

The Parish Post

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COFFEE MORNING & BRING AND BUY SALE

Saturday 24 March
Clunton Village Hall
10.30am to 12.30pm

Entry £1 to include coffee or tea

The Village Hall Committee are supporting Fairtrade by using their products.

There will be stalls selling cakes, plants and bric a brac, and a raffle. Any goods to sell would be welcome, but please come and support us and enjoy a pleasant and sociable event.

Proceeds in aid of Village Hall

Easter Prize Bingo

In Aid of Friends of Clunbury School
Wednesday 28 March



**Craven Arms
Community
Centre**



Doors Open 7pm
Eyes Down 8pm
**Lots of great
prizes to be won!**



Refreshments Available



Lapwing and Surveys of Other Birds and Wildlife, 2012

Monday 19 March 7.30 pm
Lydbury North Village Hall

This is a meeting for anyone interested in taking part in the 2012 Survey.

The 2011 Lapwing survey showed yet another decline in the Lapwing population.

Only 5 young are known to have fledged over the last 3 years. This level of productivity is not sufficient to sustain the local population. Some steps have been taken to try and improve their breeding habitat, but will they make a difference? Other species also appear to be in decline. Your help is needed to ensure that all sightings are recorded.

Everyone welcome, no experience necessary, training can be provided.

Visit the blog:

www.kempvalley.wordpress.com

for news and details of activities

Or ring Chris Penny 680590 for more information.



Jill Gandy's photos

Those of you intrigued by the photos in last month's edition may be interested to know that the photo of the people rehearsing for a play was taken in the loft of the barn at Upper House, Clunbury, where the Gandys lived; the two gentlemen talking to Ida Gandy were standing outside the barn doors. Barbara Freeman tells us that the doors are still there and looking just the same!

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Clunbury Under 5s News

The Under 5s group has a new Chair, Jess Grafton, but are looking for new members to join their committee and would be particularly interested to hear from any older people in the parish who could spare some time to help and would like to get involved.

The playgroup, which meets in Clunbury Village Hall, is open from 9am to 3pm on Mondays and Fridays. It is Ofsted registered and employs fully qualified staff.

Friendly and flexible childcare from aged 2 is offered for £16 per day or £6.75 per session. Bumps, babies, carers and toddlers are also welcome at just £3 per family including tea and cake.

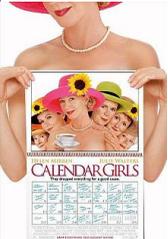
This lovely facility isn't being used as much as it could be, which is a real shame. We would love to meet more families and children.

Contact Suzanne Hadwen (640119).

WANTED

Good quality baby and children's clothes, toys and equipment for our table at the NCT Nearly New Sale, Sunday 11 March, 10 am at Ludlow Leisure Centre

Call Suzanne or Jess (661066), to arrange for items to be collected, or drop them off at Clunbury Village Hall on Mondays or Fridays between 9am and 3pm.



Clunbury Under 5s are hosting a
Girly Film Night
(men welcome)
showing the classic
Calendar Girls
Clunbury Village Hall
Friday 9 March 7pm

£5 on the door to include a glass of fizz /tea and a cake
All proceeds to Clunbury Under 5s



BOOKWORMS

Wed 14 March

7.30pm

Lydbury North Village Hall
(Main Hall)

Talk by PAUL EVANS

Guardian Country Diarist and radio broadcaster on nature and country matters

Paul has been writing about Wenlock Edge for the Guardian for many years from his local perspective and his talk will touch on matters of interest to nature lovers, conservationists and those who love literature about the countryside.

£4.00 to include tea/coffee

Booking advised on: 680302

Clunton Scrumperers

The Quiz and Supper held at the Village Hall saw a good turn out despite the weather. The Quiz was varied and not too difficult. The Supper was warming and filling. The Raffle proceeds will go to the Rainbow Ward, Shrewsbury. The next Clunton Scrumperers event will be in June, a Cider Barrel Evening. Watch this space.

Jane Bailey

Karl and Sarah-Marie Bailey would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who attended Jane's funeral and for the tremendous amount of support they have received locally. The collection raised in respect of the Clun Valley Good Neighbours scheme amounted to £395.

We would also like to thank Rev Anne Ogram for arranging and conducting such a nice service, and for her support during such a sad time. Our thanks also go to the medical practice at Clun for their assistance and help to Jane over a prolonged period.

Karl Bailey

Kempton's Address to the Haggis

As the tradition demands, the haggis was piped in, addressed, s t a b b e d and disembowelled. Thank you Keith Fraser for doing this in the most flamboyant and theatrical fashion. A packed audience sat around the festive tables to enjoy the fare and a chat with friends and neighbours. The tables were then cleared and dancers took the floor, under the guidance of Ron and Dot. Thanks to the helpers and all who came and contributed to make it such an enjoyable evening. See you in 2 years' time.



Wheelie Dealings in Clunbury!

It wasn't exactly the crime of the century, but any crime in the Clun Valley is so rare, fortunately, that it is worth a mention!

On Thursday, 26 January at 10.20 pm, our black wheelie bin, which we'd put down by the road for Friday morning collection, was stolen, along with Tansy Cottage's black and green bins.

My husband actually saw the vehicle from our kitchen window, alerted by its very noisy exhaust, though he couldn't see the colour or make as it was dark. It then went up towards Purslow.

Local police said we may find the contents of our bin tipped nearby but there's been no evidence of it yet. Whether they wanted the bins for storage or re-sale, who knows?

But if anyone else has had a similar problem, or if you have any information, please let us know at the Parish Post. Make sure you inform the police and get a crime number, or you will have to pay for your next wheelie bin!

Lin Brown, Pool Farm

Clunbury 100 Club New Members Welcome

For £12 per year you could be entered in a monthly draw with a chance to win one of five cash prizes, ranging from £20 to £3. The Club raises funds in support of St Swithin's Church, Clunbury. If you would like to join, contact Mary Jones: 660316.

Wildlife Gardening

Almost 60 people were present at the ASWSGC in January to hear John Fannin give the first talk of the new year. He spoke on "Gardening for wildlife" and our need to provide help for birds, insects and small mammals, in the face of urban spread. He pointed out that helping to increase wildlife is in our own interests, as the "goodies eat the baddies". John illustrated his talk with homemade examples of bird, bat, dormouse, hedgehog and insect boxes. He advised against using pesticides, but if we must, to use them last thing at night when bees will have returned to their hives. He suggested that we should not be too tidy in the garden, leave some nettles and a small woodpile where mammals and insects can hide. A pond, a wildflower meadow and native plants such as honeysuckle, crab apple and ivy will also encourage wildlife. John gave us a thoroughly stimulating evening, packed with detail and interesting tips.

The next meeting of the club is on 28 March, in Lydbury North Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Stan Wild on the subject of "Growing Japanese Maples from Seed". For further details contact Pauline 660120. Visitors always welcome.

February Winners

£20 Pat Turley, £15 Malcolm Jones, £10 Sheila Train, £5 Christina Whitehead, £3 John Beazley.

Parish Council Meeting 26 Jan

AED: A presentation was given by Cliff Medicott of WM Ambulance Service about the Clun Valley AED scheme. As reported previously, this scheme complements the Ambulance and First Responder services and is co-ordinated locally by Eddie Jones. The nearest defibrillators to our area are in Clun and Aston, but more will be allocated as funds become available and volunteers are trained. Cliff emphasised the user friendliness of the equipment, with audible prompts to remind the operator of each step.

8 people in the parish have received training so far, including 6 in Clunton. The next (free) local training course is on April 14, anyone interested should contact Eddie on 640856.

There was general agreement that the Council should support the scheme, and later in the meeting a contribution of £350 was approved, to come from reserves.

Vacancy: A by-election may be needed if there is more than one volunteer in response to the current adverts for the Parish Councillor vacancy. If there are no volunteers, then co-option may be necessary.

BOAT: Shropshire Council (SC) have advised that the Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT), a green lane that runs from Clunton to Clun below Sowdley Woods, is unlikely to have its status changed, even though Clunbury PC believe it to be unsuitable for motor traffic. Clun PC have indicated there are no problems their end, where it is much wider. It was agreed to ask the farmer who originally raised the issue to keep a log of incidents before proceeding further. (If anyone else encounters dangerous incidents on this or any other green lane in the parish please let the PC or Parish Post have details).

Footbridges: The footbridge over the Clun in Clunbury has been inspected by SC and is due for maintenance work next year. Another nearby footbridge is said to be in good order, but the PC are to challenge this.

Speeds Near Kempton: A survey of traffic on the B4385 through Kempton indicates average speeds of about 44 mph, with a small percentage exceeding 55 mph. A mandatory 40 limit was not thought to offer much potential reduction.

Rates: The Parish precept for next year was proposed to be unchanged, with reserves being used to cover a small predicted shortfall.

Cardboard Waste: A request has been made by a parishioner for the PC to fund a skip for collecting waste cardboard. In view of the need to support 3 centres, it was decided to find out what SC's medium term plans are before reviewing further.

Footpaths: A new footpath monitor is needed for the Parish. It was decided to discuss this with members of the local walking group before seeking a volunteer.

Next meeting: 22 March, Clunbury Village Hall, 8pm.

Jim Tipton

Can You Help?

We have been contacted by Vic Harding whose great great grandfather was the last beer house keeper at The Raven (now Dutch Cottage) in Clunbury until its closure, on his death, in 1879. Vic is hoping to locate a photograph of the building when it was a beer house, though the chances seem slim. However Vic would greatly appreciate any information relating to The Raven (also known at some time as The Pig & Whistle). If you can help or know someone who might have information please phone David or Sue on 660355.



Events Diary for March 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details

Thur 1st	7.00pm	National Theatre Live - Comedy of Errors SOLD OUT	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 2nd	9.00pm	Live Music: Electric Blues Reaction	White Horse, Clun
Sat 3rd	7.30pm	Flicks - Singin' In The Rain	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 4th	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)	Clunbury
Sun 4th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Debt	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Mon 5th	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Course - Is Christianity relevant today?	9, Redwood Dr, Aston on Clun
Tue 6th		Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am, Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm	
Tue 6th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Way	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 7th	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 7th	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI meeting	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 7th	9.00pm	Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Fri 9th	7.00pm	Clunbury Under 5s - Girly night, showing Calendar Girls.	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 9th	7.30pm	SWSHAS - A View From Above: Recent Aerial Photos of Shropshire - Andrew Wigley	SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Sun 11th	11.00am	Mattins	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 11th	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 12th	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Mon 12th	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Course - Is Christianity relevant today?	9, Redwood Dr, Aston on Clun
Tue 13th	7.30pm	Silence & Meditation - 1 hour's quiet time	S & J Hindle, Clunton 660302
Wed 14th	7.30pm	Bookworms - talk by Paul Evans, Guardian Country Diarist	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 14th	8.00pm	BCFS - Bronco Bullfrog	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 16th	8.00pm	Flicks - Mao's Last Dancer	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sun 18th	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Benefice Service	Newcastle Community Centre
Mon 19th	7.30pm	Lapwing & Other Birds Survey 2012	Lydbury North Village Hall
Mon 19th	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Course - Is Christianity relevant today?	9 Redwood Dr, Aston on Clun
Tue 20th		Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am, Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm	
Tue 20th	7.30pm	Bedstone WI—Rachel Eardley—Cake icing & design	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Wed 21st	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 21st	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 22nd	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 22nd	9.00pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 23rd	7.30pm	Parson Lloyd's Pictures - Slide show presented by Rev Graham Lloyd Bar	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 23rd	7.30pm	Flicks - Wild Target	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Sat 24th	10.30—12.30pm	Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Flicks - Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Flicks - The Adjustment Bureau	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Arts Alive - Matt Harvey - Wondermentalst	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sat 24th	7.30pm	Ludlow Choral Society's concert of Divine Music	St Laurence's Church, Ludlow
Sun 25th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Mon 26th	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Course - Is Christianity relevant today?	9, Redwood Dr, Aston on Clun
Tue 27th	2.30pm	Bible Study Group	V & P Slack 660760
Wed 28th	7.00pm	Easter Prize Bingo in Aid of Friends of Clunbury School	Craven Arms Community Centre

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Events Diary for March 2012 continued

Wed 28th	7.30pm	South Shropshire Gardening Club - Stan Wild: Growing Japanese Maples from Seed	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 28th	8.00pm	BCFS - Sarah's Key	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 29th	7.00pm	National Theatre Live - She Stoops to Conquer SOLD OUT	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 30th	9.00pm	Live Music: The Velvet Dukes	White Horse, Clun
Sat 31st	7.30pm	Flicks - The Princess of Montpensier	Chapel Lawn Village Hall

Events Diary for early April 2012

Mon 2nd	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Course - Is Christianity relevant today?	9 Redwood Dr, Aston on Clun
Tue 3rd		Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am, Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm	
Tue 3rd	7.30pm	Flicks - "Le Hérisson" (The Hedgehog)	Lydbury North Village Hall

A New Vicar

Well, we haven't got one yet, but meanwhile there have been some changes.

Since the end of January our old group of parishes has been split: Clungunford, Hopton and Bedstone are now part of the Bucknell group, while Clunbury, Clunton and Hopesay have joined the new 'Clun Valley Benefice' and we are linked with Bettws y crwyn, Newcastle and Clun.

The date has now passed for intending applicants to our benefice to apply and there were none to go forward to a shortlist, but we are still hopeful that we may get a suitable applicant in due course, though there are seven other vacancies in the Hereford diocese at the moment, so it may be a while!

Churchwardens and others in our new group have been meeting to get to know each other and to co-ordinate services; and it has been quite exciting to have so many different clergy taking our services, particularly when they come from a bit of a distance and go to Clungunford or Clunton, instead of Clunbury.

We have had a lot of things to learn that Barney normally did for us, but we seem to have managed reasonably well. This has been in great part due to the Rev Ann Ogram (part-time non-stipendiary minister in Clun), whose work load has more than quadrupled in the last months! She has now been appointed Curate in Charge of the Clun Valley Benefice until a new vicar is appointed.

Last of all, come and walk up Clunbury Hill on Good Friday, April 6, (3pm at the crossroads) and have tea in the village hall afterwards.

Christina Whitehead

Clun Walking Groups (everyone welcome, just turn up)

Day	Start	Group	Location
Every Wed	10.00am	Ramblers	Clun Memorial Hall Car Park
Every Wed	10.00am	Peramblers	
1st and 3rd Wed in month	10.00am	Amblers	

Benefice Lent Course Is Christianity Relevant Today?

Sacred words for a secular world

What: A 5 week York Course with 4 well known speakers on CD with course booklets for participants.

A Christian Country? A secular society? A beleaguered church? Competing creeds? Handing on the faith?

When: Monday evenings during Lent: 5 March - 2 April at 7.30pm.

Where: 9 Redwood Drive, Aston on Clun (home of Phil and Vivien Slack). All very welcome - why not come?

Contact Robert Payne on 661008 or robert.payne48@btinternet.com

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