

Local Events Diary for February 2010

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 1st	8.00pm	Bingo in aid of the Haiti Earthquake Appeal	Powis Arms, Lydbury North
Tue 2nd	7.30pm	Clunbury Choir	contact Val 660707
Tue 2nd	7.30pm	Flicks - Singin' in the Rain	Lydbury North VH
Wed 3rd	10.00am	Clun Ramblers, Peramblers & Amblers walks	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Wed 3rd	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI	Methodist Hall, CA
Wed 3rd	8.00pm	BCFS - Il Divo	Three Tuns, BC
Thur 4th	7.30pm	Embroiderers' Guild - Show and Tell	Fletcher Room, BCCC
Sat 6th	7.00pm	Flicks - Up	SpArC, BCCC
Sun 7th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 8th	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 9th	7.30pm	Clunbury Choir	contact Val 660707
Wed 10th	10.00am	Clun Ramblers & Peramblers walks	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Wed 10th	7.30pm	SWSHAS, Chemists & Druggists in S. Shrop.	BCCC
Wed 10th	9.00pm	Open Mic night with Wayne Martin	White Horse, Clun
Fri 12th	8.00pm	Flicks - Mid-August Lunch	Clungunford PH
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Flicks - A Bunch of Amateurs	Clun Mem. Hall
Sun 14th	11.00am	Family service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 14th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Clunton
Tue 16th	7.30pm	Clunbury Choir	contact Val 660707
Wed 17th	10.00am	Clun Ramblers, Peramblers & Amblers walks	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Shropshire Wildlife Trust meeting	Church Barn, B.C 640095
Wed 17th	8.00pm	BCFS - Is Anybody There?	Three Tuns, BC
Wed 17th	9.15pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 18th	To be confirmed	Art Workshop, Pastel Landscapes	Aston On Clun VH contact 01568 617433
Sun 21st	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 21st	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 23rd	7.30pm	Clunbury Choir	contact Val 660707
Wed 24th	10.00am	Clun Ramblers & Peramblers walks	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Wed 24th	7.30pm	SW Shropshire Gardening Club	Lydbury North VH
Fri 26th	8.00pm	Flicks - Bright Star	Clungunford PH
Sat 27th	7:30pm	Flicks - In the Loop	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 27th	7.30pm	Flicks - Bright Star	Chapel Lawn VH
Sun 28th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 28th	8:00pm	Rhyme and Tells - story telling & poetry (free)	Six Bells, BC
Sun 28th	3.00pm	Flicks - Up	Bedstone VH

BC – Bishop's Castle, BCFS – Bishop's Castle Film Society, BCCC - Bishop's Castle Community College, CA - Craven Arms, CP – Car Park, Flicks – Flicks in the Sticks (Arts Alive), PH - Parish Hall, SWSHAS – South West Shropshire Historical & Archaeological Society, VH – Village Hall. These diary pages are compiled by volunteers as a service to the community. The compilers do not accept liability for any errors or omissions or any consequences of any errors or omissions.

If you are aware of a local event that we could promote through future diary pages, please let us know

For more information on local events go to the on-line diary pages on theparishpost.org website

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Serving Beamridge, Clunbury, Clunton, Coston, Cwm, Kempton, Little Brampton, Obley, Purslow, The Llan and Twitche

Welcome to the first edition of **The Parish Post**, produced by local people for local people, in response to the need identified in the Parish Plan for better communication within the parish. Our aim is to link together the communities which make up the parish of Clunbury but we can't do this on our own. We need your help.

What is happening in your village? What concerns have you got about your community? What has happened locally that's made you laugh? What is important to you about your parish? Come on, tell us.

Do you know of a local event that is coming up? What is your church doing? What is happening at your village hall? Let us know.

Do you have memories of past events that have happened in the parish? Do you remember a time when life was

considerably different from how it is today? Do you have a story to tell? Then give us a ring.

Working together we can keep each other informed, share a laugh, reminisce, whatever you want – this is your Parish Post working in conjunction with theparishpost.org, your very own website.

A grant of £350 from the Shropshire Council Local Joint Committee enables us to produce and distribute The Parish Post free of charge to every household in the parish for at least a year.

We hope you enjoy reading it and that you find it both useful and informative and if you have any comments please don't hesitate to get in touch. Letters to the editors are welcomed and will be published where space allows and at the discretion of the editors.

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Reminiscences of a Hard Winter

Up to twenty feet of snow, severe drifting, villages cut off. No don't panic, I'm not giving you the long term weather forecast, I'm talking about the winter of 1947.

Harry Collins, Chairman of the Parish Council, remembers that winter well. At the time he was a sheep farmer living at Fold Farm in Clunton, where he still lives.

"It was terrible weather. I don't think that anyone in living memory had seen weather like that before. We were lucky though because although our sheep were at the top of the hill we had hay ricks and they had food but some farmers weren't so lucky and they lost their stock because they couldn't get to them. It also didn't help because the previous summer had been very wet and there were some farmers who hadn't managed to get the hay in."

I asked Harry how he managed to get to check that his animals were all right.

"We didn't have tractors so we'd get on one of the cart horses and they'd keep going, there was no way you could walk, the snow was too deep."

Ron Wellings of Clunbury also remembers that winter. He was twelve and living in Clungunford.

"I used to take the coal hammer down to the River Clun and break the ice so that I could scoop water out of the river so that my Mother could do the washing. We did have a pump at the back of the house but that gave us little water because it was frozen but despite the weather the school bus managed to get through, except for one day when we were a bit naughty. The snow drifts were alongside the road and a group of us decided to see if we could move them. We did but we piled the snow up on the road and poor Miss Small, the driver, couldn't get the bus through. We didn't do it again though."

I asked both Harry and Ron how they thought families survived during that winter. They both replied, self sufficiency. People didn't rely on supermarkets in those days they made and grew a lot of their own food and it tasted so much better than food does today. Also we accepted our lot, didn't worry and all pulled together but most of all – we survived.

Sue Horder-Mason



New Parish Website

A new website providing information, articles, photos and events listings for the parish and surrounding areas has been started. The website has masses of space to store local information and can be updated easily. Users can add comments and are encouraged to submit contributions. The website address is theparishpost.org. Please have a look. If you need help accessing the Internet contact Aston on Clun Broadplace based at the Kangaroo Inn where volunteers will help you get started or phone David (one of the volunteers) on 660355.

Parish Council Notes

Clunbury Parish Council met on January 21st. The full minutes of the meeting will appear on the parish website when they are available. Vice-Chairman John Croxton reported that the Local Joint Committee had approved a number of grants including £345 for Clunbury Under 5s to run Village Street Dancers sessions after school on Tuesdays culminating in an end of term Song and Dance Concert for the village. A small amount of this year's grant money remains unallocated so get your applications in quickly. John also reported that the new sewage treatment plant at Clunbury was not working as there is no power on site. Tankers will remove the effluent until such time as an electrical supply is installed. Cllr. John Hoskins requested the Clerk to contact Shropshire Council regarding flooding. He also proposed that the PC should agree how to tackle issues raised in the Parish Plan and offered to produce a list of actions for the next meeting. After some discussion on finance it was agreed to maintain the Parish Precept at £3,000. The next meeting will be on 25th March at 8.00pm in Clunbury VH.

Clunbury Walking Group

Meets every Wednesday at the Crown Inn car park in Clunton at 9.30am for a 6-7 miles walk, (sometimes less) aiming to return by 2pm. We are an informal group - so decisions on where we walk may be made on the morning! Also, we car share if transport is needed. Anyone is welcome (including dogs). Be prepared for climbing over stiles etc. and one or two hills. Contact Pam on 660447 or email pambay@btinternet.com for further information.

From the Archives

The following extract is taken from a Clunbury WI competition entry written in 1980:

"A sign-post at Little Brampton crossroads, of unusual design in cast iron, is said to have been erected by Clive of India. It was moved a few yards towards the farm when mains water was brought to Clunbury in 1960. At that time it was partially encased in concrete to preserve the structure. The plaque beneath the sign-post reads:

THIS DIRECTION PILLAR WAS ERECTED IN 1800 BY THE LATE LORD CLIVE, AFTERWARDS CREATED 1ST EARL OF POWIS, AND WAS TAKEN DOWN, REMOVED AND RENOVATED DURING THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS OF 1929."

Lord Clive's signpost inspired the name for this newsletter. If anyone has any more information or an old photograph of the signpost we'd be pleased to publish it. The Clunbury WI competition entry (all 80+ pages) can be viewed in full on the website theparishpost.org