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Lights Out in Clunton?



Clunton residents can have their say on a proposal to turn off some or all of their street lights from around midnight until 6 or 7 in the morning. If adopted, the proposal, made at the recent Parish Council meeting, would save the Parish some money. More importantly it would save energy and help reduce carbon emissions. To make your views known contact Councillor Ian Davies on 660649 or email iandavies57@btinternet.com or come to the next Parish Council meeting on 8 November at 8pm in Kempton VH.

COFFEE EVENING AND SLIDE SHOW



Shropshire, Wales and
Beyond

with Mr & Mrs Ian Templeton

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 7.30pm

Kempton Village Hall

Entry £3.00 (to include coffee and cake)

+ Raffle - all in aid of Air Ambulance
and Village Hall Funds

Clunbury Village Hall News

Clunbury Café regularly attracts 30 to 40 people who enjoy excellent drinks and cakes and browsing the bring-and-buy. There's also the Post Office and a stall run by John Marsh (Lydbury North fruit and veg) offering high quality, good value produce. It's great to have these services available in the village so please support them to make sure it's worth their while to come every fortnight.

On 25 October we plan to have a display of books of local interest at the Café. If you have anything you think would interest others please bring it along, but put your name in each item so they don't get mixed up if we end up with multiple copies!

ST SWITHIN'S HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Friday 19 October

Clunbury School Service 9.30am

Harvest Festival Service 7.00pm

followed by

Harvest Supper in the Village Hall
(Bring your own wine etc)

Midlands Air Ambulance

A huge thank you to all those who were kind enough to sponsor Andy Hadwen for his tandem skydive on 6 September. He completed his jump at around 10.30am, but was very glad he had skipped breakfast! In total he has raised over £800 for the Midlands Air Ambulance, contributing significantly to the £4000 raised by the thirteen people who jumped that day. The air ambulance relies solely on donations and greatly appreciates all the work put into fundraising.



Andy & Suzanne Hadwen

Upcoming Events Café

11 & 25 October

Beetle Drive

Tuesday 30 October

7 - 9pm

Quiz Night

November

Christmas Party

Bring-and-Share

Sat. 29 December

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Apple Pressing Time

Clunton Scrumpers will be holding their juicing event at Clunton VH on 10/11 November. Contact Pauline 660120 or Anne 660309. Hope it doesn't lead to Hell in Shropshire!

'Hell in Herefordshire' by E V Knox

(Recently heard on Poetry Please, BBC Radio 4)

The wild white rose is cankered along the vale of Lugg;

There is poison in the tankard; there is murder in the mug.

Through all the pleasant valley where stand the pale-faced kine,

Men raise the Devil's chalice and drink this bitter wine.

Unspeakable carouses that shame the summer sky

Take place in little houses that look towards the Wye.

And near the Radnor border and the dark hills of Wales,

Beelzebub is warder, and sorcery prevails.

For, spite of Church and chapel, ungodly folk there be

Who pluck the cider apple from the cider apple tree,

And squeeze it in their presses until the juice runs out,

At various addresses that no-one knows about.

And, maddened by the orgies of that ungodly brew,

They slit each others' gorges from one a.m. till two,

Till Ledbury is in shambles, and in the dirt and mud

Where Leominster sits and gambles, the dice are stained with blood.

But still, if strength suffices, before the day is done,

I'll go and share the vices of Clungunford and Clun

But watch the red sun sinking across the March again,

And join the secret drinking of outlaws at Presteigne.

An Interview With Peter Hutchinson

(founder of the Clunbury Hill Run)

Purslow Show fell victim to the bad weather this summer and with it the Clunbury Hill Run, in its 21st year. For a 'newie' like me, it was interesting to discover how it came about, hence the quiet and modest Peter Hutchinson had his arm twisted to come and talk to me!



Peter was born in Sheffield and as a youngster was a keen runner himself, in the challenging countryside that lies on the east side of the Pennines. He regularly went to help out on a relative's farm in the Cotswolds and it was during one of these stays that he was exploring a nearby forest and came across some men felling, and Peter recalls, "That was it! I knew then that was what I wanted to do!"

However, National Service beckoned and during his time in the RAF he continued his running, winning a gold medal in a cross country event. Later, a little parental pressure steered him towards a different career, and for some months, Peter worked as a Customs and Excise Officer but he soon realised this wasn't the life for him and he left to pursue his dream of a career in forestry, gaining a position with the Forestry Commission, which meant a move to the north Lake District.

In 1965, Peter discovered his forest workers had entered him for the 7 mile

Fell Run at the Ennerdale Show but he smiles ruefully when I ask how he did. "Well, the trouble was, I called in to the pub on the way there, so I ran dismally!"

Peter recalls how all the shows in that area would hold a Fell Run, with the start and finish in the showground.

A forester's life later, after many positions between Herefordshire and Scotland, Peter and his wife Barbara ended up in Clunbury. In 1991, when Ron Mold, one of the co-founders of Purslow Sports, said he was looking to extend the scope of the events and invited suggestions, Peter sought him out (in the Beer tent!) and told him of his ideas for a Hill Run.

The Committee approached Mr. Whitehead, who was very enthusiastic and encouraging, and Peter was told, "if you set it up, we'll give it a go!"

The inaugural event took place in 1992 and there were 22 runners. "The Ludlow Runners always gave us great support, providing a good number of entrants of a high standard," Peter recalls, "and I think what made the race so special was the fact you could view the runners for such a large part of the course. The winning time was 23 minutes and Mr. Whitehead donated medals and trophies and presented the Edward Whitehead Memorial Trophy to the overall winner."

Over the years, the entrants have increased to over 50 (ranging from children to people in their 70's) and the winning time has decreased to a little over 20 minutes. "We have always been blessed with good weather," Peter said, "until this year! I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the Hill Run, though it does cause me a few days of apprehension beforehand! We've witnessed some remarkable runs and we're very lucky to have had great support from many running clubs."

Thank you, Peter, and hopefully your vision can continue for many years to come.

Lin Brown

PS: Purslow Show

Hang on to your handicrafts, photographs, etc., ready for next year's show—when we hope not to be beaten by the weather!!!

Pretty Invasive Plant

Barry Powderhill who lives on Clunbury Hill contacted us about the Himalayan balsam he has found growing in his garden which is some distance from the river where it grows in abundance. This invasive non-native species is the tallest annual plant in Britain growing up to 3m high. The characteristic purplish-pink slipper shaped flowers appear in June. Himalayan balsam plants suppress native species and leave river banks liable to erosion when the plants die back in autumn. Control measures should aim to prevent flowering and are best carried out before June. Chemical control is



effective but approval must be obtained from the Environment Agency before using this near water. Cutting, strimming or pulling on a regular basis for about three years will also be effective. No statutory body has responsibility for controlling or eradicating this pest, responsibility lies with the landowner.

Japanese Knotweed is another foreign invader that is at large in the Parish but, fortunately, not on the same scale as the balsam. Japanese knotweed can damage buildings and cause problems with buying, selling and obtaining mortgages on properties where it is present.

For more information and advice on these and other invasive species go to theparishpost.org/invasivespecies and follow the links.

David Hill

Parish Council Meeting Notes

13 September in Clunbury Village Hall.

Ashbeds: The situation is unchanged. Mr Sweetman is hopeful that a meeting, in a week's time, at Shrewsbury Shirehall will clarify the matter.

Site Housing Development Plans (SAMDev): No more information at present. There is to be a meeting on Friday 21 September with other parishes, to discuss any common ground.

Planning: An application has been received for the removal of agricultural occupancy restriction on two dwellings at Cwm Farm, Clunton. This was discussed and the Parish Council decision will be sent to County.

Two applications have been received: a 2-storey extension at Cuckoo's Corner and a garage at Wimberry Cottage, Clunbury. It has been observed that, in the case of the latter, the height of the garage would take light off another property and that there might be some drainage problems.

Two applications have been granted: a tennis court at Purslow Hall and an extension at The Gardens, Clunbury.

Roads: It was suggested that for energy and cost savings, the street lights in Clunton could be turned off from, say, midnight until 6 or 7 am. One or two lights, in strategic position could perhaps be left on if it was felt necessary. The councillors would welcome the opinion of Clunton residents on the matter.

BOAT1 at Cwm Lane Cottage: 4x4 vehicles are damaging this lane.

Overgrown hedge at Mallow Cottage: Although the hedge has been lightly trimmed, it has grown again and is still an impediment to traffic, particularly with lorries being pushed to the middle of the lane and leaving little room for other vehicles to pass. It was suggested that Shropshire Council be contacted to assess the situation,

Correspondence: The accounts were read (Community a/c: £2,036.31;

Business a/c: £3,710.18; Sport & Leisure a/c: £3,229.63). It was decided that the £50 donation for the First responders (decided on at the last meeting) should come out of Sports and Leisure account. Bills to be paid: Clerk's salary for July and August: £240; PAYE: £60; Clunton Village Hall: £6.25.

AOB: The road closure at Purslow is creating chaos: the signs do not explain properly the alternative routes, particularly for lorries which are restricted in their choice of route by bridges. There should be signs in Craven Arms to divert HGVs. The Highway Department is to be contacted to sort the situation immediately.

The date for the Parish Council elections has been fixed: 2 May 2013. The present Parish Council is hopeful that many candidates will come forward and would like to hear from anyone interested in standing.

There is to be a replacement 'Clunbury' village sign on the Twitchen road.

The spreading of Himalayan Balsam in the valley is a matter of concern. Cllr Hill will look into current recommendations on how to deal with the problem.

Next meeting: 8 November in Kempton Village Hall.

Gisèle Wall & Sheila Downes

Parish Councils Discuss Development Plans

On Friday 21 September representatives of Clunbury Parish Council met with their counterparts from Clungunford and Hopesay and officials from Shropshire Council to discuss development plans for these parishes and the potential income from the Community Infrastructure Levy. There was a useful exchange of views and information and the participants agreed to meet in the future and extend the discussion to include the Place Plans for our area. A report will be given to the full Parish Council at the next meeting.

David Hill

Clunbury School Corner

A new term has started at Clunbury School. After the very long summer holidays everyone is glad to come back and see their friends. Pupils are very excited to have moved up to a new year but for some it is their last year until they move on to secondary school. We have a lot of amazing lessons and activities and so much more in store for us this term.

KS2 are learning about India which we are really enjoying. KS1 are finding out about famous people and Spain, but in particular Barcelona.

We have had some very sad news about Purslow Show which was sadly cancelled due to the wet weather. All the paintings and written work have now gone up on the walls of our classrooms.

Class 3 participated in a Bike-ability course at Clunbury School a few days ago. They thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to do it again at High School.

This term we have a very exciting range of after school clubs, new and old, such as Film Club, Gardening, Cookery, Photography, Multi-sports and last but not least Lunch Time Club and in the mornings, Early Birds Club.

Some children are learning a musical instrument. We have Flute, Clarinet and the new one is Guitar. We love to hear them play.

As always each term Class 2 and 3 journey to Lucton School to use their swimming pool and have swimming lessons with Lyn Upton-Roddy and our teachers from Clunbury School.

We will be having a Ragtex collection on Monday 1st October. A horse trailer will be parked in Clunbury School car park a week before the 1st October. Ragtex will collect old clothes, paired shoes, handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains and soft toys. They also collect books and DVDs but these have to be bagged separately. So please come along and donate.

On the 12 October the children will come to school in their pyjamas to do a run around the school. Their reward is hot dogs afterwards. This event is call the Bog Eyed Jog. You are very welcome to come along and cheer on the children.

This sounds like an excellent new term!

Charlotte Hadwen, Martha Grubb, Nancy Taylor.



Bonfire & Fireworks
At Kempton Farm
Saturday 3 November
Bonfire 7.00pm Fireworks 7.30pm
Adults £3, under16s £1, under 5s free
Refreshments in Village Hall
in aid of Village Hall funds

Situations Vacant

Wanted for Clunbury Church

CALLIGRAPHER Does anyone know who did the beautiful calligraphy on the Record of Incumbents in Clunbury church, as we need to update it? Or does anyone know a calligraphy expert who might be able to help on this occasion? Please contact Christina Whitehead Tel 660424.

CLEANER Two hours a fortnight (brasses are not included). Wages £30 per month. Please contact Maddy Matveieff 660458 or Christina Whitehead 660424.

WWW. (Website Worker Wanted)

We need someone to help maintain the parish website (www.theparishpost.org) If you have a little spare time, a computer with an internet connection and you can use a word processor programme you could help. It's easy to edit and add text, pictures and documents and we will show you how. To find out more contact David on 6 6 0 3 5 5 o r e m a i l theparishpost@gmail.com

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Events Diary for October and early November 2012 - go to www.theparishpost.org 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. AoC
Fri 5		Clun Valley Beer Festival to Sunday 7th	
Sat 6	9.00pm	Live Music with Riverman Blues Band	Kangaroo Inn. AoC
Sun 7	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 8	7.00-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 10	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Gardening Club - Plant Sale	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 11	10.00-noon	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 11	7.00pm	Harvest Festival	St. Mary's, Clunton
Thur 11	7.00pm	NLive - The Last of the Haussmans SOLD OUT	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 12	4.30 - 6.00pm	Phillip Dunne MP advice surgery. Phone 01584 872187 for an appointment.	Craven Arms Community Centre
Fri 12	8.00pm	Flicks - Salmon Fishing In The Yemen	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 13	7.30pm	Coffee evening and slide show	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 13	7.30pm	Flicks - Bel Ami	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 14	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 16		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 16	7.30pm	Bedstone WI - Ruth Webb - Work in a Doctor's Surgery	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 17	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 17	8.00pm	BCFS - Las Acacias	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 17	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 18	11.00am-1.00pm	"Drop In" Surgery for Carers. For details tel: 01694 722024	The Pharmacy, Bishops Castle
Thur 18	7.30pm	CADS - When We Are Married (until Sat 20th)	Clun Memorial Hall
Fri 19	9.30am	Clunbury School Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Fri 19	7.00pm	Harvest Festival Service followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 21	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Thur 25	10.00-noon	Clunbury Café plus display of books of local interest	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 25	9.00pm	Live acoustic folk music	Sun Inn, Clun
Fri 26	7.30pm	Flicks - Rebecca (1940)	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 27	7.30pm	Flicks - The Iron Lady	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 28	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's. Clunbury
Tue 30		Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Tue 30	2.30pm	Bible Study group. Tel. 660760 or 660302	9 Redwood Drive, AoC
Tue 30	7 - 9pm	Beetle Drive	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 31	10.00am	Regular coffee morning. 10.00am to 11.30am	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 31	8.00pm	BCFS - The Kid with a Bike	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 1	7.00pm	NLive - Timon of Athens	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 3	7.00pm	Kempton Bonfire	Kempton Farm
Tue 6	7.30pm	Flicks - Tortoise in Love	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 7		Quiz Night with Quizmasters Chris & Carol Clarke	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Thur 8	10.00-noon	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 8	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Kempton Village Hall

BBC Radio 4 Gardener's Question Time Recording

To be held at the BC Community College on Mon. 12 Nov. Doors open 5.30. Tickets £2.50 to be brought in advance from Pauline Edie 660120 or Heather Williams 650610.

Clunbury 100 Club Winners - September Draw: £20 Joey Matveieff, £15 Brian Marsh, £10 Raymond Savill, £5 Bob Richards, £3 Olive Payne.