

## SWSGC November Meeting

Lydbury North Village Hall  
Wednesday 25 November, 7.30pm  
"Raised Beds and No-Dig  
Cultivation"

An award winning vegetable grower, judge and contributor to the "Home Farming"



magazine, Mick Poultney, gives talks and demonstrations all over the country, including Gardener's World Live at Birmingham and the Malvern Show. He has been called "The King of Compost" and has produced a training DVD on composting methods for the UK's National Vegetable Society. He is passionately involved in his school gardening club, teaching children with learning difficulties and disabilities about raised beds, no dig cultivation and growing vegetables. He is a great believer in "Look after the worms and they'll look after you". His worms do the digging, leaving Mick using only a fork to lift his vegetables out of the ground. Sounds too good to be true? Come along and find out how Mick works his magic.

Free to members, visitors £3 including refreshments. More information from Carol Clarke 660753 or Allison Walter 620055 or look at our website [www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk](http://www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk)

Angie Salmon

## Grand Designs

What do you do in your spare time? You may read, run, garden... but have you ever dreamt of building, not one, but two summer houses in the shape of pagodas? Ed Cooper, from Kempton, (not a builder by profession), has spent the last 15 years dreaming, planning and finally constructing 2 such

buildings in his garden, culminating in the grand opening of the baby pagoda on Saturday 17 October. Octagonal or hexagonal in shape, with a curved roof, the problems would seem insurmountable to many of us, but evidently not to Ed. Has anybody built anything as exotic? Let us know.

Gisèle Wall



The large octagonal summer house

The small hexagonal retreat

## Put Guy Fawkes on the Bonfire, Not Hedgehogs

Contrary to popular belief, hedgehogs do not run away in the face of danger. They simply curl up in a protective ball and hope their prickles will save them! This is why there are so many strimming casualties every year, not to mention those killed on the road or damaged by dog attacks.



Please check for hedgehogs before strimming or mowing and please check bonfires carefully for sleeping hedgehogs before lighting. If possible the entire pile should be re-sited before being lit. If this cannot be done, use broom handles to lift from the base of the pile and shine torches, looking and listening carefully for any signs of life.

Jenny Aylwin-Foster

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

## Kempton Life in Pictures

15 November  
from 3pm

in Kempton Village Hall

Come and view Kempton scenes, Village Hall events and local people (past and present) in a series of pictures now hanging in the Village Hall



Tea & Cakes  
Raffle



Donations welcome for Village Hall funds

## Phone Box Makeover

After numerous emails we finally have got the Clunbury Phone Box painted.

A quote from the chap at BT: "I'm looking forward to the photographs of the finished work. The box should look really good surrounded by the well-tended greenery."

Second quote after the paint job was done.

"Not a particularly sharp picture. But a combination of greenery and a red phone box always looks good!"

I thought this was a nice tribute to the late Ken Morris for making this area so attractive, despite the 'shabby' phone box being there for so long. Hopefully the newly painted Box in this setting will be a reminder of Ken's green fingers.

Alister Thompson

P.S. Clunton phone box has also been repainted.

Clunbury Phone Box Before and After



Parish Post Newsletter  
Association AGM  
Monday 23 November,  
7.30pm  
Clunbury Village Hall  
All welcome

The next edition of The Parish Post will cover December & January. If you have an event during that period you want us to publicise, please send the details by 20 November

## Looking Forward to Christmas!

### Operation Christmas Child REMINDER

Please have your boxes ready by Friday 6 November. If you do not have a box, contact Pat Harding on 660169.



### Christmas Craft & Collectables Market

Aston-on-Clun Village Hall  
21 November 10am – 4pm

Festive fare on sale at the market café  
Twenty tables selling a wide range of Christmas cards, decorations and gifts  
Please join us!

### Make Your Own Christmas Wreath Workshop

Clunbury Village Hall, Sat 12 December, 9.45am-1.00pm

Tickets £12, inc materials & refreshments Tel: Lynne Thompson 661180

Materials provided but please bring a piece of ribbon of your choice. If you have something you would particularly like to use by all means bring it along  
Places limited, so please book early.

*All proceeds to be donated to the local Air Ambulance*

### A Tree-mendous Event

Clunbury Village Hall will be holding its Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 19 December and we hope to have even more trees than at last year's successful event.

Start planning your entry now. For more information contact Eirlys Ellams on 660625



### Our New Vicar

Everyone is most welcome to the service to license and install our new vicar, Simon Mondon, at Clun on Monday 9 November at 7pm.

### Clungunford Players

The Open Gardens Tragedy

Friday 13 & Sat 14 November, 7pm

Clungunford Village Hall

Tickets: £3 per person

Bring a plate of food to share and your own drink. Enquiries: Eileen: 660438  
or Brian: 660653

If you missed it in Clunbury, here is another chance to see this entertaining murder mystery play

### Help Clunbury Village Hall

The hall is run by a small, friendly committee which has been successful in promoting a wide range of events. New members are now being sought to help the committee with ongoing events and to plan for the future. To find out more, contact Eirlys Ellams on 660625 or Duncan Brown on 660578.

### Cancellation of Auction

The biennial Ron Mold Memorial Auction in aid of St Swithin's church, due to take place in November at Purslow, has had to be postponed. We hope to see all our kind donors and helpers in November next year!

### Clunbury School

When the school was asked if they had any questions for the Parish Plan Questionnaire, we could not think of any questions beyond those which were asked by others. However, the school considers that it is very much part of the Parish. I would like to take this opportunity to explain what Clunbury School does so well. The recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools said that Clunbury School was outstanding in all categories and the school and governors were delighted with this recognition of the hard work of all concerned with the school: pupils, staff, parents, carers and governors. This was a very rigorous inspection and shows the school, among other things, to have 'outstanding relationships between pupils and staff with the Christian values of trust and respect at their heart'. The children receive an excellent education and although we are a small country school the staff make sure that the children are part of the wider world.

Clunbury School is a voluntary aided school which means that the governing body have a duty to promote the Christian character of the school, although the school welcomes children of all faiths and none. Further, the governors have to provide 10% of any costs of building works funded by the Diocese. (The Nursery, although part of the school, is funded differently and the pupils in the nursery do not count towards the census taken in October). In order to maintain and add to the facilities that the school has to offer, the governors will have to do some serious fund raising. If you have any ideas in this direction we would be pleased to hear from you.

The school is funded, for the most part, by the local authority, and receives approximately £3,219 per child per school year, to cover all expenses: staffing, running costs, stationery, services, etc.

This money cannot be spent on upgrading the fabric of the buildings. Keeping within the budget is a serious matter and the Friends of Clunbury School provide some additional funds to pay for equipment and experiences.

Clunbury School wants to be part of the Parish and we want to continue to be an asset to the village. It will be obvious from my brief explanation of funding, that Clunbury School needs to attract parents and children and to provide for those children in the best way possible. The lack of affordable family housing in the village and its surrounds is a serious problem.

If you would like to visit the school to see what we do, or to ask any questions we would be delighted to see you. Please telephone the school to advise them of your visit and to make an appointment. Mrs Kat Holwill is the school administrator - 660207.

*Valerie Redgrave*

*Chair of Governors, Clunbury School*

### Decision on Disputed Bridleway

As a result of the Public Inquiry, which took place in Clunbury Village Hall on 22 September 2015, the Order, made in June 2014, to open the disputed bridleway at Ashbeds, Clunton, was upheld.

The Inspector, Heidi Cruickshank concluded that –

“Considering the evidence as a whole I am satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the Order route should be recorded as a public bridleway. The way has been used by the public on foot, horse and bicycle, as of right and without interruption in the twenty-year period 1986-2006...”

Having regard to these and all other matters raised at the Inquiry, and in the written representations, I conclude that the Order should be confirmed.”

(Ed. - More information is available via the Parish Council page on our website.)

**Clunbury 100 Club October Draw** - Olive Payne £20; Mary Jones £15; Christina Whitehead £10; Lynne Morris £5; Bob Richards £3

**Events Diary for November 2015**

Sun 1	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 1	6pm	Benefice Memorial Service	St George's, Clun
Sun 1	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 2	9-11am	Parent & Toddler Group - every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 3	7.30pm	Flicks - Tin. Tel 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 4	9.00pm?	Quiz - proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 5	7pm	Flicks - Mr. Holmes. Tel 630243	SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Fri 6	7.30pm	Flicks - Testament of Youth. Tel 640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 8	10.45am	Remembrance Day Service	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 8	12.30pm	Service at Purslow Memorial	
Mon 9	7-9pm	Monday Night Club - free help with using computers	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Mon 9	7pm	Service to license and install Simon Mondon - new vicar	St George's, Clun
Tue 10	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Tue 10	7.30pm	Fun Quiz - 01547 530282	Bedstone Village Hall
Wed 11	7.30pm	'Tunes from the Trenches' with John Kirkpatrick - 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 11	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Stalker	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 12	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 15	From 3pm	Kempton Life in Pictures	Kempton Village Hall
Sun 15	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Thu 19	7pm	NT Live - Of Mice and Men. Tel 660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 19	7pm	NT Live - Of Mice and Men. Tel 630243	SpArC, Bishop's Castle
Thu 19	8pm	Parish Council Meeting	Clunton Village Hall
Fri 20	7.30pm	Flicks - Breakfast at Tiffany's. Tel 680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sat 21	10am-4pm	Craft & Collectables Market-Christmas Fair	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 22	11.15am	Joint Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 23	7.30pm	Parish Post Newsletter Association AGM	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 23	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Tue 24	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 25	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club - Raised Beds & No Dig Cultivation	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 25	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society - Oranges & Sunshine	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 26	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 28	7.30pm	Flicks - Dark Horse. Tel 660545	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 28		Live Music - Grey Wolf	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Sun 29	10am	Benefice United Service	Clun Methodist Church

## A Remembrance Day Special Event

John Kirkpatrick with his new solo show "Tunes from the Trenches" - songs from the First and Second World Wars

Lydbury North Village Hall  
Wednesday 11 November, 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 and U/16 £5.00  
phone 680302.

### CONTACTS

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## Timely Advice About Staying Safe Online

**CyberSmart**

### Look After That Smartphone or Tablet:

Protect your smartphone or tablet by downloading a reputable internet security app and make sure it's safeguarded with a PIN. Install parental control software on kids' mobile devices and chat to them about how to use the internet safely.

**Remember to Log Out:** When you've finished your online shopping or banking session, always log out of the website.

Sometimes, just closing the window

doesn't mean you've logged out, and someone else could gain access to your

account and personal details. Don't forget to check and save purchase confirmation emails.

**Make Sure Wi-Fi is Secure:** Wherever you are, make sure the Wi-Fi is secured. When you're out,

in the café, the pub or a hotel for example, you can't guarantee it's secured even if you have to enter a code.

When you're shopping, banking or making other online payments, it's better to connect with 3G or 4G, even if it's slower.

**Internet Safety**



## Beware of Scam Phone Calls

If someone posing as a retailer calls you to confirm an online purchase, it could well

be a scam. The idea is that you won't remember the purchase, and call

your bank. However, the fraudster stays on the line, and tricks you into revealing your financial details. If this happens, hang up, don't call back, but report it to Action Fraud.

### Check Bank Statements:

Check your bank and credit card

accounts regularly for

irregular or unauthorised

transactions. If you spot any

entries you don't recognise,

contact your bank without

delay. Make sure your bank

has your up-to-date contact

details so they can alert you if

they spot anything unusual.

For more information, go to

[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) and [www.cyberstreetwise.com](http://www.cyberstreetwise.com)

If you think you have been a victim of fraud report it to Action Fraud, the UK's

national fraud reporting centre, by calling

0300 123 20 40 or by visiting

[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

## Harvest Festival at St Swithin's, Clunbury

The day of our Harvest Festival dawned bright and sunny, which was more than could be said of most of harvest time! But while we may not have been blessed with good weather for harvest, we were blessed with the Rev Debbie Venables from Presteigne to lead our service of Harvest Thanksgiving. And the mixed blessings of this autumn had not defeated our Church decorators either, so the Church glowed with all the blessings of our gardens and fields.

After a joyful service we made our way to the Village Hall for our harvest supper, a sumptuous spread of cheese, pâté and pickles followed by apple pie and custard, or cream. To reflect our thankfulness for our shared service and meal, our chosen charity this year is Christian Aid, which helps Syrian Refugees in the Middle East, we hope to send them some £250 when all monies have been collected.

Then the many farmers amongst us went home for a good night's sleep ready to continue harvest the next day...

*Carol Griffiths*