

Clunbury Parish, Past and Present

Extracts from the Record of the Visitation by Archdeacon Plymley (later named Corbett) to Clunbury Parish, April 13 1793



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

The building

This church is upon the North East extremity of the Parish. There was a chapel formerly at Clunton which must have balanced this inconvenience very much. There is now no remains of this chapel, nor could I find out when it was destroyed. An unenclosed spot in the village is still called the church yard.

The Ch. consists of a Nave and chancel and side chancel projecting to the S[outh] of it, and which belonged to the Downs's of Purslow Hall, once a family in this Parish. The chancel contains 4 pews. The S[outh] chancel 2 forms and 2 pews. The Nave 20[?] pews and 6 forms in a state of decay. There is a spacious gallery at the W[est] end. The roof of the whole fabric wants to have the cover relaid. The aisle [=aisle] of the nave should be new paved with flags. The Screen between it and the chancel should be taken away. The South chancel is dirty and indecent thro'out.

Attendance

At the monthly sacrament from 7 to 14 persons attend. From 40 to 50 communicate upon Easter Day, about ½ the number on Good Friday and Low Sunday. The monthly communicants seldom attend on festivals. Out of 744 persons then, we may reckon at 100 communicants and of these a greater

proportion are the day labourers. The usual congregations are not thought bad ones for the size and situation of the Parish and all ranks attend equally well. There is very sufficient plate for the use of the altar.

Christina Whitehead, Church Warden, reports that today the numbers attending the monthly communion are very similar to those reported by Archdeacon Plymley 200 years ago, and this despite a considerably smaller population (478 compared to 744). Over the last four years the average number of communicants on Easter Day has been 37, and this year, as reported in the Clun Forest Deanery Magazine, at least eighty people, a number of dogs and two horses were on Clunbury Hill on Good Friday to erect the cross. Christina adds that the church is in a very good state: the roof was re-done a few years ago and the bells refurbished and re-hung more recently. As she says, it's sad that the gallery has gone, but the chancel is now clean and decent throughout!

Tom Wall

Adult Education at the Discovery Centre

Enamelling Workshop with Jill Leventon, Saturday 16 June 10am-4pm Cost: £35
Bloomin' Marvellous with Ed Moseley, Sunday 1 July 10.30am-12.30pm Cost: £5
Learn how to convert existing grassland into a wildflower meadow. Limited places, so book in advance - phone 676060 or email discoverycentre@shropshire.gov.uk

Shropshire Rural Hub

This is an informal network of businesses which aims to stimulate and support rural enterprise and achieve a sustainable rural economy for Shropshire. For more information go to the website www.ruralhubswm.org.uk/links or contact Alison Tudor on 07967 438516, email atudor.srh@wnsc.ac.uk

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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations—Reminder

Monday 4 June

Cwm Bydd Farm, Clunton from 6.30pm. Food served from 7.30pm Singing of National Anthem led by Lorna James, a Jubilee Quiz and the lighting of the Beacon around 10pm. Tickets available in advance only from: Pat 660169, Alan 660652, Carol 660304. Cost: £10 for adults and £5 for children age 5 to 14.

Clunbury Hill Beacon will be lit at 10pm, walkers are welcome.



Thanksgiving Service

Let the bells ring out in jubilation
Start your Diamond Jubilee celebrations
At a joyful thanksgiving for Her Majesty's
Sixty years of service to us all
At St Swithin's Church, Clunbury
On Sunday June 3rd at 10am
Share your memories of the Queen's
reign and raise a cup of tea or a glass
of wine afterwards, with flags, balloons
and soft drinks for the children.

At 10.45 a group photo of the congregation will be taken, to hand down to posterity, so be sure to wear your best!

Jubilee Photo Sharing

Carol Griffiths has suggested that we should have a place where everyone could share their Jubilee photos. It should be easy to use, allow anyone to upload and download high-resolution photos and be free of annoying adverts. After some investigation we have set up an account on the ZangZing.com photo sharing website. You can email your photos to the site as attachments and see all the photos that have been uploaded. There is a link to the Diamond Jubilee Photo Album on theparishpost.org website. This takes you via a help page which gives detailed instructions.

David Hill

Cracking the Cider Barrel



Clunton Scrumpers News

We have been awarded a grant towards updating some of our equipment from A.O.N.B. & Grass Roots. This will also enable us to buy some more fruit trees which will be offered for a donation of £5.00 per tree limited to 2 trees per person, available late autumn. For more information ring 660309.

Juicing will be in October - date to be decided. We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Anne Shepherdson

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Clunbury Village Hall Meeting

Fifteen members of the public in addition to the committee attended the open meeting. Phil Wright, The Village Hall Committee Chairman, described and demonstrated the improvements that had been made to the Hall thanks to the grant received. There was discussion about how the remaining improvement money should be spent and about expanding the programme of events held at the Hall. Duncan Brown, Eirlys Ellams, David Hill and Sue Hill were co-opted as new committee members. A few ideas for increasing the use of the hall such as a regular 'Clunbury Café', games evenings, and meetings to swap garden plants and produce were suggested. Since the meeting a small group of committee members have made a start on sprucing up the outside of the Hall. The tubs and hanging baskets have been replanted, the weeds strimmed and sprayed and the grass cut. The next tasks are to repaint the exterior of the window frames and the rendering, and improve the drainage and surface of the car park. If anyone has about ten tons of gravel to donate please get in touch!

David Hill

Coming soon
Clunbury Café
in the Village Hall
opening Thursday 5 July
10.00 to 12.00am
then every other Thursday

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SWSGC

Dr Mylechreest, the speaker at the SWSGC April meeting in Lydbury North Village Hall, spoke about the very wide range of uses that plants have worldwide, from rubber trees to cork



trees, from Yew trees used in the pharmaceutical trade, to cotton and bamboo used to produce cloth. He also gave his audience lots of historical, social and cultural information on plants, including the fact that the Romans extracted salicylic acid from willows which was used as a pain killer.

Next meeting: Wednesday 27 June - Evening coach outing to Brownhill Gardens and meal.

Ashbeds Coffee Morning

There was glorious weather for Dawn Parsonage's Coffee Morning at Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice, on 26 May and visitors enjoyed the lovely, peaceful garden beneath the wood; partook of a cake stall, raffle and a dog quiz, and raised £325 for the North West Region Golden Retriever Trust. Dawn extends her thanks to all who supported it, helped and donated produce.

Clunbury Under Fives

It is with the greatest of sadness that Clunbury Under Fives has now closed. A huge thank you goes out to all those who have supported us over the years, including parents, children, staff, volunteers and fundraisers.



On the positive side, it is hoped to establish a weekly parent and toddler group in the village hall from September. If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact Cheryl Everton 07917 567827, or the village hall committee.

Helicopter lends a hand



Photos: Sandra Morgan

In late May, the Air Ambulance came to the rescue of Phil Wright, from Clunbury, who had damaged his hand in a car engine. The helicopter landed in a nearby field, to the great delight of the children paddling in the river. Phil was air-lifted to the hospital. Following prompt treatment, he was fit enough to make a speech at the Arbor Day festivities.



Spot the 'copter'!

Earlier in the year (15 Feb) the Air Ambulance had been called to the rescue when Tony Goodwin, from Kempton, cut two fingers to the bone with an electric planer. A doctor, who was on the helicopter, administered first aid, prior to a successful operation the following day.

In yet another incident, Brian Morgan ripped all the skin on the back of his hand on 13 May. Twenty-four butterfly stitches were needed to put it back together again. Apparently it is mending beautifully, thanks to a little bit of honey.

Thanks to the Air Ambulance and hospital staff.

Advance notice for your diary

Swithin's Patronal Festival and Songs of Praise which takes place on 15 July at 4pm will be the new vicar Paul Wignell's first service in Clunbury. It will be preceded by a barbecue at the Old Vicarage at 1 pm. For tickets (Adult: £10, children under 14: £4), contact Maddy Matveieff (660458), Mary Jones (660316) or Chirstina Whitehead (660424). Proceeds to Clunbury Church.

Caring for Rivers in the Clun Catchment – Discussion with local communities

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership is working on a three year River Clun Catchment project. To this end, it has joined with others in forming a Clun Catchment Partnership. Local people's views will feed into the work of statutory agencies and others in the catchment. A Catchment Management Plan will be drawn up to co-ordinate activity. The project also links closely to a Defra-funded Catchment Demonstration Initiative for the wider River Teme Catchment; this is led by the Severn Rivers Trust.

A community meeting was held at Lydbury North Village Hall on 26 April, the first of three such meetings designed to raise awareness of the issues affecting the River Clun Catchment and to gather views from the community as to its future. Further community meetings follow at Bucknell (29 May) and Clun (Memorial Hall, 28 June, 7.30pm).

Twenty three people attended the meeting, which concentrated in particular on the River Kemp, a significant tributary of the Clun. Brief presentations were given by the AONB, a local resident and ex-farmer, and by representatives from Natural England, Severn Rivers Trust and Shropshire Council. Discussion groups were then formed so as to gather views on the following: What do rivers mean to you? What is your vision for the river? What needs to be done to achieve the vision? Who needs to be involved? Further opportunities for involvement will be communicated to those who attended the meeting and left contact details.

Mike Kelly, AONB Partnership

Clunbury 100 Club May Draw

1. No 25 Kathleen Fieldhouse £20
2. No 50 Jane Rose £15
3. No 61 Marianne Hints £10
4. No 93 Carol Griffiths £5
5. No 52 Bob Richards £3

Events Diary for June 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 1	9.00pm	Live Music: Rubicon	White Horse, Clun
Sun 3	10.00am	Special Jubilee Service followed by drinks and a group photo	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	10.00pm	Jubilee Beacon - walkers welcome	Clunbury Hill
Wed 6	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI - Social History of Afternoon Tea	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 6		Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Fri 8	9.00pm	Live Music: String Thing	White Horse, Clun
Sat 9	7.30pm	Flicks—Brighton Rock (2010)	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 10	6.30pm	Evensong at Clunton with Clunbury	St Mary's, Clunton
Tue 12		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 12	2.00pm	Yoga 2.00-3.30pm contact Sylvie 07772 693177	Clunton Village Hall
Wed 13	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00 - 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thur 14	7.00pm	Frankenstein (Benedict Cumberbatch)	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 16	10.00am	Enamelling Workshop 10.00am - 4.00pm	Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Sat 16	10.00am	AED training 10.00am - 2.00pm	Bishop's Castle Fire Station
Sat 16	6.00pm	Cracking the Cider Barrel	Fold Farm, Clunton
Sun 17	10.00am	Dragonflies Walk led by Steve Butler 10.00am -12.30pm phone 680590	Meet at Powis Arms, Lydbury North
Sun 17	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 17	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 18	7.00pm-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 19	2.00pm	Yoga 2.00-3.30pm contact Sylvie 07772 693177	Clunton Village Hall
Tue 19		Bedstone WI - Visit Hopton Castle with Tom Baker	Phone 680590
Tue 19	2.30pm	Bible Study Group. Phone 660760	9 Redwood Dr., Aston on Clun
Wed 20	10.00am	Carers Support Services Information Day - 10.00am -1.00pm	Church Barn, Bishop's Castle
Wed 20	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 21	2.00pm-4.00pm	Carers Support Services Afternoon Tea and Bric-a-Brac Sale. Contact Dice or Jenny on 01694 722024	Hazlehurst Close, Clun
Sun 24	9.30am	Birdwalk, Walcot 9.30am -12.30pm. Phone 680590	Powis Arms, Lydbury North
Sun 24	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 26		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 26	2.00pm	Yoga 2.00 - 3.30pm contact Sylvie 07772 693177	Clunton Village Hall
Wed 27	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00 - 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 27		South Shropshire Gardening Club - Evening coach outing to Brownhill Gardens + meal	
Thur 28	7.00pm	Licensing of Revd. Canon Paul Wignall	St George's , Clun
Thur 28	7.30pm	Caring for Rivers in The Clun Catchment	Clun Memorial Hall
Thur 28	9.00pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 29	9.00pm	Live Music: The HMV Band	White Horse, Clun
Events Diary for early July 2012			
Sun 1	10.30am	Bloomin' Marvellous - converting grassland to a wildflower meadow. 10.30am -12.30pm	Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Thur 5	10.00am	Clunbury Café 10.00am -12.00pm	Clunbury Village Hall

Parish Assembly and Council Meetings

Held on 17 May, the Parish Assembly Meeting consisted of formal presentation of accounts and the Chairman's report. Being a recap of events, it contained no surprises, and has been reported in previous issues of the Parish Post. Three members of the public were present (including myself), but there was no provision for questions or comments from the floor.

In the subsequent Council Meeting, Harry Collins and John Croxton were re-elected as chairman and vice-chairman. Harry emphasised that it was likely to be his last year in office.

Planning Applications

Extension and Garage at the Barn, Clunbury - A site meeting had been held, and no objections raised.

Tennis court and Fencing at Purslow Hall - No objections

Lambing shed at Hurst Barn Clunton - No objections

Clunbury School - new building to house a biomass (wood pellet) boiler being introduced by Shropshire Council (SC) to reduce costs and carbon.

AED Scheme

The next training session is scheduled for 16 June at Bishop's Castle (anyone interested should contact Eddie Jones on 640856).

Diamond Jubilee

The council had offered to contribute towards commemorative mugs, or similar, for Clunbury School children. The school were considering coins, and were also planning a school event, linked to the memory of Penny Marsh. Cllr Croxton would seek clarification.

Parish Plan

There have been no responses to the requests for a litter picker coordinator, or a parish paths warden. Councillors were asked to approach potential volunteers directly.

Roads

B4385 at Kempton - Further to the last meetings discussion, it was agreed that SC be asked to reduce the advisory signs from 40 to 30 mph.

Little Brampton crossroads - In view of recent road accidents a meeting will be arranged with SC officers to discuss improved signage and other options.

Clunbury Village sign - the sign on Twitchen Road is missing, and needs to be replaced, preferably in a new location, less prone to damage.

General road conditions - various potholes and poor surface conditions were reported, including near Ford cottages, Gunridge Lane, Redwood Lane and the Cwm area.

BOAT - there were further reports of informal rallies of 4x4s on the byway, but it was agreed to wait for a response from the association of local councils before deciding how best to achieve a change of status.

Housing Development Plan (SAMDev)

SC's development plan for Clunbury (linked with Clungunford!) does not appear to propose specific development, but would allow limited individual applications. The date for comment/consultation has been extended to 20 July.

Next meeting, 12 July, 8.00pm Clunton village hall.

Jim Tipton

Carers Support Services Events

Afternoon Tea and Bric a Brac Sale, a chance to meet and chat to other carers.

21 June 2-4pm at Hazlehurst Close, Clun.

Information Day, expert advice for those living with an illness or disability.

20 June 10.00am-1.00pm at The Church Barn, Bishop's Castle.

For further information please contact Dice or Jenny on 01694 722024 or email maysi@hotmail.co.uk