydrated casualties and, if we are to preserve the current fairly healthy hedgehog population in the Clun Valley, we can do a few things to help them. Although

there are the rivers and a few brooks in the area, hedgehogs are not necessarily able to find water to drink. If you are able to put out a flat bottomed shallow dish of water in the evening for them to find overnight, you may well be

saving a prickly life – or even lives, if a pregnant or nursing female visits your garden, with or without her offspring.

The dry weather and consequent hard ground also makes it difficult for hedgehogs to find food to eat. Meat flavoured cat biscuits are a popular standby and, if you don't want to feed the local felines, then a hedgehog feeding station is easily built. Details can be found on the internet and, if you have a night camera, you may find you have little visitors after dark that you never imagined!



Church News

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

June 2025

| Date | Time | Service | Church |
|-------------------------|------|---|----------|
| Sunday 8 th | 10am | Holy Communion | Clunbury |
| Sunday 22 nd | 10am | Holy Communion | Clunton |
| Sunday 29 th | 3pm | Holy Communion Benefice United Service | Clunbury |

The Monkey Puzzle



This month's puzzle is quite challenging, so thinking caps on (you can choose the colour, red or blue).

How many different arrangements of the letters A,B and C are there ?

Each letter must be used in each arrangement just once.

Can you write all the arrangements? Are you sure you've got them all?

What about A,B C and D? Can you do the same for them?

And you know what's coming next.....A,B,C,D and E

If you're brave you might want to add the F as well, although you might not want to write those out.

Even ABCDE might be a little too many to write too.

Can you come up with a formula for the number of arrangements so we could work it out for any number of letters?

Purslow Show and Gymkhana

Saturday 26th July 12noon to 6pm

Entrance: Adults £8 Under 14s free

Free parking

