

Calendar October 2025

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 1 Oct 10-12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 2 Oct 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs 2 Oct 7.30pm	Gobbess	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat 4 Oct 7.30pm	My Car Plays Tapes	Lydbury North VH
Tues 7 Oct 7.30pm	Film: A complete Unknown (15)	Lydbury North VH
Thurs 9 Oct 7pm	Film: The Marching Band (15)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat 11 Oct 10.30-4.30pm	Texcraft Open Day	St Andrew's Church
Sat 11 Oct 2pm	Film: How to Train Your Dragon (PG)	SpArC Theatre BC
Wed 15 Oct 10-12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 16 Oct 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Sat 18 Oct 10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 18 Oct 7.30pm	Film: White Bird: A Wonder Story(12)	Aston on Clun VH
Tues 21 Oct 2pm	Film: The Penguin Lessons(12A)	SpArC Theatre BC
Thurs 23 Oct 7pm	Mrs Warren's Profession (contains nudity)	SpArC Theatre BC Aston on Clun VH
Sat 25 Oct 9.30am	Parish Walk: Clunbury Hill	Meet Clunbury School
Wed 29 Oct 7.30pm Doors open 6.45pm	Farmer's Question Time	Clun Memorial Hall
Thurs 30 Oct 10.30am	Film: Revolting Rhymes Part 1 (PG)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat 1 Nov 3pm	Grandad Anansi	SpArC Theatre BC

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

articles@theparishpost.org

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Obley Purslow The Llan & Twitchen

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Ride and Stride

Well done to Ian Davies who visited 14 churches and cycled 47 miles. Please sponsor his efforts in aid of Clunton Church. Cash or cheques to Pat, or pay direct into

Account name: Clunton Church Committee
Sort Code : 40-12-02
Account number: 11037765

Thank you.



Saturday 11th October
10.30 - 4.30
Tea & Cake
Free entry - donations
appreciated

For more information, contact Julia 07508 258517



*Craft & Collectables
Autumn Market*

Aston on Clun Village Hall

Sat 18th October 2025

10am – 1pm

*A variety of vintage,
craft, & local food stalls*

Free entry Cafe Parking

More information, call Judith:01588 660292

Memories of 1 & 2 Gunridge, Clunton

My family inherited 1 Gunridge from my great uncle, Michael Minns, and I am compiling a book (between university terms) on the history of both 1 & 2 Gunridge cottages, with help from Ian Davies.

I have traced the cottages back to the Walcot family in 1758 and hope to link this history through to 2025.

I would be very grateful for any memories, stories about the cottages or their occupants. Areas of particular interest include:

Clunton school (now the village hall), where Martha Bright of 1 Gunridge (1871) may have been the first schoolmistress.

Elizabeth Stratham (daughter of Roland), who married George Hamer and inherited both cottages around 1840 from John Dodd.

Clunton in World War II, e.g. the Home Guard.

The Mintons (Harriet and daughter Mary), who owned both cottages from 1922–1950s.

Any information, however small, would be very helpful in preserving this local history. Please send contributions to 1gunridgemail@gmail.com

Richard Harding

Clunbury Village Hall

Your village hall & local community need you!!

There are at present, two vacancies on the Clunbury Village Hall Committee

If you would like to become a committee member, come along & see what we do

Contact: Duncan Brown 01588 660578

Barbara Freeman 01588 660629

Clunton

1st Chloe Peters

2nd Dorothy Morris

3rd Andrew Buckley



September

Clunbury

Penny Grimes £20

Ann Wadsworth £15

Helen White £10

Jean Christian £5

Ruth Seabury £5

Church News

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

October 2025

Date	Time	Service	Church
Friday 10 th	6.30pm	Harvest Festival	Clunbury
Sunday 12 th	10 am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 26 th	10 am	Holy Communion	Clunton

The Monkey Puzzle Answer

How did you get on ? Surprising results ?

5 Students,

5! Positions = 120 positions so 120 seconds = **2 minutes**

10 students

10! = 3628800 positions so 3628800 seconds which is

60480 minutes or 1008 hours or **42 days !**

So it would take every second of every day for 42 days !

20 students?

What did you guess : a year, a decade, a century?

20! = 2.432902 x 10¹⁸ If you divide by 60 for minutes then by 60 for hours then by 24 for days then by 365 for years (we'll ignore leap years) then by 1000 for millenia, you might now have a number you can understand, roughly 77 million millenia.

5 people 2 minutes, 20 people 77 million millenia, every second of every day !

Other factorial amazing facts.

60! Is probably a larger number than all the molecules in the universe.

If you give a pack of 52 playing cards a really good shuffle, then you probably have a pack that has never been in that order, ever!



Question Time

**Everything you ever wanted
to know about farming but
didn't want to ask**

...Now is your chance



**A panel of local farmers will answer questions.
The aim is to share ideas and find out more**

**Questions in advance by the 15th October
to info@lightfootenterprises.org**

**Wednesday 29th October
7.30 pm, doors open 6.45pm
Clun Memorial Hall, SY7 8NY**

**Refreshments
Donations appreciated
Level access venue**

This is a Dennis and Margaret Twist memorial event

Mobile Post Offices

Lydbury North VH Community Shop	Mondays 13.00-14.00
Aston on Clun VH car park	Mondays 14.05-15.05
Clunton VH car park	Thursdays 13.00-13.30
Clunbury VH car park	Thursdays 13.35-14.05



October sees us cosying up inside as the weather turns colder and the leaves drop. In the garden we will be harvesting the last crops before any frosts, tidying up and planting our garlic.



Garlic was brought to Europe by the Romans from central Asia, offering a powerhouse of flavour with many health benefits.

Growing from Bulbs

separated into cloves, select the largest to plant and use the smaller ones in the kitchen to give us the

largest bulbs. They are available in both hard neck and soft neck (elephant garlic is more closely related to leeks) both of which will grow well in this area. Hard neck garlic gives a bonus crop of scapes and store for around 4 months, while soft neck garlic store for 6 months plus.

Both are planted with the flat part of the clove facing down, 4 inches deep with a spacing of 6 inches, in mid October, into well fed soil. Then with a fine net to prevent allium leaf miner and the occasional weed they will be ready to harvest around mid July, once half of the foliage has died back, the scapes have all

produced on hard neck varieties and the cloves can be felt individually when the soil is gently pushed back, it's time to harvest and cure them. They will store at room temperature and the biggest ones are perfect to plant again for the next year's crop.



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)

Climate and Environment Group Report

Shropshire's draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy: a public meeting

[Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy Shropshire Council](#)

The meeting called by the Parish Council on 18 September was attended by 22 interested individuals. The Chairman, John Croxton, introduced John Bibby who explained the Strategy; this was followed by plenty of questions and much discussion.

Key points

Key points are that the Strategy is a requirement of the Environment Act of 2021 and that its development has been overseen by a steering committee of agencies and public bodies including Natural England, the National Farmers Union and the Country Land and Business Association. Its most significant element is a map of 'Opportunities'. This shows both existing areas good for wildlife and areas where there is potential to create or enhance wildlife habitat. So, for example, the planting of new woodland or of trees in parkland, the seeding of flower rich grassland, the safeguard of rivers and creation of wetlands. Hedgerows are not mapped but their importance, notably in enhancing connectivity, is emphasised.

Criticisms and Opportunities

There was some criticism of the way the map had been put together with good local data having apparently been sidelined. Specific examples of errors in mapping and site descriptions were raised and anxiety was expressed about how the map might be used in future. There was scepticism that this was merely a paper exercise and that significant government funding was needed to achieve anything at scale; certainty and longevity of funding were needed. But the point was made that the map provided the context and ideas for those wanting to help nature recovery and was the basis against which future funding would be allocated. The map imposes no obligations, its purpose is to highlight opportunities, including for taking advantage of 'green finance'.

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As was explained, this is a draft. The process for advising where corrections are needed or how comments can be made was explained and instructions on this are given online. And if landowners wish, the nature recovery suggestions made in respect of their land can be erased. The consultation runs to the 15 October and the revised Strategy will go to the Council and Natural England for approval in 2026.

Parish Council actions

Although the Parish Council owns 9 acres of land on the Black Hill it is not otherwise in a position to have a direct impact on nature recovery. However, the overwhelming majority of those present agreed with the suggestion that the Parish Council be asked at its meeting on 9 October to do what it can to encourage, facilitate and support landowners in delivering aspects of the Strategy. Indeed, the Parish Council has biodiversity obligations under the Environment Act of 2021 and supporting the Strategy in this way would go some way to meeting them.. The actions agreed at the meeting were in respect of hedgerows, woodlands, waterways, ponds, veteran trees, parkland, orchards, hay meadows, heathland and countryside access.

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Parish Walk

The next Parish Walk will take place on Saturday 25 October. Meet at 9.30 am at Clunbury School for a gentle 6 mile walk up Clunbury Hill and through Purslow Woods returning by 1.00pm. Please bring a drink. To register an interest or for more information ring 07930 117 006. **Catherine Lishman**