

Sat 23	7.30pm	Flicks - Great Expectations (2012)	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 23	7.30pm	Flicks - Skyfall	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 24	11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Clunbury
Mon 25	9-11am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury VH
Wed 27	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury VH
Wed 27	7.30pm	South West Shropshire Gardening Club - Alun & Jill Whitehead - 'Iris': some history, some people, some plants	Lydbury North VH
Thur 28		Clunbury School - end of Spring Term	
Thur 28	10.00-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Fri 29	12.30-2.30pm	Good Friday Workshop	Clunton VH
Fri 29	3.00pm	Good Friday Walk, followed by tea and Hot Cross Buns	Clunbury Hill & Clunbury VH
Fri 29	9.00pm	Live Music: The Velvet Dukes	White Horse, Clun
Sun 31	11.15am	Easter Day - Holy Communion (CW)	Clunbury (Joint with Clunton)

**Events Diary for early April 2013 - go to [www.theparishpost.org](http://www.theparishpost.org) for more details**

Wed 3	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury VH
Wed 3	8.00pm	BCFS - Goodbye First Love	Three Tuns, BC
Wed 3	9.00pm	Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Fri 5	12 noon	Nomination Papers for Parish Council elections to be returned	To Shirehall
Fri 5	8.00pm	Flicks - Skyfall	Clungunford PH
Fri 5	9.00pm	Live Music: Electric Blues Reaction	White Horse, Clun

**National Theatre Live  
Advance Notice**



Aston Village Hall  
16 May



**"This House"**

James Graham's superb new drama held everyone enthralled throughout...

Funny, touching and cliff-hangingly suspenseful.' *Daily Telegraph*

Doors open at 6.30pm

Performance starts at 7.00pm

Tickets £10 from 660493

Seats are limited

Book early as we usually sell out

**Clun Walking Groups  
(everyone welcome, just turn up)**

Day	Start	Group	Location
Every Wed	10.00am	Ramblers	Clun Memorial Hall Car Park
Every Wed	10.00am	Peramblers	
1st and 3rd Wed in month	10.00am	Amblers	

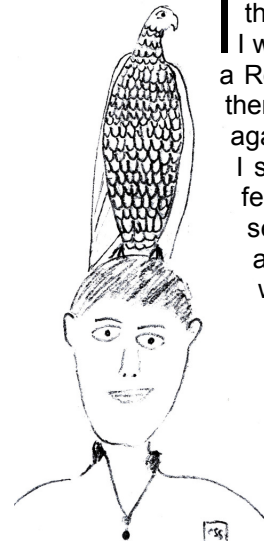
**Advance Notice  
Talk and photos  
of the Clun Valley  
by David Evans  
Clunbury Village Hall  
19 April**

# The Parish Post

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

## Close Encounters of the Bird Kind



Self portrait, by Joseph

I thought you may be interested in what happened to me!! I wait for the school bus near to the phone box in Clunbury and twice a Red Kite has landed opposite me in the road. It lands, looks at me then flies off. On 8 February, whilst waiting for the bus, I was leaning against the wall playing on my ipod when out of the corner of my eye I saw the red kite flying towards me. It swooped down towards my feet then up and landed on my head!!! It stood there for a few seconds then I touched its leg and it flew away. I was rather alarmed and shaken. I am hoping it doesn't do it again. Perhaps it thought I was a rabbit!!!!

*Joseph Manley, age 11*

Leo Smith a Trustee of the Welsh Kite Trust has commented as follows: 'I have studied Kites and been involved in their conservation in Wales and the Shropshire Hills since 2003 but I have never heard of an incident of this nature. The Kites around here are all descended from wild Welsh birds, which suffered relentless persecution until relatively recently, and in general they remain very wary. Perhaps this was an injured bird that had been re-habilitated and had lost its fear of humans. If the Kite comes close again Joseph, see if you can get a photo on your ipod, I would love to see it.'

## Advance Notice Parish Council Elections Thursday 2 May

If you wish to stand, nomination papers are available from 11 March and must be returned by

5 April, 12 noon

For details

Phone: 0345 678 9015

Email: [elections@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@shropshire.gov.uk)  
or write to

The Returning Officer  
Shropshire Council  
Legal and Democratic Services  
Shirehall, SY2 6ND

**Come and Enjoy  
A Pub Night  
Clunbury Village Hall  
Saturday 23 March  
6.30-11.00**



Licensed Bar

Pub Games

Tea and Coffee



**Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month**

## Aston on Clun Community Shop – an update

The site has now been cleared – many thanks to John and Mark Grimes. The portacabin is now under construction at 4M Portable Buildings in Wem. Very good progress has been made and we are confident that the shop building can be delivered to the site at the end of February (subject of course to the weather!). A trench now needs to be dug so that electricity and water can be connected from the Village Hall.

The Management Committee are close to finalising the interior layout of the shop and orders for shelving etc will be placed once the shop is on site. They have also started to talk to potential suppliers of foodstuffs and household goods.

The Shop has continued to receive donations and share subscriptions to take us towards our £9,000 target. We continue to be interested in hearing from more people who are prepared to help – behind the scenes as well as serving at the counter. David Jones (660493) and Lin Holder (660229) would be interested to hear from others who would be prepared to give some of their time on a regular or occasional basis.

## Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group

### Annual Public Meeting

Results of the Lapwing and Other Birds Survey for 2012

Planning of the survey and other activities for 2013

**Monday 18 March**  
**7.30pm**

Powis Arms, Lydbury North

## Tools for Self Reliance South Shropshire

### Annual General Meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 6 March

Clun Methodist Church

### Guest Speakers

Jenny Howard and Phil Marsh  
from Shropshire Health for  
Africa Project  
All Welcome

## Good Friday 29 March Workshop

Clunton Village Hall  
12.30 to 2.30pm

to bake Hot Cross Buns and other activities

All ages are welcome  
Meet at 3pm at Clunbury Crossroads for the Good Friday walk up the hill, returning to Clunbury Village Hall for tea and buns

## Clungunford Players present "Gunnas Strikes Black Gold"

Comedy, music and intrigue unfolds at

Clungunford Village Hall  
8 & 9 March  
7.30 pm

Adults £5 Children £2.50  
including refreshments

To reserve tickets, please phone  
Lin Brown 660578

or  
Eileen Chapman 660438

## Red Kite Traffic Fatality

Sadly a Red Kite was found dead on the B4385 near Old Kempton Stores in January, close to another road casualty,

a Pheasant; we assume that the Kite was attempting to scavenge the latter's remains. It was ringed, enabling Tony Cross of the Welsh Kite Trust to inform us that it was reared at Devil's

Bridge, Ceredigion in 2004 and was thought to be a male. It may have bred near Llangollen in

2009, 2006, but in 2008, and 2010 it was one of a pair at a breeding site in the Clun area where 1, 1, and 2

chicks respectively were raised. It is not known whether it was there in 2011 or 2012. This is the second Red Kite to be killed in the past 3 years on this stretch of road.

Kites bred near Ludlow in 1876, but this was the last known breeding attempt in Shropshire, indeed in England, until recent years, and it was not until 2006, 130 years later, that Kites bred successfully again in the county. In 2012, 23 nests were found in



the county and, since 2006, 125 young have fledged from nests in the county. We are keen to conserve this most beautiful of our native birds of prey and knowing where they are nesting is an important first step. Should you see pairs of birds around at this time of year please let one of us know.

Vince Downs (07884 312594)  
and Leo Smith (01694 720296)

## Otter news

We have belated news of a sighting on the River Kemp before Christmas



followed by the finding of a freshly dead male. It was taken for analysis by an experienced member of the Environment Agency's staff. Noting that it was very underweight and had suffered various injuries he surmised that it had been involved in a territorial fight, sustaining damage that made hunting difficult, leading to its death from starvation. Good nonetheless to know that Otters are about – has anyone else seen one?

Reported to us  
by Dave Simpson

## West Midlands Rural Hub Network - Green Futures 2013 Seminar

Tuesday 5 March, 7pm - 9pm

Craven Arms Community Centre, Craven Arms, SY7 9PS

- Cross compliance issues, including 2013 update and inspection issues.
- CAP Reform – latest news.
- Campaign for the Farmed Environment – where we are now and what more can farmers do.
- Waste Exemptions - help with registering your waste activities before the October 2013 deadline.
- ELS and HLS update from Natural England.
- Rural Hub Network – will provide information on funding that is relevant and available in your area.

This event is likely to be heavily subscribed so to book a place, please phone: 01432 870024 or email: [herefordshirehub@hct.ac.uk](mailto:herefordshirehub@hct.ac.uk)

## New Weekend Shuttle Bus Launched in May

Every weekend and Bank Holiday  
Monday, 4 May – 29 September

Castle Connect is the new Shuttle Bus linking Ludlow, Knighton, Clun and Bishop's Castle. Stops include Bromfield, Leintwardine, Brampton Bryan and Bucknell.



As with the other Shropshire Hills Shuttle buses, Castle Connect will operate every weekend and Bank Holiday Monday from 4 May to 29 September. New for 2013, Young Person (16 – 25) Day Rover ticket only £3. They also accept valid concessionary bus passes, and single tickets start from £1.30 and Adult Day Rover £7. Local Bus Company M & J Travel will be running the service and the funding has come from Shropshire Council's Sustainable Transport Fund. Further details, including the timetable, are available at

### Local films

#### Bedstone Village Hall

Sunday 3 March  
4pm

Borderlines Film Festival  
'African Cats' - Disney Nature

Friday 15 March  
7.30 pm

Borderlines Film Festival  
'Monsieur Lazhar'

Friday 22 March  
7.30 pm



Flicks  
'Anna Karenina'  
with Kiera Knightley

Contact: 01547 530282

## Church Electoral Roll

Letter from Revd Paul Wignall

The Church of England, through its parish system, seeks to care for the needs of every man, woman and child in our nation. As residents of the parish, we hope that you can feel that St Swithin's has a special place in your lives, whether you attend the church or not.

Some people choose to show their sense of belonging to the parish by placing their names on the church electoral roll, which allows you to attend and vote at our Annual Meeting and to raise any points of concern or interest about the parish or its church at that meeting. Being on the electoral roll also makes you eligible for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the body responsible for working with me on matters of general concern to the parish and its church.

Anyone who is baptized and lives in the parish may join the electoral roll. You may also be on the Clunbury roll if you live in another parish but regularly worship here.

Every six years we have to make a completely new church electoral roll. Everyone who wants to be on the new roll has to complete a form, even if you were on the previous one. You will find the form in the church, complete with instructions about how to fill it in and to whom it needs to be returned. We hope you will either make or continue your connection with your local church by having your name included on its electoral roll. To do this, please complete the form and return it by 25 March 2013.

With my best wishes *Paul Wignall*

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Fri 1	8.00pm	Flicks - A Cat in Paris	Clungunford PH
Fri 1	7.30pm	Flicks - Anna Karenina	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 2	7.30pm	Ceilidh in aid of village hall funds	Kempton VH
Sun 3	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Clunbury
Sun 3	4.00pm	Borderlines Film Festival: African Cats – Disney Nature	Bedstone VH
Mon 4	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury VH
Tue 5	Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am; Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am; Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm		
Tue 5	7-9pm	WM Rural Hub Network – Green Futures Seminar	Craven Arms Com Centre
Wed 6	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 6	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury VH
Wed 6	8.00pm	BCFS - Dream of Light	Three Tuns, BC
Wed 6	7.30pm	Tools for Self Reliance: AGM & Talk	Clun Methodist Church
Wed 6	9.00pm	Quiz night	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Fri 8	9.00pm	Live Music: Dan Walsh	White Horse, Clun
Fri 8 & Sat 9	7.30pm	Clungunford Players: Gunnas Strikes Black Gold	Clungunford VH
Sun 10	11.15am	Mothering Sunday - Morning Worship	Clunbury
Mon 11	9.00-11.00am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury VH
Mon 11	7.00-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at Aston on Clun Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, AoC
Mon 11		Nomination Papers available for Parish Council Elections	From Shirehall
Wed 13	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury VH
Thur 14	10.00-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Fri 15	8.00pm	Flicks - Rust and Bone	Clungunford PH
Fri 15	9.00pm	Live Music: Borderline Blues Band	White Horse, Clun
Fri 15	7.30pm	Borderlines Film Festival: Monsieur Lazhar	Bedstone VH
Sun 17	11.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer (BCP)	Clunton Clunbury
Mon 18	9-11am	Parent and Toddler group - just turn up	Clunbury VH
Mon 18	7.30pm	Kemp Valley Community Wildlife Group: AGM	Powis Arms
Tue 19	Mobile library:- Clunbury Bridge 10.10am to 10.30am; Clunton 10.40am to 11.00am; Obley 12.45pm to 12.55pm		
Wed 20	10.00-11.30am	Regular coffee morning	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 20	2.30-3.30pm	Gentle Keep Fit. Details from Eirlys Ellams on 660625	Clunbury VH
Wed 20	8.00pm	BCFS - The Angel's Share	Three Tuns, BC
Wed 20	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 21	7.00pm	NT Live - People	Aston on Clun VH
Fri 22	7.30pm	Scary Little Girls - The Full Bronte Literary Cabaret	Clungunford PH
Fri 22	9.00pm	Live Music: Plastic Pantomime	White Horse, Clun
Fri 22	7.30pm	Flicks: Anna Karenina	Bedstone VH
Sat 23	7.00-11.00pm	Pub night	Clunbury VH