

Correspondence: Requests for donations had come from SpArC and CAB. It was agreed to donate £50 to CAB. As SpArC's future was uncertain (in view of the cuts), Cllr. Croxton suggested that before any donation was made the Council should enquire as to whether it would make a material difference.

Cllr. S Jones asked the Clerk if she could circulate to all councillors copies of any letters written on behalf of the Parish Council.

Finance: Community A/c: £869.91; Savings A/c: £6891.38. Settlements: Clerk's salary Jan/Feb: £304.16; Clerk's expenses: £213.21; Parish Plan review: £298.68; Kempton VH: £20; Clunbury VH: £10; Crucial Crew: £70; Burial Ground maintenance: £75. It was agreed to give the Clerk a 1% pay rise (back-dated to April last year). The Clerk is currently receiving £100 a year for use of her computer; she suggested that, experience elsewhere indicated £200 as a more appropriate amount. Cllr. Hoskins wondered whether it would be better to buy the Clerk a new computer. No decision was made.

AOB: The road at Clunton Coppice (from Clunton to Cwm) is unsafe, due to the lack of firm passing places. Shropshire Wildlife Trust has agreed to help in conjunction with the Highways Department. Cllr. S Jones was asked to liaise. VE Day celebrations may take place from 8 to 10 May at Clunbury. If they do, Cllr. Hill asked for councillors' support.

Next meeting: 14 May, Clunton Village Hall - Annual Parish Meeting commences at 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting follows immediately after. *Gisèle and Tom Wall*

Fair at the Square

The Severn Hospice Bookshop will be holding a Fair at The Square, outside the bookshop, in Craven Arms on 2 May 9am-2pm. We hope you will be able to come along to give your support to our cause.

Clunbury 100 Club - March

£20 Pat Turley; £15 Mary Price; £10 Madeleine Watkins; £5 Joey Matveieff; £3 Sally Goodwin.

New Craft and Collectables Market

An exciting new market is to be launched at Aston-on-Clun Village Hall on Saturday 18 April and subsequently on the third Saturday every month from 10am until 2pm. A variety of crafts and collectables will be on sale - the stall holders are local and have been chosen for the high quality of their wares. Each market will also feature a skills demonstration by one of the stall holders.

The April market will be opened at 10am by Andrew Fusek Peters, a local writer, photographer and wild swimmer. He will have examples of his work on sale including his recently published book 'Dip' which he will sign for you.

Dawn Howe from Chic Brocante will be demonstrating furniture painting techniques and will also have paint and small pieces of furniture on sale. Visitors will be able to try out techniques, talk to the craftspeople and buy materials and tools at most of the demonstrations.

Teas, coffees and cakes will be provided by 'Tea on the Way' (based at Guilden Down).

Enquiries to Judith Payling (660292), jmpayling@aol.com or Andra Tongue andratongue@btinternet.com

Come and support your local craft community. We look forward to seeing you!

Little Rumba

with Jess Hall
Lydbury North Village Hall
Saturday 25 April
Doors & Bar open 7.30pm
Concert 8pm
Cabaret Seating with room for dancing
Tickets £10/£5 U16 Ring:680302




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



Clunbury Village Hall QUIZ

With a Ploughman's Supper (optional)
Saturday 18th April 7.30pm

Teams of up to six
Quiz £2.50 per person
Optional supper £2.50

Tea, coffee & soft drinks available
no bar - BYO

To book a table phone Sue Hill 660355 or
Eirlys Ellams 660625 or email
sueinclunbury@gmail.com

Your NHS Needs You

Big changes to the way our NHS cares for us are in the pipeline - and we are being asked to join in the decision-making process. Clunbury Parish Council has appointed two councillors - Pat Harding and Sylvia Jones - to co-ordinate information-gathering and to feed in local views on long term health needs.

Pat and Sylvia are looking for two or three volunteers to help them collate material and ensure that all relevant meetings are attended. The aim is to produce a detailed report on what is eventually proposed for 'Future Fit', and to submit a considered response when formal consultation begins in December.

The Council wants the parish to play a full part in helping work out the new NHS model for Shropshire and to make sure that the Clun Valley area and its specific requirements are fully considered.

If you are interested ring Pat on 660169 or Sylvia on 660114.

Sylvia Jones and Pat Harding



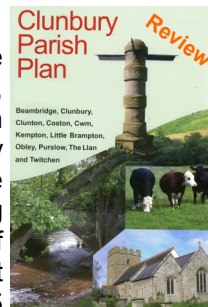
Good Friday Walk

Start Easter with a bracing walk up Clunbury Hill to place the Easter Cross on the top. Enjoy the view and walk the dog, then join us for hot cross buns and tea in the village hall.

Start from Clunbury crossroads at 3pm on Good Friday.

Parish Plan Review Questionnaire

A copy of the Questionnaire, one for each person 16 and over in every household in the Parish, is being delivered now. If anyone has not received one by April 5 please ring Fiona or John Hoskins 660192. Arrangements for collection will be noted on the envelope.



Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Experiments in Colour Printing

For five years The Parish Post has only been available in glorious colour to those who receive it by email or download it from our website. The editorial team have decided that now is the time to experiment with colour printing so that every reader can enjoy the benefits, and this edition is our first attempt. We say experiment because colour printing is more expensive than black and white and for a free newsletter with no paid-for advertising and no ongoing subsidy it may prove a cost too far, hopefully not. The Parish Post team have kept the show on the road so far and have no intention of giving up any time soon! So you may not see colour every month, at least not until the economics become clearer. Please feel free to use colour when submitting articles, pictures, notices etc and please let us know what you think of our venture into colour.

The Parish Post Team

VE Day Celebrations –

Advance Notice

VE Day will be celebrated nationally on the weekend of Friday 8 to Sunday 9 May. Arrangements for Clunbury Parish are not yet finalised, but it is proposed that a beacon should be lit on Friday night; there will be a wartime tea, with 1940s music in Clunbury Village Hall on Saturday afternoon, and an enhanced service of thanksgiving in St Swithin's Church on Sunday evening.

Details will follow in the May Parish Post.

St Swithin's Church Clunbury

Tuesday 14 April 2015, 7pm

Clunbury Village Hall

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

followed by

Annual Parochial Church Meeting



The Little Dipper

Kempton's birders are on tenterhooks: Dippers may be nesting at the 'Tee Bridge'* where, to our knowledge, they have not nested since the early 1990s, when young were reared there and another nest was built, but later abandoned, further upstream at the footbridge by the ford.



Dippers are the ultimate water bird – they can walk in the water and under the water (though not, it seems, on it), they can swim on the water surface and under it too, and they can plunge, dive and up-end as well. Small (though bigger than a robin) but plump, they are predominantly a very dark brown (which looks black at a distance) and have a big pure-white bib. The name relates less perhaps to the bird's enthusiasm for swimming than to its habit of bobbing and curtseying (dipping), as if hinged on its legs. Dippers are birds of clean, shallow and fast-flowing streams and rivers, and feed principally on aquatic insects. Typically over recent years, five pairs have nested on the River Clun between Aston-on-Clun and Clun, and just one pair on the Kemp, at Brampton Bridge. Let's hope that there are two pairs on the Kemp this year.

Vince Downs and Tom Wall

*The name 'Tee Bridge' is printed on an old photo used by Rachel Goodwin of Kempton, back in 1985, for a Bishop's Castle School project. Her father, Tony, wonders whether it should be just 'T Bridge', with the name coming from its proximity to a T junction. Her uncle, Richard Bright, thinks it should really be 'Tea Bridge', being so-named because gypsies used to draw their caravans up beside it for a brew. The late Gordon Gissing of Clunbury told Rachel that the present bridge dated from 1930.

Parish Council Meeting 19/3/15

All councillors present + 6 members of the public.

Standing Orders: Not quite ready; should be within a week. Financial Regulations: in the Parish Clerk's hands.

Parish Land: Cllr. Bailey explained that the land belongs to the 'Clunbury in Need' charity and is administered by its Trustees, i.e.: Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Croxton and Cllr. M Jones. Cllr. Croxton suggested that additional trustees could be appointed.

Fly tipping in Clunton: has been tidied up somewhat and no further complaints have been made.

AED: The door of the Kempton defibrillator has been repaired; but what of the defibrillator itself? The clerk to check with the local AED co-ordinator.

Oil and Gas Scheme: Mr E Jones had kindly agreed to come and explain the system used in Newcastle-on-Clun, where a number of residents have organised group deliveries of oil. The oil company gives a small discount for bulk orders, as it saves money on transport. The scheme is open to all, free of charge, and administered by 2 local people. The Newcastle-on-Clun group is looking at the possibility of extending the scheme to septic tank emptying. Cllr. Croxton suggested that public meetings should be held to identify if there is a demand in this Parish. Volunteers should be sought through The Parish Post to progress this.

Parish Plan: Cllr. Hoskins confirmed that the questionnaire would be delivered very shortly for return by the end of April. The work of analysing and writing up the results would then start. He presented three invoices to the Council (which holds funds for the project) to cover the expenses so far.

South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee:

NHS: Cllrs. S Jones and P Harding had attended a meeting on the proposed

changes to NHS delivery in Shropshire. Consultations will start in December and Cllr. S Jones suggested that representatives from the area should join the 'Patient Participation Group' and attend meetings, in order to be part of the discussions and be able to prepare a considered response. Cllrs. S Jones and P Harding were nominated. More volunteers would be welcome to ensure that all meetings are covered.

Broadband: The system is still unsatisfactory. Cllr. S Jones suggested that if the NHS wished to use remote monitoring using broadband, this would not be accessible to all at the moment. Could this be used as leverage to obtain a better service?

Loss of services: Cllr. Croxton explained that, as more cuts were envisaged for next financial year, many services would be hit including the possible closure of SpArC and Enterprise House. Indeed there might not be enough funding to deliver the core curriculum in schools. Cllr. S Jones predicted that social and community services could be considerably eroded.

Clunton Burial Ground: No news. Legal documents need to be sorted out; Cllr. Croxton suggested waiting until the house had been sold. The present owner has been asked to ensure that any further owner would be aware of the situation.

Planning: No decision yet from the application at Walcot Farm.

Roads: Potholes were reported in Clunton, Clunbury, Cwm and Kempton.

Purslow crossroads project has not yet been completed. When will it be? People are parking their cars on the grass opposite the pub, obscuring oncoming traffic. Could something be done to prevent this as it defeats the object of the work done?

Cllr. Hill wondered about the purpose, if any, of the new road markings at Little Brampton, as the main problem was speeding on the B4368. Chairman to enquire.

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Questions Answered

In the extract from the 1896 Clun Valley Parochial Magazine published last month, we asked about the identities of Lady Ripley and Mrs Mieville. Several people contacted the Parish Post with the information that Lady Ripley was the wife of Sir Edward Ripley and they lived at Bedstone Hall. Mrs Mieville was the mother-in-law of the vicar of Clunbury, Rev William Jellicorse.

SWG6 - "Hanging Baskets"

A demonstration by Marion Stanton
Wednesday 22 April 7.30pm
Lydbury North Village Hall

Marion and her husband have been growing plants and making hanging baskets at the Coppice Nursery in Middleton, Oswestry, for about thirty years. They have four polytunnels and sell at local markets and to repeat customers to the tune of three to four hundred baskets per year. If like me, your efforts show more enthusiasm than stylish magnificence, then come and join us to improve your skills by watching and listening to an expert.

Free to members, visitors are also welcome at £3 per person, including refreshments. Any queries please contact Carol 660753 or Allison 620055 or see www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Dog Poo AGAIN

Despite previous pleas to dog owners to clear up their dog's poo the problem still persists around the school in Clunbury and on the lanes to Beambridge and Clunbury Hill, along which children walk to school. Please be a responsible dog owner - scoop the poop and don't allow your dog to wander free.



The Ludlow Traveller

The Ludlow Traveller provides community transport for Ludlow and the Clun Valley. It offers affordable local door-to-door transport for individuals, using a fourteen seater minibus, with a tail lift, and a fully equipped wheel chair accessible people carrier. Group hire is also available for local, non-profit organisations. Currently, the Clun Valley service runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, picking up in the Clunbury area around 11am and taking passengers to Craven Arms, returning from Craven Arms around 1pm. It costs £15 per year to join and £1 each way if you have a bus pass, otherwise £1.75 each way. Wheelchair users need to be assessed before their first trip. To find out more, or book a journey, phone 01584 700907. If you want to comment on public or community transport in our area, the Parish Plan Review questionnaire provides the opportunity to do so.

Castle Connect Shuttle Bus

Whether you're into walking, shopping, castles, cafes or country pubs, Castle Connect has it all and more. This service connects Ludlow, Knighton, Clun and Bishop's Castle on weekends throughout the summer. To find out more visit the Castle Connect Roadshow on

Saturday 18 April in:

Clun - riverside car park 1.30 to 2.00pm
Bishop's Castle - opposite the Boar's Head 2.15 to 2.45pm

The Shuttle Bus will be parked up for half an hour so come aboard, meet the driver and pick up your copy of the 2015 timetable. This is also a great chance to get help with planning your weekends out on the Shuttle this season which starts on Saturday 2 May and is running every weekend and Bank Holiday Mondays until 4 October. Further details at www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk

Events Diary for APRIL and early MAY 2015

Wed 1		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Wed 1	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—Bob le Flambeur	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 2	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 2	3.30pm	Film—Paddington	SpArC
Thu 2	7pm	Film—The Imitation Game	SpArC
Fri 3	3pm	Good Friday Walk up Clunbury Hill—followed by tea	Clunbury Crossroads/Hall
Sun 5	11.15am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 5	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Tue 7	7.30pm	Flicks—Mr Turner	Lydbury North Village Hall
Fri 10	7pm	A Celebration of Pontesbury with Mary Webb—01952 419078	Pontesbury Public Hall
Sat 11	7.30pm	Flicks—Mr Turner	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 12	6.30pm	Joint Evening Prayer	St. Mary's, Clunton
Mon 13		Clunbury School start of Summer Term	
Mon 13	9-11am	Parent & Toddler Group—every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 13	7-9pm	Monday Night Club—free help with using computers	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 14	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,		Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Tue 14	7pm	Annual Parishioners' Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 15	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—The Double	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 16	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 16	7pm	NT Live—The Hard Problem	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 16	7pm	NT Live—The Hard Problem	SpArC
Sat 18	1.30-2pm	Shuttlebus Road Show	Clun Riverside Car Park
Sat 18	2.15-2.45pm	Shuttlebus Road Show	BC opposite Boar's Head
Sat 18	10am-2pm	Launch of Craft & Collectables	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 18	7.30pm	Fun Quiz	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 18	7.30pm	Arts Alive present Kings of England in 'Monument'	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 19	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 20	tbc	BC & District Carers Group-walk at Stiperstones followed by tea at Bog Visitor Centre	
Wed 22		Tim's Travels—The Bodyguard—640506	Grand Theatre Wolverhampton
Wed 22	7.30pm	SWG6—Hanging Baskets with Marion Stanton	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 22	9.15pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thu 23	7pm	ENO screening of La Traviata	SpArC
Sat 25	7.30pm	Little Rumba with Jess Hall-680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 25	7.30pm	Flicks—The Imitation Game	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 26	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion	St. Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 28	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,		Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Thu 30	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 2/5		Shuttle Bus starts running (see article inside)	
Sat 2/5	9am-2pm	Severn Hospice Bookshop Fair in the Square	Craven Arms
Sun 3/5	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 4/5		Green Man Day	Clun

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