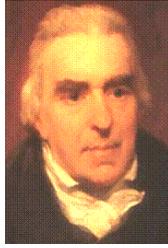


Clunbury Parish, Past & Present

In October last year, I attended a lecture about the life and work of Archdeacon Joseph Corbett (1759-1838) of Longnor, given by Douglas Grounds of Church Stretton and went on to read his biography of this outstanding Shropshire cleric. Joseph was the leading and highly energetic county campaigner against the slave trade, a hard working and worthy clergyman, a magistrate, benefactor of the poor in his parish and beyond, President of the Shropshire Auxiliary Bible Society and author of a 'General View of the Agriculture of Shropshire' (1804). On becoming Archdeacon of Salop in 1792, Joseph Plymley (as he then was: he changed his name to Corbett as a condition of his inheritance of the Corbett estates in 1806) resolved to visit all 168 parishes in his South Shropshire Archdeaconry and, on 13 April 1793, he visited Clunbury. The record of this and his other visits are held by Shropshire Archives. Each parish is described at length including a description of its agriculture, figures for the numbers of residents and households, notes on education and public houses, and about the use, structure and condition of its church. I look forward to sharing with you Archdeacon Plymley/Corbett's record of Clunbury in 1793 in future issues of The Parish Post.



Tom Wall

Supper at St.Cuthbert's

To celebrate the gaining of approval for the drainage scheme (toilets for the church at Clungunford), a fund raising supper will be held in the church on Saturday 28 April, 7.00pm. Tickets, booking essential, cost £10, which includes refreshments and entertainment (music, display of chamber pots, poetry and limerick competitions, Chinese raffle & other delights). Contact Sandra Schofield 660158 for more details.

Gardening with Cyclamen

In February, Vic Aspland gave a marvellous illustrated talk in Lydbury North Village Hall about 'Cyclamen in cultivation and in the wild'. Vic has led many expeditions in places such as Turkey and Israel, to seek out cyclamen in their natural habitat. He gave his audience some historical background on the plants:



a woodcutting of cyclamen, dated 1629 suggests that they had arrived in Britain by that time. Cyclamen are easy to cultivate and we all have a space somewhere in our gardens, in our greenhouses or on our windowsills where they will thrive. Moreover, they need very little attention, an important point for busy gardeners, who can simply leave the ants to do the work of spreading the seed.

Next meeting of the Gardening Club: Wednesday 25 April; speaker: Dr. M. Mylechreest on 'Sugar and spice and all things nice'. Everyone welcome. For further details contact Pauline 660120.

Clunbury 100 Club March Draw

Julia Dumbell £20, Trevor Owens £15, Olive Payne £10, Mark Grimes £5, Avril Meredith £3.

Advance Notice of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Monday 4 June at Cwm Bydd Farm, Clunton. Including an official beacon, pig roast, salads and puddings, bar, raffle, community singing. Gates open at 6.30pm. Tickets £10. Further details in May's Parish Post.

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Bell Ringing

In line with bellringers in other churches, a regular bell ringing practice has started at Clunbury on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. This is to integrate five new recruits with the existing few ringers, so the recently re-hung Clunbury bells will be rung regularly once again. The learners have been practising hard on tied (silent) bells since the New Year, and ringing on open (sounding) bells is an important step to them becoming a 'proper' band who will be able to ring for church services and other important village events.

Please contact Alex Sharpe 660429 or email alex@std8.com for more information or about learning to ring church bells in the Clun valley.



Left to right: Alex Sharpe, Andrew Buckley, Helen Sharpe, Barbara Freeman with new recruits Olivia Redgrave and Chris Vowles

Air Ambulance Petition

The Air Ambulance Service, funded by charitable donations given by the general public to run what has proved to be an essential service, has saved successive governments millions and millions of pounds. The Lifeboat Service, equally valuable and also funded by charitable donations, has been exempt from VAT on fuel costs since 1977, a privilege which has not been afforded to the Air Ambulance Service.

An e-petition calling on the government to have an urgent review of this situation can be found at the website <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29349>

If more than 100,000 people support the petition it could be debated in Parliament. This total has already been exceeded; even more signatures would reinforce the message.

Toad Alert

Toads are on the move again; watch out for them on the road, particularly in damp weather at night. Recently, there were 16 corpses along a 100 yard stretch in Kempton.



Clunbury PCC meeting

Contrary to the date published in the March Deanery Magazine the Clunbury Annual PCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 April at 7.00pm in Clunbury Village Hall. All welcome.

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Anniversary Boosts Parish Post Funds

Congratulations to David and Sue Hill who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 3 March with a large number of their friends and family from near and far. They have been the



powers behind the parish website and newsletter since their inception, and, as further evidence of their commitment, asked their guests for donations to The Parish Post, instead of more conventional presents. Their generosity resulted in donations of £230, for which the rest of the committee are extremely grateful. It will help to keep us afloat for a while longer, and to provide a measure of insurance against equipment failure

Jim Tipton

Purslow Show Handicraft and Produce Tent

The Show Tent committee is looking for new members who could bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm. During the year we have three meetings, leading up to show day itself, when we have great fun helping to stage the exhibits and stewarding for the judges (a good way to learn the secrets of successful showing!). If you would like to join our small friendly group contact Sue Hill (Show Tent Secretary) 660355 or email sueinclunbury@gmail.com

Carers Support Services

Information Day

Expert advice for those living with an illness or disability

**Wednesday 18 April,
10.30am – 12.30pm**

Methodist Church, Broad Street, Ludlow
Phone Dice or Jenny for more information 01694 722024

AED (Advanced External Defibrillator) News Update

Purslow Show Committee have donated £3,500 from the Ron Mold Memorial Fund to the local AED scheme, to enable defibrillators to be located in Clunbury and Kempton, the two main population centres in the Parish not yet specifically funded. It is hoped that this will encourage more people to volunteer for training and that suitable sites can be agreed.

The Ron Mold Memorial Fund was set up following Ron's death in 2006 as a way of continuing his good work. He was a loyal supporter of Purslow Show, attending every one of the 60 shows during his lifetime, and serving on the committee for many years.

The next local AED training session will be on 14 April, further details can be obtained from Eddie Jones on 640856.

Kempton Village Hall AGM

17 April, 8pm
All welcome

Please come and have your say

Eddie Jones will be with us to talk about the possibility of having an AED in Kempton.

Keep Your Eyes Peeled

Kemp Valley Wildlife Group launched its 2012 Bird Survey on 19 March. Please report sightings of Lapwing, Red Kite and Barn Owl, particularly if you think they might be breeding, to Vince Downs on 660369, or send your story to The Parish Post.



YOGA

Tuesdays 2pm - 3.30pm

in Clunton Village Hall

Suitable for beginners

Cost : £7.50 per class/£6.50 per class for block of 5
Ring Silvie (British Wheel of Yoga
Instructor) Tel: 07772 693177

Clunbury School Corner

On Tuesday 12 March Clunbury School had a visit from the Science Boffins. A scientist talked to us about making sweets and how things can taste horrible on their own but if you put them together they could taste nice. For example sherbet: we tried icing sugar, citric acid and bicarbonate of soda on their own. We then mixed them all together and it made sherbet. We also found out how pop corn pops: it turns out that corn has a tiny drop of water inside it, so when it heats up it expands and pops. We also learnt about exothermic chemical reaction, which means two chemicals that have been mixed together turn hot or make steam.

On Friday 16 March an architecture man came in and helped us make a model of the Globe Theatre out of sticks and elastic bands. When we finished we played 'Romeo and Juliet' in it, using the cast of Clunbury School, with Jacob as Romeo and Polly as Juliet. Then we all helped dismantle it at the end. Two great days.



Key Stage 2 about to lift the structure of the Globe into place

Management Plan for the Clun River

A plan for the River Clun Catchment is being developed and is set to become the foundation of how the river is cared for. This is part of a 3-year River Project. For more information contact Mike Kelly at the AONB Partnership on 674091 or visit www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk

Good Friday Children's Workshop

There will be a workshop for children in Clunton Village Hall from 10am to 11.30am on Good Friday 6 April. This will include baking Hot Cross Buns, which will be taken to Clunbury



Village Hall for refreshments, following the walk up Clunbury Hill with the cross. Meet at 3pm at Clunbury crossroads.



Aston on Clun Shop

About 3 months ago, a questionnaire was circulated in the Aston area seeking views on the possibility of a community shop to replace Mrs. Jennings's shop which closed last August.

Over 300 forms were distributed, and 104 were completed, representing about a one-third overall response from households. Of these, 56% thought it was important to have a village shop, and 20 people indicated they would either help set up or run a shop.

Overall the response is sufficient to suggest that a meeting should take place with all the local people who have put their names forward to help. The organisers will be contacting each of these individually, with a view to holding a joint meeting in early April.

For more information, or if you want to be added to the list of potential volunteers, contact any of Jeff Else (660893), Jim Halley (660138), John Harrold (660662) or David Jones (660493).

| Events Diary for April 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details | | | |
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| Date | Time | Event | Location |
| Sun 1 | 6.30pm | Palm Sunday - Evensong (BCP) | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Mon 2 | 7.30pm | Benefice Lent Course - Is Christianity relevant today? Tel. 661008 or email robert.payne48@btinternet.com | 9 Redwood Dr, Aston on Clun |
| Tue 3 | | Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am, Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm | |
| Tue 3 | 7.30pm | Flicks - Le Hérisson (The Hedgehog) | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Wed 4 | 10.00am | Regular coffee morning - 10.00am to 11.30am | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Wed 4 | 9.00pm | Quiz night | Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun |
| Fri 6 | 10.00 - 11.30am | A workshop for children. This will include baking Hot Cross Buns to be taken to Clunbury Village Hall for refreshments following the walk. | Clunton Village Hall |
| Fri 6 | 3.00pm | Walk with the cross up Clunbury Hill followed by tea and hot cross buns in Clunbury Village Hall | Clunbury crossroads |
| Fri 6 | 9.00pm | Live Music - Will Killeen | White Horse, Clun |
| Sun 8 | 11.00am | Easter Day - Holy Communion (BCP) | St Mary's, Clunton |
| Tue 10 | 7.30pm | SWSHAS - Ritherdon Lecture - John Cherry, former Deputy Director, British Museum | Bishop's Castle Community College Main Hall |
| Tue 10 | 7.30pm | Silence and Meditation one hour's quiet time. All welcome at the home of Sheila and Jim Hindle. | Forest View, Clunton Tel. 660302 |
| Wed 11 | 8.00pm | Bishop's Castle Film Society - Katalin Varga | Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle |
| Fri 13 | 8.00pm | Flicks - Resistance | Clungunford Parish Hall |
| Sat 14 | 10.00am - 2.00pm | Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training session | Lydbury North Village Hall - phone Eddie Jones 640856 |
| Sun 15 | 6.30pm | Evensong (BCP) | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Mon 16 | 7.00 - 9.00pm | Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace | Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun |
| Tue 17 | | Mobile Library - Shropshire Council may be changing the service so future days/times uncertain at time of printing | |
| Tue 17 | 7.00pm | Clunbury PCC meeting. All welcome | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Tue 17 | 7.30pm | Bedstone WI - Tom Kane - Shropshire Deaf Awareness | Bedstone Village Hall |
| Tue 17 | 8.00pm | Kempton Village Hall AGM | Kempton Village Hall |
| Wed 18 | 10.00am | Regular coffee morning - 10.00am to 11.30am | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Wed 18 | 9.15pm | Live acoustic folk music | Crown Inn, Clunton |
| Fri 20 | 7.30pm | Flicks - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Sat 21 | 7.30pm | Flicks - War Horse | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Sat 21 | 7.30pm | Flicks - Belleville Rendez-vous | Chapel Lawn Village Hall |
| Sun 22 | 11.00am | Holy Communion CW | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Sun 22 | 3.00pm | Live show - Ailie Cohen Puppet Maker - Cloudman | St Mary's School, Bucknell |
| Tue 24 | 2.30pm | Bible Study Group. Tel. Vivienne 660760 or Sheila 660302 | 9 Redwood Dr, Aston on Clun |
| Wed 25 | 7.30pm | South Shropshire Gardening Club - Dr M Mylechreest: 'Sugar and spice and all things nice' | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Wed 25 | 8.00pm | Bishop's Castle Film Society - In a Better World | Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle |
| Thur 26 | 9.00pm | Live acoustic folk music | Sun Inn, Clun |
| Sat 28 | 7.00pm | Supper at St. Cuthbert's, Clungunford (drainage celebration!) | Tel. Sandra 660158 |
| Sat 28 | 7.30pm | Flicks - Resistance | Clun Mem. Hall |
| Sun 29 | 10.30am | Benefice United Service (BCP) | St Mary's, Hopesay |
| Events Diary for early May 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details | | | |
| Tue 1 | 7.30pm | Flicks - War Horse | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Wed 2 | 10.00am | Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Sat 5 | 10.30am - 3.30pm | Wood White Butterfly Survey | Meet Bury Ditches car park Tel. 0121 5509853 |

Parish Council Meeting 22 March

Vacancy for Parish Councillor: No formal election was requested, so the Parish Council was required to co-opt to fill the post left vacant by the death of Penny Marsh. Three people had expressed an interest and had been interviewed. All were considered excellent candidates and after discussion and a vote David Hill was appointed. The Clerk reminded those present that there would be an election for all councillors in May 2013 and encouraged the two unsuccessful candidates to stand then.

BOAT at Cwm Lane Cottage: As requested by the Council, Mr Webb has been logging the usage of the byway by 4x4 vehicles, motorcycles, horse riders and walkers. The numbers were quite high, particularly at weekends, but only the 4x4s cause serious problems. Apart from the risk to walkers and riders, a lot of mud is thrown off their tyres as soon as they reach the surfaced lane and accelerate away. On a number of occasions the council have been called out to clean the road. Mr Webb produced photographs showing the problem. The Parish Council will continue to pursue ways in which this problem could be eliminated or mitigated, however, because of the history of this right of way, changing its status may be very difficult or impossible.

AED Scheme: The AED Scheme has received further donations and units will be installed in Clunbury and Kempton once sufficient volunteers have been trained. Councillor Seabury is gathering names of potential trainees. The next training session will be on 14 April, in Lydbury North Village Hall.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration: Clunton is organising a beacon, pig roast etc on 4 June which will be open to the whole parish. A suggestion that the Parish Council should present Jubilee mugs to children

at Clunbury School was favourably received. Councillor Croxton will discuss this with the school.

Planning: Two applications had been received. Councillors will hold a site meeting to consider the application relating to The Barn, Clunbury.

Donation: Councillors agreed a donation of £100 to Severn Hospice.

Purslow Crossroads: Councillor Croxton reported that plans to improve the layout of the junction were progressing but the timescales were not yet defined.

Housing Development Plans: Councillor Hill pointed out that Shropshire Council's latest Development Plan for the area linked Clunbury with Clungunford, but made no mention of Clunton or Kempton. A copy of the Plan will be made available to those Councillors concerned. An on-line questionnaire for comments on the Plan is open until 8 June.

(Note: To see Shropshire Council's future housing plans for the area, go to theparishpost.org/planning and follow the link.)

Next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be on 17 May in Kempton Village Hall, preceded by the annual Parish Assembly which will start at 8.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and hold their councillors to account!

Jim Tipton

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