

## Calendar April 2025

Date	Event	Venue
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> 7:15pm	Royal Opera Streaming: Turandot	Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> 7:30pm	Film: Wilding (PG)	Lydbury North VH
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10am -12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:30 – 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm	NT Live: Dr Strangelove (Closed captioned)	Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm for 7pm	Fun Fashion Show	SpArC Theatre BC
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Royal Opera Streaming: Turandot	SpArC Theatre BC
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	NT Lve: The Importance of Being Earnest	Ludlow Assembly Rooms
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> 10am -12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 12pm	Clunbury Café	Clunbury VH
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	Walk of Witness	St Swithin's Church Clunbury
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Film: Book Club (12)	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 10 -3pm	Craft and Collectables Easter Market	Aston on Clun VH
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Film: The Tiger Who Came to Tea (12)	SpArC Theatre BC
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	Parish Walk: Kempton to Burrow Hillfort	18 Kempton
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 3pm	John Moore Quire	St Swithin's Church Clunbury
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Film: Maria (12A)	SpArC Theatre BC
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> 10 -12pm	Craft Group	Clunbury VH

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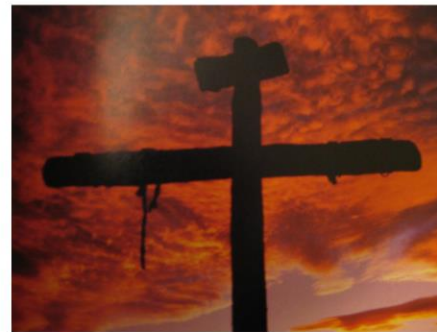
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## GOOD FRIDAY, 18 April 2025

Come and join us for the "Walk of Witness"

with the Cross up Clunbury Hill

Meet at 3pm at St Swithin's Church

Hot X Buns and tea in church on return

(Donations appreciated)

Everyone welcome including dogs

**St Swithin's Church,  
Clunbury**  
**Sunday 27 April, 3pm**  
**A concert of  
West Gallery Music in  
historic costumes.**  
**Afternoon tea**  
**Admission £10 on door**

## Church News

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

### April 2025

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	10am	Holy Communion	Clunbury
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	3pm	Walk of Witness	Clunbury Hill
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	11am	Holy Communion	Clunton

## Clunbury Climate and Environment Group

### Open Event 20 March

Our event on 20 March went ahead as planned, with three sessions over the course of the day at which we offered exhibits, activities and some games too, all of which were related to the range of initiatives we are involved in: understanding and mitigating climate change, water monitoring, investigating change in the countryside, walking our rights of way, recording wildlife conservation initiatives, managing roadside verges, hedges and trees, litter picking and recycling, and work on Whinberry Hill. We are grateful to the Clunbury Café for allowing us to share the Village Hall for the morning session where we tried, and hopefully succeeded in complementing the excellent coffee and delicious cakes provided.



In the afternoon we ran a session for 30 children who walked across from Clunbury School. A particular element was using whinberry (bilberry) juice as a dye. This was a reference to the time when the annual whinberry harvest was of real economic importance to the community, with the fruits sent to Manchester for use as a dyestuff. It was a time when the village school had to close each year because children were up on the hills harvesting the fruits.

Then, in the evening, we hosted all-comers, to whom we offered both our ideas on climate and the environment and a glass of wine and light snacks. It was a convivial couple of hours shared with parishioners and friends from further afield.

Our thanks to those who attended, to the Village Hall for allowing us to take over for the day, and to those from outside the parish who came to help us.

### Litter Picking

Ten litter pickers gathered on 8 March and, starting from The Crown, covered lengths of the Clun road in both directions. We also did a stretch of the B4385 heading north from Little Brampton. We find some pretty unusual things on these occasions but would never have anticipated finding, as we did this time, part of a set of false teeth!



### A Talk ...

On 19 March, John Bibby of Cwm gave a well-attended and fascinating talk to the Clun and Bishop's Castle Branch of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust about some elements of change in the countryside of our Parish since the 1950s. The talk was based on work done by members of our Group who had scrutinised old and current maps in order to 'spot the difference' in the occurrence of features such as field boundaries, woodland, rough grassland, orchards and drainage between then and now. It is a topic for further discussion in the future.

### ... and a Walk

The Parish Walk on Saturday 26 April will be a circular route of 5.5 to 6 miles between Kempton and Burrow hillfort, where bluebells will be in flower. Tom and Gisèle Wall have kindly offered parking at 18 Kempton, which is accessed through the Walcot estate gate on the old Purslow to Kempton road. Turn off the B4385 into Kempton and continue to the bridge over the river then turn immediately right and drive on until the first sharp bend. Someone will be on the gate to direct you from there. But if you get lost and arrive at the ford – turn back. The walk will start from 18 Kempton (grid reference: SO 357 830) at 9.30 am. We will stop for refreshments (hopefully with a view) so please bring a drink.

Any questions please call Catherine 07930 117 006 [catherinelishman@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinelishman@hotmail.com)

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*April* will see us darting out between the showers to sow seeds, prick out seedlings into individual trays and plant out hardy plants for an early harvest.



*Juicy cucumbers* have been cultivated for over 3000 years and are believed to have originated in the northern plains of India, before travelling with the Romans through southern Asia and finally reaching Europe. Wild cucumbers can still be found growing in India today.

*Cucumbers from Seed* can be grown undercover up supports or outdoor ridge varieties can be grown sprawling along the ground. Seeds are best sown later as these plants grow fast, are not frost hardy and love to bask in the heat of summer.

The earliest sowings undercover can be sown in early April, while later sowings can be sown as late as July.

Sowing two seeds per pot allows us to thin out to the one strongest seedling while avoiding potting on these delicate plants. They are ready to be planted out after all risk of frost has past. As the plants mature it's important to ensure they are well watered to encourage lots of fruit to form, many varieties will produce 2-3 per day!



### 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)





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Bishop's Castle  
Tennis Club


Friday 4th April 2025  
In aid of  
**Bishops Castle Tennis Club**

Sparc Theatre, Brampton Road, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY  
Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm  
Tickets: £6 each or 2 for £10  
Tickets to be purchased in advance  
Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!  
For tickets and more information please contact:  
Jenny Olivant 07880 334612 - Info@bishopscastletennis.org (for BACS payments)



**Clunton**

1<sup>st</sup> Di Casey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Shuker  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alastair Edie



**March 2025**


**Clunbury**

Pat Turley	£20
Will Matveieff	£15
Annabel Morris	£10
Julia Dumbell	£5
Jane Rose	£5

**Something different at Easter!**

**French toast Hot Cross Buns**

8 Hot cross buns  
4 large eggs  
220 ml milk  
Pinch salt  
1 tablespoon sugar  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon grated nutmeg  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon butter



**Method**  
Cut hot cross buns in half. Whisk all the ingredients except the butter together.  
Soak the buns in the batter for about 5 minutes, making sure it thoroughly covers them .  
Melt the butter in a large frying pan and when foaming put in the battered buns and cook until golden on both sides.  
Add a bit more butter if necessary.  
Serve hot with fresh fruit or perhaps with bacon and maple syrup!!

**Craft & Collectables Easter Market**

Easter Egg Hunt Entry fee £1pp  
Pick up map at any time during the market

**Saturday 19th April 2025**  
**10.00 – 3.00**

Aston on Clun Village Hall  
A variety of antique & craft stalls  
Local food producers  
Delicious cakes, tea & coffee  
Roast pork & beef rolls from 12.30 – 2.00  
*Free Entry to market Raffle Parking*  
Contact Judith on 01588 660292 for details




**The Monkey Puzzle**

Three very good friends who are all very intelligent are set a puzzle to solve. They are sat blindfolded in a row of three chairs one behind the other. The puzzle setter tells them that he has 5 small hats, 3 blue and 2 red. He places three of the hats on the friends' heads, one on each head, and hides the remaining 2 hats. The friends at the back and the middle then have their blindfolds removed. They are only allowed to look forwards. The one at the back can see both heads in front of them. They have one minute to solve the problem. One and only one of them has to say what colour hat they have on (obviously the small size of hat means that they cannot see their own hat). After 59 seconds the one at the front puts up their hand and confidently and correctly says what colour hat they have on. What colour was it and how did they know ? No mirrors or reflections are involved. Answer next month.

