

Calendar July & August 2025

Date	Event	Venue
Fri 4 th July 3.15pm – 5.00pm	Summer Fayre	St Georges School Clun
Sat 5 th July 10am	Coffee Morning and Flea Market	Clunton VH
Wed 9 th July 10 am- 12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 10 th July 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs 10 th July 7pm	Film: Architechton (U)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sun 13 th July 2pm	Scones, Cakes and Gardens	Clunbury VH
Thurs 17 th July 7pm	Film: Holy Cow (15)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat July 19 th July 10am -2pm	Aston Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 19 th July 7.30 pm	Film: Mr Burton	Aston on Clun VH
Sun 20 th July 10am	Bracken Bashing	Fiddler's Elbow Car Park
Wed 23 rd July 10-12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Wed 23 rd July 7:30pm	SW Shropshire Gardening Club Talk: The Perfect Perennial	Lydbury North VH
Thurs 24 th July 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Sat 26 th July 12 pm	Purslow Show	Purslow Farm
Tues 29 th July 7 pm	Quiz Night Book team 01588 680254	The Powys Arms
Sat 2 nd Aug 2:30 onwards	Tea and Cakes	The Orchard, Clunton
Wed 6 th Aug 10-12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 7 th Aug 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Sun 10 th Aug 10am- 4pm	Classic Motor Show & Autojumble	Clungunford VH
Sat 16 th August 10am -1pm	Aston Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 16 th Aug 7.30 pm	Film: Erin Brockovich	Aston on Clun VH
Mon 25 th Aug 10am – 4pm	Plant Sale	Clun Methodist Church

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heaps of FUN!

Purslow

Sports and Gymkhana

Something for everyone

Admission - £8
Children under 14
are free
Free Parking

2025

78th Show held at Purslow Farm

Saturday 26th July 12 noon to 6pm

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Please submit articles and photos by 20th of each month to :

articles@theparishpost.org

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.

Climate and Environment Group Report Bracken Bashing, 20 July

On 15 June, ten of us armed with scythes, sickles, slashers and sundry other weapons went bracken bashing on Whinberry Hill for the second time this year. We concentrated on the areas we had cut a month earlier. As anticipated, the re-growth was strong, but the hope is that a third cut will weaken it, and come spring 2026 we will notice a reduction in vigour and extent.

Our third cut will be on Sunday 20 July. Do come and join in. We will meet at the Fiddler's Elbow car park at 10am. Directions on request.

... followed by our third annual Whinberry Pick-nic.

Alternatively, come to the Fiddler's Elbow car park for 12 noon, bring a picnic and enjoy it on the parish land (seating provided) and then pick some whinberries. This will be the third successive year we have held this event. All are most welcome.

Our Farm Walk

We had a fascinating farm walk at The Firs, Pennerley on 8 June led by Duncan Bennett, who has lived and farmed there all his life. Duncan, who is a member of the Upper Onny Farmers Group, keeps cattle and sheep. He used to run what he describes as a 'very commercial, very high input system', which, he says, felt like always being on a treadmill as he tried to pay off bills for fertilizer and feed. In 2021, influenced in part by a visit to the farm of James Rebanks, in the Lake District, Duncan has adopted a rotational grazing system; he has changed breeds too, switching to Aberdeen Angus from Stabilisers and to Easy-Cares from Welsh Mules. He has reduced the numbers of sheep and cattle and cut back on inputs, but his bottom line hasn't suffered and he is working fewer hours. He has also planted new wide hedgerows, de-culverted a stream and constructed a large farm pool.

We would like to arrange other farm visits, ideally in the Parish or close by. Offers and ideas warmly welcomed.

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Please note: The Parish Council have a new website: clunburyparishcouncil.gov.uk which is linked to The Parish Post and vice versa.

No Parish Post in August (everyone's on holiday!) but we'll be back in September so get your articles in by 20th August

Church News

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

July/August 2025

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sun 13 th July	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sun 27 th July	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sun 10 th Aug	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sun 24 th Aug	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sun 31 st Aug	10am	Benefice Service Holy Communion	St George's Clun

Clunton

1st Tricia Uzzell
2nd Maddy Matfeieff
3rd Tracy Price

November



Clunbury

Pat Harding £20
Florence Whymark £15
Camilla Holland £10
Caroline Bason £5
Ned Morris £5



St Swithin Patronal Saint of Clunbury Church

St Swithun was a Bishop of Winchester in the 9th century and tutor to King Alfred the Great. He is said to have performed one miracle in his lifetime, mending the eggs of a woman who had dropped them in her astonishment at seeing the bishop. After his death, he was buried at his own request outside the cathedral where the rain would fall on his grave. Later, on July 15th, his body was moved inside to a new shrine, and his spirit was so offended that it caused rain to fall for forty consecutive days. For this reason, it is said that if it rains on this day designated as St Swithin's Day, it will rain for forty days.

This day is associated with the weather forecast for the English summer, in the rhyme:

'St. Swithin's day if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain.
St. Swithin's day if thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.'

So here's hoping the sun shines !!!

Coffee Morning & Flea Market



Clunton Village Hall

Saturday 5th July 10.00am

£3.50 for tea/coffee and cake

Contact Debbie if you have any donations for the Village Hall fundraising stall or if you want to run your own stall, call 07817 473854
All welcome

Craft & Collectables Market

Aston on Clun Village Hall

Saturday 19 July 2025

10am – 2pm

Hot pork & beef rolls
from 12.30

Parking
Cafe

Plant Sale



Hardy Perennials & Alpines
from Pam's Plants.

Small Trees (inc Acers) &
Shrubs from Stan Wild.

Bank Holiday Monday
August 25th

10.00am - 4.00pm

Clun Methodist Church forecourt
Free entry

Proceeds: 50/50

Alzheimer's Research &
Clun Methodist Church

Clunbury Village Hall invites you to join us for ...

SCONES, CAKES AND GARDENS

Sunday July 13th from 2pm

Selection of gardens,
with a summer drink,
open 2 – 4pm



Teas, coffees,
scones and cakes,
3 – 5pm in the
village hall

Ticket includes access to the participating gardens, a summer drink, and a choice of refreshments in the village hall: £6/ adult; £3/child (12yrs and under)

To confirm a ticket in advance, please contact Barbara 660629 or Duncan 660578
Tickets available on the day from the village hall from 2pm

**Parking and toilets at the village hall.
Additional parking at Clunbury School**



The Arts Society Teme Valley Programme for 2025-26

Teme Valley Arts Society celebrates its Golden Anniversary this coming year.

Given the low population density in this area we are very lucky to be blessed with many cultural opportunities.

Operas from the Met in New York and the Royal Opera House in London are frequently shown locally courtesy of Arts Alive and Flicks in the Sticks and in Ludlow at the Assembly Rooms. Use them or lose them.

Arts Society Teme Valley lectures are another superb cultural resource. The lectures are given by knowledgeable and enthusiastic speakers with splendid illustrations. On art related topics, lectures are stimulating and enjoyable, even those which do not have very appealing titles. I once went to a lecture called "Cupboards and Drawers". It was absolutely fascinating. It took us back to ancient cavemen with just one bowl and spoon which needed a shelf for storage and display, and developed from there. The lectures are held each month from September to June on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 2.15pm in Ludlow Assembly Rooms. Refreshments afterwards lead to easy opportunities to meet and talk to congenial people. It is fair to say that most of our members are aged over 60. Retired people have time to come to afternoon lectures but we welcome people of all ages .

I am sorry to mention it but dementia threatens all our futures these days. We are told in order to avoid it, it is best to keep an open mind {lectures help} and talk to others . Plenty of scope for this after lectures.

Annual membership is £50 (or £95 for couples). Non members are welcome as visitors paying £8 at the door. As a member you receive the excellent quarterly Arts Society Magazine. The Arts Society is a national organisation of which Arts Society Teme Valley is a member.

For more information look at www.theartsocietytemevalley.org.uk or telephone 07801178846.

Article submitted by Ann Marriott ASTV Committee Member

The Monkey Puzzle Answer



Well what a toughie !! The first part hopefully was easy. There's 6 arrangements or if we give them their proper name PERMUTATIONS.

ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA.. Note the way they are written.

Put the A 1st and keep it there and permute the remaining letters. Then put the B in 1st position and permute the others. etc.

Let's add the D.

Start ABCD, keep the A in place and permute the others.

ABCD, ABDC, ACBD, ACDB, ADBC, ADCB. There's 6 beginning with A.

This perhaps should not surprise us. We've kept the A in first place and permuted the other 3 letters and we already know that 3 letters permute in 6 ways ! So there will be 6 beginning B, 6 beginning C and 6 beginning D.

If we write the ones beginning with D you'll see that is just the ABC list with a D in front of each one.

DABC, DACB, DBAC, DBCA, DCAB, DCBA, DCAB, DCBA.

So we can have 4 different letters at the front and 6 permutations of the others so $4 \times 6 = 24$ permutations.

Now ABCDE. We will not write these out, we will just think.

5 possible letters at the front and then permute the remaining 4 which we know is 24 permutations. So $5 \times 24 = 120$ permutations. Now we're cooking ! ABCDEF, 6 possible first letters then permute the remaining 5 which is 120 perms. So $6 \times 120 = 720$ permutations altogether. We seem to have a working method. Number of letters x the previous answer.

So 7 letters would be $7 \times 720 = 5040$. That's OK but what if we want to know 40 letters? We'd have to go through the list working out 8 letters then 9 then 10....phew. Is there a better way? This is the Monkey Puzzle so you know that the answer is YES !

If we go back to 1 letter and start from there we'll see what's happening.

1 letter	$1 = 1$ perm	
2 letters	$2 \times 1 = 2$ perms	
3 letters	$3 \times 2 = 6$ perms	$3 \times (2 \times 1)$
4 letters	$4 \times 6 = 24$	$4 \times (3 \times 2 \times 1)$ blue bracket = 6
5 letters	$5 \times 24 = 120$	$5 \times (4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)$ blue bracket = 24

We can now see that the formula is "**multiply all the integers(whole numbers) together from the number of letters down to 1.**"

So 10 letters is $10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 =$ you work it out!

This, of course has a name in maths. It's called FACTORIAL and the symbol is !

So our lovely formula is $n!$ where n is the number of letters.

Next puzzle will be in September's issue and

we'll use this puzzle answer so keep it safe somewhere !



July can be a busy month as we start seeing the fruits of our labour, sow more seeds and keep on top of the watering and weeding.



Beans are a staple of the pantry which we no longer utilise in the way we once did. They come in many varieties from runner, climbing, dwarf, French, Borlotti and drying varieties. We can eat them fresh all summer and autumn, freeze them and dry them for use over the winter and spring. Packed full of vitamins, minerals, protein and carbohydrates, they make a filling meal on their own or added to meat dishes.



Growing from seed : starting seeds

just before our last frost date at the beginning of May or directly into the ground in early June will ensure they get off to a flying start. Dwarf varieties also make a great second crop sown in July to fill empty beds following harvests of garlic or early potatoes etc.

While climbing varieties crop over a long season, dwarf varieties crop in a period of a few weeks. All varieties can be left on the plant to dry and harvested to be stored in glass jars with an array of beautiful colours . Saving seeds is easy and makes them resilient to your own microclimate.



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

Written by Kimberley Cornish (village picture by Leigh Stevens)



Tea and Cakes at The Orchard, Clunton
Saturday 2nd August from 2:30pm
Bring and Buy, Cakes, Plants
In aid of St Mary's Church Clunton