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Parish Plan Review Complete

A copy of the Clunbury Parish Plan Review should now have been delivered to every household in the parish – if by chance you haven't received one and would like a copy, please contact John Hoskins (660192).

The printed Review is, of course, a distillation of all the information elicited by the questionnaire. If you have any questions about any particular topic, or would like access to more information, please contact your local Parish Councillor, whose name is listed on the final page of the Review.

Finally, the Review Group would like to thank everyone in the parish who completed the questionnaire, without your participation there would be no Parish Plan.

Parish Plan Review Group

Garden Twitcher

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place on 30 & 31 January (for details go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch). Mary Cooper, my neighbour, took part last year when she watched for one hour, sitting uncomfortably in the garden shed with the door wide open. "This year I'm watching in the warm, from the kitchen window!" From there, she will be able to watch her bird feeding station, which she tops up every morning with peanuts, niger seeds, suet and, the birds' favourite, sunflower hearts. She has regular visitors: the tits (great, blue, coal and long-tailed), the finches (gold [here photographed by Mary], green, chaffinch, siskin and the occasional redpoll), robin, nuthatch (her favourite), great-spotted woodpecker, and many more. Not so welcome are the pheasant or the squirrel when they land on, and upset, the small dish of mealworms. The sparrowhawk is also unwelcome as he drops by for a take-away.



Gisèle Wall

Has Spring Sprung?

Have you seen your first Primrose yet? A clump near the phone box in Kempton has been in flower for some time, but these may



be garden rejects rather than wild plants. The winter has been mild to date so it will soon be worth looking out for them at the little-known National Trust property, Walcot Wood, at Kempton, where clearance work over recent years has provided the open woodland conditions that favour this harbinger. They may be found on hedge banks too and John Clayfield tells me that he expects to see them soon as he travels the road from Hopton Castle to Three Ashes, Twitchen. The name is derived from the Latin 'Prima Rosa', first rose, and although not a member of the rose family, they pave the way for all the floral delights that will follow, including the roses of hedge and garden.

Tom Wall

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Charity Bookshop Reopening

The Charity Bookshop in Craven Arms will be reopening in March. Previously run by Severn Hospice, and closed in December, it has been adopted by The Furniture Scheme, a local charity that supports local people in crisis or in need. It will be run in cooperation with Severn Hospice so that both charities can benefit from local support.

Most of the existing team of volunteers will continue to run the shop on a daily basis, but with support from the Furniture Scheme, in particular from their bookshop in Ludlow and from CasCA, (the Community Centre in Craven Arms), managed by them for the benefit of local people.

As always, we are seeking donations of good quality books, which, prior to the reopening can be dropped off at the Community Centre. We would also welcome new volunteers.

Jean Jarvis MBE, Chief Executive of The Furniture Scheme said, "The bookshop volunteers approached us before Christmas to see whether we may be able to help keep a charity bookshop in Craven Arms. We were so impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteers that we are now finalising lease terms with the landlord, Shropshire Council, and hope to re-open in March. It fits really well with our ethos of recycling and will complement our bookshop in Ludlow. The Furniture Scheme has great respect for Severn Hospice and the fantastic work it does and we are hoping to develop a partnership so that both charities can benefit from the generous support of local people."

For more information contact Sam Hine on behalf of The Furniture Scheme on 07974 772840

or email sam@samhine.co.uk



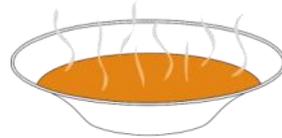
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2015

Many thanks to all who sent in shoeboxes - we gathered 49. You may like to know that 11.2 million boxes were sent around the world, with 895,000 from the UK. Many boxes this year were delivered to children in refugee camps who I am sure appreciated them. There is an army of volunteers who sort, check, parcel up and arrange the transport for the boxes. We are the first step in the chain - but I think we can do better. How about aiming for 100 boxes from our Parish next year. Watch out for posters and information in the Autumn.

Thank you.

Pat Harding

Clunbury Village Hall



Soup and Pudding Lunch

Thursday 25 February

12.30 - 2.00pm

Cost £5

Back by popular request

Pipeline Theatre presents Transports



In 1973, a 15 year old is shunted into her final foster home. The foster mother has a hint of a foreign accent, verbal diarrhoea and a trunk full of secrets. As youth plays cat and mouse

with age, two parallel sets of revelations collide with devastating consequences.

Thursday 4 February, 7.30pm

SpArC theatre, Bishop's Castle

Tickets: £10, children u/13: £7

Enquiries 630321 or 638038

News from South West Shropshire Gardening Club

"Making Wildlife Gardens"

Wednesday 24 February

A talk by Jenny Steel

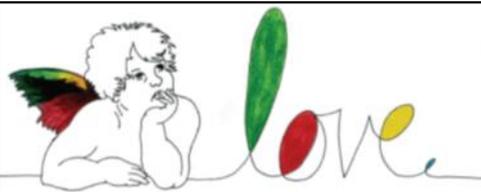


Jenny has a two acre wildlife garden in Dinchope, Craven Arms, which provides some of the inspiration for her writing and photography. She carried out research in Oxford University's famous study area, Wytham Woods, where her Grandfather had been a woodsman. She has specialised in Garden Ecology for over twenty five years, consulting on the design, creation and management of wildlife gardens for a wide range of organisations such as RHS at Wisley and Hyde Hall, Grand Designs Live, The London Wetland Centre, Snowdonia National Park and the "Buzz in the Borders" project for the Stiperstones and Corndon Hill Country Landscape Partnership Scheme. She has written fifteen books. She is a passionate educator and set up an inspirational and hugely informative wildlife gardening website in 1992.



The talk is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £5 per person including refreshments. Any further queries to our Chairman, Carol Clarke 660753 or our Secretary, Allison Walter 620055 or look at our website www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Angie Salmon



Celebrate St Valentine with a concert of music and readings on the theme of love

The Edge Chamber Choir

Sat 6 February, 7.30pm

Church Stretton URC Church

Admission free - Donations to the British Heart Foundation

or

Sat 13 February, 7.30pm

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow

Admission: £10

Tickets from the Assembly Rooms

Ladies Pamper Evening

Friday 4 March

6pm - 10pm

Clunbury Village Hall

Treatments, shopping, refreshments

Free Entry

Fabulous raffle

prizes

Contact:

Jenni Shepherdson 660605



All acoustic modern folk duo Blackheart (Chrissy Mostyn and Rick Pilkington)

Lydbury North Village Hall

Friday 5 February, 8pm

Doors and bar open at 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00, U/16 £5.00
from 680302

Parish Council Meeting

14 Jan 2016

Present: 7 councillors, the clerk, 4 members of the public, 2 NHS representatives. Apologies from Cllrs Bailey and Morgan, and Cllr Nigel Hartin.

NHS111 & Out of Hours (OOH) services: Shropshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are preparing for the likely re-organisation and functional integration of some services; the 111 service contract and, possibly, the Shropdoc (out of hours service, OOH) are under consideration for re-tendering towards the end of the year. Two representatives from the CCGs came to find out how people viewed these services. They clarified the following:

- 111 is a 24/7 service
- OOH is only out of hours, ie when the doctors' surgeries are closed
- 111 is a national service: your call is answered by a trained operator who asks you a few questions in order to determine the best choice for you. If (as was the case for the 2 councillors who had used it) the operator thinks you need to be in contact with OOH (in this case, Shropdoc) they will contact Shropdoc who, in turn, will contact you. This begged the question: why not phone Shropdoc in the first instance? Possibly because 111 is an easier number to remember than that of Shropdoc (0333 222 66 55). Several people in the audience had used Shropdoc and found it very satisfactory.

What were the important points to consider when re-organising/tendering the services?

- That people who respond should know the area and ideally the people. Ours is a rural area, with a large proportion of ageing patients; access can be difficult, sometimes roads are

impassable (particularly in times of flood).

- A 'warm transfer' (by which people who ring 111 would stay online to be transferred to Shropdoc, rather than wait for Shropdoc to ring back) would be preferable.

If you would like to offer your views, go to www.telfordccg.nhs.uk and answer the survey for NHS 111 and Out of Hours Service.

AED unit at Kempton: the unit seems to have disappeared again without reference to anybody in the village. This has now happened several times. People from Kempton who had trained and volunteered to be on call are getting very disenchanted. The system has been most unreliable and unsatisfactory. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Medicott to try and find a solution.

Clunton Burial Ground: Cllrs Davies and M Jones reported that works had been completed to the satisfaction of all parties.

Parish Plan Review: The Chairman complimented the committee for their work and suggested that councillors should read it and bring any comments to the next meeting. Cllr Hoskins said that a special pack (with more figures and comments) was being prepared for the councillors for further discussion. The printing cost amounted to approximately £400. The Parish Plan Review committee wished to donate £50 to Clunbury Village Hall for hosting all the meetings and any moneys left (approximately £200) to the Parish Post (to go towards the cost of a new printer).

Planning:

- Felling of a Scots pine at Clunbury Cottage: no objection.
- A parishioner, who wished to build a small residential home on her land at Clunton Coppice, asked the Parish Council for its preliminary views before applying for planning consent.

The Council would have no objection in principle.

- Mr & Mrs Griffiths asked the Council to consider the preliminary negative response to their application for change of use of a static caravan. The reasons for a possible refusal seemed unclear and Cllr S Jones was asked to draft a letter to the planning authority seeking clarification.

NHS Future Fit: Nobody seems to know what is going on, other than change is afoot.

Roads: No road light at the Crown, Clunton. Cllr Hill reported that he had used the 'pothole line': it worked but it takes a long time to get an answer.

Diverse road floods were reported. Work had been done along the lanes to clear some ditches.

Purslow crossroads: a telephone pole had been damaged, causing problems in the area. It has now been put right. The problem of the post obscuring the view of the traffic is still unresolved.

SAMDev (Site Allocations and Management of Development): the application for countryside status has been approved.

Finance: Com a/c: £148.29; Bus a/c: £3,722.13 (minus expenses pending); Sports a/c: £3,171.83.

The clerk's salary was raised to £9.55 per hour.

Considering the expenses incurred this year, it was decided to set the precept at £3,400.

AOB: Cllr S Jones will attend a workshop (the 'Big Conversation'), on Monday 18 Jan, called by Shropshire Council who need to cut their budget by 75%. What will they cut?

Next meeting: 17 March, 8pm, Kempton Village Hall.
Gisèle & Tom Wall

Borderlines Film Festival Bucknell Village Hall

Fri 26 Feb: Tangerines (15)
Fri 4 March: The Martian (12a)
Fri 11 March: A Walk in the Woods (15)

Full details of all these fantastic films are on the Arts Alive website:

www.artsalive.co.uk

Margi Savery

Megson

Leintwardine
Community Centre
Friday 5 February,
7.30pm



A unique brand of folk music
Tickets £12 online at artsalive.co.uk
Or 01547 540554

Advance Notice

The Clungunford Players present

The Sound of Klungunnas

A specially written spoof Shropshire version of the Sound of Music!

Clungunford Parish Hall
Friday, 11 March & Saturday, 12 March
at 7.30pm

To reserve tickets please ring:

Eileen Chapman on 660438
or Brian Taylor on 660653

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Advance Notice: The annual Arbor Day in Aston on Clun with parade and dressing of the tree will be on 29 May 2016. Music and dancing will start at 1.15pm. The Children's 'Wedding Parade' will start from the village hall at 1.45pm. There will be refreshments, stalls and History Display back at the village hall afterwards. We are open to suggestions and/or donations of flags to be displayed for the forthcoming year. Contact Roger Rankin on 661088.

Events Diary for FEBRUARY 2016

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| Mon 1 | 9-11am | Parent & Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Tue 2 | Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm | | |
| Tue 2 | 7.30pm | The Third Man-680302 | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Wed 3 | | Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance | Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun |
| Wed 3 | 8pm | Bishop's Castle Film Society—Leviathan | Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle |
| Thu 4 | 10-11.30am | Clunbury Café | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Thu 4 | 7.30pm | Pipeline Theatre-Transports-630321/638038 | SpArC |
| Fri 5 | 7.30pm | Acoustic modern folk duo-Blackheart—680302 | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Fri 5 | 7.30pm | Megson-01547-540554 | Leintwardine Community Centre |
| Sat 6 | 7.30pm | Flicks—Woman in Gold-660545 | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Sat 6 | 7.30pm | Flicks-Spy 640254 | Clun Memorial Hall |
| Sat 6 | 7.30pm | The Edge Community Choir 'A celebration of St. Valentine' | Church Stretton URC Church |
| Sun 7 | 11.15am | Morning Prayer | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Sun 7 | 7pm | Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info. | Kempton Village Hall |
| Mon 8 | 7-9pm | Monday Night Club-free help with using computers | Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun |
| Wed 10 | 12 noon | Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion | St Mary's, Clunton |
| Wed 10 | | Tim's Travels—Jersey Boys - 640506 | Wolverhampton |
| Sun 14 | 6.30pm | Joint Evening Prayer | St Mary's, Clunton |
| Mon 15–Fri 19 | Clunbury School Half Term | | |
| Tue 16 | Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm | | |
| Wed 17-Sun 21 | Bishop's Castle Arts Festival | | |
| Wed 17 | 8pm | Bishop's Castle Film Society—Finding Vivian Maier | Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle |
| Thu 18 | 10-11.30am | Clunbury Café | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Sat 20 | 10am-4pm | Craft & Collectables Market | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Sun 21 | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| Mon 22 | 7.30pm | Live Acoustic Folk Music | The Crown Inn, Clunton |
| Wed 24 | 7.30pm | SWS Gardening Club 'Making Wildlife Gardens' | Lydbury North Village Hall |
| Thu 25 | 12.30-2pm | Soup & Pudding Lunch | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Thu 25 | 7pm | NT Live—As You Like It-660493/660893 | Aston on Clun Village Hall |
| Thu 25 | 7pm | NT Live—As You Like It | SpArC |
| Fri 26 | 7.30pm | Borderlines Film Festival-Tangerines-01547-530282 | Bedstone VH |
| Sun 28 | 11.15am | Holy Communion | St Swithin's, Clunbury |
| MARCH | | | |
| Fri 4 | 6pm-10pm | Ladies Pamper Evening for Clunbury School | Clunbury Village Hall |
| Sat 12 | 7.30pm | Ludlow Choral Society | St Lawrence's Church, Ludlow |

Ludlow Choral Society

On Saturday 12 March: Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross* – an oratorio in seven movements, paired with a little Mass in C major by Mozart: the *Spatzen Messe (Sparrow Mass)*.

Up and coming soloists, Sophie Pullen (soprano), Ellie Edmonds (alto), Will Smith (tenor) and Sam Panchett (bass), will be accompanied by organist Kevin Gill and conducted by LCS Music Director Patrick Larley.

The concert takes place at **7.30pm in St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow.**

Tickets at **£12** (up to 18s free) can be bought from the Ludlow Assembly Rooms 01584 878141 or via the website: www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk