

# Calendar September 2025

Date	Event	Venue
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm	<b>Film: Conclave (12A)</b>	Lydbury North VH
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10-12pm	<b>Craft Group</b>	Clunbury VH
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 10.30-12pm	<b>Clunbury Café</b>	Clunbury VH
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	<b>NT Live : Inter Alia</b>	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	<b>NT Live : Inter Alia</b>	SpArC Theatre BC
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Clunton VH
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> 9:45am	<b>Climate Group meeting</b>	Clunbury VH
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ride and Stride</b>	Clunton
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> 10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Clunbury
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	<b>Film: Ocean with David Attenborough(PG)</b>	SpArC Theatre BC
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> 10-12pm	<b>Craft Group</b>	Clunbury VH
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> 10.30-12pm	<b>Clunbury Café</b>	Clunbury VH
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> 10 – 1pm	<b>Craft and Collectables Market</b>	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	<b>Film: The Penguin Lessons (12)</b>	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:00pm	<b>Film: The Salt Path(12A)</b>	SpArC Theatre BC
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm	<b>Harvest Festival and Supper</b>	Clunton

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# THE PARISH POST

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## Fàg soraidh slàn!



After seven years, three lock downs, and nine floods, it is time for us to leave the pub. We wish to say a huge thank you for all the support and love shown to us.

We will be hard pressed to find better customers than those we have had. Thank you so much, we will miss The Crown and her wonderful patrons.

Blaine and Michelle



# Climate and Environment Group Report

## Meeting

Our next group meeting is on Friday 5 September in Clunbury Village Hall, 9.45am for 10.00. All are welcome, please come and join in our discussions. An important topic will be Shropshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

## Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

To bring about more practical and focused action and investment in nature recovery, the Environment Act 2021 requires all counties in England to have their own LNRS. The LNRS for Shropshire was launched in August and the complete document can be found at [https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/media/unzj5zy4/lhrs-full-document\\_7-ls-higher-res.pdf](https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/media/unzj5zy4/lhrs-full-document_7-ls-higher-res.pdf)

The primary purpose of the LNRS is to identify where actions for nature recovery can deliver the most impact. It includes detailed habitat maps showing current and potential areas for nature recovery and a written statement of nature priorities, outlining which actions can have the most impact. The Strategy is open for consultation until 15 October. It will be on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 4 September.

## Bracken bashing, Whinberry Hill

By the time you read this, we will have completed our fourth Bracken bashing session of the season, with cuts in May, June, July and August. We keep covering the same couple of acres at the northern end of the parish land, and the Bracken keeps coming back for more! As we slash and bash our way across the site, we are encouraged to see heather regenerating and flowering, and although there have been very few berries, the Whinberry is growing strongly in many places too. We will see whether a fifth and final cut will be needed in September and then we will wait with interest to see how much comes up again in the Spring.

## Parish Walks

Over the summer there have been two Parish Walks both of around 6 miles. At the end of June eight of us walked from The Llan to Obley via Llanbrook and Llanadevy. We had great views across the Redlake valley and towards the Stretton Hills. We stopped many times to look at interesting flora, particularly in a secluded woodland meadow. In early August six of us set out from Clunton to Walcot Wood. The intention had been to include Bury Ditches in the route but on the recce, it was obvious that Forestry England would not have time to remove the trees brought down in the winter storms! Thankfully, I did have time to clear a way through the brambles, gorse and bracken I encountered along the main path by Clitterpit Hollow. Once through the plantation on Merry Hill we had good, but sadly parched views across and along the Clun Valley, all the way back to Clunton. Despite the drought, we ate some excellent blackberries along the way! Catherine Lishman  
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# Church News

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

## September 2025

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Harvest Festival and Supper	Clunton

Ride and Stride, Saturday 13th September.

Information from Pat 01588 660169

Come and join in this annual event and raise money for your church.

## Clunton Village Hall



Your village hall needs you !!!

There is a vacancy on the committee. If you would like to be a committee member please let us know.

Contact any committee member or the Chairman, Jack Huffer 660539

Thank you

### Clunton

July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Clare Simmonds
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steven Reynolds
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malcolm Redgrave
Aug	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Davies
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bertie Shuker
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Croxton



### Clunbury

July	August	
Eileen Morris	Jane Cassford	£20
Mark Grimes	Lynne Thompson	£15
Laura Richards	Alice Whymark	£10
Shirley Baker	Peter Halliday	£5
Jo Selman	Sally Goodwin	£5

*Phil Bates*

EX-FRONTMAN OF ELO PT2, TRICKSTER, ATLANTIC  
Solo - acoustic and electric



*Up Close and Personal*

BEDSTONE & HOPTON CASTLE  
VILLAGE HALL SY7 0BE.

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. 7.30pm  
TICKETS £15. 01547 530282 / 07929145042

## Clun in the Future

Practical steps for nature and the climate

Everyone welcome

FREE ENTRY

Sunday 28th September

10.30am - 4pm

Clun Memorial Hall, SY7 8NY

Activities - Stalls - Talks

Play performed by CADS Youth Wing  
Refreshments

Access is step free

Further information contact:

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## Craft & Collectables Market

Aston on Clun Village Hall

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025

10am - 1pm

*A variety of antiques, crafts,  
seasonal gifts & local food*

*Free entry Cafe Parking*

*For more information call Judith 01588 660292*

## Kempton's Phone Box

Land mark, occasional bus shelter, part of the local scene, reminder of times past, and more, Kempton's phone box has gone, spirited away by BT's contractors against the express wish of the Parish Council. Complaints have been lodged, but will we get it back? We will try.



## Kempton gets its VAS

'30' the signs say to motorists speeding along the B4385, Kempton's 'top road', often at 50 or 60mph, as we edge out of our village looking nervously right and left. But the signs are only advisory and the authorities refuse to upgrade them to mandatory. Nevertheless, after a lengthy campaign, Vehicle Activated Signs have been installed at each end of the road above the village. Triggered by vehicles arriving at speeds in excess of 40mph, they declare 'SLOW DOWN' and indicate up-coming junctions. We acknowledge with thanks funding received from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Parish Council, willingly topped up by residents.





Here's the new Clunbury Parish Climate & Environment Group banner on display at the Purslow Show. Nice !

## The Monkey Puzzle Returns



Welcome back ! Hope you've all had a well earned rest. But now it's time to fire up those brain cells once more !

Previously on the Monkey Puzzle: we learned that  $n$  different things can be permuted in  $n!$  ways.

Did you find the button on your calculator?

This month we will use that fact and the button to stun ourselves.

I have a class of 20 very smart and very fast moving and fast thinking students. If I ask 5 of them to come out to the front of the class and show the rest of the class all the different positions (I'm not talking yoga ) that they could stand in and 2 students can swap places in 1 second. How long would it take for them to show us ?

Use your calculator but have a guess first.

What about 10 of them ? And what about the whole class ?

**Don't forget to guess first.**

Try to convert your answer to a time period that we can understand.

Convert seconds to minutes, minutes to hours, hours to days,...etc

Answers and more stunning facts about factorials next month.

**Bye for now!**



**September** marks the beginning of Autumn and the equinox on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In the garden we'll have an abundance to harvest and preserve.



**Cauliflower** like many brassicas we eat today is believed to have been cultivated from wild cabbages found in Eastern Mediterranean regions, spreading throughout Europe in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. A traditional estate gardener would have been expected to have cauliflower ready to harvest any week of the year.

**Growing from Seed** gives us many opportunities to sow them throughout the year, with varieties that are hardy and grow over winter or summer varieties that tolerate heat



better. One variety that can be sown at any time is 'All year round'. The first sowing can be made 8 weeks before our last expected frost and planted out two weeks before, then continue sowing just a few seeds each month until October. They benefit from being netted to protect them from butterflies, pigeons and flea beetles (which are very active here causing damage to younger plants. Avoiding sowing them between mid June and mid August might be necessary). Firming them in well and staking to avoid rocking on the wind can help avoid bolting. As the curds appears tie the leaves over it to keep them white (purple, green or orange) and harvest while they are still tightly formed keeping a close eye on them towards the end.

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

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