

Calendar March 2025

Date	Event	Venue
Tues 4 th 7.30pm	Film: Firebrand (15)	Lydbury North VH
Wed 5 th 10am-12noon	Craft and Social Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 6 th 12.30pm	Soup and Pudding	Clunbury VH
Fri 7 th 7.30pm	Film: The Crime is Mine (15)	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Sat 8 th 10.30am	Litter Pick	The Crown Car Park Clunton
Sat 8 th 8pm	Clun Valley Jazz Session	SpArC Theatre BC
Sun 9 th 2pm-3.45pm	Film: Paddington in Peru (PG)	SpArC Theatre BC
Thurs 13 th 7pm-8.40pm	Film – Small Things Like These (12A)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat 15 th 10am – 1pm	Craft and Collectables Market	Aston on Clun VH
Sat 15 th 7.30pm-9pm	Live Comedy: George Egg – Set Menu	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat 15 th 8pm	John Kirkpatrick – Victorian Farmer's Year in Song	Bedstone & Hopton Castle VH
Sat 15 th 7.30pm	Film: Paddington in Peru (12A)	Aston on Clun VH
Tues 18 th 2pm-3.40pm	Film: Thelma (12A)	SpArC Theatre BC
Wed 19 th 10am-12	Craft and Social Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 20 th 10.30am- 12	Clunbury Café Climate and Environment Group Meeting	Clunbury VH
Thurs 20 th 7pm-9pm	Climate and Environment Group Meeting	Clunbury VH
Sat 22 nd 10am-12	Pam's Plant Sale	Clun Methodist Church
Sat 22 nd 10.30am	Coffee Morning	Clunton VH
Sun 23 rd 2pm-5.30pm	Royal Ballet:Satellite Screening Romeo and Juliet	SpArC Theatre BC
Thurs 27 th 7pm-9.30pm	NLive: Dr Strangelove	SpArC Theatre BC
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THE PARISH POST

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

Issue 163

Clunbury Village Hall invites you to join us for ... **SOUP & PUDDING**



Thursday 6th
March 2025
from 12.30pm

£8.50/person

All welcome. To reserve your place, please contact Barbara (660629) or Duncan (660578).



Come and enjoy!

For group bookings, we recommend you reserve a table in advance.



arts
alive

John Kirkpatrick presents

The Victorian Farmer's Year in Song

A light hearted look at the authentic traditional songs of the farming year.

Saturday 15th March, 8pm

Bedstone & Hopton Castle Village Hall

Tickets £12

01547 530282 | www.artsalive.co.uk

Winner of the 'Musician of the Year' award at the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards

Photo by Amy Dyke

Coffee Morning



in aid of Clunton Village Hall
10.30am Saturday 22nd March
in Village Hall £3.50

Bric a brac and plants stall

All welcome

Pam's Plant Sales

Saturday 22nd March
and Saturday 19th April
(Easter Saturday)

10:00am to 12 noon

Clun Methodist Church Forecourt

All proceeds go to
Alzheimer's Research and
Clun Methodist Church



Climate and Environment Group Report

Open Day, 20 March

You are warmly invited to come and find out what we do at an open day we are holding at Clunbury Village Hall on Thursday 20 March. There will be demonstrations and opportunities for discussion and participation too. We will be featuring countryside change since 1950, river water monitoring, litter picking and recycling, hedge and verge management, our work on Whinberry Hill, climate change strategies and exploring rights of way.

Clunbury Café has kindly agreed to host our morning session which will be at the normal Café time of 10.30 to noon.

Coffee and cake will be available as usual for £3.50.

We are running an afternoon session especially for Clunbury School but are open again to all in the evening from 7 to 9pm when there will be a free glass of wine and nibbles too.

We look forward to seeing you.

Litter Pick

Our next pick will be on Saturday 8 March, in Clunton, meeting at 10.30am opposite The Crown. Litter grabbers and bags will be provided but please bring gloves and high viz jackets if you have them (we have some spares). We will finish at about noon.

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 on behalf of the River Clun Monitoring Group:

River Kemp at Kempton Ford: **Friday 7 March, 2pm**

River Clun at Clunbury: **Sunday 9 March, 11.30am** at footbridge in centre of the village

River Clun at Clunton: **Tuesday 11 March, 10.30am** at Clunton Bridge

Parish Walks

A replay of the January parish walk took place on February 8th. Three new faces made a total of five setting off on a very grey but generally dry day. Views were limited but without the snow and ice of the previous month, the going was good. We enjoyed a well-earned rest, and flapjack, on the benches on the parish land. To date a total of 24 people have enjoyed at least one of the walks. Why not join us on the next which will be on Saturday April 26 at 9.30am? We will walk from Kempton to Burrow hill fort and back, between 5.5 and 6 miles.

Details in the next edition.

Many thanks, Catherine Lishman

Group contact: Tom Wall walltom@hotmail.co.uk 01588 660561

Church News

Services for St Mary's, Clunton and St Swithin's, Clunbury

March 2025

Date	Time	Service	Church
Friday 7th	7pm	World Day of Prayer The service "I Made You Wonderful" has been prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands	Hightown Room Clun
Sunday 9th	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Sunday 23 rd	10am	Holy Communion	Clunton
Sunday 30 th	10am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Clunbury

Clunton

- 1st Andrew Buckley
- 2nd Christina Smart
- 3rd Kate Davies



February

Clunbury

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| Karl Bailey | £20 |
| Lorna Goodwin | £15 |
| Marianne Hints | £10 |
| Ruth Seabury | £5 |
| Trevor Owen | £5 |

Craven Arms Recycling Centre



As from Feb 17th people visiting the recycling centre with a car do not have to make a booking but you may be asked for proof that you live in Shropshire. If you are visiting in a van or car with a trailer you do still need to book and have proof of living in Shropshire.

Clunbury Parish Council

Appointment of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer

A vacancy has arisen for a Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer to commence April 2025.

For this varied position, candidates must be computer literate and have internet access. Candidates ideally should have previous experience working as a Parish Clerk and/or have knowledge of local government, although training can be provided. Candidates should be prepared to undertake continued development training throughout their period of employment and be prepared to study for the Certificate in Local Councils Administration. Support for this will be provided by the Parish Council.

The Clerk is responsible for preparing agendas, taking minutes, dealing with correspondence, liaising with contractors and local government officials, managing of accounts to include keeping of cash book, bank reconciliations, preparing budgets, VAT returns, PAYE, organising audits and the administration of the Parish Council website. The Clerk ensures correct procedures are followed and advises the Parish Council to ensure that it acts within its powers. The ability to communicate well at all levels is essential.

The salary is based on 5 hours per week and will be calculated according to the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) rates dependent upon qualifications and/or experience but will be within the salary scale LC2, 18 - 23. Mileage is reclaimable at 0.45ppm.

Attendance is required at the Parish Council Meetings held in a village hall every other month. Other extraordinary meetings may be arranged as necessary throughout the year.

For further details please contact: Mr John Croxton,
(Chairman, Clunbury Parish Council)

Tel: 01588 661081

OR

send CV and covering letter to:

Mr J H Croxton

6 Clunton

Clunton

Craven Arms

Shropshire SY7 0HJ

Closing date for applications: 15th March 2025

LUDLOW ROTARY CARES 2025

Once again, Ludlow Rotary Club invites local community groups to apply for a grant. 'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is the name the club has given to its annual scheme aimed at supporting community life in and around Ludlow by offering modest grants to local charities and organisations. The maximum grant available is now £750.



Over the past 10 years the Ludlow Rotary Club has been able to contribute more than £50,000 to over 100 local community projects through this scheme from funds it has raised. After a successful year of fundraising, the club is delighted to be able to invest again in our community.

The club intends to be very open minded about the types of activities it will support so long as the project or programme responds to a community need in or within 15 miles of Ludlow and meets its criteria on the giving of grants. What the club will need to understand is exactly what the money will be used for, who will benefit from it and how much difference it will make.

Further information and a simple application form can be found on the website www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk. Organisations which meet the criteria will need to get their applications in by **18 April**. Those shortlisted will be invited to an evening event at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on **13 May** at which they will be asked to explain their project for a few minutes to a small panel. There will also be an opportunity to meet other applicants as well as members of the Rotary Club.

The club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations including those that have applied in the past or have been awarded grants in the past. So if you are involved in or are aware of one which might benefit, do take a look at the website and follow the link to download an application form.

For further information please email lrc@ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk.

Barry Forrester
Ludlow Rotary Club

The Monkey Puzzle Answer



This is a problem called the Monty Hall problem. He was the compère of the American TV show Let's Make a Deal. It became famous when a question from a reader of the Parade magazine asked Marilyn vos Savant what the contestant should do. Marilyn's answer caused quite a stir, 10000 letters poured in to the magazine saying that Marilyn had got it wrong, which was unheard of; Marilyn wrote the column "Ask Marilyn", and many readers hung on her every word and her answers were usually (always) spot on! She had said that in this instance the contestant should **SWITCH** doors thereby **doubling** their chance of winning! How preposterous, it's obvious that the final decision is a 50/50 event. It cannot matter what you do! Of course Marilyn was spot on though! Yep switching does double your chance of winning. There is a probability approach to the problem that will prove it or you could simulate the situation and do it many times to see that switching doubles your chance of success. But I think the easiest explanation is to answer the questions, how does a sticker win and how does a switcher win? If you are a sticker you have to select the correct door at the first attempt. That's a 1 in 3 chance. If you are a switcher you need to select a wrong door because then you will switch to the correct door after Monty opens an empty door. And the chance of selecting a wrong door is 2 in 3. Twice the chance. Not certain, but it does maximise your chance. There is a psychological angle to this though. Some switchers will switch **away** from the correct door! If you could not bear to do that, then be a sticker. As a mathematician I would always switch, happy to maximise my chance and if the worst happens so be it!

Which way would you go ?

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Please submit articles and photos by 20th of each month to :

articles@the-parish-post.org

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March For many gardeners March brings with it a sense of excitement as we start sowing many seeds and watching them pop through the soil eager to find light.

The Curious Tomato An important feature in our diets today. This however wasn't the reception received when tomatoes were first brought to Europe in the 16th century, most believed they were poisonous being in the deadly nightshade family. By the 19th Century and with the development of the first glasshouses in Essex and Kent we started growing them commercially. Now they are known to be high in antioxidants and are grown by most gardeners.



Growing Tomatoes from Seed



Coming in a vast array of shapes, colours and sizes. Tomatoes are suitable for all growing spaces, they can even be grown in hanging baskets. Seeds can be started in early March for growing undercover or from two weeks later for growing outside. Sow seeds into warm moist compost, placing them in daylight once they've germinate. When they are large enough they can be moved to their own pots, pot up again every two to three weeks. As they are frost tender they need to be kept in the house or a heated greenhouse until all risk of frost has past, harden off well before planting in their final positions and support well.



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)