

# Parish Post Contacts

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 Please submit articles and photos by 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. To ensure we can include as many articles as possible, we have revised the maximum word limit to **200 words**. The editorial team does not accept responsibility for any opinions expressed by contributors and reserves the right to edit contributions if deemed appropriate.

Date	Event	Venue
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> 10 – 3 pm	Willow Day	SpArC Theatre
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> 4:30 – 6:10pm	Film: The Wild Robot	SpArC Theatre
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> 10 - 12pm	Craft & Social Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 am	Holy Communion	Clunbury Church
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> 7 pm	The Castle Players Panto: The Wicked Witches of Oz	SpArC Theatre
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm	Film: The Holdovers	Aston on Clun VH
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> 10 - 12pm	Craft & Social Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> 10.30-12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	NTLIVE: The Importance of Being Earnest	SpArC Theatre & Aston on Clun VH
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7.30 pm	LIVE MUSIC: John Kirkpatrick – 200 Years Of The Squeezebox	SpArC Theatre
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10am	Holy Communion	Clunton Church
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2 – 3:45 pm	FILM: Paddington in Peru (PG)	SpArC Theatre
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> 2 – 3:50pm	Film: Freud's Last Session (12A)	SpArC Theatre
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	FILM: The Critic (15)	SpArC Theatre
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:15pm	RBO: Swan Lake (12+)	Ludlow Assembly Rooms

## Some February facts you might not know.

It's the only month in the year that can pass without a full moon. The largest snowflake on record fell in Montana in February 1887 and measured 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick. The first Winter Olympic Games were held in February 1924 in Chamonix, France. February is National Grapefruit Month.

## A message from Purslow Show Committee

We are seeking to appoint two committee members who would take up specific roles and report to the Chairman. As a community driven voluntary group, we aim to support small local businesses, farming and the countryside community, working towards a fun day out for local residents and their friends.

The vacancies are as follows:

- Committee member with responsibility for our social media presence, using Facebook, X and Instagram to promote the build up to Purslow Show 2025. An interest or previous experience in social media would help.
- Committee member with responsibility for health and safety/compliance. An interest or previous experience in this important area would be beneficial.



Both positions are voluntary.

If interested, please email Andrew Stevens at [purslowshowevents@aol.com](mailto:purslowshowevents@aol.com)



## Climate and Environment Group

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### Parish Walks

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January six parishioners braved a bitterly cold morning and set off from Purslow towards Clunton Coppice on the first walk of 2025. It was hard going from the start due to ice, solid fields, slippery stiles and snow, with all the difficulties involved. On the climb to the miles, we ascended into fog which, along with the snow-covered fields, was quite atmospheric. We slowly rose above it to reveal snippets of the view and blue sky. The BOAT (byway open to all traffic) from Cwm up onto Black Hill was taken carefully due to the sheets of ice covering what was left of the puddles in the deep ruts. Once on the forest tracks going was easier and there was a real alpine feel. A pair of skis would not have been out of place! After a brief visit to the parish land aka Whinberry Hill for a well-earned refreshment stop, we skirted round the southern end of Black Hill giving us magnificent views across the parish. We then picked up the bridleway that leads to Cwm from where we retraced our steps, this time in sunshine, back to the river Clun and on to Purslow. We covered 7.5 miles but it felt much longer!

**If anyone is interested, I intend repeating the walk on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, hopefully in easier conditions, again beginning at The Hundred House at 9.30am. Thereafter, a Parish Walk will take place in April, June, August and October.** For more information, contact Catherine Lishman:

catherinelishman@hotmail.com or 07930 117 006



### Whinberry Hill

On 20 January 15 trees and shrubs were planted as replacements for failures amongst the 72 planted a year ago.

### Water monitoring

If you would like to learn more about the river and its current condition, do come and observe or participate in our monthly monitoring sessions.

- River Kemp at Kempton Ford: Friday 7 February, 2pm
- River Clun at Clunbury: Sunday 9 February, 11.30am at footbridge in centre of the village
- River Clun at Clunton: Tuesday 11 February, 10.30am at Clunton Bridge

**The River Clun Monitoring Group is giving a presentation to the meeting of the Clun and Bishop's Castle Branch of Shropshire Wildlife Trust on 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm, Clun Methodist Church. The meeting is open to all, £5 including refreshments.**



## A Light Valentine's Lunch



A quick and easy light lunch to treat your Valentine to. Mix prawns with sour cream and a little lemon zest. Spoon on top of a bed of lettuce, top with smoked salmon, fresh dill and black pepper. Enjoy with buttered brown bread.

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.”



Charles M. Schulz



## Hundred House Inn PURSLOW

### Thai Valentine's Specials at The Hundred House Valentine's Weekend at The Hundred House Two Special Nights - One Delicious Menu

- **Friday 14th February** - For couples who enjoy live music, banter, and a lively atmosphere, join us for a fun-filled evening with our delicious Thai menu.
- **Saturday 15th February** - Prefer a more intimate, romantic setting? We've got you covered with the same mouth-watering Thai dishes in a relaxed, candlelit atmosphere.

**Booking essential – Call to reserve your table – 01588 660541**

It's going to be a weekend to remember.

## Growing Onions from Seed

Onions are started from seed both in the winter and in late summer for hardy varieties. Sowing between January and early March we sprinkle seeds over a tray of peat free compost and cover them with a thin layer, they will benefit from the warmth of the house and a humidity dome until germination occurs.



After which they can be moved outside undercover or into a sheltered position. They can then be left to grow on until they are ready to be planted outside around May time. Once the stalks fall over in late summer, they are ready to harvest and dry for storage.

### Want more information?

For support growing your own, look for Seedling success UK on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube.

Written by Kimberly Cornish (village picture by Leigh Stevens)

**Hedge Planting** By the time you read this nearly 500 metres of new hedge will have been planted in our Parish. On 8th January, a 200-metre stretch was planted along the boundary of a wood lying between Clunton and Purslow; on 22 January, 50 metres at Little Brampton; and on 25 January, 245 metres at Kempton. This is thanks to the work of The Countryside Charity (the Campaign for Rural England).



Photos of hedge being planted, and on completion near Clunton on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Group Meeting** Amongst agenda items at our meeting on 17 January were updates on our full range of activities, some of which are referred to elsewhere in this report. Additionally, John Bibby described his continuing assessment of environmental change across our parish, looking at changes in the lengths, area and number of key features: hedges and other boundaries, woodland, buildings, paths, ponds and the river. We hope to say more about this in a future 'Parish Post'.

**Open Event** Look out next month for details of an event featuring the Group's range of activities. It will be held in **Clunbury Village Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

### The Monkey Puzzle

You have made it through to the final stage of a TV quiz show.

As always there's another hurdle to cross to get the prize.

You are confronted with 3 doors. Behind one of them is the star prize, the other two hide nothing. You are asked by the compère to choose a door.

The compère, who knows where the prize is, then opens a door with nothing behind it and asks you whether you would like to stick with the door that you originally chose or switch to the other door. What should you do to **maximise** your chance of winning the prize? Stick, Switch or doesn't it matter?



**BCAF**  
Bishop's Castle  
Arts Festival

19th to 23rd  
February  
2025





*Church News*  
*February Services*  
 for  
*St Mary's, Clunton*  
 and  
*St Swithin's, Clunbury*



Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clunton



**Clunton 100 Club**

**January 2025**

1st. Jonathan Price

2nd. Sylvia Grace

3rd. Pauline

Edie

**Clunbury 100 Club**

**December 2024**

Gareth Seabury £20

Helen White £15

Nicola Williams £10

Rosemary Jones £5

Penny Grimes £5

**January 2025**

Peter Halliday £20

Jo Greenland £15

Mary Price £10

Eileen Morris £5

Hazel Grimes £5

*Gardening in February*

*by Kimberly Cornish*



While the winter garden rests and the ground freezes, we are thinking about the seeds we can start and the food and flowers we wish to grow this year, each year brings new hope and lessons learnt as we consider our plans. With food grown seasonally and preserved to see us through the winter or grown undercover during harsher months this will allow us to rely less on the ever more expensive supermarkets.

*The Humble Onion*

A staple of our diet and the most eaten vegetable across cultures, onions can often get overlooked. Originally believed to have been from central Asia and brought to England by the Romans, with ample history across many civilisations. Egyptians believed the spherical shape and layers symbolised eternal life, often being buried with them. While others saw them as a symbol of fertility or strength.



Shortages during world war 2 saw them being used as currency for rent, essentials and given as gifts. Households were often encouraged to grow them if they could obtain seeds and the red cross formed onion clubs who grew onions to be sold to the army. The profits funded their charitable work, by 1944 onions were available again.