

South West Shropshire Gardening Club



At the March meeting Stan Wild spoke about growing maples from seed. Maples occur naturally across the northern hemisphere: field maple (often used as a hedging plant) and sycamore. Maples are renowned for their autumn colour which is enhanced by sunny days and low temperatures. Some maples are grown for their attractive bark and some for their food value (one pint of maple syrup requires five gallons of sap). They are easy to grow and there is one to suit every garden. They may vary in size from two feet to fifty two feet, as in Hergest Croft Garden. Each member of the audience came away with two germinated seeds and very clear written instructions. Hopefully the maple population of South West Shropshire will rise dramatically over the next few years.

Next meeting: Wed 23 May at Lydbury North VH, with Joan Wilkinson's 'Talk on Turkey'. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Pauline 660120.

Kempton Village Hall AGM

A defibrillator has been earmarked for Kempton. It will be made available provided enough volunteers sign up for training. Eddie Jones from the Clun Valley AED Scheme explained the basics of defibrillator use and it was agreed that this was an opportunity that the village needed to consider seriously. Further details will be circulated and training offered, at which juncture there will be a call for volunteers.

The year's accounts were presented, the committee was re-elected and an initial programme of three events (slide show in the autumn, Bonfire Night on 3 November and a Ceilidh early in 2013) was agreed. Anyone wishing to receive the minutes should contact Gisèle on 660561.

Clunbury Parish Past & Present

Extracts from the record of the Visitation by Archdeacon Plymley (later named Corbett), 1793

Further to my introductory note in the April issue of *The Parish Post*, herewith the first extract from Archdeacon Plymley's report on his visitation to Clunbury on 13 April 1793. Anyone interested in reading the full report should go to Shropshire Archives where it is referenced SA6001/6860-5.

Population is the principal topic of this extract. The wording follows that of the original document, with the exception of editorial insertions which are in square brackets. The text was written following the visitation of 1793 but, where indicated, the Archdeacon added further information at a later date.

Clunbury township 167 inhabitants

Kempton township 188 persons

Clunton township 266 persons

Obley township 123 [Total 744]

The total No. of houses in the Parish is 113 so that there are above 6½ persons to each house.

There is a constable for each township. There is only one public house, viz Purslow Hundred House.

1800: in all 794 persons

1831: Clunbury and Obley townships 430. Clunton and Kempton 529 = 959 [in total]

[For comparison, the population in 2001 was 478, when there was an average of 2.1 persons per household]. *Tom Wall*

VAT on Church Alterations

The proposal to apply VAT to alterations to listed places of worship (currently zero rated), will affect local churches. If you wish to sign a petition to oppose the proposal, go to: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32229>

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Grace's 90th Birthday

Grace Jones celebrated her 90th birthday with family, friends and neighbours at Clunton village Hall on Saturday 31 March. Guests enjoyed an afternoon tea party with a wonderful cream tea put on by Della and Jackie from the Crown Inn. The afternoon finished with a 'Singalong' with a variety of music ably provided by Jennie Watts and her organ.

It was a lovely afternoon and Grace would like to thank everyone for coming along and making it a special occasion.



She would also like to thank her friends and neighbours for their kind wishes and for planting a Laburnum tree in her garden to remind her of the day.

Grace was a school teacher at Clunbury School from 1940 to 1947 and it was nice that some of her old pupils were able to celebrate with her. She has lived in the parish since 1947 when she married Gilbert Jones and moved to the New House Farm, Kempton. Gilbert and Grace retired in 1989 to Clunton and have enjoyed living amongst such good company.

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 9 May

The Crown Inn, Clunton

10.30am to 12 noon

Entry £1

to include coffee or tea and biscuits

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 St Mary's Church, Clunton

Clunbury Parish Assembly

17 May 8pm Kempton Village Hall

Come and share your thoughts and concerns with your councillors. This will be followed by the regular Parish Council meeting.

Our New Vicar

The Reverend Canon Paul Wignall, currently in Coventry Diocese, has been appointed to the new Clun Valley Benefice, and he and his wife Carlynn and their dog Collar will be arriving in Clun in June. He will be licensed as priest-in-charge at St George's Clun at 7pm on Thursday 28 June. Do come and support him at this service.

His first service in St Swithin's will be for our Patronal Festival and Songs of Praise on July 15 which will be preceded by a barbecue. Look in next month's Parish Post for further details!

Christina Whitehead



Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

CLUNTON DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACON PARTY

Monday, June 4 from 6.30pm

on Cuckoo Patch Field, Cwm Bydd Farm

Clunton's Beacon will be lit in sequence with those around the UK using the torch that lit the last Clun Valley Diamond Jubilee Beacon in 1897

Hog roast, sausages, salads, vegetarian options, and a sumptuous pudding table!

Bar, Jubilee quiz

TV link to the Concert at the Palace and HM The Queen lighting the National Beacon at 10.30pm

National anthem led by Lorna James, soprano

Raffle to benefit the Air Ambulance

Fun and games for all

Tickets £10, with any profit to the Village Hall

Available, only in advance, from: Pat Harding 660169, Alan Grace 660652

or Carol and Jonathan Griffiths 660304



Special Jubilee Service

In Clunbury Church

Sunday 3 June at 10 am



Come and have lunch with us, with a choice of delicious homemade Soups and Puddings. Suitable for all ages - everyone welcome.

Aston-on-Clun Village Hall

On Sat 5th May 2012 at

12noon - 2pm

Proceeds from this event will go towards

Aston Green,

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

3rd & 4th June 2012

Arrangements are being made for:

'The Big Lunch' Aston Green on Sunday 3rd June from 1pm

&

Evening BBQ at Aston-on-Clun Village Hall and Beacon on Clunbury Hill

on Monday 4th June from 4pm

Details to be confirmed



Royal Memories

Do you remember the celebrations for Coronation Day 1953, the Silver Jubilee in 1977 or the Golden Jubilee in 2002? What happened in our parish? Do you have any photos?

Share your memories with our readers

Send them to The Parish Post or ask us to come and see you

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Clunbury Village Hall

Public Meeting

Thursday 10 May, 7.30pm in the Hall

This is your chance to:-

see the improvements that have been made, influence how the remaining substantial budget will be spent, say what events and activities you want your village hall to offer and enjoy a glass of wine!

Thanks to Clunton Villagers

Brenda and Malcolm Smith wish to thank all those neighbours and friends who so willingly came forward with offers of food, shopping and help during their recent illnesses. We are happy to report that after some treatment Brenda is back to normal, Malcolm is mobile and his dialysis is going well.

We do realise how dependent we were on help from you all, and realise what a great place Clunton is to live in. Thank you all very much.

(This should have appeared in an earlier Parish Post but was delayed due to a breakdown in communications. Ed.)

Age UK Drop-in Service

A new weekly Home from Hospital drop-in clinic opened on Tuesday 17 April (from 11am to 2pm) at Ludlow Hospital Outpatients' Department. The emphasis of the drop-in is to provide information and advice to help older people remain independent within their own home. Jackie Willetts, Age UK's Home from Hospital Coordinator said, "The service works in partnership with other service providers to minimise the disruption and ease the adjustment for older people following a crisis or a hospital stay, both for the patient and their carers. It can provide help with everyday tasks such as shopping, and volunteers will visit regularly to provide support and companionship." For more information contact Jackie Willetts on 01584 878046.

Clunbury Parish Council - Situations Vacant

Litter Picking Coordinator

Do you like fresh air, meeting new people, doing something useful, wearing a 'hi vis' tabard? Clunbury Parish Council is looking for an enthusiastic, organised person to co-ordinate a small team of litter pickers who will help to keep our parish beautiful. The Parish Council provide insurance cover for all involved. This is a voluntary position so the pay is rubbish!

Parish Path Warden(s)

Another outdoor opportunity. This scheme is for an individual or small group of volunteers who wish to help look after the rights of way in the parish in collaboration with Shropshire Council's Countryside Access Team.

If you are interested in either of these posts or want to find out more, please contact our Parish Clerk, Nancy Adams on 01686 670737 or email

newcwmfarm@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning

Saturday 26 May 2012

10 am to 1 pm

at



Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice

in aid of

The Rescue Trust of N.W. Golden Retriever Club
(www.nwgrc.co.uk)

£3.00 to include refreshments

Cake stall, bric-a-brac, greetings cards, raffle



Parking available



All enquiries - please ring Dawn 660400

| Events Diary for May 2012 | | | |
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| There is now an on-line notice board at www.theparishpost.org as well as the events diary | | | |
| Date | Time | Event | Location |
| Tue 1 | | Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am, Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm | |
| 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 |
| Wed 2 | | Quiz night | Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun |
| Fri 4 | 8.00pm | Flicks - My Week With Marilyn | Clungunford Parish Hall |
| Fri 4 | 9.00pm | Live Music - Plastic Pantomime | White Horse, Clun |
| Sat 5 | 10.30am-3.30pm | Wood White Butterfly Survey, phone 0121 5509853 | Meet Bury Ditches car park |
| Sat 5 | 12.00pm | Soup & pudding lunch, 12 noon until 2.00pm | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Sun 6 | 6.30pm | Evensong (BCP) | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Tue 8 | 7.30pm | Silence and meditation, phone 660302 | Forest View, Clunton |
| Wed 9 | 10.30am to 12.00 | Coffee Morning in aid of St Mary's Church. Stalls, cakes, plants, bric a brac, raffle | Crown Inn, Clunton |
| Thur 10 | 7.30pm | Clunbury Village Hall public meeting—all welcome | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Sat 12 | 9.30am | Birdwalk, Hopesay Hill, 9.30am - 12.30pm, phone 680590 | Meet Hopesay main street |
| Sun 13 | 11.00am | Mattins | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Sun 13 | 6.30pm | Evensong (BCP) | St Mary's, Clunton |
| Mon 14 | 7.00pm | Free help using computers at AoC Broadplace 7.00—9.00pm | Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun |
| Tue 15 | | Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am, Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm | |
| Wed 16 | 10.00am | Regular coffee morning - 10.00am to 11.30am | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Wed 16 | 9.15pm | Live acoustic folk music | Crown Inn, Clunton |
| Thur 17 | 8.00pm | Clunbury Parish Assembly, followed by Parish Council meeting | Kempton Village Hall |
| Sat 19 | 7.30pm | Flicks - Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy | Clun Memorial Hall |
| Sun 20 | 10.30am | Benefice United Service for Christian Aid | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Tue 22 | 2.30pm | Bible Study Group, phone 660760 | 9 Redwood Dr., Aston on Clun |
| Wed 23 | 7.30pm | South Shrop. Gardening Club-Joan Wilkinson: 'Talk on Turkey' | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Thur 24 | 7.30pm | The Dan Cassidy Swing Quartet | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Thur 24 | 9.00pm | Live acoustic folk music | Sun Inn, Clun |
| Fri 25 | 7.30pm | Flicks - Monsieur Hulot's Holiday | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Sat 26 | 10am to 1.00pm | Coffee morning in aid of The Rescue Trust of NW Golden Retriever Club | Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice |
| Sun 27 | 11.00am | Holy Communion (CW) | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Sun 27 | 11.00am | Wood White Womble (guided walk), 11.00am - 2.00pm | Meet Bury Ditches car park |
| Tue 29 | | Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am, Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am, Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm | |
| Wed 30 | 10.00am | Regular coffee morning - 10.00am to 11.30am | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Events Diary for early June 2012 | | | |
| Fri 1 | 9.00pm | Live Music: Bluestack | White Horse, Clun |
| Sun 3 | 10.00am | Special Jubilee Service | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Sun 3 | 1.00pm | The Big Lunch | Aston on Clun Green |
| Mon 4 | 4.00pm | Barbecue | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Mon 4 | 6.30pm | Diamond Jubilee Celebration | Cwm Bydd Farm, Clunton |
| Mon 4 | tb | Jubilee Beacon - walkers welcome | Clunbury Hill |

Craven Arms Community Food Group

We are a group of volunteers who run the Farmers' Market in Craven Arms on the first Saturday of each month. The market has been



running successfully now for several years and we hope it will continue. If you've not been to the market before, then do please come along; we think you'll be pleasantly surprised! The market is put up and taken down by a friendly bunch of volunteers and we would welcome some extra help from anyone living locally in the surrounding villages. You'll need to like getting up early and be reasonably fit. We set up at 7am and it takes about 1½ hours and then we have a free big cooked breakfast in the Discovery Centre café. Alternatively, you can help us take the market down. We meet at 1.30pm and it takes about an hour. If you help take down, then we'll give you a £5 voucher to spend at the next market.

If you are interested in the concept of community food and farmers' markets, perhaps have some experience of markets, locally produced food and sustainable farming, then you might be interested in the Steering Group. For more information contact David Gibbon on 01694 723362.

If you'd like to be part of this friendly, sustainably-minded group of local people, then please either come along to the next market and have a chat (ask for Ed or David), or give Diane a ring to find out more on 672098.

Council Customer Services

Shropshire Council has a Customer Service Face to Face Point in Enterprise House, Bishop's Castle, open Monday and Friday 9am to 2.30pm. On Tuesdays the advisor is available for any local gatherings or clubs in the area. This is your local access to your council services. Here are some of the services you can get help and advice on: waste collections, concessionary travel (you will need to bring proof of address and date of birth for a new bus pass or rail voucher), Link bus service, blue badge applications, street cleansing, lighting and highways, help applying for, and filling in, benefit forms, school transport. Use it as your first point of contact for your council.

Trade Ads in the Parish Post?

It has been suggested that the Parish Post should consider carrying local adverts, both as a means of covering our production costs, and as a useful service to the community. It would inevitably lead to an increase in the size of the Post (and hence costs) so would only be worth doing if enough local businesses participate.

If you run a local business, or provide a service, and might be interested, please let us know what you think. Email us at theparishpost@gmail.com.

Double Honours for Raymond

Colonel Raymond Savill from Beambridge has been elected Honorary Vice President of the Bishop's Castle Railway society in recognition of his long service to the Society. Last year Raymond was also elected Vice President of the Clun and District Royal British Legion. Congratulations from all at The Parish Post.

Campaign & Survey Launched to Bring us Better Broadband

Shropshire Council is encouraging residents and businesses to pledge their support for a new £16M initiative. For more information go to theparishpost.org/index/broadband or a library or call Shropshire Council's customer service team on 0345 678 9000.