

Events Diary for June 2018			
Fri 1	6pm	Flicks—Early Man—630321/638038	SpArC
Sun 3	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 3	Noon-5pm	Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Open Gardens	Broadward Hall, Clungunford
Mon 4		Clunbury School back from half term	
Mon 4	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Mon 4	7.30pm	Table Tennis every Mon not the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tue 5		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm	
Tue 5	7.15	Oscar Wilde Season Live-An Ideal Husband-660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Wed 6		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 7	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 7	7pm	NT Live—Macbeth—660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 9		Strawberry Tea	Abbeyfield, Bishop's Castle
Sun 10	11.15am	BCP Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 10	2.30-5pm	Open Garden & Afternoon Tea	Purslow Hall
Tue 12	2pm	Flicks—Up—630321/638038	SpArC
Thu 14		Tim's Travels-Beautiful:The Carole King Musical-640506	Wolverhampton
Thu 14	7pm	Flicks—3 Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri—630321/638038	SpArC
Fri 15	8pm	Flicks—Murder on the Orient Express—660727/660781	Clungunford Parish Hall
Sat 16	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sun 17	6.30pm	United Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
16 June-1st July		Ludlow Fringe Art Trail-01584-873182	
Tue 19		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm	
Thu 21	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 21	7.30pm	Flicks—Mountain—630321/638038	SpArC
Sat 23	6.30pm	Clunton Scrumpers' Cider Evening-660309/660120	Harry's Yard, Clunton
Sun 24	11.15am	United CW Holy Communion	St Mary's, Clunton
Wed 27	10am-1pm	Clunbury Craft Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 27	7.30pm	SWSGC-Herbaceous Perennials-Leila Jackson	Lydbury North Village Hall

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Congratulations to Harry and Rene Collins

Harry and Rene, from Fold Farm Clunton, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on 3 May. Rene is now being cared for in St Nicholas House, Churchstoke, where Harry visits regularly. They had a congratulations card from the Queen and many cards from their friends near and far. They enjoyed a family tea party at St Nicholas House to celebrate their special day.



Scrumpers' Cider Evening
Harry's Yard
Clunton
23 June at 6.30pm

Light refreshments AND CIDER
Tickets £6.00

Book with
Anne 660309 or Pauline 660120

Open Garden and Afternoon Tea at Purslow Hall
by kind permission of James and Annabel Morris
Sunday 10 June
2.30—5.00pm
Admission to gardens £4

In aid of St Swithin's Church, Clunbury and St George's Church Clun
Purslow Hall is located on the B4368

Clunbury Village Hall Invites you for Cream Tea

At Mossy Bank Clunbury
Saturday 16 June, 2.30 - 4.30pm
Cost £4.50
Clunbury Village Hall if wet
Contact: Alister Thompson 661180
or Barbara Freeman 660629

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Advance Notices

Ludlow Dog Day
Sunday 22 July
Stokesay Court
Organised by the Rotary Club
In aid of local charities

Sat 7th July
10 to 4
The Bog Pennerley
Syð ONG

Shropshire Hills Hay Meadow Festival

A fun filled family day to celebrate traditional wildflower meadows and their wealth of wildlife.

Entry:
Adults: £5
Children: £1

Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
NATURAL ENGLAND

For more information go to www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk

Fantastic Fundraising

SpArC Campaign Hits £100K

Launched in March 2016, Save the SpArC supporters have worked tirelessly to raise both awareness of the leisure centre and funding. Money has come from a variety of sources including £12k from an M&S energy grant for a new pool cover, fundraising events held in and around Bishop's Castle, crowd funding and private donations. Jean Shirley, Chair of Trustees, thanked everyone who helped to reach this massive goal and said that a regular income stream now needs to be maintained to replace the significantly reduced funding available from Shropshire Council in the future.

The Save the SpArC campaign has not just been about raising funds for improvements - new swimming pool lockers and a hairdryer have been purchased, but also money was spent on a very successful Easter sports programme for children, with an ambitious summer programme to follow. The Charity is also committed to increasing the skills of local young people by offering training for lifeguards, swimming instructors and sports leaders.

For more information about the Save the SpArC campaign please see savethesparc facebook page or visit the website www.savethesparc.org

£400 Raised for St Swithin's

Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning on 27 April at the Lawn Farm, for there was a dire forecast of heavy rain, but lots of people came and the sun shone, and by midday we were able to be in the garden (mostly the children!)

Thank you too to our brilliant helpers on the raffle, the tombola, bring & buy and in the kitchen; and to everyone who donated prizes. We managed to raise just over £400 for St Swithin's - fantastic!

Christina Whitehead



Gemma's Cake Bake

We made an amazing £700 for the National Deaf Children's Society at the event in Clunbury Village Hall on 12 May!!!! I want to say a massive thank you, from me and my family, to everyone who came along to support us and all those who donated cakes and prizes.

Gemma Fletcher

Barrett on her Bike

Janice Barrett - formerly of Pool House Farm, Clunbury - set herself a challenge to bicycle from Land's End to John O'Groats, before she reached 67!

On 22 April, at Land's End, totally unsupported, booking B&B a night ahead, doing all running repairs, she battled the elements in April and Scottish midges in May. She stopped overnight, in Wistanstow, at the beginning of May and on Tues 22 May reached John O'Groats. She has lost a stone in weight, is super fit, brown and happy!

Janice is raising money for the Severn Hospice, where her mother was cared for before she died, and also Hillside Animal Sanctuary, Norwich. Anyone can donate on Justgiving.com for Janice Barrett on her Bike. At present, she has raised over £1000. Congratulations Janice.



Barbara Freeman

Warden, reported that the replacement poles which had been ordered had proved unsuitable. New ones have been ordered.

Planning:

Clunton Coppice: Cllr Hill reported that the application for an affordable dwelling had been granted.

Clunton: the application which appeared to have been granted has been withdrawn. Councillors had no objection to the application, other than its proximity to the road.

Removal of existing builder's yard and erection of dwelling, Hawthorn Cottage, 4 Beambridge. No objection.

South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee

NHS: Sylvia Jones reported that the promised public consultation would start on 30 May and would end on 3 September. It is most important that people should participate, to try and make sure that the best choices are made for the care of the community in Shropshire.

The Treasury has underwritten £312million which will have to be repaid, with interest; however, it appears that the detail of how this repayment money will be found has not yet been disclosed and will not be until after the consultation.

The proposals are to use the best part of this money for an Emergency Department (possibly to be based in Shrewsbury) and an upgrading of some existing buildings. Many of the other services would be relocated in Telford. Community hospitals do not appear to figure very highly on the agenda and some services like Shropdoc are under threat.

Should the Parish Council wish to invite parishioners to a meeting, S Jones offered to provide speakers for both sides of the debate. The Chairman proposed to discuss this at the next meeting, in July.

Roads:

Potholes: Still many unrepaired. Clerk to write to the Council again to remind them.

Clun river undercutting, Beambridge road: Cllr Hill has contacted the Environment Agency and will continue to liaise.

Erosion of bank at Silvermere, Twitchen: caused by large HGVs, has been reported to the Council.

Correspondence:

Parish Clerk laptop: Cllr Hill and the Clerk to go to Bill Blake and see which was most suitable.

Finances:

Bank accounts: £9,034.65

Expenses: £656.04

A finance meeting will be held to discuss external auditing. Gisèle Wall to carry out internal audit.

Clerk's salary: The Clerk asked for a pay rise. To be discussed.

AOB

Kempton Broadband installation: the box is in but is not connected to power (see article in the Parish Post)

Annual Parish Meeting venues: should be rotated so that people from other areas can attend (at the moment they seem to always take place in Kempton).

General Data Protection Regulation: the Parish Council is to make arrangements to ensure that it complies with the new regulations to be implemented on 25 May 2018.

Next meeting: Clunton Village Hall, 19 July, 8pm.

Gisèle Wall

Clunbury Crafters

Next meeting

Wednesday 27 June

Clunbury Village Hall

10:00am - 1:00pm

£3.00

All levels of ability welcome

Contact Lynne Thompson 01588 661180



Parish Council Meetings Report 17/5 Annual Parish Assembly

Present: 8 councillors, the clerk + 4 members of the public

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Morgan & Hartin

Chairman's Report: the Chairman thanked all the councillors for their work during the year and the Parish Post for its reports. He highlighted the following points:

- Finances are healthy
- Planning: Three site meetings took place, in Kempton, Clunton and Clunton Coppice.
- NHS: the June meeting was cancelled, but it seems that the preference, at the moment, would be for the A&E department to be in Shrewsbury. The future of Ludlow is uncertain; Bishop's Castle seems quite safe for now. Clun surgery is doing well.
- Fire station in Clun seems safe in view of the massive rebuild taking place.
- Roads: pothole problems are still unresolved. The head of the new contractors will be at the next meeting of the LJC in June, along with Ian Kilby, Head of Planning for Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Councillor report: Cllr Hartin had sent a report which was read by the Clerk. A number of challenges face Shropshire Council as the Government continues to reduce its funding which will be removed totally by 2020. These challenges are mainly financial and more cuts to services have just started to be announced. The proposed budget includes cuts to the following (among others):

- Road maintenance budget
- Adult Social Care
- Children's safeguarding
- School transport
- Waste collection
- Digital Transformation Project
- Education Improvement Service

- Youth budget
- Libraries
- Children's Centres

The 15 County Councillors who are receiving a Special Responsibility Allowance have rejected the proposal of cuts to their allowance. The Independent Panel which sets the amount of the allowance has resigned.

Shropshire Council has bought the shopping centres in Shrewsbury for around £51 million, in the hope of a 5% return. Could there be some better ways of investing money (eg building houses of a type local communities want and need)?

The Police & Crime Commissioner is to take over control of our Fire and Rescue Service, potentially by 1 June. This is currently under challenge by Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority.

Parish Council Meeting

Present: 8 councillors, the clerk + 4 members of the public

Election of Officers:

Chairman: John Croxton

Vice Chairman: Ian Davies

Cheque signatories: John Croxton, David Hill, Sandra Morgan

Oddfellows Banner:

Colin Payne explained that the banner was in the Hundred House when he bought the pub and that, therefore, the banner was technically his, but he was happy to give it to the Parish. The banner had been used in 1996 for the Purslow Show and had since been housed in the church. However, it had to be taken down and was in need of repair, which could be very costly. This is a piece of the Parish's history and should be kept, if necessary in safe storage, and good pictures of it could be displayed. There are still Oddfellows Associations and enquiries could be made to them or the National Association. (see also article on page 2)

Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting:

Footbridge behind Chapel House, Clunbury: Mrs Lishman, the Footpath

South West Shropshire Gardening Club

Herbaceous Perennials

A talk by Leila Jackson
Wednesday 27 June, 7.30 pm
Lydbury North Village Hall



Leila Jackson of T3 Plants near Leominster runs a Gold Medal winning specialist nursery growing Abutilons, Salvias and an extensive range of unusual perennials. They hold the National Collection of Abutilon species and cultivars.

Whether you dream of traditional herbaceous borders, a relaxed cottage garden or are working towards a more naturalistic planting, Leila can help you create and look after your own personal patch of paradise, giving guidance on how to successfully select, combine and grow a broad range of perennials.

Free to members, visitors £5 per person including refreshments. Any queries to Sandy Burton 680454 or please look at our website: www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Garden and Produce Show

Saturday 1 September
Lydbury North Village Hall

An early reminder of our upcoming Annual show! Gardening is not an instant endeavour and we wanted to give aspiring entrants fair warning. If you want the prize for the longest bean you have to start now! We welcome contributions from members and non-members alike. The more the merrier! A full schedule is now available at club meetings and from our indefatigable show organizer Angie Salmon, 661025. Be it the more traditional vegetable and flower growing or photography, wine and preserve making, baking or handicrafts, there is a category to suit everyone. Please enter and make this our most successful show ever.

Sara Metcalf



Correspondence - Oddfellows Banner

I was for 21 years the Director of the People's History Museum in Manchester, which has the largest collection of painted banners in existence and also looks after the Oddfellows collection for the society, which still exists in Manchester. (We also ran a Lottery-funded National Banner Survey in the late 90s, which recorded many similar banners to yours).

Friendly society banners like this are pretty common both in museums and held locally and can be very expensive to conserve, up to £10,000! Yours looks in reasonable condition and often grants are made available to fund conservation by Heritage Lottery Fund regional offices. I wouldn't approach the 3 bodies suggested in the article as you'll need a qualified conservator who can do both painting and textile conservation. The People's History Museum runs a studio which specialises in this work but they do get booked up and you might be in for a long wait. There are other independent conservators that they might recommend and also the University of Glasgow have a specialist studio.

Do let me know if there is anything I can add. There is now quite a literature on friendly societies which had hundreds of thousands of members in their Edwardian heyday. Daniel Weinbren of the Open University wrote a major history a few years ago.

Nick Mansfield by email

Note from PP editors: we hope to run a piece next month based on information from, amongst others, Sandra Morgan, who was a member of the Oddfellows.



Fibre Broadband Rollout Imminent

Some of the more eagle-eyed amongst us may have noticed Openreach vans daring to venture into Clunbury and surrounding areas recently. The good news is, this is the official beginning to the rollout of the fibre service that we have been waiting for. We had an initial project meeting in Twitchen this week with Rob Jones, together with the project manager of the team who will be working over the next few months to deliver the service to us. Sub-contractors will be doing much of this ground work, so expect to see folks from non-Openreach vans looking closely at road signs and houses etc. around the area. They will also be looking to ensure that work is done in a way that causes least disruption to traffic. They are optimistic the impact will be minimal but if they do need to close a road it would of course go through the proper planning procedures with notice to those affected

Barring any unforeseen problems the project team is confident that fibre to the premises will be installed to our area by late autumn, November/ early December.

Once the installation is complete we will then be able contact ISPs to arrange for the service to be delivered to our individual houses. These companies will do the actual premises connections, install modems and then provide the service.

Currently BT offers that service as does a company called Zen. Prices and download speeds vary and may change between now and when the service is available. Some prices include the BT telephone line rental and some do not.

We will be calling a meeting at the Village Hall in a few weeks to discuss in more detail, the opportunities this brings and to identify any topics that would benefit from further discussion. So if you need any more information or you've got any questions do please contact either Nigel or myself and we will do our best to help.

Matthew Trustman Nigel Holland



Kempton's Fibre Broadband Not So Quick

Kempton's fibre broadband 'green cabinet' was installed several months ago but is still waiting for a mains electricity supply to power it up. Apparently, a wayleave is required to get the supply to it. You'd have thought they would have arranged that when the cabinet installation was planned. Come on BT or whoever, pull your screwdriver out, Kempton residents are still in the information slow lane.

David Hill



Clunton 100 Club, May 2018

1st: Brenda Smith; 2nd: Robert Egginton; 3rd: Christina Whitehead.

Clunbury 100 Club, May 2018

Marianne Hints £20; Jane Cassford £15; James Whitehead £10; Brian Marsh £5; Jess Grimes £3.

The Parish Post thanks the Aston on Clun Community Shop for its generous grant.

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Prickly Arrivals in Kempton

You may recall the sad story last Autumn about the little rescued hedgehog that unfortunately did not make it. Well, about three weeks ago we received a delightful call from Jenny, the hedgehog nurse in Clunton, asking if we would like to have a little boy and a little girl hedgehog released in our garden so it could be their new home. Both had been rescued from different locations when very young and had never been out into the open countryside.

Jenny brought Kevin first; he arrived in a cat carrier with a cardboard box inside filled with straw and was well buried out of sight. As instructed by Jenny, we sited the box in a suitable place and, at dusk, opened the door and placed food and water, and eagerly awaited his wake up. We sat and sat until 11pm! Popped indoors for a cuppa and on our return he had made a run for it!

The next evening, Clementine arrived in her house; she apparently was a little more shy. We repeated the procedure and, once again, she managed to slip away unnoticed! As suggested by Jenny we left the hotel in place in case they wanted to return, and sure enough, they did, each night coming for a snack and a nap in their bed before moving off again round the garden on their adventures. A bit like homing hedgehogs!

Hopefully before long we shall have small Kevins and Clementines, so do keep watch. You can help by placing small saucers of water around the garden. If you have a pond, or anywhere they may tumble into, place a ramp so they can get out. Hedgehogs can swim but they must be able to get out of the water. Keep an eye on cattle grids as they can tumble between the bars and then not be able to get out. If you want to leave a saucer of food, put dry cat biscuits with the odd mealworm for a treat! Kev and Clemmie do like to wander, so make sure there is a little gap in your hedge or fence for them to pass through.

Please drive carefully in the village; keep our new residents safe.

Claire Hern

Bishop's Castle Joint Pain Clinic

Are you aged 45 or older, and had hip, knee or back pain for more than 3 months or have suffered with Osteoarthritis for more than 3 months with no recent trauma? If you've answered yes, don't panic... the joint pain advisors are here to help.

Joint Pain Clinics are a free service run by Help2Change, and allow you to meet with a fully trained advisor to discuss your pain and give advice on ways of managing your symptoms, so that you can carry on daily activities without pain. Follow-up appointments, to check on your progress and continue to help you to make positive changes and manage your pain, will be booked to fit in with you at 2 weeks, 6 weeks and 6 months.

Osteoarthritis can cause debilitating pain in your joints, and affects over 8 million people in the UK, it is becoming more common as we live longer. The risk of developing it increases as we get older, become more overweight, or if the joint has been injured in the past. It is important to keep moving, and through being active you can manage your weight and stay healthy. Feeling more in control of osteoarthritis can help you to cope with the pain and stiffness better, making daily activities achievable.

The clinics are run from Enterprise House, Station Street, Bishop's Castle. To book an appointment just call Help2Change on 0345 6789 025.

