

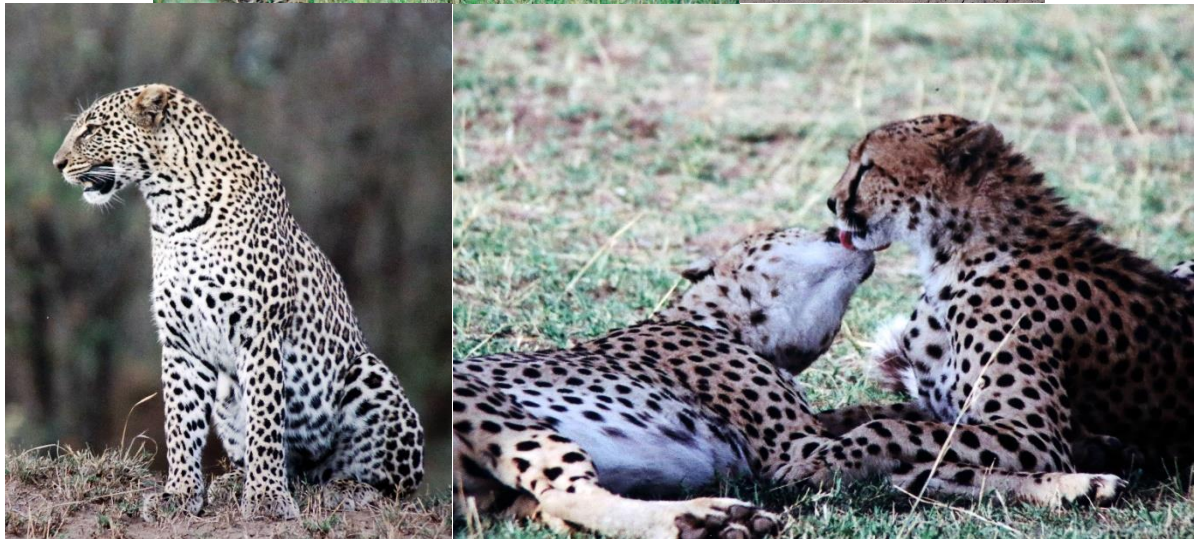
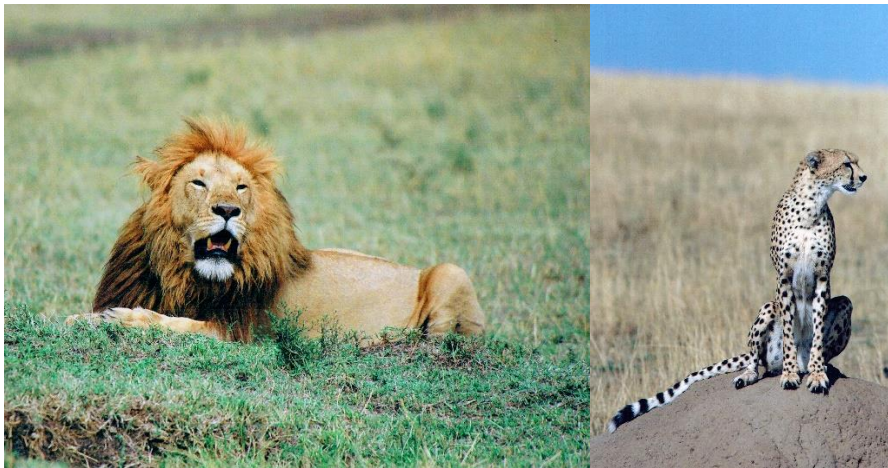


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THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

BIG CATS OF KENYA

A spectacular film from our very own **Geoffrey Rollason**,
filmed during his recent safari to **East Africa**



Watch a dramatic cheetah chase and kill, see playful lion cubs, exciting leopards, elephants and many other wonderful wildlife filmed in the Masai Mara Conservancies and at Laikipa in Northern Kenya.

7.30 pm, Saturday, March 11th, 2017

Clungunford Parish Hall

Adults £5, Children Free, light refreshments included.

The Bar will also be open.

Proceeds from the event to be split between the Parish Hall and St Cuthbert's

Flicks in the Sticks at Clungunford Parish Hall

Friday 24 March 2017 at 8pm

The Light Between Oceans (cert 12A) Drama

This breath-taking story is set to remind us all of the infinite power of love, the overwhelming fear of loss and the complexities of human nature that bind the two. When lighthouse keeper Tom Sherbourne (Michael Fassbender) and his adored wife Isabel (Alicia Vikander) discover a baby adrift in a boat off the remote coast off western Australia, they must make a choice. When they decide to raise the child as their own, the shattering consequences of this choice will change their lives forever.

Starring: Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander, Rachel Weisz

Director: Dian Cienfrance

Friday 21 April 2017 at 8pm

A United Kingdom (cert 12A) Drama

The film is based on a true story. Seretse Khama (David Oyelowo) is the Prince of Bechuanaland (now Botswana). In 1948 he meets and falls in love with London office worker Ruth Williams (Rosamund Pike). But their interracial relationship is not approved of by either of their families, nor by the British and South African governments. Seretse and Ruth must defy family, apartheid and the British Empire to return from an imposed exile to their African kingdom, and assume power after independence.

Starring: David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike.

Director: Amma Asante Drama

Entrance £4.00 Adults £2.00 Children

Tel: 01588 660727 (Ann) or 01588 660781 (Maureen) (maureenrooney2012@gmail.com) for enquiries and reservations

And it goes without saying that you will be able to enjoy with each film Licensed Bar...Ice creams... Raffle (donations welcome)... Good car parking... and, above all, Excellent Company

We now show all our films with subtitles

We are in the process of compiling an email list for anyone who would like to receive an email reminder each month of information on our forthcoming films including links to trailers and reviews.

If you would like to go on the list, please email: mike@mikeandrewshomeopathy.co.uk with your details.

The Parish Council

The village website is now up and running for purposes of basic dissemination of information. Max Maxwell has kindly taken on administration of the site and development will take place over the next few months. You can visit the site at www.clungunford.com and you can see the latest Parish Council minutes, agendas etc as well as recent editions of *The Gunnas Gazette*. Further space will be allocated to the village institutions, the Church, the Charities, the Club etc, and the aim is to make this the "GO-TO" place for information. The off-the-peg hosting package we are using is not the most user friendly of soft-ware, and it may well be that changes will have to be made in the background in the future, but for the time being at least we have a functional website. Any offers of help in development of material will always be appreciated.

You probably do not know it, but there will be elections on 4 May, not only for the unitary authority but also for the Parish Council. Nomination papers are not yet available, but if you think you would like to stand for the Parish Council and can add to what we do, why not go for it? We have a full complement of members at present – one of the few parish councils in the area to be so blessed – and so any additional interest would probably necessitate an election as, so far as I know, all current Parish Councillors are willing to continue.

If you are interested or if you want to know what the Parish Council does, do please feel free to have a word with me. Nomination procedures will be published on the Shropshire Council website shortly: go to elections and democracy on the home page menu.

No news at the time of writing on the Hopton Heath poultry units planning appeal. My sympathies go out to the lady inspector, who truly is operating somewhere between a rock and a hard place! It is interesting to see that the same battle lines are being drawn up over the much smaller development proposed at The Hurst at Clunton.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to take place at 8 pm on Wednesday 8 March in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Parish matters before (or after) the meeting may be raised either with me or with our clerk, Brian Taylor (01588 660653: gunnasclerk@sky.com). Jonathan Roberts, Chairman (01588 660673: jonathan.roberts@morgoedestates.com)

Nursing Notes.....

Some mistakes the doctors have made when writing on the patients' notes:-

The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1983.

The patient refused an autopsy.

The patient has no history of suicides.

The patient is numb from her toes down.

The patient suffers from occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.

Examination of the genitalia reveals that patient is circus-sized.

Infection started after she pimped a few popples.

Bleeding began in the rectal area and continued all the way to Las Vegas.

Apparently the mother resented the fact that she was born in her forties.

By the time he was admitted his rapid heart had stopped and he was feeling better.

Social history reveals this one-year-old patient does not smoke or drink and is presently unemployed.

Patient is to remain plastered for the next six to eight weeks.

Fracture of the proximal phalanx of the right fourth toe on the right fifth foot.

After her last child she had her tubs tied.

Following examination of her breasts we discussed her impending nasal surgery.

Patient is nonverbal, noncommunicative, and offers no complaints.

Large brown stool ambulating in the hall.

Patient complains of chronic vaginal affection.

Pleasant man lying comfortably in bed. Appears somewhat uncomfortable.

Patient is following a diabetic diet and counting cards.

The patient's skin was somewhat pale but present.

Stool remains quite spry and active.

Arm is fractured but not broken.

Patient is alive but hope to remedy situation by morning.

History of fireballs in the uterus.

Sister B

News from the Sports and Social Club

As you may have read from the previous Gunnas Gazette, I am now the Membership Secretary for the Clungunford Sports and Social Club. Many of the members have paid the exceptionally good value sum of £10.00 to renew for 2017.

I still have many members on the list that have not renewed. I am therefore asking those people to contact me and I will arrange to collect the money and issue a 2017 membership card. I can be contacted by phone on 01588 600152 or at lysters@btopenworld.com.

Failure to pay by the 2017 Annual General Meeting on 3 May will result in details being removed from the membership list

If you are new to Clungunford or wish to become a member for the first time then contact me and I will be happy to explain more about the club to you.

Many thanks. *Simon Lyster.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE CLUB WILL BE HELD AT 19.30 ON 3 MAY 2017

Welcome to Clun Valley Jazz

Jazz "in the quietest place under the sun"

However "It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing" as the famous line from Duke Ellington in 1930 and more recently sang by Lady Gaga!

Live Jazz music today is thriving from the Trio, Quartet to Big Bands. The committee is about to embark on a new venture at our social club, a Live Jazz evening. Initially this will take place every two months starting in June this year. By inviting some of the best up-and-coming Jazz players around we can all share in a unique musical experience together.

Good music doesn't have an expiry date and Jazz is a universal pleasure, so please join us on our inaugural event and enjoy. IF you know local Jazzers, play or simply love Jazz and might want to help out please get in touch. Full details to follow soon. John Davies on 01547 530100 or at sisocinq@btinternet.com and Mathew Trustman on 01588660129 or mob 07766023534 or at mtrustman@btinternet.com

In The Garden

A cold and frosty day in Clungunford. Too cold and frosty to be doing anything much outside today, even if I hadn't succumbed to the village bug a few days ago.

When I was a boy gardener working for a variety of London Boroughs over the years, and wasn't suffering from a village bug, winter was when you abandoned the parks to carry out work on the trees in the local streets.

Nowadays I tend to get the logs I burn to keep the house warm in winter already cut to size and barn dried, so they burn well.

When I was working for local authorities, and burning the logs I gathered during the course of my work to make the coal last longer, what I burned was dictated by what trees were growing in the streets there and none of the authorities I worked for at the time had ever planted Ash or Beech, generally considered to be the trees which produce the hottest burning logs.

There *were* large London Planes, planted around the turn of the twentieth century, which had thick branches

requiring regular pollarding and lopping to keep them under control. The logs they produced were heavy and smoked a lot.

There were also Lime Trees, which were planted after the Second World War and hadn't got big enough to produce very big logs in any volume at the time. Not enough to do more than mix them in with your other logs and not really know how they added to, or detracted from, their burning.

After the onslaught of Dutch Elm Disease in the 1960s, there were any number of Elm tree logs to be had, and they didn't burn too badly as long as the supply lasted. Eventually though, there were no more standing elms left to cut down. The ones which had been standing dead the longest before being cut down burned quite well as a result.

In the garden, look out for a tree occasionally planted as a street tree in some London Boroughs, though it wasn't at all suitable really. Adding a touch of the exotic when it was, though. *Robinia Pseudoacacia*, the False Acacia, or Locust. A fast growing deciduous tree, with dark green leaves made up of oval leaflets and dense drooping clusters of pea-like white flowers borne in late spring and early summer. It also had thorns as I recall. Large ones. *Brian Taylor*

The 100 Club

Winners for January:

1. (£60) Ann Hunt
2. (£30) Susanne Stevens
3. (£15) Geoffrey Rollason

Winners for February

1. (£60) Sally Price
2. (£30) Anne Gledhill
3. (£15) Jonathan Roberts for Macduff

If you would like to join (£5 per month by cheque (minimum 6 months) or even better by standing order), phone Maureen Rooney (01588 660781) or Mike Jones (01588 661145) or Jim Bason (01547 540782).

Enhancement works along the River Clun at Clungunford

Through the WREN funded Clun Recovery Project, the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership are carrying out enhancement works along the River Clun at Clungunford. We are working in partnership with the landowner and his land agent, plus colleagues from the Environment Agency and the Woodland Trust.

The long-term aim is to reduce the soil and nutrient losses from the land to the River Clun and its tributaries. This will improve water quality, which benefits a wide range of wildlife from plants and insects, up to trout and otter.

There has been a gradual loss of tree cover along different sections of the river. This is due to a disease called *Phytophthora*, which kills the Alders. Once the tree dies, it often falls into the river, taking a section of riverbank with it. Tree losses throughout the catchment

have been a significant factor in the increased, and unnatural, rate of bank erosion.

This winter tree coppicing, fencing work and replanting has been completed along the river at Clungunford. Coppicing diseased Alders leads to new growth and a new lease of life for the trees. Fencing is necessary to stop the sheep browsing off the regrowth and helps the newly planted trees and shrubs to establish.

A mix of 18 species of native trees and shrubs have been planted along the river at Clungunford to create a diverse riparian woodland. In a couple of years, the riverside woodland will look much more interesting, and the fencing less obvious.

Similar work is in progress on other stretches of the Clun and its tributaries. The woodlands are an excellent buffer between field and watercourse, and excluding stock with fencing not only allows the Alder coppice to regenerate, but the grasses and wild plants can also regenerate, so further improving the stability of the riverbanks.

For further information, please contact **Clun Catchment Officer, Alison Jones** on email alison.m.jones@shropshire.gov.uk. Follow link to find out more about the Clun Recovery Project <http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/aonb-partnership/rivers/>

Or.....an alternative view of the works

I note with interest the explanation by the AONB of the tree and bank works along the Clun. Jonathan and I own the land on the banks opposite to the works and also rent the fields concerned from the Leicestershire company owner on a summer grazing licence. I have no argument with the desire to preserve the mussels downstream or with the necessity to coppice the diseased alders to save them from dying completely. Neither do I have any criticism of the workmanship of the tree coppicing and fencing which has been executed to a high professional standard. My argument is with the principle of creating this somewhat alien riparian "woodland" in the first place and whether the large amount of money spent on the scheme would be better spent on different measures.

From a practical point of view the idea of fencing off the bank and then planting the fenced off section with hundreds of closely spaced saplings is a management nightmare. One of the main factors in causing bank erosion is Himalayan Balsam – a non-native invasive species. This plant will smother other vegetation over a wide area and then dies off in winter leaving large bare areas of earth to be washed away in winter floods. I know from personal experience that it can be virtually eradicated by pulling/cutting over a couple of seasons. Unfortunately, the eradication has to be carried out on a whole river basis or cleared areas are quickly re-infested from plants upstream. However, looking at the newly planted "forest" it will be extremely difficult to work between the saplings to cut, pull or even spray the Balsam. Lack of management attention will lead to the banks developing into an area of impenetrable scrub up

to the fence line – an example of this can be seen further downstream at Marlow. I am not sure this will make the riverside woodland look “interesting” and the weeds are likely to swamp the new saplings. There is also the risk of larger trees being damaged in storms and falling on the fences causing two clear-up jobs rather than one. Overall, the landowner is faced with a choice between time consuming (and expensive) high maintenance – or a mess!

Sheep will indeed eat new trees but the older alders are generally not a problem. Alder is decidedly unpalatable and most of the trees grow out from the base of the bank which keeps regrowth away from the animals. My personal preferred option is to leave the banks unfenced as far as possible and plant small groups of 2 or 3 rather larger saplings which can then be fenced round. Management of the bank and Himalayan Balsam is then far easier and the fencing cost is far less.

It is interesting that otters are mentioned in the article. We already have otters in the river and I was lucky to see a family of 4 playing in the water one morning this last summer. However – and it may be pure coincidence – I also saw one dead on the road to Beckjay, shortly after the fencing was put up. Theoretically, they can get through the fencing but will fencing plus scrub prove off-putting?

These are merely practical objections to the AONB's preferred way of tackling an admittedly difficult problem. One has to add in the fact that the Clun is now a spate river, effects of climate change and whether the mussels haven't already fallen below their critical number for reproductive survival. Plan B – multiplying the mussels in a nursery – does seem a far more sensible option on which to spend precious resources. *Janet Thain*

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gunnasingazette@aol.com

The Marches Choir – Evening with Dvorak

On Saturday April 1 the Marches Choir, conducted by Alistair Auld, will perform **DVORAK** in Bishops Castle. The programme will include:

- Te Deum
- Slavonic Dance No 8 in G minor
- Song to the Moon from Rusalka
- STABAT MATER

The 80-strong choir, who performed a memorable Mozart Requiem last year to a capacity audience in St John's Church, are well-supported by the Marches Sinfonia

(leader Alison Loram) and an impressive line -up of talented soloists.

Venue is St John's Church, Brampton Rd., Bishops Castle, SY9 5AF at 7pm. Tickets are £10 (children and students free) from 01588 650448 or 630350

Holiday Club 2017

'Cuthbert to the Rescue' is the theme for Holiday Club 2017.

It will take place in the church each afternoon from Monday 7 until Friday 11 August.

To avoid disappointment put the date in your new diaries and calendars now!

Greetings from the Vicarage



Lent again!

Time for those 40 days and nights of gloom! The time many of us make yet more resolutions that we don't manage to keep! The diet, or at least giving up chocolate or biscuits, giving money or helping someone out regularly, clearing the clutter, writing letters or phoning granny, making friends with the shy bod in the office, doing more exercise etc., you know the sort of things. (Mine this year are trying out a new type of sustainable bamboo toilet paper, which arrived in a huge box which scandalised the delivery man as it had on it the legend “You've got a nice bum!” - so far I have discovered that, yes, it is soft, but it is also quite thin, so although it is ecologically friendly I may end up using more of it! And my other intention is to try and build in

some green fingered activity and grow my own salad veggies, especially having found that there is already a shortage of lettuce in the supermarkets!) Well, all these are of course very laudable, but if that's all we're doing when it comes to marking Lent (and especially if we're failing) we're missing the point.

Because the point of Lent is meant to be to get closer to God, to find out something more about his care for us and our world .. so the disciplines in themselves are meant to help us remember to take that extra time for reflection, mindfulness, for prayer and to let him help us in a fresh way .. and to then increase our intelligent care for the world around us.

And actually Jesus was adamant that any acts of self discipline were not meant to be on show .. in fact he said that if you were going to fast you shouldn't let anyone know, but make sure you were looking your best, put on your slap, your glad rags and a smile on your face. Nothing to do with gloom and all to do with radiance, reflecting the extra light gathered in the time of reflection.

I wouldn't normally write anything so "holy" in a village rag, but, I don't know about you, if ever there was a time to be driven to our knees and pray, it is now! Listening to the news daily gives me the screaming heebie-jeebies! We live in worrying times that fill many of us with anxiety. If there is anything to this prayer business, it really is time to try it .. we all need it, our children need it, our community needs it, our country needs it, our world needs it!

If anyone were to ask me how to you begin to pray .. my answer is .. just DO IT!! Our different personalities will lead us to begin in different ways and there is no right way! Jesus often pointed to the fact that children get the point naturally, prayer at its very best is just from the heart, simple and accessible. I use my driving time and dog walking time to pray (and no! I do not have my eyes closed - in fact, seeing what is around regularly brings a nudge or a reminder of someone or something else to hold up!)

If you're wanting ideas, these days the internet is a great source of inspiration. Something I have discovered recently is a brilliant website called "Pray as You Go", which I now regularly listen to as I sit waiting for my porridge to cook! It is just 10 minutes or so of reflective music, a bible reading and a few questions that help us reflect, plus a variety of music from day to day that fits the subject (often including the music of my lovely nephew Ben and his wife Anita who visited us at Clungunford to do that lovely evening as "Salt of the Sound"). You don't even have to open a bible if you don't want to, but you hear it read. A great start to the day. Try it out!

Oh and there are a couple of Lent Groups meeting, one led by Christine and Robert Flitney in Clungunford, which will be ace. The other I am leading for anyone who is interested in Baptism or Confirmation or thinking about the basics. If you are interested in either please let us know. Both are on Wednesday evenings.

There is going to be a special service on Mothering Sunday which I will be leading this year. As always, everyone of all ages is welcome. The other important Church event is on Tuesday 14th March when we have the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to elect Church Wardens and Officers and reflect a bit about the year.

Meanwhile, whoever we are and wherever we are, whatever challenges we are facing personally, let's do what we can to encourage one another to turn the tide!

Red says "Woof"! Cheers! *Annie B*

Rev Annie Ballard: The Vicarage, Bucknell, SY7 0BA

email: revannie.middlemarches@gmail.com

Telephone: 01547 530030 (Please do leave a message and I will get back to you asap)

Parish Church News

The pattern for Sunday Services for 2017 was outlined in the last *Gunnas Gazette*.

For St. Cuthbert's: on the first Sunday of the month, there will not be a regular service; on the second Sunday of the month will be the Family/All Age Service, as previously; on the third Sunday of the month will be Morning Prayer. Both will be at 10.00 a.m. and will be lay led. On the fourth Sunday, Rev. Annie Ballard will be leading an 11.00 a.m. Communion Service.

Changes to this pattern may apply, when there are 'significant' services in the Church Year.

In addition, please be aware of the Lent Course, which will be held on the five Wednesday evenings of Lent – details elsewhere in *The Gazette*.

Details of services across the Benefices can be seen in the Deanery magazine.

Should you need more information about services, events etc or about receiving the Deanery magazine, please contact Gordon Schofield: 01588 660158 or Michael Jones 01588 661145

Rev. Annie Ballard, Vicar for St. Cuthbert's and for the six other parishes of the Middle Marches Benefice, can be contacted on 01547 530030. Any messages left will get a response. Her email address is:

revannie.middlemarches@gmail.com

SERVICES at CLUNGUNFORD in the Middle Marches Benefice in March and April 2017. Please note that the services below will be at St Cuthbert's unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 5 March	No service at St Cuthbert's	There will be services of Holy Communion led by Rev Annie Ballard at 9.30 am at Chapel Lawn and at 11.15 am at Hopton Castle
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Sunday 12 March	10.00 am	Family Service. Lay led service for all. Refreshments will be served after the service
Sunday 19 March	10.00 am	Morning Worship. Lay led Service of Praise. Refreshments will be served after the service
Sunday 26 March Mothering Sunday	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service with Communion. Led by Rev Annie Ballard. With posies for all and refreshments after the service
Sunday 2 April	No service at St Cuthbert's	There will be services of Holy Communion at 9.30 am at Chapel Lawn and at 11.15 am at Hopton Castle
Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday	10.00 am	Lay led service with palms. Refreshments will be served after the service.
Holy Week from 9 April		Details of Holy Week Workshop elsewhere in <i>The Gazette</i> . Please refer to Deanery magazine for other services/events
Sunday 16 April Easter Sunday	10.00 am	Holy Communion. Led by Rev Robert Payne with refreshments after the service.
Sunday 23 April St George's Day	10.00 am	Holy Communion. Led by Rev Christabel Hargraves with refreshments after the service
Sunday 30 April		Please check for information for a "Fifth Sunday" in the Deanery Magazine or on church notice boards

If you have questions or need any more information or assistance, please contact Gordon Schofield on 01588 660158 or Mike Jones on 01588 661145

Women's World Day of Prayer on 3 March This year, this Service for the Benefice, will be held at the Redlake Village Hall in Chapel Lawn, to commence at 2.30.p.m. The service has been prepared by women of the Philippines. In recent years there have been discussions within the organization, with the suggestion that the word 'Women's' should no longer be part of the name, as men and women are invited to be part of the event. So... everyone is invited to attend! If you can offer or need transport please contact 01588 660158

The Annual Meeting for the Parish Church On Tuesday 14 March 2017, everyone who lives in Clungunford or supports the efforts of St. Cuthbert's, is invited to come along to the APCM – the Parish Meeting!

It will begin at 7.00 p.m. and will be held in the church. Please come, to hear what is going on, what is planned, and to make suggestions and ask any questions you may have.

There will be opportunity to elect members of the PCC. Please let Gordon or Mike know if you are prepared to take on any office or give help. They will be very pleased to hear from you!

Easter Lilies If you wish to remember loved ones by contributing lilies for Easter for St. Cuthbert's, please contact Christine Tinker on 1588 660480 to place an order. It would be helpful if contact could be made before the end of March. Many thanks.

Churchyard Clear Up This is taking place on Saturday 18 March between 10am and 4pm. Help will be most welcome. Please see poster elsewhere in *The Gazette*.

Fikelela Event with Coffee Morning and Final Coin Court On Saturday 8 April, between 10.30 am and noon at St Cuthbert's. Over the years much effort has gone into supporting Fikelela, the outreach charity for St. Cuthbert's, by a great many wonderful people. Much has been achieved because of all that has been done and given.

We have learned that things have been changing for this endeavour, so that help is not required in the same way. It is hoped that this gathering will explain what is happening; provide the opportunity to remember all that has gone on to support this worthwhile cause; and to remember with gratitude those for whom Fikelela has been so important.

Please bring coins to count, if you have been collecting them, but this need not be regarded as a fundraising event. Coffee etc. will be served from 10.30 a.m. and at 11.15 it is hoped that a short meeting can convene to consider the situation.

Church Kneelers In the last edition of the Gunnas Gazette, an appeal had gone out from Mary Terry,

asking for help to create a record of the wonderful kneelers that had been made by so many residents in and around the village of Clungunford.

The idea of putting together photographs and details of the background for each one, was suggested. Many thanks to those who have offered help. Mary is still working to 'make good' a few kneelers at a time, but help is still needed for some 'drying out'!

Ideas for storage and display are still required too.

Please contact Sandra Schofield (01588 660158) or any member of the PCC, so that responses can be passed on. Many thanks.

Clungunford Village Choir

The Village Choir has been concentrating on singing together for enjoyment since Christmas. After the excitement of Clungunford House Carols and the Carol service in church, we have welcomed new members and we have all enjoyed singing a wide variety of music.

Our next big event is the Easter Choral Workshop which takes place on Wednesday 12th April from 4.15 p.m. til 9.00 p.m. when we will be working on two movements from Bach's St. John Passion. The workshop is taking place in St. Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford and includes a break with a light buffet supper. It will conclude with a presentation of the two movements for family and friends at 8.30 p.m. The workshop will be led by Robert Bunting, the previous leader of the Village Choir and will be accompanied on the organ by Iain Wright, the choir's present leader. The choir has a tradition of choral workshops during Holy Week and it is our pleasure to welcome visiting singers to join us. It is always a joyful occasion where the opportunity to sing beautiful music is combined with great hospitality. Please do join us!

For further details or to enrol call Iain Wright on 01746121137 or email iw@iwright.co.uk

After Easter we shall be working towards giving our summer concert which will take place this year on Thursday 8th June, so keep the evening free. We shall be

presenting a programme with a wide variety of styles of music to suit all tastes.

We always enjoy welcoming new members, so if you enjoy singing and would like to join us, please come along on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 in the Village Hall. We'd love to see you.

The Slow Ladies

Thursday 23 March: Wenlock Edge and the farmland of Apedale: 4.5 miles. Meet in Parish Hall car park at 9.15 am (or from Ludlow at 10 am in the car park of The Plough Pub in Wall-under-Heywood). Lunch in pub.

Thursday 20 April: walk from Bromfield to Ludlow via Priors Halton: about 4 miles. Meet at the bus stop in Clungunford to catch the 10.10 bus. We will return on the 12.50 bus from Ludlow and hopefully dine at the Tea Rooms in Clungunford.

Please inform me if you intend coming on these walks

Thank you!

It is always a pleasure to welcome new faces and feet on our walks. If you would like to join us on any walk, please let me know. *Pauline Mattison* 01588 660596

Real Ale Trail in Ludlow

I hope some of you REAL ALE enthusiasts will join me for a saunter round Ludlow on WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH visiting a number of hostelrys starting at the Railway Shed (home of the Ludlow Brewing Co.). We will leave on the 10.10 bus from the Church and return on the 15.50 bus from the Assembly Rooms. There is no need to let me know if you are coming-just don't miss the bus! *Mike Mattison*

Material for the next edition

Material for the next *Gazette* should please be with us by **25 April**. Email to gunnasingazette@aol.com or deliver to Clungunford House (black box in porch)

Please come and help with our Churchyard
clear up on

Saturday, 18th March

from

10.00 to 4.00

If you can come for just an hour or for the full
session you will be very welcome!

Path clearing – weeding – tidying grave
stones – etc

Hot dogs for lunch for helpers!

If you can bring your own tools that would be
appreciated but not essential.

**St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Churchyard Clear Up**



Easter Choral Workshop

led by Robert Bunting accompanied by Iain Wright

in

St. Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford

Two movements from St. John Passion

Johan Sebastian Bach

Wednesday 12 April 2017
4.15pm - 9pm

- buffet supper 6pm-7pm included in £8 cost (pay on day)
- practice CD (all separate parts) and score available in advance (please send SAE)
- friends invited to hear finished work at 8.30pm

For details or to book your place
call 01746712137 or email iw@iwright.co.uk

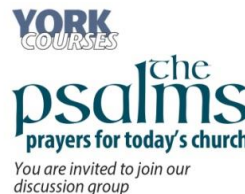
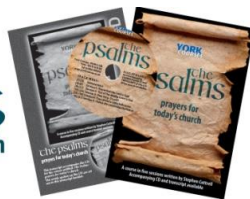
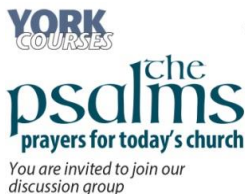
Coach Trip to Royal Welsh Spring Show

- When? Saturday 20th May 2017.
- Time? Leave the Parish Hall at 9.00am. Return to Parish Hall 5.00pm
- Cost? £12 per ticket for coach. £13 for show entry (if tickets bought in advance)
***Children under 16 get free entry and half price coach fare*.**

Following last December's successful trip to the Birmingham Christmas Market and listening to the feedback from participants we are running a trip to The Royal Welsh Spring Show. This is a great day out and a celebration of all things rural. From the animals and poultry, show jumping and dogs, gardening and rural crafts all washed down with plentiful food and drink stalls. There is a plethora of shopping too and lots of room on the coach to bring back your purchases.

If you would like to come with us, then please contact:

Anne Gledhill 01588 660485 and **Elizabeth Lyster 01588 660152** as soon as possible to ensure tickets can be booked at discounted prices. Family and friends are welcome too. All places sold on a first come first served basis.



"THE PSALMS" prayers for today's church

WHEN: Wednesday evening for 5 weeks starting 8th March

WHERE: Abcott Manor, Clungunford

TIME: 7pm for 7.30 start, finish 9pm

The ancient poems we call Psalms are over 2000 years old. They were written in very different times from our own when humans could travel at the speed of a camel - not at the speed of sound. But these songs have stood the test of time for they address many of the problems we still face: violence, injustice, anger - and bewilderment. Why do the wicked prosper? Where is God when we suffer? In this 5-session course, Bishop Stephen Cottrell - a prolific and popular author - reflects on the psalms in general (and five psalms in particular). He invites us to join him as he does so.

Hosted by Anne & Edward Gledhill, Abcott Manor, Abcott, Clungunford

Led by Christine & Robert Flitney Please phone 661056 to book a place.

Do you live in the Parish of Clungunford?

Have you heard about the funds available for residents?

There are two types of fund;-

the Clungunford Educational Foundation

and

the Clungunford Fund (for families and individuals)

Contributions have been given to help with

Buying
computers
and
laptops

Cost of travel
to hospital
appointments
and visits

Buying
school
uniform

Cost of
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expenses

Buying
musical
instruments

Could you or your family benefit from the funds?

Contact the clerk for more information.

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