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## College Success

Angharad Seabury of Clunbury, who has been doing a Veterinary Care Assistant course at Solihull College, was named as Animal Care Student of the Year & was awarded a Silver Platter for her Academic Achievement and Contribution to the Course. As well as attending college Angharad had to work 2 days a week in a veterinary practice. She now hopes to progress to a Veterinary Nursing course. Congratulations and good luck with your future studies.



Angharad with her prize

## All Change at Clunbury School

Following the departure of Headteacher Andrew Davis at the end of the summer term, Mrs Pat Greenaway will be taking over as acting head for two terms. A new temporary Year 3-4 teacher, Miss Lucy Cordey will join the school in September. Before leaving to take up the post of Head teacher at Belvidere Primary School in Shrewsbury, Andrew told The Post that a new school song had been recorded and is available on CD from Helen Wright and that the Iron Age Round House project was complete. The Post hopes to publish an article on the Round House in a future edition.

## 2010 PURSLOW SPORTS, SHOW & GYMKHANA

64th Show

To be held at  
Purslow Farm  
on

August Bank Holiday Monday  
30th August from 1.30pm

Handicraft and Produce Show Tent

Over £500 in Prize Money

Cups and Trophies

Free Car Parking

Admission £3.50 children under 14 FREE

Distributors of Show Tent schedules are listed on the back of the Events Diary page.

## Clun Valley Singers

If you enjoy singing for fun why not join the Clun Valley Singers? After a summer break, we will be meeting every Tuesday at 7.30pm from 7 September. The group is informal, there are no auditions & no ability to read music is needed. Absolute beginners are welcome. For more details phone Sue Horder-Mason 660433.

Please send your contributions by the 15th of each month

## Past Residents Revisited

Helping Christina Whitehead with her project to record 20<sup>th</sup> century monumental inscriptions in Clunbury Churchyard has been very interesting and enjoyable. As a keen Family Historian I can appreciate how valuable it is to have these records preserved, as all too soon, the stonework can deteriorate and the inscription is lost forever.

It has involved some degree of detective work trying to decipher some of them – careful brushing and wetting of the stone, pencil rubbings and even torches, but we managed to read them all successfully in the end.

There are intriguing ones like J.A. Marston who died in 1922 & “lived in Japan for 26 years” and sad ones like the Williams family who lost 6 children, but there was one that particularly caught my eye. *“In loving memory of Thomas Sydney, beloved son of William and Elizabeth Jane Anthony, who was injured in the Darran Explosion, Glamorganshire on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1909 and died 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 1909 aged 18 years.”*

Nobody I asked had any knowledge of this incident so I Googled it and discovered an explosion had occurred at the Darran Pit at 4.30am where 45 men were working at the end of the night shift. The blast brought down the cage, destroying their immediate means of escape.

Miraculously, some 20 miners did escape – by crawling through 3 miles of tunnels. Others were so badly injured, they were trapped underground, whilst deadly carbon monoxide (afterdamp) swept through the mine workings.

The nearest official pit rescue team were 20 miles away and it took 8 hours for them to reach Darran. Brave local volunteers did what they could and the head carpenter at the pit, a William Evans, descended on rope ladders, 350ft, on 5 occasions to try to help those

below, before he himself collapsed. He was one of 4 rescuers who later received the Edward Medal from King George V.

The final death toll was 27, 5 of whom were rescuers. A local reporter applauded their valour when he described the episode as “one of the most heroic undertakings that the Welsh coalfield, with all its splendid records of heroism, has ever known”.

How sad that young Thomas Anthony was able to get out but was so badly injured, he died 5 days later. The final inscription on his gravestone is really prophetic –

*“Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”*

*Lin Brown*

## Over £700 Raised for St Mary's

Around 70 people came to a Cheese and Wine event in Clunton in aid of St Mary's Church.

It was a fine dry evening and meant that people could make use of the marquee in the garden of The Orchard. Cheese, pâté and salad were enjoyed and wonderful puddings supplied by generous folk in the village.

Richard Webb ran the bar and Harry Collins sold raffle tickets. Many helpers were on hand – even for the washing up. Grateful thanks go to all who helped to make the evening a success. Over £700 was raised.

The roofing work on the church is nearing completion and we are grateful for the continuing support that has enabled us do this work. However – a new heating system is next on the agenda – and a garage sale on 18 September is our first event towards this goal. Watch out for details !

*Pat Harding*

### Note

In order to include a report on the Purslow Show, the September issue of The Post will be slightly delayed.

## Maths is Magic!

Clunbury Under Fives had a fantastic week at the end of June, promoting everything to do with maths. Every session was filled with exciting maths activities for young children. We did lots of measuring to find out how tall and how heavy we were and you can see our display in the village hall. We measured how far we could jump and how big our little heads were too! And we counted everything we could find both inside and outside the village hall. The grown-ups helped us make a big number display and we made great shape collages and pictures. We borrowed the Beebot from school to help us learn about directions and programmed it to follow the track we had drawn. We used our teddy bears to compare biggest and smallest and put them in order, and they were just one of the things we put on our balance. We helped weigh all the ingredients for cooking and made patterns with coloured cotton reels.

On Tuesday, we invited the bigger children and Mums and Dads to come for a maths workshop after school. They helped us play games like snakes and ladders and dominoes. They loved all our maths activities and we finished the session with lots of parachute games. We gave them a sheet all about fun ways to learn maths at home

Our next session will be on Monday 6 September. This will be one of our very popular PD day sessions from 9am - 3pm for all children up to 8 years. This time we are having a drama taster day, with craft activities to link into the day's events. If there is sufficient interest, we will be holding an after-school drama club during the Autumn term. Please contact Amaryllys on 660342 to book your place or to find out more about Clunbury Under Fives.

*Suzanne Hadwen*

## Cash 4 Our Schools

Congratulations and thanks to all who contributed to put Clunbury School in the top 15 best collectors (out of 123 schools who participated) in the Shropshire Star competition.

In the autumn term, the finalists will be invited to a presentation event where the runners-up and winner will be chosen.

Watch this space!

## Coffee Morning in aid of the Restoration of the Purslow War Memorial

Mr & Mrs James Whitehead kindly invited us to the Lawn Farm for a coffee morning on Saturday 24 July which was very well attended. We enjoyed coffee and biscuits, met lots of people we knew and many we didn't, and admired the beautifully kept gardens and the views. There were raffle prizes to be won, a Bring & Buy table laden with goodies and a plant stall. Christina Whitehead said she was "absolutely thrilled with the tremendous support from everyone" and thanked all those who had donated items and helped on the day. She believed they had exceeded their target and had raised in the region of £1,000 which will go to some renovation work on the War Memorial and any surplus money would be kept for future repairs, as sadly, it is often damaged by lorries backing into it, etc!

*Lin Brown*

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## A Vintage Evening

The evening of Saturday 26 June saw our first Hall 4 All event with live music from Anna Oakes of Twitchen and The Vintage. The Vintage are a 7 piece band from North London who originally got together through a shared desire to liven up their annual school parents' pantomime (and succeeded!).

Anna kicked off the evening with her first gig since the birth of her daughter Evie. Anna's set, drawing from the folk genre, was compelling, her voice mesmerizing and her songs, supported by her husband Richard, were very well received.

Just after 9.00 the main event, The Vintage, began playing. Right from the start people hit the dance floor with the music proving irresistible. In all about 60 people enjoyed the evening which only finished after an encore at midnight.

The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and raised £180 for the upkeep of the village hall. We would like to thank all those who came, Rachel and those involved in decorating the hall, Richard for his sound engineering and the rest of the committee for helping to organize and run the event. We have already been approached by another blues band that have heard what a great venue Clunbury is and would like us to book them for later in the year – watch this space.

*Philip Wright*



**Dancing to The Vintage**

## Correspondence

### **Your services, use them or lose them**

Over the past few years rural services have become fewer and fewer, both locally and nationally. I myself, remember a time in Clunbury when we had a village shop, a phone box (that didn't accept just cards) a post box, a milkman, regular buses, a grocery delivery van, a mobile library and regular village hall usage all less than 20 years ago and I'm one of the younger ones.

Of those now the post-box, mobile library, phone box remain along with the village hall hosting the occasional event and the phone box accepting only phone cards and we barely see a bus here anymore because of the council's public transport cuts and the mobile libraries are now being threatened to be cut. These are your public services on your doorsteps that are being threatened by these cuts so why not use them instead of losing them from our wonderful communities.

*Angharad Seabury - Clunbury (by email)*

## Clun Valley Good Neighbours Scheme

This scheme covers the whole of Clunbury Parish as well as other parts of the Clun Valley. When help is needed either for yourself, a neighbour or a friend please contact the scheme on 640016.

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<b>Local Events Diary for August 2010</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon 2nd	12.15pm	Mobile Library 12.15pm to 12.25pm	Obley
Mon 2nd to Fri 6th	2.00pm- 5.00pm	Holiday Club -'Cuthberts Carnival' for all children aged 5 to 14	Clunjunford Church
Fri 6th	9.00pm	Live music - Doctor's Orders	White Horse, Clun
Mon 9th	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Wed 11th	9.20am	Mobile Library 9.20 to 9.50am at Clunton 10.00 to 10.45am at Clunbury	Crown Inn, Clunton The bridge, Clunbury
Mon 16th	12.15pm	Mobile Library 12.15pm to 12.25pm	Obley
Wed 18th	9.00pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Fri 20th	9.00pm	Live music - Backroad Home	White Horse, Clun
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Group Service of Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Wed 25th	9.20am	Mobile Library 9.20 to 9.50am at Clunton 10.00 to 10.45am at Clunbury	Crown Inn, Clunton The bridge, Clunbury
Wed 25th	8.30pm	Live folk music	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Thur 26th	9.00pm	Live folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Mon 30th	1.30pm	Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana	Purslow
<b>Local Events Diary for early September 2010</b>			
Wed 1st	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI	Methodist Hall, CA
Sat 4th	2.00pm	SW Shropshire Gardening Club Annual Show	Lydbury North VH
Mon 6th	9.00am	Clunbury Under Fives drama taster day	Clunbury VH

<b>Regular Walks</b>			
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Start from</b>
Every Monday evening	6.00pm	Clun Peramblers evening walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Every Wednesday	9.30am	Clunbury Walking Group	Crown Inn CP Clunton
Every Wednesday	9.30am	Clun Ramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP
Every Wednesday	10.00am	Clun Peramblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP
1st & 3rd Wednesdays	10.00am	Clun Amblers walk	Clun Mem. Hall CP

Abbreviations and acronyms used: AoC - Aston on Clun, CA – Craven Arms, CP – car park

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### **Innovating library services review**

What do you think about your libraries? Do you use them? Do you think they could be used to deliver other services at the same time as loaning your books? Do you have books delivered to your home? What could Shropshire Council be doing to make the service relevant to the needs of our rural communities in the 21st century? Shropshire Council is looking to you for the answers to these and other questions in an effort to make sure that the service you receive is the one that you want and need. Shropshire Council has set up a cross-party group of councillors to look at how we provide mobile library services across the county, and how they can best meet the needs of Shropshire residents. A consultation will be running until 4 October 2010 with questionnaires available in all Shropshire Council libraries, Customer Service Points and online. Please get involved in the consultation by completing a form and let us know your views. The results will help the group understand what people want from the Library Service. A report with final recommendations will be presented to Shropshire Council's Cabinet in January 2011.

**Purslow Show Handicraft and Produce Tent Schedules  
are available from:-**

Aston on Clun:  
Aston Shop

Clungunford:  
Rocke Cottage Tea Rooms

Bishop's Castle:  
The Library  
Harry Tuffins  
**Jane's Petals and Gifts**  
Co-op Newsagents

Clunton:  
The Crown Inn  
The Friday Post Office

Little Brampton:  
**The Old Wheelwrights**

Craven Arms:  
**Cyril Bason**  
Hospice Shop  
Library  
Walls Butchers

Bucknell:  
Bucknell Shop

Leintwardine:  
The Garage Shop  
Griffiths Butchers

Clun:  
Richard Hairstylist  
**Davies' Paper Shop**  
Cost Cutter  
Clun Garage Shop

Lydbury North:  
The Village Shop  
The Powys Arms

Clunbury:  
**Sue Hill, Dutch Cottage**  
Library Van  
Post Office (Village Hall,  
Thursday)

Purslow:  
The Hundred House

Twitchen:  
Anne Williams at Twitchen  
Farm

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