

## Historic Churches Stride & Ride

This annual sponsored event for the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, and local churches, is on Saturday 10 September. Why not enjoy a day's exercise and benefit both your church and the Trust that has given some of our churches some very generous grants? A group of Striders and Riders, hoping to raise money for St. Mary's, Clunton, will leave the Crown Inn car park at 10.00am. For more details or to offer sponsorship contact Pat Harding 660169.

Should you wish to join, or sponsor, a group of cyclists supporting St. Cuthbert's, Clungunford please contact Gordon Schofield 660158

## Clunbury VH gets a Makeover

During the holidays an army of volunteers, led by Barbara Freeman, set about painting and renovating Clunbury VH. Better storage has been provided for Clunbury Under 5s as they prepare for life after Amaryllis, new curtains have been made by Patti De Vaux, and light-weight folding tables have been ordered along with notice boards and other fixtures. A new cooker, which will be able to cook food, has been installed and while there is still more to do, with staging, lighting, projector screen and new surfaces in the kitchen all planned, the hall has certainly been given a lift.

I would particularly like to thank Barbara whose determination galvanised a disparate but willing army of mainly youngsters from in and around Clunbury into a focussed team who set about completing what was a bigger task than we realised at the start.

Two new members of the VH Committee have been appointed, Barbara and Hope Freeman, who replace Steve Howard and Sue Mason. Hope has also taken over the cleaning from Robbie Mason. I would like to thank all of them for

the time and effort they have put into keeping the village hall going.

*Phil Wright, Chairman*

## Letters of Appreciation

Dear Editors

### *Retirement of Barney Bell*

It would indeed be remiss if we failed to record in these pages the retirement from Clunbury Parish of our much loved incumbent Barney Bell, who leaves here after eighteen years of dedicated ministry among us; he has been a tower of spiritual strength in many ways; his preaching was always realistic and convincing, ever reminding us of our Christian duties and obligations and of the importance of a sound relationship with God. His pastoral work was superb, regularly and conscientiously visiting sick parishioners in hospital, or at home in sickness or distress, or administering home Communion.

He influenced effectively and expertly the fortunes of Clunbury C. of E. Primary School; he involved himself fully in the social life of the Parish; in short he was a "Priest of the People", and we all at St Swithin's, Clunbury, wish him and Amaryllis every happiness in their retirement in Presteigne.

### *Closure of Aston Shop*

Many readers of our Parish Post will have learned with dismay of the closure of Aston-on-Clun Village Shop. Our shock at this grievous loss must needs be subjugated to the more important necessity to pay the warmest tribute to Mrs Pamela Jennings, who came to Aston-on-Clun more than a quarter of a century ago and who has since then continuously run the Post Office and Store with conspicuous efficiency coupled with dedicated service - for which she was awarded the M.B.E.. The thanks of us all to Pam are heartfelt, and we wish her well.

Yours truly,  
Raymond Savill

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## 65<sup>th</sup> Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana

A dull, dry but cold Bank Holiday Monday did not deter competitors or spectators from attending and enjoying the 65<sup>th</sup> Purslow Show. The day began early in the Show Tent with Stewards helping competitors to stage their entries before the arrival of the judges at 10.00am. There were slightly fewer entries in the Flower Classes but this was more than made up for in the Garden Produce Classes, which included some magnificent leeks and a truly enormous marrow, exhibited by Richard Pefford. Cookery and Store Cupboard Classes attracted a large number of excellent entries including cakes from men and children (the Grimes family from

Beambridge particularly seemed to be indulging in family rivalry), some of which were prize winners - the ladies obviously have competition! Handicraft and Photography Classes were up

to their usual high standards and it was pleasing to see the return of entries from Clunbury School and the Under Fives Playgroup among the fantastic pieces of art and story writing in the Children's Classes.

Out on the field competitions to suit all ages and interests were in full swing the

whole afternoon. The ever popular Dog Show was ably run as always by Ian Davies (sporting a wonderful pair of 'doggy' braces) and his helpers. The Equestrian events kept riders happy and the judges busy until late. Children also took part in Five-a-side football and various races - perhaps a future winner of the Hill Run might be among them! This event as usual attracted a very strong field of runners from clubs in the region, with Chris Rimmer first man home for the sixth time, well ahead of the field. Also



**Best (braces) in Show**



**Visitors admire the superb display of produce in the Show Tent**

competing were visitors to a local family, Peter and Alice, teenage children of Sebastian Coe, Olympic Gold Medallist and Chairman of the 2012 Olympic Committee.

The crowd was also entertained by the Welsh Axe Men, the Street Beatz dance troupe, demonstrations of sheep shearing (and catching when one made a run for it!) and a good turn out of vintage vehicles and engines.

Thanks to all the many people who work so hard to organise this great local event.

*Sue Hill*

## Clunton's Rainbow BBQ

A crowd of about 60 people defied the odd shower in true British fashion and dined outside at Clunton Village Hall. We were rewarded with a variety of tasty meat cooked on the barbeque by John Huffer, accompanied by a wonderful array of salads and followed by delicious puddings prepared by the ladies of the committee. The whole event was then topped off by the appearance of a rainbow! About £540 was raised for village hall funds. Thanks to all who



Photo: A & N Shepherdson

worked so hard to make this such a successful and enjoyable event. (More photos can be seen, in colour, on the website – [theparishpost.org](http://theparishpost.org)). Sue Hill

## Learn how to Save Lives

Sudden Cardiac Arrest kills more people in the UK than lung cancer, breast cancer and AIDS combined. The West Midlands Ambulance Service is providing free training in how to use the 7 Automated External Defibrillators that have been installed by the Clun Valley AED Scheme. Several local residents have already received training but more trained people are required if the Scheme is to be fully effective. The next training session will be at Everest Hall, Llanfairwaterdine on Saturday 24 September from 10.00am to 2.00pm. For more details contact Eddie Jones on 640856 or visit [theparishpost.org/index/aed](http://theparishpost.org/index/aed)



# THE SEASONS THROUGH SONG

**Lorna James, soprano,  
formerly of this Parish  
& Tom Henderson, piano**  
In Clunbury Church 7.30pm  
Friday, September 16

An evening of music inspired by  
the changing seasons in aid of  
St Swithin's Church, Clunbury.  
*Tickets £5 from  
Jonathan Griffiths 660304,  
Christina Whitehead 660424,  
or on the door.*

*Refreshments will be available  
and there will be a retiring*

## Successful Coffee Morning at Ashbeds

The rain stayed away and the gazebos stayed up at Dawn Parsonage's coffee morning on 13 August. A grand turnout enjoyed coffee in the garden, browsing the Cake & Home Produce stall and the Bring & Buy items and buying raffle tickets, raising the magnificent sum of £455.00 for Severndale School at Shrewsbury for children with learning difficulties.

Dawn would like to extend her thanks to family and friends for their support and to the generosity of local traders Cyril Bason, Sadds of Dorrington and Tanners Wine Merchants for kindly donating prizes for the raffle.

Lin Brown

## Operation Christmas Child 2011

It may seem a little early to be thinking of Christmas – but I already have the supplies of leaflets and posters to start off the Shoe Box campaign which is organised every year by Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and development organisation.



In 2010, 1.12 million shoeboxes from the UK, packed with gifts, were distributed to disadvantaged children in 14 countries around the world, including 12,084 boxes from the Hereford warehouse bound for Ukraine and Bosnia. In 2011, our boxes will be going to Belarus, a country that was badly affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

I went to a meeting to listen to Nicolai Balbutski, who is the Distribution Co-ordinator in Belarus. He showed us videos and photographs of the shoeboxes arriving in his country in deep snow. Many of the boxes were loaded onto sledges to reach their destination. We watched a video of some of the children receiving them and he told us that, for most, it will be the only gift they receive and they are opened with so much excitement and joy. Hats and scarves, toys, pens and pencils, and even soap and toothbrushes bring a huge smile to their faces.

This year we are encouraging an Olympic theme and suggestions for gifts to put in your box include sports items such as balls, skipping ropes, baseball hats etc. Please will you help us to pack

more boxes this year. Even if you feel you cannot pack a whole box yourself, you can give just a few items. If you can only let me have empty shoeboxes, that would be helpful – we need as many as we can find. Let us see if we can break all records this year and make 2011 a Christmas full of joy, reminding children in need that they have not been forgotten.

You can log on to [www.operationchristmaschild.org](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org) to watch a video that should spur you on to get out shopping and packing that box.

For more information contact Pat Harding 660169. Thank you.

## 'Owling Success

Barn Owls have reared 3 young in the Kemp Valley; this is the first such success for 3 years. The owlets have now fledged from their man-made nest site and we hope for more sightings of Barn Owls in the coming winter.



Vince Downs

## CLUNBURY UNDER FIVES

**Jumble sale / table top /  
car boot sale**

**Saturday 24 September  
2pm - 4pm**

Aston on Clun Village Hall

*Proceeds to Clunbury Under Fives*

Refreshments provided in aid of  
Macmillan Cancer Support

To book a table or car boot pitch  
contact Suzanne Hadwen on 640119

**Please send us your contributions for  
The Parish Post by the 20th of the month.**

Events Diary for September 2011 - go to <a href="http://www.theparishpost.org">www.theparishpost.org</a> for more details			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 3rd	3.00pm	Tea party and farewell to Barney and Amaryllis	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 3rd		South West Shropshire Gardening Club Annual Summer Show. Schedules from Pauline Edie 660120	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sun 4th	10.30am	Group Service of Holy Communion	Clungunford
Tue 6th		Mobile library—Clunbury Bridge 10.10 to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 to 11.00am, Obley 12.15 to 12.25pm	
Tue 6th	7.30pm	Flicks - West is West	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 7th	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI - Members Holiday Memories	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Fri 9th	9.00pm	Live music - Fight the Bear	White Horse, Clun
Sat 10th	7.30pm	Flicks - Inspector Drake The Movie	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 11th	11.00am	Mattins	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 11th	6.30pm	Evensong	St. Mary's, Clunton
Wed 14th	7.30pm	Bookworms - "Wild Edric" talk by Nigel Sustins Reservation essential phone Richard 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 15th	7.15pm	Lydbury North WI - "The Perils and Pleasures of Opening Your Garden to the Public" Mr & Mrs Pitwood	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 16th	7.30pm	The Seasons Through Song - Lorna James, Soprano and Tom Henderson, piano	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sat 17th		Michaelmas Fair (17th and 18th)	Bishops Castle
Sat 17th	7.30pm	Flicks - Wild Target	Everest Hall, Llanfairwaterdine
Sun 18th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Clunton
Sun 18th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 20th		Mobile library—Clunbury Bridge 10.10 to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 to 11.00am, Obley 12.15 to 12.25pm	
Tue 20th	7.30pm	Bedstone WI - Sue Brierley, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	Bedstone Village Hall
Tue 20th	7.30pm	Silence and Meditation - an hour's quiet time. All welcome.	Clungunford Church
Wed 21st	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Another Year	Three Tuns, Bishop's castle
Wed 21st	9.15pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 22nd	9.00pm	Live folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 23rd	8.00pm	Flicks - Oranges & Sunshine	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 23rd	9.00pm	Live Music: Brian Copsey & Will Barnes	White Horse, Clun
Sat 24th	10.00am - 2.00pm	Training in use of Automated External Defibrillator by West Midlands Ambulance Service. Contact Eddie 640856	Everest Hall, Llanfairwaterdine
Sat 24th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Jumble sale in aid of Clunbury Under-5s. Contact 01588 640119 for details & to book	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Flicks - Oranges & Sunshine	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Adjustment Bureau	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sun 25th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thur 29th	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning until 12.00pm	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 29th	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 30th		Clun Valley Beer Festival, Friday to Sunday	
Events Diary for early October 2011 - go to <a href="http://www.theparishpost.org">www.theparishpost.org</a> for more details			
Sat 1st	9.00pm	Live Music: The John Steeds	White Horse, Clun
Sun 2nd	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 4th		Mobile library:- usual places and times	
Tue 4th	7.30pm	Flicks - True Grit	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 5th	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI - talk by Tricia Hall-Matthews	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 5th	8.00pm	BCFS - How I Ended This Summer	Three Tuns, Bishops castle

## Advance Notices

### Promise Auction

To be held at The Hundred House, Purslow on Friday, 18 November, at 7.30pm. Please start looking out items for this! Proceeds in aid of Clunbury Church Funds.

### Clunbury Craft Fair

Saturday 22 October 11am to 4pm  
Clunbury Village Hall. A fantastic selection of craft stalls—all goods handmade. Free entry. All enquiries to Lin Brown 660578.

### Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana results

These are the main results available to us as we went to print:-

**Hill Run:** Open class, Chris Rimmer / Telford A.C. (21.22) (first runner home and awarded the Edward Whitehead Memorial Trophy); Ladies, Sonia George / Ludlow Runners (32.22); Ladies Senior, Yvonne Williams (39.30); Veterans, Graham Spencer / Mercia (26.42) ; Under 16, Will Evans (28.49).

**Dog Show:** Best Puppy, Heather / Tasha; Best Sporting Dog, Caroline Mann / Annie; Best Non-Sporting Dog, Mrs Lefley / Masie; Open Class, Ann Hughes / Cindy; Best in Show, Caroline Mann / Annie; Best Condition, Mr Wood / Pepper; Best Veteran, Jenna / Jaffa; Best Rescue Dog, Olivia Redgrave / Billy; Best Child Handler, Madelaine Watkins / Bradley; Dog with Most Appealing Eyes, Roy Griffiths / Grettal; Best Local Dog, Mrs Lefley / Masie; Waggiest Tail, Mr Wood / Pepper.

**Show Tent:** Flowers, Mrs F J C Woosnam Flower Cup, Diana Parker; Ted Lewis Cup for Roses, Brenda Jones; Margery Price Rose Bowl for Flower Arranging, Brenda Jones; Handicraft, Dr Hamar Handicraft Cup, Anne Wadsworth; Photography, Ken Davies Trophy, Gordon Bailey; Cookery, Dr Hamar Cookery Cup, Kath Davies; Monica Reynolds Cup for Cake Making, Kathryn Williams; Store Cupboard, WI Cup, Beryl Bryan; Garden Produce, Dr Hamar Vegetable Cup, Richard Petford; Children's Section, Sheila Train Cup, Madeleine Williams.

**Horse Section:** Fancy Dress, Daniel Lane on Muffin; Tack & Turnout, Jack Chilvers on Belle; Leading Rein, Jack Chilvers on Belle; Group A Gymkhana,

Isobel Stevens on Bambi; Group B/C, Harriet Hodnett on Sherry; Jumping—Class 9, George Hodnett on Robin; Class 10, George Hodnett on Robin; Class 11 Jodie Beddows on Galaxy. Go to [theparishpost.org](http://theparishpost.org) for more results.

### Farewell Peal Rung

On 30 August, Clunbury church bells were rung in a quarter peal lasting about 45 minutes as a retirement compliment and farewell to Amaryllis and Barney Bell.

The ringing band comprised Amaryllis and Barney Bell, John Croxton, Roger Webb, and Helen and Alex Sharpe.

*Alex Sharpe*

### Thanks from Barney and Amaryllis

Many, many thanks for all the kindness and generosity shown by everyone over the past few weeks. Our final services in three of the churches so far have been memorable and very moving, and your good wishes have been greatly appreciated. As I write (on 20 August), there are still three Sundays to go, but I do want to say now how grateful we are to you all.

*Barney Bell*

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