

The Parish Post

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

Clunbury Village Open Gardens

Sunday 11th June
12 noon—5.30pm

Admission to gardens by ticket only - £4
Tickets and maps available from
Clunbury Village Hall
Cream Teas in the Village Hall £3.50

Profits shared between West Midlands Air
Ambulance, Hope Hospice and Clunbury Village Hall
For more information Contact Barbara Freeman
01588 660629 or Alister Thompson 01588 661180



Coffee Morning

Crown Inn, Clunton



£1 entrance
Bring and Buy, cakes,
plants and a raffle
Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Clunton

*Come and support the church and
enjoy a chat with your coffee*



Kempton Village Hall Annual General Meeting

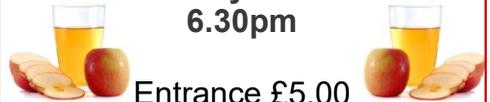
Friday 9 June
8pm

All welcome



Clunton Scrumpters Cider Evening

Harry's Yard, Clunton
Saturday 24 June
6.30pm



Entrance £5.00
Light refreshments
Lots of Cider

Voting Ousts Clunbury Café!

There will be no Café on
Thursday 8 June, as the
village hall is being used for
voting in the General Election,
but Cream Teas will be
served in the hall on Sunday 11 June
as part of the Open Gardens Day.



Eirlys Ellams

General Election
8 June
Don't Forget to Vote



Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Fund Raisers' Thanks

Coffee Morning

Our first ever Coffee Morning went without a hitch, thanks to all the kind assistance given by Christina Whitehead, Pat Harding, Valerie Redgrave and Mary Jones. We were also blessed with fine weather, so everyone was welcomed into our garden, where introductions were made to our plethora of bird life, frogs and the hedgehog hotel. Julian made some very fine coffee (so I was told). Numerous plants, cakes and bric-à-brac were gratefully received and sold and these, with a tombola, all contributed to a very acceptable £402 in total. Half of the proceeds have been donated to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Nick Matveieff and half to St Swithin's Church funds. A very happy outcome.

Marilyn Spenceley

Cake Bake and Sale

Thank you for putting an advert in the Parish Post for our cake bake at Clunbury. We raised a fantastic £550 with a promise of more donations on their way. We are overwhelmed with the support we received and have decided to donate £250 of the total today to the Shropshire Deaf Children's Society and the remainder to the National Deaf Children's Society.

Gemma Fletcher



Dippers back in Kempton

Dippers have raised two young at a nest in Kempton. They used a nest-box erected by the Kemp Valley Wildlife Group. It is thought that this is the first nesting here since the 1980s, and, as such, it is that rare phenomenon, a positive nature conservation story. A further four pairs have bred elsewhere in the parish (all of them along the Clun), three of them successfully, with two broods of three and one of four. Brood sizes are lower than usual (4 is typical), but a second clutch has already been laid in one nest. Overall it looks as though, this year, the number of pairs and their success rate will be at or a little above average, after a dismal 2016 when only one brood, albeit of 5 young, fledged in the parish.

Vince Downs



Dipper at Kempton, photo Vince Downs

South West Shropshire Gardening Club News



There will be no monthly meeting in June but meanwhile you can be thinking ahead with preparations for our annual Garden and Produce Show on Saturday 3 September. The schedule is now available, so do have a look and think about possible entries from your garden. There are over eighty classes to choose from, including photography, handicrafts, cookery, floral displays in addition to the usual fruit, veg, flowers, plants, preserves and produce. Further information is available on our website www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk, from angiesalmon@btinternet.com or from any of our committee members.

Angie Salmon

Clunbury 100 Club May Draw

Mark Grimes £20; Sue Berry £15; Mary Price £10; Rae Pugh £5; Jo Selman £3.

Reminder - subscriptions of £12 are now due. New members welcome. Please contact Mary Jones 660316 or Maddy Matveieff 660458.

Fast Broadband Coming to Clunbury and Twitchen?

Following on from the Public Meeting held in April at Clunbury Village Hall, we have been told that, at the recent progress review meeting between SWS and Chris Taylor of Connecting Shropshire, SWS has withdrawn their commercial interest from the blue dotted properties that have been the subject of our last two meetings.

Importantly, removing the blue dot “under review” status makes us eligible to receive state funding to support the implementation of alternative solutions to the poor and very poor levels of broadband many of us currently receive.

We have been busy progressing the BT quote we discussed at the meeting and many of you will have seen the Open Reach engineer carrying out a survey in the area. We are pleased to say that we now have the revised BT quote for Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), and it looks like very good value for money.

We have submitted our request to Connecting Shropshire for funding to meet the cost of providing the broadband service to Clunbury and Twitchen that has been the subject of our last two public meetings. The proposal was reviewed in a meeting between Nigel Hartin, Chris Taylor, Nic Laurens (the new portfolio owner) and George Chandler from Shropshire County Council. The initial response we have received has been largely positive with some issues outstanding that we are now addressing. Many thanks to Nigel Hartin, and to all in the community for your support.

Matthew Trustman and Nigel Holland

A Wood Re-born: the Changing Face of Clunbury Hill

Once upon a time oak trees clothed the north-facing slope of Clunbury Hill, part of the once-extensive Clun Forest. Then, maybe 400 years ago, they were cleared, making way for sheep and cattle. This clearing, or ‘laund’ (a place where deer grazed), may be behind the naming of ‘The Lawn Farm’, owned by Jim and Christina Whitehead, which encompasses the Hill. Starting in 2000/01 they decided to plant ten and half acres of their ‘lawn’ with 10,000 trees, an intimate mix of both Pedunculate (‘English’) and Sessile (‘Welsh’) oak, planted two yards apart with two yards between the rows; five years later, more trees were added at the Twitchen end of the Hill. It was some time before the oaks got their heads above the bracken, which had to be cut back annually to prevent it from swamping the young trees. But now the oaks are making their mark, showing up beside other species which, through self-seeding, have become well-established, particularly on the lower slopes. Jim and Christina are hopeful that the oaks are sufficiently numerous for a good number to escape the ravages of Grey Squirrels, which strip the bark of this and other trees. Squirrels are particularly attracted to Sycamores and it is hoped that if these are cut back the oaks will benefit. Another hope is to safeguard an established colony of the Grizzled Skipper butterfly, and to this end, an extensive area towards the east end has been left unplanted. This small, uncommon insect, with wings chequered black and white, flies from late April through to late June. The same area is a good place to look for Whinberries, which were once widespread and picked by many in the community. And in ‘An Idler on the Shropshire Borders’ (1970) Ida Gandy writes of villagers cutting litter on the Hill for their poultry and pigs, and rolling it in great bundles down the slope. If, instead, you labour up to the top, through the burgeoning oaks, you will find, as she did, that the Hill is ‘a grand place to meet the wind face to face’.

Tom Wall



Meet Your Parish Council



Karl Bailey
Twitchen
660122



John Croxton, Chairman
Purslow
660208



Ian Davies, Vice Chairman
Clunton
660649



Pat Harding
Clunton
660169



David Hill
Clunbury
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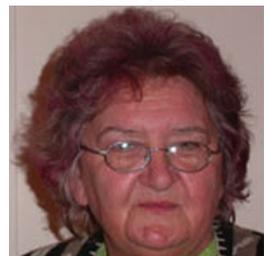
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Goodbye and Thankyou to Sylvia

We could not let Sylvia Jones leave Clunbury parish without mention. She has been an active member of the Parish Council since 2013. As the council's representative on the NHS and health matters she has given a lot of her time to attending the meetings that have accompanied the endless debates about the future of our local health services. We have been fortunate in being able to keep you, our readers, up to date through her reports in the Parish Post. Thank you Sylvia – we will miss you. *PP eds*

Parish Council Report 18 May

The Annual Parish Assembly was due to take place at 7.30pm; Cllr Hill, Cllr Hoskins and 2 members of the public arrived in time to attend. The clerk, having overlooked the Assembly, had only mentioned the Parish Council Meeting in her agenda, with the starting time of 8pm, which is when the other councillors arrived. The clerk apologised for her oversight and, after deliberation, as there was no preparation for it, the Assembly didn't take place. There was no mention of it being reconvened at a later date.

Parish Council Meeting

Present: 8 councillors and 3 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Croxton.

Election of Chairman: Cllr Croxton was re-elected in his absence.

Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Davies was re-elected. Cllr Davies welcomed the new councillor, Lucy Lewis.

Appointment of cheque signatories: remains the same - Cllrs Croxton, Morgan and Hill.

Minutes of the meeting held 23/3: The councillors had not received these minutes which the clerk said that she had sent on 9 May. The clerk said that the minutes should arrive within 4 weeks of the meeting taking place. If they had not arrived, could the councillors please let her know. As she had no paper copies, the clerk read the minutes which were approved and signed.

Matters arising: footbridge behind Chapel House, Clunbury: no progress. Cllr Hill suggested that the clerk should remind the authorities.

Federation of Clunbury, Bucknell and Newcastle schools: as Cllr Croxton, who usually reports on this was absent, the matter could not be discussed. Cllr Lewis had brought some information she had received, as a parent; it seems that a decision should be reached by September.

Twitcheen notice board: a carpenter has agreed to carry out repairs.

Clunton burial ground, replacement of hedge: the ownership of the hedge is unsure, but it would appear to be Church property.

Cllr Davies is to contact the owner who wishes to build a wall.

Broadband: Cllr Hill announced that SWS had pulled out of its association with 'Connecting Shropshire'. It is now hoped that grants will be available for installation of a proper infrastructure by BT. However, he emphasised that this only relates to the settlements of Clunbury and Twitcheen; other, more distant, properties will not be included. Cllrs Harding and Hoskins have been assured that Clunton and Kempton are on course for a proper infrastructure.

Planning: agricultural building at Moor House, Twitcheen and alterations to lean-to conservatory at The Orchard, Clunton: no objections.

Poultry units, Clunton: no decision yet, but Shropshire Council are minded to approve.

Correspondence: website: the Parish Council, at present, is using the Parish Post website. The councillors had decided, at the last meeting, to have their own website which Cllr Hill had kindly agreed to look into. At present, the information posted on behalf of the Parish Council, is limited to the names of the councillors and the minutes of the meetings. Cllr Hill reported that the present arrangement does not contravene the Transparency Code and that the additional information required by the Code could readily be accommodated on the existing site. A separate, website, with dedicated names and email addresses would be quite costly. At present, The Parish Post pays about £14 a year for their site. The parish councillors decided to keep the status quo and offered to contribute to the annual cost.

Finance: balance of accounts, in total £8,503.19 (inc precept). Settlement of accounts: £1,138.29

AOB: Cllr Bailey has agreed to take on the Health brief from retiring Cllr S Jones.

New Councillor Governance Issues: The clerk circulated all forms for completion by the councillors; these were duly filled in and signed. She circulated the Annual governance statement and the Accounting statements for 2016/2017.

Date and venue of next meeting: Thursday 20 July, 8pm, Clunton Village Hall. *Gisèle Wall*

Events Diary for June 2017

Thu 1		Tim's Travels—'City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra'—640506	Birmingham
Thu 1	10.30am	Clunton Coffee Morning in aid of St Mary's Church	The Crown Inn
Fri 2	7pm	Flicks—La La Land—630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 2	8pm	Flicks—A Street Cat Named Bob—660159	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sun 4	11.15am	Morning prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 4	6pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony—Tel 661171 for info	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 5		Clunbury School back from half term	
Mon 5	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 6		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,	Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Wed 7		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 8		ELECTION DAY-THERE WILL BE NO CLUNBURY CAFE	
Fri 9	8pm	Kempton Village Hall: Annual General Meeting	Kempton Village Hall
Sun 11	11.15am	United BCP Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 11	Noon-5.30pm	Clunbury Village Open Gardens—660629/661180	
Mon 12	2pm	Flicks—Eddie the Eagle—630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 17	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 17	7.30pm	Flicks—Room-640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sun 18	6.30pm	United Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 20		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am,	Obley 12.45-12.55pm
Thu 22	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 22	7pm	NT Live—Salomé—660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 24	6.30pm	Clunton Scrumpers' Cider Evening	Fold Farm, Clunton
Sun 25	11.15am	United CW Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 26	7.30pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thur 29	7pm	Flicks—Lion—630321/638038	SpArC

Clun Gardens Open, Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th of June, 1- 5pm both days Tickets £6, valid for both days, accompanied school children free

Tickets available from Clun Bridge and Trinity Hospital. There will be 19 gardens open (16 on Saturday). This includes a large variety of gardens large and small, including those with herbaceous borders, roses, grasses, water features, vegetables and even a working tramway! A car is necessary to access a few of them. A large plant stall and plant doctor, also refreshments and toilets will be available at Hightown Community Room. Flower displays will be on view in St George's church, where harpists and an organ recital will take place on Sunday afternoon. For more information go to www.clungardensopen.co.uk

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National Theatre Live - Salome Aston on Clun Village Hall Thursday 22 June 7pm

This story has been told before, but never like this. An occupied desert nation. A radical from the wilderness on hunger strike. A girl whose mysterious dance will change the course of the world. This charged retelling turns the infamous biblical tale on its head, placing the girl we call Salomé at the centre of a revolution. Phone 660493/660893.