

Calendar April 2026

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 1 st 10 – 12 noon	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 1 st 10:30am – 12:30	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thu 2 nd 10:30am – 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thu 2 nd 10am	Film: Pixar Family Shorts (PG)	SpArC BC
Sat 4 th 10am -12noon	Plant Fair	Clun Methodist Church Rooms
Tue 7 th 7:30pm	Film: The Choral (12A)	Lydbury North VH
Wed 15 th 10 - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 15 th 10:30am – 12:30	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thu 16 th 7pm	NLive: All My Sons	SpArC BC Aston on Clun VH
Sat 18 th 10.00	Aston Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 18 th 7:30pm	Film: The Choral (12A)	Aston on Clun VH
Tue 21 st 2pm	Film: White Bird (12)	SpArC BC
Thu 23 rd 7pm	Film: Hamnet (12A)	SpArC BC
Sat 25 th 7:30pm	Music: Sarah McQuaid	Aston VH
Wed 29 th	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Thu 30 th 7pm	Film: One Battle After Another (15)	SpArC BC



*Happy Easter
to all our readers*

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Obley Purslow The Llan & Twicken

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Spirit Shines George Fletcher Fundraiser!

None of us could have anticipated, even in our wildest dreams, that Saturday 21st March would turn out to be such an extraordinary success. Together, Lauren Egan, Jo Greenland and I, Lynne Thompson, simply wanted to do something positive—a small gesture to make a difference and demonstrate to Gemma, Sam, George and his brothers that they are surrounded by people who care. What initially began as a simple idea to organise a coffee morning and cake sale soon evolved into something far greater than anything we could have imagined. The community's response was nothing short of remarkable. The kindness and generosity shown were truly overwhelming, highlighting the incredible strength and unity that emerges when people come together in support of one another.

Together we raised a total of **£2,826.00**

The hall was bustling with activity as numerous stalls were set up, offering an array of treats and fun challenges. There were cakes for sale, a tombola, lucky dips, a hamper auction, a plant sale and a selection of fabulous raffle prizes, many of which had been generously donated by local businesses.



Jacqui excelled in her role as auctioneer, bringing energy and excitement to the event. Among the highlights was the 'Guess the Weight of the Easter Egg' competition, which was won by Olivia Price, aged nine. Olivia's gesture of wanting George to have the prize was especially heartwarming, reflecting her remarkable kindness and thoughtfulness.

The atmosphere throughout the day was fantastic, filled with a sense of community spirit and generosity. The outcome exceeded expectations, and heartfelt thanks are extended to everyone who contributed by helping, donating, and supporting the event on the day.

Message from Gemma Fletcher:

"We honestly don't have the words to properly thank everyone for the incredible coffee morning held for George. The kindness, effort and love behind it all means everything to us. Knowing that people gave up their time to bake, organise and come together for George has truly touched our hearts and lifted us more than you could ever know. It reminds us we are not alone, thank you for caring about George and for making such a difference. We will never forget this"

CLUNBURY PARISH EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Useful Information

This list will help you in case of emergencies

PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY RESPONSE LEADS

- Clunbury: Karl Bailey and Nick Morgan.
- Clunton: Ian Davies and Pat Harding.
- Kempton: Lucy Lewis and Tom Wall.
- Twitchen: Karl Bailey and Nick Morgan.

Scan QR Code for contact details



LOCATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

- Clunbury: Village Hall.
- Clunton: Village Hall.
- Kempton: Village Hall.
- Twitchen: public telephone kiosk.



ASSEMBLY POINTS

- Clunbury: Village Hall.
- Clunton: Village Hall.
- Kempton: Village Hall.
- Twitchen: Bench at the three ashes cross roads. If cover needed, then Clunbury Village Hall.



<https://www.facebook.com/theparishpost> WhatsApp Sheep watch group: cecchet10@aol.com



Come and join us for

the annual walk with
the Cross up Clunbury Hill
(by kind permission of Alice Whitehead)

Meet at 3pm Good Friday (3rd April)
at School X Roads

Hot X Buns and cold drinks

on top of hill

Bring a picnic

All welcome including dogs

Everyone comes at their own risk

Church News

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

April 2026

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 5 th April	11.15am	Joint Easter service with Hopesay, Clunbury and Clunton	Hopesay
Sunday 12 th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 26 th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton

Pam's Plants

PLANT SALE

Saturday April 4th
(Easter Saturday)

10.00.a.m.-12noon

Clun Methodist Church
Rooms.

Proceeds: Médecins sans
Frontières and Clun
Methodist Church



Aston Craft and Collectables Spring Market

Sat 18th April 2026

10.00am - 1.00pm

Aston on Clun Village
Hall



St Swithin's Clunbury

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm in the church.

Nomination forms for members of the PCC and churchwardens are in the Church.

Everyone in the Parish is welcome.

Clunton

1st Gill Deakins

2nd Alister Thompson

3rd Pauline Edie



Clunbury

Anne Williams £20

Freddie Matveiff £15

Alexander Holland £10

Sally Goodwin £5

Julia Mansfield £5

MICHAEL WILLIAMS

After a lengthy illness Michael Williams, who farmed at Twitchen sadly passed away at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on Wednesday 18th February. St John the Baptist Church was packed with many of his friends and relations for his funeral on Friday 6th March. His friend Malcolm Jones gave a very fitting obituary.

Michael was born at The Leasowes, Clun and grew up on the family farm. He was an active member of Clun Young Farmers Club. He met his wife Anne, a farmer's daughter from Knighton and they married in 1971. Michael and Anne farmed together and built up a successful business, increasing their acreage over the years. They eventually bought Twitchen Farm in 1987 and continued farming there with their son Steve. They moved to Lower Broughton to semi-retire seven years ago but could never keep away from helping at Twitchen where they were always welcome. The move resulted in them being nearer to their daughter Kathryn that also made them very happy. Throughout his life Michael was a much loved and respected farmer.

Michael loved tinkering around on his old Daihatsus and vintage tractors. He enjoyed Vintage Tractor Rallies and took part in numerous charity tractor runs. It was at these he made lots of like-minded friends.

Nothing gave him more pleasure than seeing his grandchildren, Oliver, Harry, Molly, Ted, Toby, Charlie, and Freddie. They all love helping on the farm and it will have given Michael great peace of mind to know that his farming business will continue in such capable hands in the future.

Condolences to Anne, Kathryn and Aiden, Steve and Nicki and all the family.
RIP Michael.



JOHN CROXTON

John passed away on 14th February, and after a private cremation, his memorial service was held at St Swithin's Church on Friday 13th March. The church was full, with some standing outside, and the generous donations were shared between The Midlands Air Ambulance and St Swithin's Church. It was a tribute to his popularity in the Clun Valley and beyond.

John was born at Purslow Farm on 21st January 1943 and lived there all his life until a few years ago when he moved to Clunton. He attended Clunbury School and started bellringing at a young age, something he enjoyed throughout his life. He went to Wrekin College and then on to Reading University where he studied agriculture. He put his degree to good use when he came home to farm with his father. He was an active member of Clun Young Farmers Club, and it was through the YFC that he met his future wife Vicky from Herefordshire. John was a popular member of the National Farmers Union where he chaired several committees and was county treasurer. He was one of the founders of Bishops Castle Quality Cattle Association and was a well-known face at all the local livestock markets.

John was a member of Clunbury Parish Council and became Chairman. He chaired a meeting shortly before his cancer diagnosis. John had suffered with eyesight problems until an operation a few years ago that transformed his life. It is so sad that he didn't survive a few more years to enjoy good sight.

John will be remembered for many years as a farmer and for serving the community. He will be sadly missed by all those who were privileged to have known him. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Vicky, his son Tim, his daughter Tara and all the family.

RIP John.

Land in Clunton

There is a small piece of land by the river in Clunton and the Parish Council would like to hear from residents if there is any interest in making this an amenity for the village. Maybe a picnic table there or seats. We would be looking for volunteers in the village, to take the project on.

Please contact the Parish Council with your views.

Thank you

A Request from the Parish Council

Clunbury Parish Council is aware of the distress and annoyance that local hunts are causing when trespassing on private land. The council is drawing up a map of the parish that will designate those areas where the hunt is not welcome and should not enter. Please will all landowners who wish to be included contact the clerk of the council, Rich Hunt, preferably by e-mail:

clerk@clunburyparishcouncil.gov.uk, but also available via mobile:07763793695.

Clunbury Climate and Environment Group

Recycling Guide

We have produced a guide to what can be re-cycled via your Purple-lidded Bin, at supermarkets, at the Household Re-cycling Centre in Craven Arms and through other outlets. It will be distributed along with the April 'What's On'. If you have additional information to offer, do please get in touch and we can pass it on. Our thanks go to Lynne Thompson and her band of distributors for making this possible.

Whinberry Hill Grant

We recently prepared a grant application for the Parish Council to submit to the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Conservation Fund. It was for scythes and scythesettes and for training in their safe and effective use for cutting bracken on Whinberry Hill. We are pleased to say that we have been successful. An order will now be placed for the tools, and the training course will go ahead in June.

If you have already expressed an interest in attending the training, I will let you know once we have fixed a date. If you haven't expressed an interest so far, but would like to, please contact the Group Coordinator (see the end of this report).

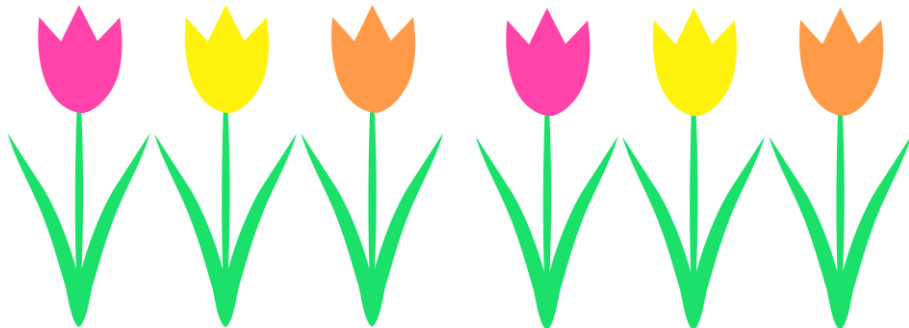
Six of us gathered at The Crown on 14th March and did a thorough job picking litter along the Clun Road in both directions.

Walks and Rambles

Nothing has been arranged for April, but there will be at least one Ramble in May – details next month.

Group coordinator Tom Wall 01588 660561 and

walltom@hotmail.co.uk



Weed, food or medicine?

Garlic mustard aka "Jack by the hedge" is a

member of the brassica family which is native to Europe, Asia and Africa. It grows here in my Shropshire garden and can be found in hedgerows, woodlands and wastelands.

It's packed with minerals and vitamins A, C & K, calcium, copper, protein, fibre, selenium, magnesium, manganese, glucosinolates and powerful antioxidants.



How to use them



Garlic mustard leaves can be eaten raw in salads, cooked like spinach or made into pesto. While the roots make a powerful horseradish substitute and the seeds can be made into mustard.

Medicinally they offer antiseptic and disinfectant properties treating wounds on the skin, chewed to ease mouth ulcers and made into a tea to treat a sore throat.

In the garden

They are biennial and grow low to the ground with small heart shaped leaves for the first year, in their second year they rise to heights of up to one metre tall, their leaves become more serrated and spear shape with four petalled white flowers followed by long seed pods. They support the beautiful orange tipped butterflies which lay their eggs on the plants. This is a wonderful reason to leave a patch of what you may otherwise view as a weed.

Before using them make sure you have identified them correctly, ensure to harvest them from an area which hasn't been sprayed, leave plenty for wildlife and ask permission from the landowner before digging.

Want to grow your own organic food?



Look for Seedling success UK on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube for free gardening support for all abilities.

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