

Hello everyone.

The Parish Post Team are asking for your assistance.

Our team of helpers has dwindled over the past few years and at present there are not enough people to put the magazine together each month. Last month we were not able to publish the Parish Post because no-one was available to do it.

We need people with the IT skills to put the magazine together.

If you feel that you can spare a little time then please contact the team on:

info@theparishpost.org

We do not publish an edition in August.

If we get some help then we will pick up again in September, if not then this is our final edition and we would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the magazine and the volunteers for their work over the years.



**Aston Craft and
Collectables Market**

Sat 18th July
10.00am - 1.00pm
**Aston on Clun Village
Hall**

Aston on Clun Village Hall

Coffee mornings
Weds 8th and 22nd July
10am to 12 noon
**£1 for coffee and
biscuits**



All welcome

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Please email 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.

July 2026

THE PARISH POST

For Beambridge Clunbury Clunton Coston Cwm Kempton Little Brampton
Obley Purslow The Llan & Twitchen

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A (B)Right Royal Day !



John, Anne, Richard and Matthew at Buckingham Palace

Earlier this year I received a letter from Shropshire Council in an unassuming white envelope. My first thought was that it could be another notice about a road closure or more endless repairs to the bridge ! However, it came as a surprise and an honour to discover I had been nominated by Anne Turner JP, the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, to attend one of the Buckingham Palace garden parties.

The nomination was given in recognition of my years of service to the community of Clun, particularly my involvement with the Clun Carnival and Show committee. I have been a member of it for 50 years, and I've had the privilege of serving as Chairman for the past 25 years. In 2022 I was also very proud to be named the first Freeman of Clun by the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn.

The garden party we attended took place on Tuesday 12 May, with the sun shining and not a spot of rain in sight ! It was a very special day, and I felt very fortunate to be able to share it with my wife Anne and my sons John and Matthew. It was a very memorable occasion as the King and Queen were in attendance and it is an experience we shall never forget.

I would like to thank the Clun Carnival and Show committee, both past and present members, as well as the wider community of Clun and the surrounding area. Any contribution I have made has only ever been possible because of the support, hard work and commitment of so many others, for which I am very grateful.

Richard Bright

Climate and Environment Group Report

Whinberry Pick-nic

The fifth annual Whinberry Pick-nic will be held on the Parish Land on the Black Hill on Sunday 26 July. Come with your pic-nic to the Fiddler's Elbow Car Park (directions on request) for 1pm, from where we will walk to the site (lifts available too). Bring a container and we will see whether there is a crop worth picking this year.

Bracken bashing

Our third monthly session on Whinberry Hill will be on Sunday 26 July, before the pick-nic. We will meet at 10am at the Fiddler's Elbow car park (directions on request) and bash away for a couple of hours. Scythes and other tools will be available, but by all means come with your own weapon of choice. Bring some nourishment and a drink, also gloves and a sun hat and sun cream, or sou'wester and hip flask, as appropriate. And if you wish, stay on for the Whinberry pick-nic.

Scything courses

This will be a good opportunity for the sixteen who attended the scything courses on 7 June to put what they learned into practice. The instructor on the courses (there was a morning and an afternoon session) was local expert Simon Cooter. They were held in Kempton courtesy of Ian and Karen Aldred. The scythes used were purchased by the Parish Council through a grant from the Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund which also paid for the training.

National Emergency Briefing

At its meeting on 2 July, the Parish Council will be asked to arrange a showing in the autumn of the film based on the National Emergency Briefing given to national leaders in November 2025. The Briefing outlines the issues we face due to climate change and the solutions we need to put in place in our communities and nationally.

Nightjar Ramble

We are fortunate to have Nightjar, a special and mysterious migratory bird present in the Parish. They 'jar' (a churring sound) at dusk and if we are very lucky, we will hear them on a ramble we are organising on Saturday 11 July. We will meet at 9.30pm at Fiddler's Elbow car park (directions on request). Come in hope rather than expectation, dressed for the weather of the day, and mindful of midges. No dogs please.

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

Church News

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

July 2026

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 12th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Wednesday 15th	7pm	Choral Evensong The Vicarage Singers	Clunbury
Sunday 26th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton

Clunton

1st Catherine Lishman
2nd Jean Jones
3rd Bob Egginton



Clunbury

Rosemary Jones £20
Sarah Marie Bailey £15
Caroline Holmes £10
Florence Whymark £5
Jean Christian £5

Previous month

1st Tom Davies
2nd Angela Reynolds
3rd Daisy Price

Max & Sam Wadsworth £20
Josie Jones £15
Marjorie Davies £10
James Morris £5
Shirley Baker £5

Could it be an audition for Poldark ?



Nah it's the scything course teams on 7 June in Kempton

Photos by Karen Aldred

Message from Clunbury Primary School

It's been a very hot last few days at school which has meant that the children were unable to come to school for two afternoons due to classrooms being in excess of 30 degrees! Due to the heat, our fire alarm also struggled as I'm sure many of you have been aware. I'd like to apologise for the inconvenience and upset this may have caused some of the village residents and reassure you that engineers have been out and replaced sensors which will hopefully mean that it is now fixed.

The children and staff were amazing and were able to show real grit and determination with the growing heat which never dampened the school's spirit and resilience.

Over the next few weeks, we have our remaining school events including sports day, our leavers service and trips out that had been cancelled due to the heat. It'll be a busy time but with lots of fun planned for the children.

As it is the end of the academic year, I'd like to thank the whole community for all their support of the school and wish everyone a very happy summer.

Kathryn Jones

Lead Teacher of Clunbury Primary School.

Mobile Post Offices



Mondays	10:15 – 11:30	Leintwardine The Lion Pub Car Park
Mondays	13:00 – 14:00	Lydbury North Community Shop
Mondays	14:05 – 15:05	Aston on Clun VH Car Park
Thursdays	10:15 – 11:30	Leintwardine The Lion Pub Car Park
Thursdays	11:45 – 12:45	Clungunford VH Car Park
Thursdays	13:00 – 13:30	Clunton VH Car Park
Thursdays	13:35 – 14:05	Clunbury VH Car Park



SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE GARDENING CLUB



Modern day Self Sufficiency,
a "Good Life"

Wednesday 22nd July at 7.30 pm
Lydbury North Village Hall

FREE TO MEMBERS (annual membership £20), GUESTS WELCOME: £5

For more information contact Mellie Lewis on 07811 412455
or email aeonium.mellie@gmail.com

www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk Also on Facebook.

Club meetings on 4th Wednesday of the month: interesting
speakers, refreshments, advice, outings, plant sales.
RHS Affiliated and Member of Plant Heritage

South West Shropshire Gardening Club: celebrating
over 30 years of gardening in Shropshire



£8 PER PERSON
CHILDREN UNDER
14 FREE

PURSLOW SPORTS SHOW AND GYMKHANA

SATURDAY 25TH JULY
2026 FROM 12 NOON

JOIN US FOR A FUN PACKED DAY INCLUDING:

SHOW JUMPING – HILL RUN – DOG SHOW – SHOW TENT –
CLASSIC VEHICLES AND TRACTORS – CHILDRENS RACES –
TRADE STALLS – BAR, FOOD AND MUCH MORE



On Purslow Show Field, Off
Clun Road, SY7 0HJ

Enquiries to: purslowshow@gmail.com

Clunbury Parish Council

Members are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Clunbury Parish Council in

Clunbury Village Hall on 2 July 2026 at 6.30 pm

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend and may make representations when invited by the Chair. Anyone wishing to address the Council will be given five minutes to do so. The public participation section is limited to 15 minutes. They may then observe the rest of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To record Declarations of Interest and consider dispensation requests on agenda items.
3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on 7 May 2026.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes not included in this agenda.
5. Clerk's report – for information only.
6. Public Participation - to receive views of residents on parish matters.
7. Unitary Councillor update.
8. Climate and Environmental Group
 - a) Report
 - b) Shropshire Local Nature Recovery Plan
 - c) National Emergency Briefing.
9. Planning
 - a) To discuss applications received since the last meeting.
 - b) To receive information on decided and other applications.
10. Highways
 - a) Speed restrictions through Twitchen
 - b) VAS devices.
11. Emergency Planning and First Aid Response/Training.
12. Kempton Phone Box.
13. Agricultural Fields East of Clunton.
14. Local Hunt trespassing on private land.
15. Parish Council communications and publicity.
16. Shropshire Local Plan.
17. Withdrawal of 745 bus service.
18. Financial Matters
 - a) To approve the latest financial report and reconciled bank statement.
 - b) To consider the latest 2026-27 Budget report.
19. Councillors' submissions and items for the next meeting.
20. To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 3 September 2026 in Clunton Village Hall.

Richard J P F Hunt Parish Council Clerk clerk@clunburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

26 June 2026



Weed, food or medicine?



Wild strawberries often called alpine or woodland strawberries can be found in woodlands and scrubland as well as in towns and gardens. These bright red and sometimes white berries have a very sweet flavour. They are rich in vitamin C, B9, manganese and potassium. The name strawberry is believed to have come from children picking the little berries and threading them onto a strand of straw to be sold. There is a similar looking berry called mock strawberries which are also edible, however they have no flavour and can be identified by their yellow flowers.

How to use them. The tiny berries are best picked and eaten fresh as they do not store like cultivated varieties, or can be frozen to add to smoothies or made into jams etc. The leaves and flowers can be dried or used fresh to make a refreshing herbal tea. In traditional medicine wild strawberry fruits, leaves and roots were infused in water to treat sore throats and mouth sores. Science has shown they can be good for heart health, are anti-inflammatory and wound healing and reduce the risk of cancer.



In the garden the small plants self seed readily and grow low to the ground which makes them great ground cover around trees or along paths. They are loved by birds, especially Robins. To grow them from seed, surface sow them and keep them above 16 °C. Prick them out once they are large enough to handle. Before using them make sure you have identified them correctly. Harvest them from an area that has not been sprayed and remember to leave plenty for wildlife and always ask permission from the landowner.

Want to grow your own organic food? Look for SeedlingsuccessUK on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube for free gardening support for all abilities.

Written by Kimberly Cornish (village picture by Leigh Stevens)



Calendar July 2026

Date	Event	Venue
Thurs 2 nd 10:30am - 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs 2 nd 6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunbury VH
Wed 8 th 10am – 12noon	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 9 th 7pm	Film: Everybody to Kenmure Street (12A)	SpArC BC
Sat 11 th 9:30pm	Nightjar Ramble	Fiddler's Elbow
Sun 12 th 10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Wed 15 th 7pm	Choral Evensong	Clunbury
Thurs 16 th 7pm	Film: Our Land (12A)	SpArC BC
Sat 18 th 10am – 1pm	Aston on Clun Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 18 th 7:30pm	Film: Song Sung Blue (12A)	Aston on Clun VH
Sun 19 th 2pm	Film: Arco (PG)	SpArC BC
Tues 21 st 2pm	Film: Kangaroo (PG)	SpArC BC
Wed 22 nd 10am – 12noon	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 22 nd 7:30pm	SWS gardening club	Lydbury North VH
Thurs 23 rd 10:45am	Film: The Very Hungry Caterpillar and other stories (U)	SpArC BC
Thurs 23 rd 7pm	Royal Ballet: Swan Lake	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 25 th 12noon onwards	Purslow Show	Purslow Showground
Sun 26 th 10am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sun 26 th 10am	Bracken Bashing	Fiddler's Elbow
Sun 26 th 1pm	Whinberry Pick-nic	Fiddler's Elbow
Tues 28 th 8pm	To Make People Happy	The White Horse Clun