

Events Diary for July 2011 - go to theparishpost.org for more details			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 1st	8.00pm	John Kirkpatrick in concert	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 1st	9.00pm	Live music - BC AllSkas	White Horse, Clun
Sun 3rd	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 10th	11.00am	Mattins	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 10th	6.30pm	Evensong	St. Mary's, Clunton
Mon 11th	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 12th		Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am Obley 12.15pm to 12.25pm	
Tue 12th	7.30pm	Hopesay WI - Bring and Buy Stall; 'Diana' Her life and fashion	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 17th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Clunton
Sun 17th	4.00pm	Songs of Praise + tea & cakes	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 19th	7.30pm	Silence & meditation	Clungunford Church
Tue 19th	7.30pm	Bedstone WI meeting - Richard Webb, talk on the Fire Service	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 20th	9.15pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 21st	9.30am	Clunbury School Leavers' Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thur 21st		Heartbreak Productions presents an open air performance of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" contact 680 570 for tickets	Walcot Hall
Thur 21st	7.15pm	Lydbury North Women's Institute A Talk by Mrs Pam Love "On Her Travels"	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 22nd	9.00pm	Live music - Roots Oracle	White Horse, Clun
Sun 24th	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 26th		Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am Obley 12.15pm to 12.25pm	
Thur 28th	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Thur 28th	9.00pm	Live folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 29th	9.00pm	Live Music - Electric Blues Reaction	White Horse, Clun
Sun 31st	10.30am	Group Service of Holy Communion	Hopesay Church

Clun Walking Groups (everyone welcome, just turn up)			
Day	Start	Group	Location
Every Wed.	9.30am	Ramblers	Clun Memorial Hall Car Park
Every Wed.	10.00am	Peramblers	
1st and 3rd Wed. in month	10.00am	Ambler	

Summer Lunch at Bedstone Village Hall
 Sunday 10 July, 12.00 to 2.00pm
 Tickets £8
 Contact Anne Williams 660268
 In aid of Bedstone & Hopton Castle Churches

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Sun Shines on Summer Fair
 Clunbury School's first Summer Fair was blessed with a bright if blustery day and lots of families and villagers turned out to enjoy it. There were a wide variety of stalls (including a plant stall run by Barbara Freeman and helpers which alone raised over £40), a car boot sale and lots of children's games. A café run by the Clunbury Under 5s group proved to be a popular spot for people to sit and chat and enjoy the sunshine.



The car boot sale proved popular

Clunton Village Hall Quiz
 Over 40 people from all round Clunbury parish took part in a challenging quiz presided over by question master Alan Grace. A fiendish local knowledge round, (do you know the height above sea level of Clunton, Bishop's Castle and Bury Ditches?) started proceedings and by the end of the evening it was a close-run contest with one overall winning team and two others tying for second place. Della and Andy of The Crown Inn, kindly donated bottles of wine as prizes.

The Clunton ladies provided a splendid supper of quiches and salads followed by a scrumptious range of puddings. All proceeds from the evening (about £360) will go towards the upkeep of the village hall and Jack Huffer, Chairman, asked people to try to suggest other fund raising events for the future.

Sue Hill

Saint Swithin's Day
 All parishioners and friends are invited to join in celebrating the Patronal Festival with a Songs of Praise at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 17 July. There will be tea and cakes afterwards for all to enjoy. This service will also be celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible, so our readings will all be taken from this much-loved translation. Please help us to make this service a special occasion by choosing a favourite hymn you would like to sing, or a special reading from the King James Bible (that you might like to read, or it could be read by someone else if you would prefer).

Requests, please, to Barney (660342) or to Pat Harding (660169).

Did you know?
 Saint Swithin was a Saxon bishop, born in the kingdom of Wessex, who became bishop of Winchester in 852. His emblems are rain drops and apples. Only one miracle is attributed to him while he was alive. An old lady's eggs had been smashed by workmen building a church. Swithin picked the broken eggs up and, it is said, they became whole again.

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Clunbury 1896

The following extracts (reproduced with the kind permission of Sheila Train) are from a talk given in St Swithin's Church by Chris Train of Holland House, Clunbury on the occasion of a 'Clunbury 1896 Weekend' held in June 1996 to celebrate the centenary of the publication of A.E. Housman's 'A Shropshire Lad'. The talk contains references to many of the buildings and residents of Clunbury and the surrounding area.

'...All of which brings me to the event which we have all come to know about this year - if we did not know it before - the publication sometime in the Spring of 1896 of "A Shropshire Lad" by the Professor of Latin at University College, London and former patent clerk, A. E. Housman. For the superscription to the fiftieth poem in that collection, as we all also know, he used a local jingle "Clunton and Clunbury, Clungunford and Clun are the quietest places under the sun". It was clearly more to his literary purpose to use that version rather than the one which substituted "drunkenest" for "quietest", and by 1896 it may have been truer, since Clunbury Village had lost its pub - The Raven or Pig and Whistle which is now Dutch Cottage - when James Harding, the last tenant, died in 1879, and the ale house at the Twitchen - a Royal Oak - was also gone by the 1880's.

With Housman's passing literary reference Clunbury walked for the moment on a wider stage - albeit in a minor role. The nearest which it had come to that before was when, in 1869 a horse called The Colonel won the Grand National...he was owned by John Weyman of Little Brampton... . But those moments of glory soon passed and the Valley returned to its peaceful state. The writer of the Clunbury entry in the Clun Valley parochial magazine in the last few years of the nineteenth century regularly laments the fact that he has nothing of significance to re-

port [a situation not unknown to today's Parish Post team!]. ...That is scarcely an encouragement to an amateur historian who has undertaken to talk on Clunbury in 1896. What will he have to say? Fortunately there is a variety of sources - maps, the 1891 Census, the 1896 Electoral Roll, the Clun Valley Parochial Magazine, Kelly's Directory for 1896, the School Log Book and some slightly later picture postcards. These make it possible to piece together a picture of the village in 1896, to sketch in the environment, the buildings, the people who lived here, and the main events which shaped their lives that year. I confine this talk... to what the census refers to as Clunbury Village - that is an area extending from Hill End on the Beambridge road, along the top road to Clunbury Hill Cottage, down to Tansy Cottage on the Twitchen Road, to 3 Brampton Bridge and along the Kemp to the cottage called The Meadows.

What differences would someone from 1896 see if he could be translated to some panoramic viewpoint today, to stand, perhaps, on the main road at Little Brampton and look down on the village? I think the answer is surprisingly little. There are some additional buildings now, but most are hidden in the trees of the village. There are the trappings of modern times, power lines and telephone wires but they are not very obtrusive. The roads are somewhat wider and better metalled and the footpaths across the fields to Purslow and over the Hill to Clungunford are less freely used than they were a hundred years ago, but the pattern of communications remains unchanged, as, to a considerable extent, do the shapes of the fields...'

A further extract from Chris's talk will be included in a future edition of The Parish Post. The transcript runs to nineteen sides and is available on theparishpost.org website or 50p for a printed copy (phone 660355).

Clunbury School Corner

The summer term has been a very busy time with lots of different activities for us to enjoy.

Key Stage 2 had a fantastic residential visit to JCA at Condoval Hall in May.

Year 6s have been visiting the Secondary Schools they will be transferring to in September and are feeling both excited and apprehensive at the moment.

At the beginning of June Year 4s spent a very exciting technology day at Church Stretton School making models and some of the children who attend engineering club went to RAF Shawbury where they designed and flew a model rocket.

Key Stage 1 children are looking forward to a visit to school from Bugs and Bunnies when they will be finding out about mini-beasts and their habitat.

Don't Give Up on That 'Dead' Plant Just Yet!

We were convinced that our six year old bay bush was dead after last winter's extreme cold. This week when I was about to dig it out I discovered new shoots growing from the base.

David Hill



Clunton Coffee Morning

Another successful coffee morning held at The Crown Inn on 1 June raised £306 for St Mary's Church funds. We are very grateful to Della and Andy for their hospitality. It was a pleasant social occasion to meet for a coffee and a chat and there were plenty of cakes, plants and produce to buy, as well as the usual array of bric a brac and books and the ever popular raffle. Thanks go to all who brought goods to be sold and helped in any way. The next one will have a Christmas theme and be held on 7 December.

Pat Harding

Open Eco Homes

Household Energy Services based in Bishop's Castle have organised an Open Eco Homes weekend on Saturday 9

and Sunday 10 July. Thirty homes will be open from 10-4 each day and all are taking part because they have something special to share about saving energy and therefore money, and, importantly, about reducing carbon emissions. The Open Eco Homes weekend gives everyone the chance to get practical advice on systems, products and installers direct from the householders and to learn from their experience about practical solutions to particular problems. Open Eco Homes near us will include Smiling Tree Farm and The Quern in Chapel Lawn, Clunside House and Enfield House in Clun, The Wainhouse in Brunslow, Willow Brook in Brockton and Gallery House in Leintwardine.

To find out where the houses are or for more information about directions and the types of installation featured go to the HES website www.h-e-s.org

Open Eco Homes weekend 2011 will be a chance to see a wide range of interesting answers to the question "But what can I do in my own house?" from the people who have found out what works for themselves.



Advance Notice

Clunton Village Hall
7 August
Chairman's BBQ
Contact Alan
Grace 660652

