

## History of the Church in Hopesay

8 September, 3.30pm

*In the church*

Illustrated talk by Sandra Spence  
Refreshments

Further details and bookings, call David Jones on 660493 or Sandra Spence on 660657

## The Old Surgery Gallery, Clun Exhibitions

Until 17 September:

Brian Fletcher Paul Hipkiss, Ann-Monique Stellinga and Tim Nash

Back to School Exhibition:

20 September to 22 October:

Noel Shepherdson, Keith Noble, Anna Ravenscroft, Jacqueline Fletcher and Jeni Vidler

## Bookworms, Lydbury North

Katherine Swift will be the speaker on 21 September. She is author of 'The Morville Hours' and 'The Morville Year' and will talk about her books and her garden. This is likely to be of interest to gardeners and book lovers, so reserve your place early. The evening starts at 7.30 pm at Lydbury North Village Hall. £5 to include the usual excellent real coffee and tea.

To book, phone Richard Beaumont on 680302.

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Aston on Clun Village Hall in association with Arts Alive will be showing

## National Theatre Live

broadcast live from London by satellite

6 September

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, based on the best selling Whitbread book of the year.

11 October

The Last of the Haussmans starring Julie Walters

1 November

Timon of Athens starring Simon Russell Beale

Doors open at 6.30 for start at 7.00 pm

Tickets: £10 (£6 for under 18s)

For further information on each production and cast please visit the Aston-on-Clun Village Hall website

[www.2shrop.net/AstononClunVillageHall](http://www.2shrop.net/AstononClunVillageHall)

Seats are limited.

For tickets & information please call David Jones on 660493 or Jeff Else on 660893



You are invited to

## The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

on Saturday 29 September

at

Aston-on-Clun Village Hall

10am—12noon

£2 Entry

(For unlimited tea or coffee & biscuits)

Raffle \* Cake Stall \* Tombola

# The Parish Post

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

## Purslow Show - First Cancellation in 66 Years

The Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana has been running successfully now for 65 years, raising thousands of pounds for charities. For the first time in its history, the Show was cancelled this year. The Chairman and Committee met and decided that the condition of the showground was dangerous, due to being waterlogged and as further rain was expected, they reluctantly agreed to cancel the show. It is particularly disappointing as the Show this year featured Savage Skills, whose cycle stunt display was eagerly anticipated. However, the good news is that they are keen to come in 2013. The running of the show depends on the many volunteers who work hard to provide a fun day out for the local community. Also, many people prepared exhibits for the Handicraft and Produce Show. We appreciate all the efforts put in and all share in their disappointment. One can only wonder how many Chocolate Mayonnaise Cakes were consumed for afternoon tea in the Clun Valley! We look forward to a better summer and a good show in 2013.

*Purslow Sports, Show and Gymkhana Committee*

## Gilbert's 90th Birthday Party

He marks his birthday by presenting The Crown Inn Domino Challenge Cup

Gilbert Jones from Clunton, who is a member of the Clunton Sharks Domino team, planned to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Crown Inn, Clunton, with his friends and neighbours. Unfortunately Gilbert



was taken ill just before his party, but it went ahead without him. His three children, Malcolm, Kath and Gill hosted the party in his absence.

Gilbert had also planned to hold a Knockout Domino Tournament to mark the occasion. The competition went ahead, thanks to his friend Andy Coull who organised it for him on the day. After a thrilling competition, the cup was won by Roger Hughes from Newcastle.

Gilbert is now fit and well and is pictured presenting the cup to Roger at the Crown Inn, Clunton. "I am pleased that the party and dominoes competition went ahead without me and thanks must go to Della and Andy at the Crown Inn for helping me to arrange the party. I will have to have another party next year to make up for missing this one," he said mischievously!

Gilbert moved to the New House Farm, Kempton in 1931 and retired to Clunton with his wife Grace in 1989. "We enjoy being part of the village and I wanted to give something back to encourage more people to play competitive dominoes". The competition will be played annually on or around the 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Crown Inn, Clunton.

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

## Clunbury Parish Past & Present

Further to my introductory note in the April issue of the Parish Post, herewith the fourth and final extract from Archdeacon Plymley's report on his visitation to Clunbury in 1793; it relates to employment and education.

*The labourers have 1s.6d a day and most of them keep a pig and the farmers will let them have as much ground rent free to rear potatoes as they can find manure for. They do not brew any malt liquor. The poor children are put out apprentices at 8,9 or 10 years of age and bound for 7 years. There is a workhouse. Four old women teach school in different parts of this Parish. A piece of land value 5£, has its income divided among them.*

In his *A Country Education: A History of the Schools of Clunbury*, Chris Train reviews the limited evidence and concludes that it was in the 1820s that the first school was built in the parish 'on the small field across the ford and opposite what is now Chapel House, on an area by the river called Village Green'. The present school was built in 1862.

It seems that in 1793 the only education was through what are referred to as 'dame schools' at which women provided elementary education, in some cases little more than day-care, in their own homes. Chris Train records a charitable gift made in 1699 of land in Obley, known as School Piece, for the benefit of the poor of the parish and a second such gift made in 1760. It is perhaps the income from such land that Archdeacon Plymley refers.

Anyone interested in reading Archdeacon Plymley's full report should go to Shropshire Archives. The Clunbury report is referenced SA6001/6860-5 but reports are available on many local parishes.

Tom Wall

## Clun Valley Young Farmers

The Clun Valley Young Farmers have raised money (through a charity bingo and carol singing last year) to help put a defibrillator at the Hundred House, Purslow; it is due to be installed in a couple of months.

Katie Burton

*Well done to all the Clun Valley YFC for their hard work and effort.*

The Editor

### Hundred House Fare

14 September: Italian-themed Menu  
19 October: Eight course tasting menu, classical candle-lit evening

## Clunton BBQ

A fine day greeted Chairman Jack Huffer's BBQ at the end of July at Clunton Village Hall. The event drew more than sixty people who stayed to enjoy the convivial atmosphere from 4pm until late into the evening. The attraction was, of course, the fine food cooked by Jack, and sweets to die for, provided by members of the Village Hall Committee; various drinks aided the digestion.

The BBQ raised in the region of £500 for village funds and thanks go to everyone who supported this event.

Alan Grace

## Severn Trent on Tap

I had reason to contact Severn Trent Water recently over serious loss of pressure. I discovered the BT telephone directory of little use, as the number did not appear in the expected place and was the wrong number! They now have a freephone number:

**0800 783 4444**

This number is on the back of their bills... which I didn't think of at the time, but went straight to the phone book, as you do!

Jim Hindle

### Last minute reminders: Saturday 1st September

Cream Tea in the Garden at Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice 2.30 - 4.30pm.  
Mammoth Book Fair in Hightown Community Centre, Clun 10.00am - 3.00pm

## SW Shropshire Gardening Club

The AGM will take place on 26 September and will be followed by two talks, on 'Composting' and 'Beekeeping'.

### Advance Notices:

Plant Sale/Auction, on 10 October. Members are asked to bring surplus plants duly labelled and priced (with minimum price required). Those without plants for sale are welcome as there are usually plenty of plants available.

The SWSGC has been asked to host BBC Radio 4's 'Gardeners' Question Time'. It is to be held at the Bishop's Castle Community College on Monday 12 November. Doors will open at 5.30pm and last admission will be at 6.20pm, as the recording starts promptly at 6.30. Tickets to be bought in advance from Pauline Edie 60120, Heather Williams 650610 or Anne Shepherdson 660309. If people wish to ask a question, their ticket should be filled in with their name, location and question and handed in at the entrance.

## Shropshire Historic Churches

### Trust: Ride and Stride

On Saturday 8 September from 10.00am all churches in our area will be open for this national event, when you are encouraged to take part by cycling or walking to as many churches as you can.

Refreshments will be available at the churches, and you should sign in as you arrive. Please seek sponsorship for your efforts. Proceeds are shared between the SHCT and your own church. Cyclists and walkers will be taking part from Clunton. Anyone interested may come and join us.

Sponsorship forms are available from Pat Harding: Tel 660169 or email patmharding@aol.com



## Fire birds alight in Kempton

Local birdwatchers have been excited to find a pair of Firecrests breeding this year in Kempton – the first such record for Shropshire. No bigger than a Wren, the Firecrest is more strongly marked than its better-known relative, the Goldcrest, having a black stripe through the eye, over which there is a broad white band. Males have a fiery-red crest.



The first confirmed breeding record for the UK was 50 years ago, in Hampshire, and today there are probably 1,000 or more breeding pairs in the country, the majority in southern England. Climate change may be a factor in the northward expansion.

Tom Wall

### Moths and Nosh

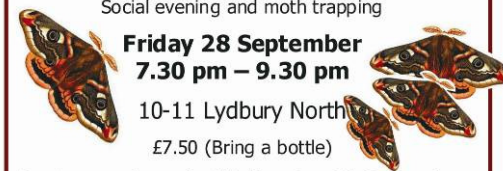
Social evening and moth trapping

**Friday 28 September**  
**7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**

10-11 Lydbury North  
£7.50 (Bring a bottle)

**Book your places by Wednesday 26 September**  
Ring Chris Penny 01588 680590

Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group



## Table Top Sale

**Saturday 15 September**

**Clunton Village Hall 10.30am**  
*Bric-a-brac, books, plants and cakes*

Hire of table: £5  
contact Pat Harding on 660169  
In aid of St Mary's Church  
**All welcome**



Events Diary for early October 2012 - go to <a href="http://www.theparishpost.org">www.theparishpost.org</a> for more details			
Tue 2		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 2	7.30pm	Flicks - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Lydbury North Village Hall
Tue 2	7.30pm	An hour of silence and meditation. Tel. 660302.	Forest View, Clunton.
Wed 3	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 3	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI - Another Man's Shoes	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 3	8.00pm	BCFS - Once Upon a Time in Anatolia	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 3		Quiz Night with Quizmasters Dave & Jeff	Kangaroo Inn. Aston on Clun
Fri 5		Clun Valley Beer Festival to Sunday 7th	

## Clun Valley AED Scheme

Making Life Safer in Clun Valley

(Automated External Defibrillator)

### Training Session

Sunday 9 September  
10.00am until 2.00pm

#### in Clunbury Village Hall

Come and see how it works and be trained to use the AED

The potential to save a life is in your hands, but only if you know how to use it.

This training is free of charge and is provided by officers of The West Midlands Ambulance Service, please bring with you proof of identity, National Insurance no. and a utility bill in your name.

Contact Eddie on 640856 for details

### Lightfoot: "Feel the warmth"

This is the theme for Eco Homes this year, with events popping up near you over the winter.

Newtown, Saturday 6 October, a full day of talks on secondary glazing, renewables (especially solar hot water) and ways of funding these projects, plus open Eco Homes to visit.

Presteigne, Saturday 20 October, talks on log and pellet boilers.

"See the warmth" on our thermal imaging camera - book us to come and take some snaps of your home to see how your warmth is escaping.

To take part in these and other events, or to open your house and share what

you know, contact Amanda Brick, Lightfoot Coordinator, Bishop's Castle, on 630683 or email [mandy@lightfoot.org.uk](mailto:mandy@lightfoot.org.uk)

### Clun Good Friends Scheme

Do you have a couple of hours once a fortnight to give to visiting someone, a neighbour in your community, who is isolated, down or lonely because of illness or bereavement. If so, we would love to talk to you and tell you more about the Clun Good Friends Scheme, a scheme set up by Clun Valley Good Neighbours.

Established just a year ago, with support of the Meadows Surgery in Clun and the Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury, the Good Friends Scheme is now providing a visiting service to a small number of people referred by their GP who are seen as in need of 'friendship'. We cover the Clun Valley from Aston to Newcastle and cater for those not only registered with the Meadows Surgery but also with other GPs covering the area. We need more volunteers, especially in the areas around Clunbury, as it would be good to put people in touch with someone local to them with local contacts and knowledge rather than someone from Clun.

We have regular meetings with staff from the Severn Hospice and have training sessions planned for 15 & 16 October. If you would like to get involved or would just like more information, please get in touch. Our co-ordinators, Joan Kerry 640401 and Rev. Ann Ogram 640830 would be very pleased to hear from you.

Joan Kerry

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Sat 1	2.30-4.30pm	Cream Teas in the Garden. Bring-and-buy, raffle. In aid of Clunbury Village Hall.	Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice
Sat 1		SW Shropshire Gardening Club - Annual Show	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sun 2	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 4		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 4	7.30pm	Flicks - The Artist	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 5	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 5	2.30pm	Craven Arms WI - Time for Africa - Uganda	Methodist Hall, Craven Arms
Wed 5		Quiz Night with Quizmasters Jason & Jackie Worley	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 6	7.00pm	NLive -The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 8	10.00am-5.00pm	Open Day - update on "Improvements" and Fund Raising. Displays, Teas, Coffees, Cakes etc. throughout!	St.Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Sat 8	10.00am	Shropshire Historic Churches Trust : Ride and Stride. Contact Pat Harding 660169.	
Sat 8	7.30pm	Flicks - Salmon Fishing In The Yemen	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 8	9.00pm	Live Music with Wayne Martin and his band	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Sun 9	10.00am	AED training session. 10am to 2pm. Phone 640856	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 9	11.00am	Mattins	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 9	6.30pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 10	7.00-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 13	10.00am	Clunbury Café. Tea or coffee plus cake for £1. 10am - 12	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 13	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 14	evening	Italian themed menu	Hundred House, Purslow
Fri 14	8.00pm	Flicks - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 15	10.00am	Clun Valley AED Scheme AGM	White Horse, Clun
Sat 15	10.30am	Table Top Sale in aid of St. Mary's Church	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 16	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 16	6.30pm	Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 18		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 18	2.30pm	Bible Study group. Tel. 660 760 or 660 302	9 Redwood Drive, AoC
Tue 18	7.30pm	Bedstone WI - Sylvia Barratt - talk on A.C.W.W.	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 19	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 19	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Le Havre	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 19	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Fri 21	7.30pm	Bookworms - Katherine Swift talks about her books & garden	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 21	9.00pm	Live Music: Misty Blue Trio	White Horse, Clun
Sun 23	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 24	7.30pm	Prize Bingo in aid of St George's Church Building Fund	Sun Inn, Clun
Wed 26	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Gardening Club - AGM	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 27	10.00am	Clunbury Café. Tea or coffee plus cake for £1. 10am - 12	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 27	8.30pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 28	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Moths and Nosh. Social evening and moth trapping. £7.50. Bring a bottle	10-11 Lydbury North Phone 680590
Fri 28	7.30pm	Flicks - Mon Oncle	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 29	10am - 12	World's Biggest Coffee Morning—Macmillan Cancer Support	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 29	7.30pm	Flicks - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Sat 29	7.30pm	Flicks - The Help	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 30	10.30am	Benefice United Service of Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury