

## All Hands to the Pumps

**D**ear Parish Post  
We would like to use your pages to thank all the thoughtful and generous people who rang, or visited, or stopped us in the street to offer us 'a fill' at their tap while our spring was dry. Severn Trent, as a gesture of good will, parked a 9,000 litre water truck on our yard for the duration, and this was much appreciated by many of our neighbours as well as us, so thank you to them too. We are not throwing away the notes we made of where we could fill, however, in case the spring packs up again next year!

The Council are intending to make some provision for those on private water supplies in case a similar round of failures happens next year—but they are not sure where help should be provided. So if you rely on a borehole, well or spring and experienced any problem, whether total failure or partial failure or just grittiness, could you let us know. The Council are happy that this information remains anonymous and just your Parish will be noted, without a name, but by letting them know where problems were experienced this year, they can target standpipes more usefully for the future. Do contact us on 01588 660304 or [carolgriffiths@btinternet.com](mailto:carolgriffiths@btinternet.com), or Cwm Bydd Farm, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 0QH. And if you know of anybody who had problems, perhaps you could encourage them to get in touch, either with us or Colin Pendry of Clun Parish Council. All information, apart from your parish, will be treated in total confidence.

While the great dry-up of 2011 was a terrible worry and a misery to some of us, and far more so to many others than to us, it was a pleasure to have it forcibly brought home to one that we do not live in just a beautiful area, but also one full of kindness and community spirit. Wishing you all a wonderfully wet new year!  
*Carol and Jonathan Griffiths*

## Fuel Buying Scheme

**T**he Community Council of Shropshire (SCC) has a new scheme that could reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil by making joint orders for the communities throughout Shropshire.

You need to join the scheme by paying an annual membership fee.

### Annual membership fees

- Domestic: £20
- Community Building: £30
- Business: £100

Local co-ordinators will act as 'go-betweens' between the SCC and you. When you need oil, you place your order through the co-ordinator for your area.

The co-ordinator will tell the SCC each month how much oil the people in their village want to order, and then tell people when the oil will arrive and how much it will cost.

The SCC negotiates the best price from a range of suppliers. Your order increases their negotiating power, so once submitted, they regard it as binding.

Your local co-ordinator will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

You take delivery of the oil and pay the company.

The SCC are looking for local volunteers who will act as 'go-betweens'. In return they will benefit from free membership of the scheme.

For more details on how you can join the scheme, to request a membership form or become a local co-ordinator, please contact Lizzy Thain on 01743 342167 or email [oil@shropshire-rcc.org.uk](mailto:oil@shropshire-rcc.org.uk)

### Editors' Note, regarding Parish Council Meeting

**I**n view of the late date of the meeting, a report could not be produced in time. It will be published next month.

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for Beambridge Clunbury Clunton Coston Cwm Kempton Little Brampton Obley Purslow The Llan & Twitche

**Apple Quiz  
Light Supper  
& Raffle**  
**Saturday 4 February  
7.30 pm**  
**Clunton Village Hall**  
Contact Pauline or Anne  
660120 or 660309

**Kemp Valley  
Community Wildlife Group**  
Annual Public Meeting  
With Lapwing & Other Birds Survey Report  
**Monday 6 February  
7.30 pm**  
Powis Arms, Lydbury North  
Come and join us in an informal  
and friendly atmosphere  
**All welcome**

News from Hundred House, Purslow  
**Live Music Saturday**  
25th February  
**Valentine's menu**  
Tuesday 14th February  
(book early to avoid disappointment)  
We also have a fresh new menu about  
to be launched

**Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month**

## Yoga Classes in Clunton

**A**nyone interested in a YOGA class in Clunton Village Hall, please contact Pat Harding on 01588 660169.

Classes could be daytime or evenings - depending on how many are interested.

*Pat Harding*

## Rave-on in Kempton

Experience the sights and sounds of Ravens gathering at dusk, on Sunday 12 February.

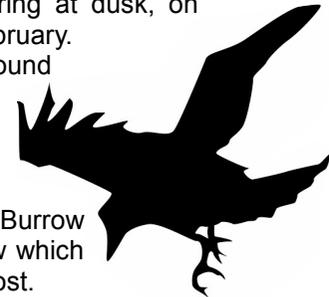
A 3-mile round walk will take you from Kempton to a vantage point opposite Burrow Hill Fort, below which the Ravens roost.

The walk will be led by Tom Wall, Leo Smith, Gareth Thomas and Vince Downs.

This is one of a number of events celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

Meet at Kempton Village Hall at 4 pm for a cup of tea and briefing. Wear warm clothes and be prepared to walk through muddy fields in the gloaming (bring a torch).

- Booking essential: 01743 284280
- £3 per person
- Children welcome, but strictly no dogs!



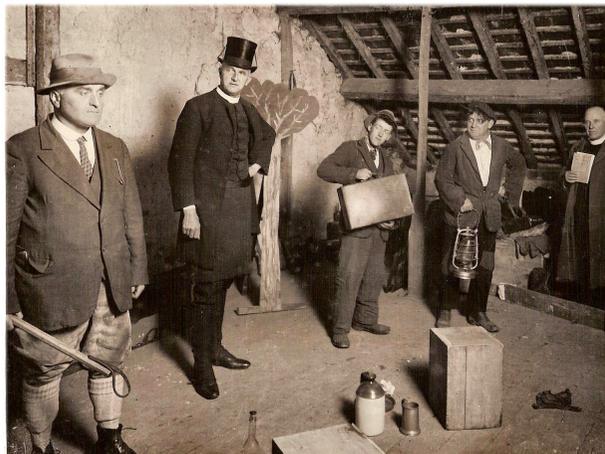
## Ida's Idyll & Jill's Jaunt in Shropshire

Jill Gandy's mother, Ida (1885-1977), was the wife of Dr Thomas Gandy. In 1930, he became GP in Clunbury, where they lived until 1945. She was the author of children's books, including 'Under the Chestnut Tree' (1938) for which Clunbury provided the background. She also published books of history and reminiscence. It is said that, with the aid of villagers from Clunbury, she did BBC

broadcasts on Shropshire life. Diaries of her stay in Clunbury provided the material for her book of fond recollections: 'An Idler on the Shropshire Borders' (1970).

As reported in the 'Parish Post' of December 2011, Ida's daughter, Jill, with her friend, Jane, visited Barbara Freeman, Brian and Sandra Morgan and others. Following her visit, Jill sent the following email.

*"It was so very nice to meet you in October. It brought back a whole lot of memories. We thought you might be interested in these photos—you will recognise where two of them were taken. My father is the clergyman with the top hat, and to his left on the photo is Harry Meredith. The other clergyman might have been the real vicar of the time, but*



*I'm unsure of that. [and what are they up to?] The photograph with my mother includes the school master - Mr Cooper?? [but which of the two?]*



*It is very nice to be included in the Parish Post circulation. I'm copying these photos in as they may be of interest.*

*We certainly hope to return to Clunbury before too long."*

*Jill and Jane*

**If you can answer any of the queries, please let the Parish Post know.**

## The South West Shropshire Gardening Club

This is a friendly, sociable club for anyone interested in gardens, gardening and related topics. It meets in Lydbury North Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month. There are excellent talks and demonstrations by visiting speakers on a wide range of subjects and there is a visit (with supper) to a garden in June. The club is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, where members can seek advice. Once a year, members may also order seeds, plants and garden sundries, at a good discount. The Annual Show, at the beginning of September, is always a popular event. The subscription is £10 per year which includes 3 free 'Growing Interest' newsletters.

Next meeting: 22 February, 7.30 pm, Lydbury North Village Hall: Vic Aspland on 'Cyclamen in Cultivation and in the Wild'.

For information, please contact Pauline (01588 660120) or Heather (01588 650610)

## Family Research (part 2)

For those of you who are interested in the history of your house, or local area, the two main sources of information are the internet and the county archives. Here we are lucky to have the wonderful resource of very local information at the Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre (BCHRC), which has duplicates of much of the material in Shropshire Archives (SA). Records include parish registers, census returns and details of field names. It also has an expanding library and a copy of the Victoria County Record series.

The census returns from 1911 back to 1851 are a good starting point: many local properties are itemised as individual buildings, particularly farms, isolated and large houses and those with specific use names e.g. public houses, malting and toll houses.

One less well known source of information (which can only be accessed on the internet) is 'A2A' or 'Access to Archives'. This provides a summary and full text of many records in the various county archives on the A2A web site. Searching the web site could not be easier – type in any house address, farm or field name or first name and surname and if the transcribed record is stored in any archive in England, it will show up.

What you see is a summary and full record of the document in modern English and details of the archive where the original is stored.

Field names are another interesting topic for research. Those with West Midland/Shropshire dialect names – quab, leasowe, slang etc, are easily checked using books available in SA and BCHRC.

Sometimes those with strange modern names such as the 'Babytree Lands' can be teased out but others, the Umbrella Fields for example, still remain a puzzle to me.

The Babytree Lands, an area between Brunslow and Hopesay, are called this in documents going back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. However, in a transcribed document dated about 1280 the area closely matching the location is described as 'Babetrevorlonge'. It is easy to see how, over the course of a few hundred years, Babetrevorlonge became Babytree.

It is important for the amateur researcher to know the limits of his ability and so I contacted Swansea University who suggested that Vorlonge is an early English version of furlong and the Babetre portion is a family name, possibly Babbit.

*Malcolm Redgrave*



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**9<sup>th</sup> February - Travelling Light**

Nicholas Wright's new play is a funny and fascinating tribute to the Eastern European immigrant pioneers of Hollywood's golden age, stars Anthony Sher.

**1<sup>st</sup> March – Comedy of Errors**

Following his success in Othello, Lenny Henry returns to Shakespeare in this farcical comedy about mistaken identity, staged in a contemporary world.

**Wine & other refreshments available**

**Doors Open 6.30pm - Start Time 7pm**

Fri 24th	7.30pm	Flicks - Casablanca	Lydbury North VH
Fri 24th		Start of Borderlines Film Festival	Border villages
Sat 25th		Live Music	Purslow, Hundred Hse
Sun 26th	11.00am	Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 28th	2.30pm	Bible Study Group. Phone: 660760	V & P Slack, AoC
Wed 29th	8.00pm	BCFS - A Screaming Man	Three Tuns, BC

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1st	7.00pm	Comedy of Errors	Aston-on-Clun VH
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**Clun Walking Groups  
(everyone welcome, just turn up)**

Day	Start	Group	Location
Wed 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	10am	Ramblers & Peramblers	Clun Memorial Hall Car Park
Wed 1st, 15th	10am	Amblers	

Abbreviations and acronyms used: AoC – Aston-on-Clun, BC – Bishop's Castle, LN – Lydbury North, BCFS – Bishop's Castle Film Society, CP – car park, Flicks – Flicks in the Sticks (Arts Alive), SWSHAS—South-West Shropshire Historical & Archeological Society, VH – village hall

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**Bedstone WI**

February meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 7.30 p.m.  
Bedstone Village Hall  
Speaker: Mr Peter Davies  
of B & J Davies, Bucknell  
with a Film Show  
This is an Open Meeting  
(all welcome - including men)  
£3 entrance with light refreshments  
Enquiries:  
Margaret Grubb 01547 530277

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed 1st	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI meeting	Methodist Hall, CA
Wed 1st	8.00pm	BCFS - Mother	Three Tuns, BC
Wed 1st	9.00pm	Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Sat 4th	7.30pm	Apple quiz + Light supper and raffle. £8.50. Contact Pauline 660120 or Anne 660309	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 4th	7.30pm	Quiz Night with wine & cheese	Aston on Clun VH
Sun 5th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 5th	7.30pm	Flicks - Brighton Rock	Clun Memorial Hall
Mon 6th	7.30pm	Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group. Annual Public Meeting (see advert)	Powis Arms, LN
Tue 7th	7.30pm	Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (2011)	Lydbury North VH
Tue 7th		Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm	
Wed 8th	7.30pm	Bookworms - Speaker: Andrew Allott	Lydbury North VH
Thur 9th	7.00pm	National Theatre Live - Travelling Light	Aston on Clun VH
Sun 12th	11.00am	Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 12th	4.00pm	Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre - Rapunzel	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 12th	4.00pm	Raven Spectacular (see article)	Kempton
Sun 12th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 13th	7.00 - 9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Tue 14th	7.30pm	Meditation Hour. Phone 660302	S & J Hindle, Clunton
Tue 14th	7.30pm	SWSHAS - The Fighting Shrewsburys - Gavin Watson	SpArC, BC
Wed 15th	8.00pm	BCFS - Meek's Cutoff	Three Tuns, BC
Wed 15th	9.15pm	Live folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Fri 17th	8.00pm	Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (2011)	Clungunford Par Hall
Sat 18th	7.00pm	'Invoice' and friends performance, in aid of North Country Theatre. Tickets and information 672248	Edgton VH
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Flicks - Senna	Chapel Lawn VH
Sun 19th	11.00am	Service	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 19th	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 21st		Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm	
Tue 21st	7.30pm	Bedstone WI meeting (see advert)	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 22nd	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Gardening Club	Lydbury North VH
Thur 23rd	9.00pm	Live folk music	Sun Inn, Clun

**Quiz Night with Wine & Cheese**



at Aston on Clun Village Hall  
(Reg. Charity No. 702020)  
on Saturday,  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 2012  
at 7.30pm

Tickets are £6 per person to include

cheese and biscuits, chutney and celery and first glass of wine.

Teams of up to 6 people.  
Make reservations by calling one of the following:

David Jones: 01588 660493  
Jeff Else: 01588 660893  
Jan Simpson: 01588 660637

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