

Getting to Know You.....

No, not the song by Oscar Hammerstein but rather an AONB publication actually titled 'Getting to know your septic tank'. It gives advice on how the system works, how to monitor it and how to keep it running efficiently and reduce the risk of contamination to watercourses. Copies of the leaflet are available from our village halls, or the AONB. You can also download it from www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk or follow the link on theparishpost.org website.



Draft Police and Crime Plan – Have your Say

Bill Longmore, the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner – West Mercia, is developing a Police and Crime Plan for 2013 – 2017 which can be viewed on www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

Comments are invited, particularly on the proposed aims, objectives and measures of success, and although the deadline is 1 February, he will try to take account of anything received up to 15 February.

Comments may be submitted either by email to: opcc@westmercia-pcc.gov.uk or in writing to: OPCC West Mercia, PO Box 487, Shrewsbury SY2 6WB or via the website.

The finalised Plan will be published on the website by 31 March 2013 at the latest.

Kempton Christmas Party

On 29 December some 45 Kemptonians gathered in the Village Hall for an informal Christmas Party. Music, a little bit of 'Strictly' (the jiving Goodwins), children's games, nibbles, tinctures and lots of chat. A welcome get-together much enjoyed by all. Congratulations and thanks to the organisers.

BEDSTONE WI
OPEN EVENING
All Welcome
(men included)

19 February 2013
7.30 pm

Bedstone village Hall

David Evans

Illustrated Talk

'Bedstone & Surrounding Area
in Years Gone By'

£3.00 inc light refreshments.

Enquiries to:

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Carers News

Drop in Surgery: Thursday 7 February 2013 10am-12pm at The Pharmacy, Bishops Castle. If you need information, advice or support in relation to your caring role, we can help you.

Invitation to all Carers: We are forming a Carers group and our first meeting is from 2.00 – 4.00pm on Monday February 4 at Coverage Care, Bishops Castle.

The group will be carer led so please come along and let us know your opinions on how we can move forward. All welcome.

For further details or to book an appointment contact Jenny / Dice 01694 722024 or email: maysi@hotmail.co.uk

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Third Anniversary - How Time Flies!

This edition, issue number 34, marks the third anniversary of The Parish Post. When we embarked on this project, with enthusiasm but some trepidation, we didn't know how it would be received or how long it would last. We think, or at least hope, that it has become an established and welcome addition to life in this large parish with its scattered population.

We are always pleased to hear comments, good or bad, and welcome suggestions for improvements. Finally, anyone who can contribute ideas, articles, computer or organisational skills and thinks they would like to join our team, please get in touch – email theparishpost@gmail.com or talk to Sue Hill on 660355. *The Parish Post Team*

Ceilidh

Kempton Village Hall
Saturday 2 March

with Ron and Dot Cox

Admission £5

7.30 pm start

Light refreshments

Bring your own alcoholic drink

For more details, ring Richard Bright on 01588 660 250

Beetle Drive

Saturday
16 February
7 – 9pm
£1 entry
refreshments
available

Prizes & raffle
Fun for all ages

Journey to the Stars

A performing arts workshop for children aged 4 – 11 at half-term in
Clunbury Village Hall

Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 February 9.00am – 3.30pm

An opportunity to dance, sing, act, play musical instruments and work towards a performance at pick-up time on the last day



Led by qualified teacher Jenni Dandy-Morris, cost £60. Students will need a packed lunch and should wear loose comfortable clothing

To book call 07980111169 or for more information check the website www.kriayt.co.uk
Limited spaces available

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Sheila Train Remembered

The sudden death of Sheila Train, just before Christmas, came as a great shock to her friends in Clunbury and beyond. She was noted especially for her embroidery and flower arranging skills, but she was also part of The Parish Post team. Every month we enjoyed a chat and her company whilst folding and collating the newsletter and she was our distributor in Clunbury village. We will miss her.

Sue Hill

Clunbury School Corner

Christmas activities

Christmas has been a great success for this school with all sorts of fun. On 3 December year 6s hosted a farmers market where we sold clay pots and decorations along with so much more. We raised £170.00! We were extremely proud with our achievement. Well done to everybody who took part and contributed.

The Christmas performances went very well and all the parents and teachers were very proud of the students. Class 3 did a 'Christmas tree decoration performance', and class 2 performed 'Our family Christmas traditions' and last but not least Class 1 performed 'Away in a manger'.

Happy News Year! (Ha Ha)

The first week back has been a fresh start for everyone. Coming up this year we have the year 6s' dreaded SATs... But they will be rewarded with a three day trip to Staylittle activity centre, joined by the rest of Key Stage 2. So much fun!

The Year 6s have a big year this year because they are leaving for High School. They have their leavers' treat, their leavers' service and the one thing that everyone gets emotional about their leavers' speech.

We all hope that you have had a great Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year.

Martha, Charlotte, Selvi Genc Year 6

Waxwings visit Clunbury

In early December we had a lunchtime visit from a party of 6 waxwings. They stayed for about an hour feasting on the apples still left on one of our trees. This is the first time we have ever seen them but thanks to Tom Wall's Parish Post article on Scandinavian visitors we knew at once what they were!

Sue and David Hill



Sue and David's sighting, and those in Kempton, (up to 6 between late November and mid December), reflect the national picture. Reports across the country peaked in late November and early December before tailing off sharply. Did they fly on to France ahead of the snow? As in previous 'Waxwing years', the best places to find them have been supermarket car parks planted with ornamental berry-bearing trees and shrubs. Tuffins in Ludlow, and Aldi, Tesco and Homebase in Shrewsbury, all had visits from these exotic punks of the bird world.

Tom Wall

St Mary's Christmas Fundraiser

A coffee morning with a Christmas theme was held in Clunton on 5 December. This was well supported and raised £304 for church funds. Thanks are due to Della and Andy as always, for allowing us to use the Crown Inn, and to all who donated raffle prizes and helped in any way.

Pat Harding

Bookworms

Wednesday 13 February

Green Room, Lydbury North VH

Guest: Chris Kinsey

(Greyhounds' Poet Laureate)

Places are limited - please reserve as soon as you can - 680302



Ida Gandy Correspondence

Hello Parish Post People. This Christmas I gave a friend a little home-produced fun present of a booklet which I researched and printed on my computer. It's about the writer Ida Gandy - he has some of her books. I found your Parish Post photos of last year about Mrs Gandy on-line, so put them in the Christmas present too. (I hadn't found any photo of Ida Gandy anywhere else.) Now I would like to thank you for putting out those interesting articles and photographs. I ran off some extra copies, and would like to send a few to The Parish Post as thanks, for you or any of your friends who might be interested.

David Redd, Haverfordwest by email.

Editor's note: the booklet is called *Ida Gandy (1885-1977) 'Rural Author and Playwright; an inquiry into bibliography'*. Copies will be available to see at the fortnightly Clunbury Café or phone 660355.

Free 'River Workshop'

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership aims to create a splash on 13 February 2013 at The Hundred House Inn, Purslow, where farmers, land agents and contractors are invited to a free 'River Workshop' from 11am to 12.30pm, followed by lunch.

Mike Kelly, River Valleys Officer, said 'Various agencies have successfully worked with some landowners to improve the health of rivers in the Clun catchment, but more needs to be done. We are keen for attendees to help us identify new opportunities for land management that's sensitive to the needs of rivers in the area and so help meet targets of achieving crystal clear river water and species-rich banks'.

The workshop will be a unique opportunity to hear about managing riverside trees, and issues such as deadwood and tree diseases. Funding schemes will be explained, including the

SITA Freshwater Mussel Project and the Catchment Sensitive Farming initiative.

Speakers will include representatives from the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, the Environment Agency and Natural England.

Rivers in the Clun River Catchment include the Clun, Folly Brook, Redlake, Kemp, Unk, Hopton Brook and Mardu Brook, covering an area of 27043ha.

For further details please call the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership on 674096.

Soup and Pudding Success

"Two Spiced Parsnip, One Veg, One Leek and Potato". "Yes, Chef!" rang out on a snowy but bright day, when over 50 brave and loyal supporters trekked (literally in the case of a group of Aston walkers), to Clunbury Village Hall for our first Soup & Pudding lunch.



Aston walkers enjoying Clunbury hospitality

It was a great success and we received profuse thanks and many appreciative comments for the homemade soups and a fabulous selection of hot and cold puds. If you weren't there, you missed a treat! Many thanks to all who provided the fare, helped waitress and wash up, and special thanks to Eirlys Ellams who organised us all.

Lin Brown

Wow!

Together, the Christmas Social and the Soup and Pudding events have added over £200 to Hall funds.

We would like to thank all who continue to support us in our efforts to promote a programme of social events which are enjoyable and affordable

Clunbury Village Hall Committee

Events Diary for February and part of March 2013 - go to www.theparishpost.org for more details			
Sun 3	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 4	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 5	Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		
Wed 6	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning.	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 6	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 6	8.00pm	BCFS - A Separation	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 8	9.00pm	Live Music: Flok	White Horse, Clun
Sat 9	7.30pm	Flicks - Hysteria	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 10	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 10	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 11	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 11	7.00 -9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 13	2.30 -3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 13	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Benefice Service	St George's, Clun
Wed 13	7.30pm	Bookworms - Chris Kinsey, poet. Reservations - 680302.	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 14	10.00-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 15		Clunbury School closes for half term	
Fri 15	8.00pm	Flicks - The Bourne Legacy	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 16	7.00pm	Beetle Drive	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 17	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 17	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 18	9.00am - 3.30pm	Journey to the Stars performing arts workshop. Monday to Wednesday	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 19	Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		
Wed 20	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning.	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 20	8.00pm	BCFS - Marley	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 20	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Fri 22	9.00pm	Live Music: The Smoking Guns	White Horse, Clun
Sat 23	7.30pm	Flicks - Skyfall	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 24	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 25		Clunbury School reopens after half term	
Mon 25	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 27	2.30 -3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 27	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Gardening Club - John Tuer - Trees in your garden	Lydbury North Village Hall
Thur 28	10.00-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
March			
Fri 1	8.00pm	Flicks - A Cat in Paris	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 1	7.30pm	Flicks - Anna Karenina	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 2	7.30pm	Ceilidh in aid of village hall funds	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 4	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 5	Mobile library - Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm		
Wed 6	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning.	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 6	2.30 -3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 6	8.00pm	BCFS - Dream of Light	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 6	9.00pm	Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Fri 8	9.00pm	Live Music: Dan Walsh	White Horse, Clun
Mon 11	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 11	7.00 -9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 13	2.30 -3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 14	11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 15	8.00pm	Flicks - Rust and Bone	Clungunford Parish Hall
Fri 15	9.00pm	Live Music: Borderline Blues Band	White Horse, Clun
Mon 18	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
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Wed 20	8.00pm	BCFS - The Angel's Share	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 20	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 21	7.00pm	NT Live - People	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 22	7.30pm	Scary Little Girls - The Full Bronte Literary Cabaret	Clungunford Parish Hall

Parish Council Meeting Notes

17 January, 2013, Clunton Village Hall

Present: all councillors and 3 members of the public

County Council: Cllr Hartin updated the meeting about the situation. There had been changes to senior staff and the new Chief Executive is paid half of what his predecessor received. In respect of the Council's budget, significant savings had already been made but there was to be a further £9 million budget reduction in the coming financial year with additional cuts in the order of £30 million to £70 million running up to 2018 due to a continuing reduction in central government funding. The Council was aiming to maintain all services but budgets would have to be cut. Prospects were grim, with particular anxieties expressed about funding for village schools.

In answer to questions regarding the state of the roads, he explained that the Council had appointed a new Service Contractor (by competitive tender); there had been problems due to items being omitted from the original specification; these were being ironed out and things were improving. Gritting was only done on principal thoroughfares; however the Council has good reserves of salt and grit. Should some be required, ring 0345 678 9006.

Parish precept: This currently stands at £3,000, if this were to be reduced to £2,816, parishioners would pay no more for this small element of their Council Tax bill. However almost all the PC's costs were fixed and in view of this and the need to meet the cost of PC elections in May (likely to cost in the order of £600) it was decided to keep the precept unchanged, though when inflation was taken into account this amounted to a reduction in real terms.

Clun Valley AED scheme: the scheme was progressing nicely, with equipment installed in Clunton (with 6 people trained) and Purslow, and soon to be

installed in Kempton (with 17 people trained). Next training day will be on Sat 16 Feb, at the 'Scout Hut' (Green Room), Wistanstow.

Local Joint Committee: A meeting is planned on 14 Feb at Lydham Village Hall, with speakers covering topics such as affordable housing, benefit charges, getting back to work and grant applications (already greater than the money available).

Rights of way: *Bush Farm (Road):* access rights have been queried. The County Council is to be asked to define its status.

Flooding: *Stream at Field Lane, Clunton:* some councillors will have a site meeting to see what needs to be done regarding flooding.

Road Closures: *Clunbury:* 16 February for 8 days (completion of the installation of the mains)

Brockton to Lower Down: 18 March, 2 days (resurfacing).

Clunton speed limit: no news.

Septic tanks: the AONB has produced an information leaflet on the subject as part of the drive to improve water quality in the Clun. Leaflets will be available in village halls, or email

shropshirehillsaonb@shropshire.gov.uk

Burial ground at Clunton: a complaint had been to the effect that the access was difficult. Councillors pointed out that the route used was not a public right of way and access was permitted thanks to the goodwill of two landowners. The Clerk is to advise the complainant of this.

AOB: Cllr Morgan raised the question of the parish land at Black Hill (run by the charity: Clunbury Relief in Need). There may be a possibility to get some income from it, but it needs to be registered first. She will get the forms for registration.

Clunton Village Hall: Cllr Davies reported on the purchase of chairs with £385 from the millennium fund.

Next 2 meetings: 21 March, 8pm, Clunbury VH. 23 May, 8pm, Kempton VH.

Gisele Wall