

Crayfish on Our Doorstep

Clunton Brook, which having risen near Steppleknoll runs down eventually to the Clun passing close to the Crown Inn, has proved the best watercourse for Crayfish amongst the six surveyed so far in the Clun catchment. Supervised by a specialist licensed by Natural England, eight volunteers undertook an extensive search on 17 August finding adults and good numbers of juveniles, as well as other invertebrates, such as Stonefly and Mayfly nymphs and the little fish known as the Bullhead or Miller's Thumb. An Otter had left evidence from its opposite end and there were damselfly nymphs too. By contrast, while similar freshwater life was found on the Clun, no Crayfish were found there.

The surveys are organised by the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with support from its Conservation Fund, WREN and the Shropshire Ecological Data Network. The surveys are part of a concerted effort by the Marches Crayfish Partnership to establish for the first time the distribution in the region of this small, lobster-like crustacean, known officially as the White-clawed Crayfish. Adults are just 4 to 10cm long and have in many areas been displaced by the rather larger American Signal Crayfish introduced in the 1970s. The Signals carry the so-called 'crayfish plague', a fungus to which they are resistant; it is however fatal to the long-established White-clawed Crayfish which is struggling in the face of this threat and pollution. Have you found crayfish on local streams, recently, or in the past? If so, please let me or the Parish Post know.

Mike Kelly, Shropshire Hills AONB



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Gloomy Day but Bright Show

Despite the overcast sky, and occasional showers early on, there was a good attendance at the 71st Purslow Show and lots for people to see and do.

In the Show Tent, which looked wonderful, it was pleasing to see that the growers of flowers and garden produce had managed to defy this year's extreme weather to supply plenty



of very good exhibits. Handcrafters had obviously been very industrious and the number and quality of the entries was very high. In the other sections, Cookery and Store cupboard had attracted so many entries that the judges were kept extra busy. The Children's Section was a riot of colour and ingenuity, well supported by Clunbury School, which also donated a new cup for Children's Gardening.



Jack Fest

Purslow was the focus for family fun and entertainment at the Jack Fest on 25 August. Jenny Huffer, one of the shows committee members, said that everyone had a great time with music provided by local bands which was organised in aid of Air Ambulance. The event was a first and a great success, so far £1500 has been raised with more donations to come.



Out on the field the Dog Show and Gymkhana attracted lots of entries and spectators. There was plenty of entertainment for children – the puppet show and donkey rides were very popular, as was our own Parish Post tent offering roll a coin, steady hand and bat the rat games. Grown-ups were able to try their hand at clay pigeon shooting, a new attraction this year.

SWSGC

Plants Of The Season

A Talk by Paul Green
Wednesday 26 September, 7.30pm
Lydbury North Village Hall

This month's talk is a timely look at plants of the season as our gardens transition from summer to autumn. Paul has worked in horticulture for over 25 years and has run his own nursery, since the mid 90s where he grows a wide range of exotic and unusual plants, 'anything weird!'.

This is a practical talk, with real plants, covering seasonal topics such as propagation, pruning, best use in the garden, any pests and diseases or cultivation problems.

This talk is free to members of SWSGC; visitors welcome at £5 per person including refreshments. Queries to Sandy Burton 01588 680454 or on our website: www.gardeningshropshire.co.uk

Sara Metcalf



Birds of Shropshire by Habitat and Season 2018-19

A course to help you expand your knowledge of common birds will start late in September, and meet twice a month, until May 2019. Birds will be introduced in 'classroom sessions' followed by outdoor trips.

Course leaders:

Dave Pearce and Allan Heath
Cost: £80 for 16 sessions payable in advance

Indoor Sessions at Cardingmill Valley
(National Trust's Chalet Pavilion)

Further information:

Dave Pearce 07791 180488
Or visit: introbirdcourse.wordpress.com



Wheat ear © northeastwildlife.co.uk

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Family Hill Run

This is always a popular event and there were 62 competitors this year including Gary Richards (of Twitchen) and his twin daughters, Freya and Christina, who at age 7 must be amongst the youngest entrants ever. Amazing effort, well done Gary for keeping up with them!

Hill Run Results

- First senior man Jack Blackburn 22mins 50secs
- First male veteran Jamie Shingler (24.33)
- First boy, Aidan Yapp (25.02)
- First senior female Madeline Williams (28.37)
- First female veteran Viv Dempsey (34.06)
- First girl Charlotte Broadhurst (30.59)



Show Tent Cup Winners

- Dr Hamar Cookery Cup: Wendy Heighway
- WI Store Cupboard Cup: Carys Palmer
- Dr Hamar Vegetable Cup: George Williams
- Mrs JFC Woosnam Flower Cup: Dorothy Morris
- Dr Hamar Handicraft Cup: Carol Bowen
- Margery Price Rose Bowl for Flower Arranging: Julia Gell
- Ted Lewis Cup for Roses: Dorothy Morris
- Monica Reynolds Cup for Cake Making: Clare Jukes
- Sheila Train Perpetual Children's Cup: Connie Gurney
- Ken Davies Perpetual Challenge Trophy: Gordon Bailey
- Young Gardener's Cup: Clunbury School Gardening Club



Rotary Club Grants

Over the last 3 years the Rotary Club of Ludlow has been able to invest some £17,000 in a range of local community projects through the initiative 'Ludlow Rotary Cares'. This year, the Club is looking to invest again in our community and wants to hear from organisations supporting community life within 15 miles of Ludlow, who could benefit from a modest grant of up to **£500**.

For further information about the criteria and to download application forms visit www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk

Applications must be submitted by **30 September**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at the Ludlow Mascall Centre on 30 October to explain their project to a small panel. Successful applications will be notified shortly after the event.

email John at lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk



Come and join Clunbury Craft Group



Do you enjoy being creative? We are a small, friendly and relatively new group who welcomes new members.

No experience necessary. It's an opportunity for people to come together once a month and share ideas, try something new or just have a natter.

We meet

every 4th Wednesday in the month
Clunbury Village Hall, 10:00am-1:00pm
£3.00

Next meeting 26 September

SUMMER BBQ



CLUNTON VILLAGE HALL

From 2 pm, Sunday 2nd September,

Food served at 3 pm

Cooked on the BBQ by the Chairman
Salads and vegetarian option, plus puddings

Raffle

Licensed bar

Tickets £10.00 (includes glass of Pimms)

Under age 16 - £5, Under age 5 - free

Tickets available from Committee Members or phone
01588 660652 or 660169

Too Many Chickens Come Home to Roost?

Plans for more broiler chicken production in our region are in doubt after



a leaked letter dated 5 July 2018 from Avara Foods (chicken processors) of Hereford to their 'Growers' stated: "There is already more poultry production in the Herefordshire area than is required for the Hereford factory". Both Clunbury and Clunbury Parish Councils have recently objected to planning applications for new broiler units. Neither application has received final approval and there is now further reason for Shropshire Council to reject them.

David Hill

Enterprise House Future

The long term funding of the organisation is under review, and while there is no immediate need for communities to take action, Peter Phillips is keen that people living in South West Shropshire are aware of the potential threat to the organisation as their support may be called on in the near future.

If anyone wants more specific information please contact either Peter Phillips or Mike Ashwell at Enterprise South West Shropshire for details.

Phone: 01588 638038

Email: info@enterprisehouse.org.uk

NHS Future Fit Meeting

Twenty-five people attended the meeting in Clunbury Village Hall when Simon Freeman from the Clinical Commissioning Group outlined the two options the Group are proposing. Their preferred option is to site Emergency Care at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital with Planned Care taking place at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford. The other option is the reverse of this. He faced many questions from the floor particularly regarding the increased distance local people would have to travel to receive planned care. The problem of ambulance response times was also raised but Mr Freeman said this was outside the remit of Future Fit and that people should lobby their MP about it.

Mr Freeman left the meeting as he was not willing to enter into debate with the other speaker, Gill George, of the Defend our NHS Group. She spoke against both proposed options, urging people to reject them in the survey. Her contention is that the funding available would be better spent on improving care in the community and local hospitals.

There is still time to make your views known by completing the Future Fit survey either online at:

nhsfuturefit.org/key-documents/

public-consultation-documents

or sending in a paper copy

The deadline has been extended to 11 September.

Sue Hill

Bishop's Castle Railway Society

The last Railway Building in Bishop's Castle needs saving
NOW



From this in 1955 to this in 2017

We've applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding to restore the fabric of the building but to safeguard its future, it needs to be sustainable. We see a role for the building as a community exhibition space, as a meeting venue for local groups and as interpretation centre explaining the role of the railway in the history of the town. To do this we want to install electricity, mains water and drainage and provide an accessible toilet. HLF funds won't cover all of this. Volunteering is already making a significant contribution and the Railway Society has agreed to make a substantial sum available but we'll need more to realise the dream.

We want to raise at least £10,000, so we're asking for donations, no matter how small, towards the successful completion of this project. Everything we receive will be ring-fenced and, in the event of the project not proceeding, can be returned to donors.

There will be two open days: 8 (2-4pm) and 9 (11am-6pm) September at the Weighbridge, next to the Cattle Market, Bishop's Castle. All welcome.

Please send donations to BCRS Co Ltd, ref: Weighbridge to Peter Mills, Low Water, Riverside Drive, Clun, SY7 8LL. For more information, please contact John Rimmer: 01588 638998, email: info@bcrailway.co.uk

Clunton 100 Club August Draw
1st: Nick Downes; 2nd: Maureen Saunders; 3rd: Tracy Price.

New Children's Activity Equipment at SpArC

The Save the SpArC campaign and charity have recently purchased a selection of new equipment for use by children. Initially for use during the summer holidays, the equipment will be available at SpArC for children's activities and, in the future, available for hire.

The new equipment includes indoor footballs, a rounders development kit, a Unihoc set, Kwik cricket, bowls, dodgeballs and a rugby development kit.



The photograph shows the 'unihoc' hockey equipment being used by the holiday club on the outdoor all weather pitch at SpArC, under the supervision of two young men who recently trained as sports leaders. The outdoor pitch is also available to hire, details from SpArC reception.

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Clunbury 100 Club August Draw

Jo Selman: £20; Valerie Redgrave: £15; Mary Jones: £10; Tom Grimes: £5; Will Matveieff: £5.

Events Diary for September 2018

Sat 1	2-4.30	SWSGC Show	Lydbury North Village Hall
Sun 2	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 2	From 2pm	Summer BBQ-660652/660169	Clunton Village Hall
Sun 2	12-2pm	Annual Sunday Buffet Lunch-01547-530282	Bedstone VH
Mon 3	7.30pm	Table Tennis every Mon not the last one of the month £1	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Tue 4	7.30pm	Flicks—The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society—680302	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 5		Start of Autumn Term—Clunbury School	
Wed 5		Quiz—proceeds to Midlands Air Ambulance	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Thu 6		Tim's Travels: The Comedy About a Bank Robbery—640506	Birmingham Rep.
Fri 7	7.30pm	BC Railway Society: Northern Railways in the Days of Steam-638998	BC Methodist Hall
Sat 8		Ride & Stride-660169	
Sat 8	2-4pm	BC Railway Society Weighbridge open	Opposite cattle market, BC.
Sun 9	11.15am	Baptism Service	St Mary's, Clunton
Mon 10	9-11.30am	Parent&Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Tue 11		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm	
Wed 12	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—Lady Bird	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wed 12	7pm	RSC—The Merry Wives of Windsor—630321/630038	SpArC
Thu 13	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 14	8pm	Flicks—3 Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri-660727/660781	Parish Hall, Clunton
Sat 15	10am-1pm	Craft & Collectables Market	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 15	7.30pm	Flicks—Darkest Hour-660545	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 15	7pm	NT Live—Julie—630321/630038	SpArC
Sun 16	6.30pm	United Evensong	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 18	2pm	Flicks—Whisky Galore—630321/630038	SpArC
Thu 20	7pm	Flicks—Tully—630321/630038	SpArC
Sat 22	11am-6pm	BC Railway Society Weighbridge open	Opposite cattle market, BC.
Sun 23	11.15am	United CW Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Tue 25		Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm	
Wed 26	10am-1pm	Clunbury Craft Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 26	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club-Plants of the Season	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 26	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—The Party	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thu 27	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 27	8pm	Clunbury Parish Council Meeting	Clunbury Village Hall
Thu 27	7pm	NT Live—King Lear—660493/660893	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Thu 27	7pm	NT Live—King Lear—630321/630038	SpArC
Fri 28	7pm	Harvest Festival	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 30	10am	Benifice United Service Holy Communion	Newcastle
Sun 30		Tim's Travels: Blackpool Illuminations—640506	

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

Advance Notice : Apple juicing, Clunton VH
Saturday 27 October, 10am-4pm
Booking times: Anne 01588 660309