

Calendar September 2026

Date	Event	Venue
Tues 1st 10am - 12pm	Tai Chi	Aston on Clun VH
Tues 1 st 7:30pm	Film: H is for Hawk (12A)	Lydbury North VH
Wed 2nd 10am - 12pm	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 2nd 10:30am - 12:30pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 3rd 10:30am - 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Sat 5th 10am - 5pm	Michaelmas Fair Café	Bank House BC
Tues 8th 10am - 12pm	Tai Chi	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 10th 6:30pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Clunton VH
Sat 12th 7:30pm	Film: Brian and Charles (PG)	Clun Memorial Hall
Tues 15th 10am - 12pm	Tai Chi	Aston on Clun VH
Tues 15th 2pm	Film: The Golden Spurtle (PG)	SpArC Theatre BC
Wed 16th 10am - 12pm	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 16th 10:30am - 12:30pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 17th 7pm	Exhibition on Screen: Whistler	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 17th 7pm	Film: The Devil Wears Prada (12)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat 19th 10am - 1pm	Craft and Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 19th 7:30pm	Film: Tuner (15)	Aston on Clun VH
Tues 22nd 10am - 12pm	Tai Chi	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 24th 7pm	NLive: The Misanthrope	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 24th 7:30pm	SW Shropshire Gardening Club	Lydbury North VH
Fri 25th 6:30pm - 9:30pm	Ladies' Pop-Up Fashion Show	SpArC Theatre BC
Fri 25th 7:30pm	Alix Chidley-Uttley: The History that Surrounds You	Lydbury North Church
Tues 29th 10am - 12pm	Tai Chi	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 30th 10am - 12pm	Coffee Morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 30th 10:30am - 12:30pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 1st Oct 10:30am - 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs 1st Oct 7pm	NLive: The Misanthrope	SpArC Theatre BC

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Issue 177

A New Transport Link for South West Shropshire to replace the 745 bus

Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Community Transport Initiative Ltd, operating as Shrewsbury Dial-A-Ride, are working together to launch an exciting new community transport service designed to help rural communities stay connected to the services they rely on. The proposed service, known as the **Three Castles Shuttle**, will provide a flexible transport link between Bishop's Castle and Ludlow, with pick-up points in Colebatch, Clun, Clunton, Little Brampton, Kempton, Lydbury North, Aston on Clun, Long Meadow End and Craven Arms.

The service is expected to operate on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and (probably from October) Saturdays** from Wednesday 2nd September and will initially run as a two-year pilot scheme.

Unlike a traditional bus service, the Three Castles Shuttle will operate as a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service.

This means passengers can book their journeys in advance by phone, email or online, allowing the service to respond to local demand while making the best use of available resources.

Google "Shrewsbury Dialaride Three Castles Shuttle" and you'll soon be able to find information regarding the new service.(as of printing the webpage is not available yet)

Outward		Return	
Pick up point	Time Depart	Pick up point	Time Depart
Bishop's Castle Boar's Head	09:30	Ludlow Assembly Rooms	13:15
Colebatch Crossroads	09:35	Craven Arms Hotel	13:30
Clun Ford Street Junction	09:45	Long Meadow End Crossroads	13:35
Clunton Crown Inn	09:53	Aston on Clun Kangaroo Inn	13:37
Little Brampton Crossroads	09:55	Lydbury North Church	13:50
Lydbury North Church	10:05	Little Brampton Crossroads	14:00
Aston on Clun Kangaroo Inn	10:18	Clunton Crown Inn	14:02
Long Meadow End Crossroads	10:20	Clun Ford Street Junction	14:05
Craven Arms Hotel	10:25	Colebatch Crossroads	14:20
Ludlow Assembly Rooms	10:40	Bishop's Castle Boar's Head	14:25

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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

People's Emergency Briefing

This summer has made clear that there really is a 'climate crisis'. It is an issue that is faced head-on in the People's Emergency Briefing, a film which follows on from the National Emergency Briefing given by leading experts to 1,200 national decision makers in November 2025. Our Parish Council has decided to host a showing of the People's Emergency Briefing in Clunbury. This will be in October. Further details will follow next month.

Black Hill

The recent wildfire drew local, even national attention to the Black Hill. Well done to the Fire Brigade for containing what could have been a disastrous blaze. Meanwhile, the bracken on Whinberry Hill, the Parish Land, continued to grow, but we cut it back for the final time this year towards the end of August. This was the fourth monthly cut this year, starting in May. It will be very interesting to see how much comes up next spring after two years of intensive work.

Nightjar Ramble

Thirteen of us gathered on the Black Hill at dusk on 11 July, more in hope than expectation of hearing the churring song of the Nightjar. But we did and saw one or two birds flying around us as well. Nightjars are something of a rarity in Shropshire, recorded at only three or four sites each year. They are migratory, visiting us from April to August, and nest in open country including young conifer plantations as on the Black Hill. These dove-sized birds are active at dusk, feeding on moths and other insects which are caught on the wing. They hide up in the day avoiding detection because the greys and browns of their plumage provide effective camouflage.

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Church News



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

September 2026

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 13th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 27th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sunday 27th	6.30pm	Evensong	Clunbury

Shropshire Historic Churches Trust - Ride and Stride.

Saturday 12th September.

Join in and visit our churches, by cycle, car or a walk.
Your church will receive half of the sponsorship raised.
Sponsorship forms, routes and details can be obtained from

<https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx>

Kempton Bonus Ball
July: Ian and Karen Aldred: £40
August: no winner

Clunbury Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 10th September
Clunbury Village Hall

Community Shop at Aston on Clun

We need your help!

The current portacabin won't last for ever,
so we are Fundraising for a larger,
fully-accessible new Shop – could you help?



Visit the Shop's website from
15 September for details & info on how
to buy Community Shares.

www.communityshop-astononclun.co.uk



Aston Craft and Collectables Market

Sat 19th Sept
10.00am - 1.00pm
Aston on Clun Village
Hall

Clunton

1st Andrew Buckley

2nd Judy Davies

3rd Mary Gittins



Clunbury

Heather Jones £20

Joan Greenland £15

Malcolm Jones £10

Michael Beedles £5

Duncan Brown £5



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	Clunfunford VH Car Park
Thursdays	13:00 – 13:30	Clunton VH Car Park
Thursdays	13:35 – 14:05	Clunbury VH Car Park



Weed, food or medicine?



Brambles can be found growing abundantly in most parts of the world.

They are a powerhouse of nutrients including vitamins A, C, E, K, B1, B2, B3, B9, calcium, iron, copper, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, zinc, protein, carbohydrates, fibre and omega 3 & 6. With so much goodness you will find a lot of medicinal history and studies for not only oral health, but cancer prevention as well.

So, if you haven't been enjoying these hedgerow superstars now would be a great time to start.

How to use them: the leaves can be used in spring for herbal teas and the berries are found in abundance from late summer. The culinary uses include jams, fruit leather, crumbles and pies, ketchup, flavoured liqueur, wines, wild fermented drinks and so much more. Pick them when they are sweet and juicy and keep them in the freezer ready to be added to meals and desserts.

However, don't pick them after Michaelmas as they may have been cursed by Lucifer, aka the devil himself. Who was cast out of heaven on October 11th landing on a thorny bramble. Enraged he returns yearly to make them inedible.

Or so the folklore tells us.

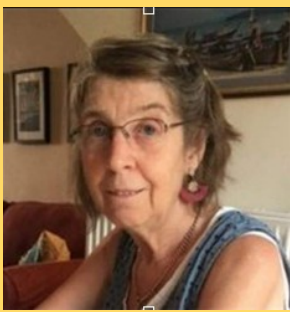


In the garden we can grow cultivated varieties which are often thornless. These however are believed not to offer quite as many health benefits as wild blackberries. The plants support a huge variety of wildlife, including 150 different insects as well as many more animals who rely on them for both dinner and shelter. So, if you have a bramble patch in the corner of your garden or allotment it's worth leaving it to support everything from bees, moths, caterpillars, butterflies, beetles, birds and mice.

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.

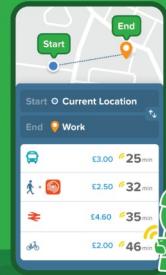
Want to grow your own organic food? Look for Seedling success UK on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube for free gardening support for all abilities.

Written by Kimberly Cornish (village picture by Leigh Stevens)



This month we are saying goodbye to Judith Payling. She is stepping down from the Parish Post having worked on it for many years, publishing, collecting articles, writing articles, printing and distributing! She will still be involved in community life through her work with the Teme Valley Arts Society and Aston on Clun Market. Huge thanks Judith, the Parish Post would not still be going without your work and dedication.

 **Citymapper**
One app for all transport in Shropshire





Plan your trip by bus, train, Connect On Demand or bike with the free Citymapper app.




Official journey planning app of  **Shropshire Council**

Shropshire Council has partnered with Citymapper to provide a new official journey planning app for Shropshire, helping residents and visitors plan journeys more easily across the county.

Officially launching on **1 August 2026**, Citymapper makes it easier for local communities and visitors to plan journeys across the county by bringing together buses, trains, walking and cycling routes a single, free app.

The app provides real-time journey information, service alerts and step-by-step directions, helping people travel with confidence and make informed travel choices.

Town and Parish councils play an important role in keeping your communities informed about local services and initiatives that may benefit them. We would therefore be grateful if you could help raise awareness of Citymapper within your area and encourage residents to give it a try. We would be grateful if you could help us spread the word by sharing the attached materials through your newsletters, website, noticeboards, social media channels and community networks.

Further information about Citymapper can be found on the Council's new Citymapper webpage, and the free app is available to download via the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. An online journey planner is also available for those who prefer not to use a mobile app, we have also created a step-by-step guide on how to download and use the app – for those that would like to try but are not sure how.

Public Transport Team
Passenger Transport Group

Aston on Clun Village Hall
Coffee mornings
Weds 2nd, 16th & 30th
September
10am to 12 noon
£1 for coffee and biscuits



All welcome

Michaelmas Fair

Pop-up Café

Saturday 5 September, 10am- 5pm
Bank House, High Street, Bishops Castle



Join us for tea, coffee and cake!

If you can help on the day or donate cakes
email: jeanshirley@btinternet.com or
ruthmhoughton55@gmail.com

Proceeds to
Sport & Arts in the Community (SpArC)
SW Shropshire, charity no 1170997

Putting the wiggle back into the River Kemp

(See pictures on opposite page)

The Walcot Wiggle is an ambitious river restoration project which has recently reconnected more than a kilometre of historic river channel along the Kemp and created a network of wetlands and floodplain features that slow, store and clean water naturally. Allowing the river to follow a more natural, winding course once again will help to reduce the impact of downstream flood peaks, improve water quality and create a richer mix of habitats for fish, birds, insects and mammals.

The project is a joint initiative between neighbouring farms to manage their often-flooded farmland in the Kemp valley differently. Local advisors from Catchment Sensitive Farming and the Shropshire Hills Farming in Protected Landscapes programme worked closely with farmers to devise a bespoke audit for the site. This information was used to plan the project, together with Severn Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency, and investigate opportunities for the farmland to be put forward for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier agreements. Severn Rivers Trust led the projects design and delivery, working alongside landowners and partners from the Environment Agency, Natural England, Catchment Sensitive Farming and the Shropshire Hills National Landscape team. Skilled local contractors excavated the original river channel, created new wetland scrapes and pools, added river gravels for wildlife habitat and planted trees and shrubs along the riverbank to provide shade.

Benefits for nature, farming and the community

The Walcot Wiggle is helping to create a more varied and wildlife-rich landscape which is more resilient to climate change. In time, the restored river and floodplain will support fish, mammals, wading birds, amphibians and invertebrates. The River Kemp is a tributary of the River Clun, part of which is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) that supports internationally important freshwater species, including the freshwater pearl mussel.

The project also reflects the ambition of the landowners to manage the floodplain for the long term through Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier (CSHT), creating a landscape that works for farming, nature and water. It is one of the first Higher Tier 'Making Room for the River to Move' Countryside Stewardship schemes rewarding farmers to manage land in a way that protects the environment and helps mitigate climate change.

For local communities downstream, slowing the flow of water through the valley will help reduce the impact of flood peaks. An important historical feature has also been preserved. An archaeological site-survey revealed that the valley was once part of a 19th-century floating water meadow system, where water was carefully directed across the floodplain to enrich soils and encourage early grass growth. By re-wetting parts of this historic landscape, the project is helping to preserve features that were originally designed to work with water.

Strong partnerships

The Walcot Wiggle shows what can be achieved when ambitious landowners, trusted advice, sound evidence and strong partnerships come together with a shared vision. The project was funded by Shropshire Hills National Landscape 30 by 30 funding from Defra, the Environment Agency Local Water Environment Grant, Elgol Fund for Nature and the HDH Wills Charitable Trust. The initial site audit was funded by the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme. The river was reconnected with its historic channel and floodplain at the end of June. Video footage of the reconnection moment and the water winding its way through the landscape can be viewed on Severn Rivers Trust social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram). Severn Rivers Trust has also commissioned a short film about the Walcot Wiggle, which will be available to view in the coming months.



Walcot wiggle drone shot before works completed Credit Severn Rivers Trust



Walcot wiggle after works completed. Credit: Severn Rivers Trust



Digger about to break through a bund and reconnect the river



Tree-lined channel before water enters



Shropshire Hills National Landscape



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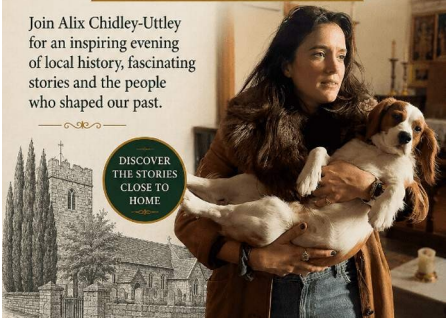
AN EVENING WITH

ALIX CHIDLEY-UTTLEY

LOCAL HISTORIAN

Join Alix Chidley-Utley for an inspiring evening of local history, fascinating stories and the people who shaped our past.

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LYDBURY NORTH PARISH CHURCH

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

7.30PM

TICKETS £20.00 FROM ticket source

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CHURCH

Ladies Pop-up Shop & Fun Fashion Show!

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Bishop's Castle Tennis Club

Friday 25th September 2026

In aid of Bishop's Castle Tennis Club

Sparc Theatre, Brampton Road, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £6 each or 2 for £10

Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
Jenny Olivant 07880 334612 - Mitch O'Neill 07572 201652
Info@bishopscastletennis.org (for BACS payments)