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Sun Shines on Purslow Show

After last year's washout the weather was glorious on this Bank Holiday Monday. A bumper crowd of over 900 paying adults plus children (free entry) enjoyed the entertainment put on by Savage Skills, Punch and Judy and the Birds of Prey. Show tent entries were excellent as usual with Paul Grimes sweeping the board with his vegetables. Forty-four runners competed in the Hill Run with Jamie William Shingler (Ludlow Runners) coming in first.

Draw tickets were replaced this year by Lucky Numbers on the programme and the following prizes were not claimed at the showground: 921 (First prize,) £50; 278 Sunday Lunch for 2 at The Hundred House; 780 Whiskey; 871 Whiskey; 154 Gin; 491 Wine; 639 Sweets; 325 Chocolates. Contact Annie Sutton, 660140 if you have a prize winning programme. More Show news on page 4.



Victoria & Rhiannon Seabury ready for the Hill Run

Ian reaches 75 (pints!)

I would like to bang the drum for the Blood Transfusion Service. At a recent Awards Ceremony in Shifnal, I and a number of other blood donors, were given a very nice lunch and a crystal glass gift as a "Thank You" for our efforts as regular donors. For myself and most of those present, it marked 75 donations, but a few there had made 100.



The Transfusion Service always needs donors. Blood taken only keeps 3 weeks, but is never wasted, as demand is constantly rising with the advances made in medicine and as ever more complex operations become "the norm". Also, the pool of available donors seems to get smaller as restrictions increase,

alongside research into blood borne diseases and the risk of passing on illness through infected blood.

It was disappointing to hear that of the pool of potential donors left (when those who for one reason or another are excluded), only 4% actually bother to make the effort to give blood and only 3% of those reach the 75 donations level, so I reckon it's a pretty exclusive club I have managed to join!

I started giving blood aged 18, because my Dad was a donor. We went just once a year at first, now I am told that men are invited to donate four times a year if they wish. Talk about flogging a willing horse, or should I say, bleeding willing volunteers! So – how about you 96% coming along to Bishop's Castle or Craven Arms in the next few weeks, rolling up your sleeves and doing "something amazing" as the advert says. The Service will love to see you. Honest.

Ian Davies

Mennonites in our Midst

In recent years, several families with distinctive dress and American accents have moved into our area, arousing considerable local curiosity! Members of the Parish Post team met with Arland and Brenda Eberly of the Shropshire Hills Mennonite Church at their home in Kempton to find out more about what they believe and what brought them to our neck of the woods.



Arland and Brenda, with their children Dirk (22) and Amanda (18), are one of 3 Mennonite families in the area. Some members of the American Mennonite community had been visiting the UK, on a temporary basis, for the last 10 years, but, in 2012, it was finally decided to send 3 families on a more permanent basis to try and establish a Mennonite community in England. Arland and Brenda (who lived in Wisconsin in a Mennonite community of 25 families) came to England, leaving behind their 2 married children.

They had been abroad before, when they spent 11 years in the Dominican Republic, but they found the British climate and culture quite a change from the Caribbean!

Why did they come to Shropshire? Arland explained that Mennonites are traditionally rural people, trying to live as simply as possible and Shropshire seemed ideal. They take care of God's world; to this effect, they like to farm organically.

This Christian denomination dates from 1525, in Zurich, when the Swiss Brethren, as they were then known, separated from the Calvinist Church. Like other Anabaptists of the time, they believed certain church practices, such as infant baptism, were not Biblical. Severely persecuted, they migrated into Germany and then moved further west – their most famous leader, Menno Simons, was a Dutchman and it was in Holland that his followers were first called Mennonites. Eventually many fled to North America. They have a policy of 'non-resistance', believing in non-violence, and seek to be good citizens without involving themselves in politics – to quote, they 'pray and pay'. Some of their descendants, like the Amish, still live as their ancestors did, without any trappings of modern life.

The Shropshire Mennonites do drive cars and use electricity, telephones and email, but avoid TV and the internet. As Arland explained, "We are slow to accept new things until we have seen the effects they have on us". (To be continued in the next issue)

Penny Valentine & Gisèle Wall

Cream Teas & Crafts afternoon



Sunday 8 September 2013

at

Pool House Farm, Clunbury
from 2.30 to 5.00 ish!

All proceeds from teas
and 20% of profit from crafts
to Clun Valley First Responder Scheme

Please phone Lin for more details: 660578

Clunbury Village Hall



Saturday 28 September
8 till late
Bring and Share Supper
with dancing to Tony Hughes
Limited tickets, £5 in advance
£6 on the door (if available)
BYO drink
Tickets available from Eirlys Ellams 660625
or Sue Hill 660355

Homemade Teas at St Swithin's

On Saturday 14 September we look forward to seeing a good number of Riders and Striders taking part in 'Bike for Your Church' and the usual refreshments, drinks and biscuits, will be available all day.

In addition, Homemade Teas will be served at the church from 2 till 4pm; everyone is welcome. *Christina Whitehead*

Arts and Crafts St Mary's

On the weekend of 14 and 15 September, alongside the usual Ride and Stride event, Clunton Church will be hosting an Arts and Crafts Exhibition as part of the Festival of Churches. We need people to exhibit, so if the "Talented Folk of Clunton" could look out any craft item they may have, of any size or medium, as long as it fits in the church, could they please let any of the church committee know.

We are also decorating the church and hope to provide refreshments for visitors. *Ruth Webb*

Sizzling Summer – Soggy BBQs!

Despite taking place on the very Saturday the weather broke, an undaunted crowd turned up for the Clunbury Village Hall barbeque. Thanks to Richard Bott and Eirlys Ellams, who valiantly manned the barbeques in defiance of the rain, we enjoyed excellently cooked meat plus an abundance of salads and a delicious pudding. Thank you to everyone who contributed food or help and to the Croxton family for use of the field.

The evening ended with an impromptu bop – getting in the mood in readiness for the September dance!

Sue Hill

The weather for the Clunton barbeque was decidedly uncertain - so a marquee was put up in the car park to give a choice of sitting inside the hall or outside - under cover. The Chairman braved the weather and cooked some splendid food under a small gazebo. There were salads and then wonderful puddings and plenty of wine and beer. The whole evening was very much enjoyed and raised funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall. Thanks to the Committee and those who donated food and raffle prizes.

Pat Harding

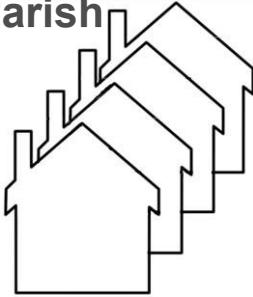
Another Clunton Queen

Nicola Noel, age 17, was crowned Clunton Carnival Queen on 3 August. She is a qualified nursery assistant and will be returning to college to do a two year diploma in child care.



Public Meeting About Development Plans for Clunbury Parish

17 October
7.30pm
in
Clunbury
Village Hall



See the article below for more information

Decision Time for Parish Development Plans

Shropshire Council is undertaking a second round of consultation on what type and scale of housing development residents want to see in the county's towns and rural parishes. Clunbury Parish Council has been asked to respond on behalf of our parish and that response should take account of the views of our residents. There will be an opportunity to find out more about the options open to us and for you to express your views at a public meeting at 7.30pm on 17 October in Clunbury Village Hall. The Parish Council has until the end of November to submit a response. If you care about how our parish develops, please come to the meeting.

The Parish Council already has the views gathered during the production of the 2009 Parish Plan. Since then, Shropshire Council have been developing strategies for new housing build throughout the county, and an update of residents' views in the light of this would be helpful. The key documents are the Shropshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy (March 2011) and the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Revised Preferred Options

for Bishop's Castle (July 2013). Clunbury Parish falls within the Bishop's Castle SAMDev area. These documents, and others relating to strategic planning, are available to view via www.shropshire.gov.uk/planningpolicy.nsf

If you cannot view the documents online, contact The Parish Post and we will help you access printed versions.

David Hill

The Parish Post at Purslow Show

The Parish Post challenged show-goers to Splat the Rat and Name the Bear ('Crispin', winner Andy from the Crown at Clunton), raising money to help fund our free newsletter.



A young contestant gets ready to splat the rat that Gisèle is about to set loose while Crispin the bear looks on

Hay - would anyone like the hay from my one acre field? It is gradually being shorn and stored in heaps - yours for the collecting. Phone Jean Seckington 660702.

Piano - free to good local home - must be collected from Clunbury Village Hall. Phone Duncan 660578 or David 660355.

Clunton Scrumpers Apple Juicing Day

Saturday 5 October at Clunton Village Hall from 10am onwards. The juice can be pasteurised or put in containers for freezing. Soup and apple cake will be on offer. A bumper crop of apples is expected this year, so booking a time is recommended. More details from Pauline 660120 or Anne 660309.

Clunton News

A wonderful cheese and wine evening was held at the home of Pat and Alex Harding where over 50 guests enjoyed an array of delicious cheeses and sumptuous puds. The balmy July evening was so warm that many people spent much of the time outdoors, a welcome but unusual occurrence for our country. £652 was raised for Clunton Church, thank you to everyone who attended and to everyone who helped in any way.

Ruth Webb

Clunbury Summer Lunch

The popularity of the Village Hall catering goes from strength to strength, with over 60 people sitting down to enjoy the Summer Lunch. The food on offer was amazing, much of which was generously donated by local residents. Regular supporters were joined by Aston cyclists and even some builders working down the road, who didn't mind at all being seated at a child size table, when that was all that was left!



Huge congratulations to the Village Hall Committee for such a successful event, part of the proceeds of which will go towards purchasing more of the comfortable chairs for the hall. *Lin Brown*

Jazz Evening and Supper



Music by
'Anything Goes'

Saturday 5 October, 7 pm
Kempton Village Hall

Booking essential, Tickets: £8.00, available from
Sheila 660626, Richard 660250 or Gisèle 660561

Tea, coffee and apple juice available
Bring any other drinks

Draw

In aid of Village Hall Funds



TheParishPost.org Website Put on Hold

I started the website back in 2009. At that time I hoped that other people might be interested in contributing to and maintaining the site. In spite of repeated requests no one has come forward. Due to other commitments I can no longer find the time to maintain the site to the standard that I would wish. I have therefore decided to stop updating the site. It will remain as it is at least until the domain name registration runs out in November. After that the site may be closed. If anyone would like to help revive activity, please contact David on 660355.

Events Diary for September and early October 2013

Sun 1	11.15am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 1	7.00pm	Songs of praise in four-part harmony	Kempton Village Hall
Tue 3		Back to school at Clunbury	
Tue 3		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 4	10-11.30am	Regular coffee morning	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Fri 6	10-12.30pm	Jewellery & card making workshop	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 8	11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Sun 8	2.30-5.00pm	Cream teas & crafts in aid of Community First Responder scheme	Pool House Farm
Sun 8	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 9	7.00-9.00pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thur 12	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 13	8.00pm	Flicks - Quartet	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 14		Festival of Churches - Arts & Crafts Exhib'n until Sun 15	St Mary's, Clunton
Sat 14	2-4 pm	Homemade Teas, everyone welcome.	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sat 14	7.30pm	Flicks - Lincoln	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 15	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 17		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 18	10-11.30am	Regular coffee morning	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 18	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Argo	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 18	9.15pm	Live acoustic folk music	Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 19	8.00pm	Clunbury Parish Council meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Fri 20	9.00pm	Live Music: Wallis	The White Horse Inn, Clun
Sat 21	7.30pm	Flicks - Quartet	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 22	11.15am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 22	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Clunton
Wed 25	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club - AGM and members' evening	Clun Memorial Hall
Thur 26	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thur 26	7.00pm	NT Live - Othello	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 28	8.00pm	Bring and Share Supper with dancing to Tony Hughes	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 29	10.00am	Benefice United Service	Clun Methodists Chapel
Tue 1		Mobile library:-Clunbury Bridge 10.10 - 10.30am, Clunton 10.40 - 11.00am, Obley 12.45 - 12.55pm	
Wed 2	8.00pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - I Wish	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Fri 4		Clun Valley Beer Festival until Sunday 6th	
Fri 4	9.00pm	Live Music: Slowburner	The White Horse Inn, Clun
Sat 5	10am start	Clunton Scrumbers apple juicing day	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 5	7.00pm	Jazz Evening and Supper	Kempton Village Hall

Reminder

Jewellery and Card-Making Workshop,
Friday 6 September, 10-12.30, Clunbury
Village Hall, Contact Lin Brown for more
details, 660578.

A Date for your Diary

On Friday 22 November the Ron
Mold Memorial Auction will be held
at the Hundred House. Please start
thinking now about items, promises etc
you might be able to offer. More details
to follow later.

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