



THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

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Cuthbert's Kitchen!

Holiday Club for all school age children (4+)

Monday 6th to Friday 10th August, 2018

2.00pm to 5.00pm at

St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford

GAMES ART SPORT FUN



Registration forms are available from local churches and Aston-on-Clun village shop. Places are limited so booking in advance is essential!



For more information or to register please contact Catherine on 01588 660 231
or catherinelishman@hotmail.com

Flicks in the Sticks at Clungunford Parish Hall

Don't worry – Flicks will be back in the autumn.

We are all grateful to The Flicks Committee for keeping us entertained during the short nights of the years. Well done and long may it continue!

The Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting took place on 9 May. These meetings tend not to be well attended unless there is an issue to deal with, but it is nevertheless an opportunity to thank and congratulate the various institutions for their efforts throughout the year in keeping Clungunford as we like it to be. I thanked my fellow councillors and our clerk, Brian Taylor, for their contributions throughout the year and likewise, Nigel Hartin, our local Shropshire Councillor.

This year we had a presentation from Pat Buchanan on behalf of The Parish Charities. Running through the finances of the Charities, which appear to be in a robust and well managed state, Pat explained that the trustees always like to hear from those who are eligible to benefit from the two charities.

The saga of the proposed poultry units at Hopton Heath continues to rumble on. The plan to put the matter before the Shropshire South Planning Committee in early July had to be scrapped because of a recent European Court ruling on schemes which may have an impact on sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation, such as the pearl mussel bed in the Clun. This decision suggests that the correct approach to the application may not have been taken by Shropshire Council. Whilst I have always regarded the mussels as something of a side issue when compared to landscape impact and noise and other disturbance, the ruling may be of fundamental importance to the outcome, particularly as some prominence is given to public opinion. I do incidentally have an email circulation list of those who are interested in the poultry proposals. This contains more detailed information than it is possible to include here, as and when it arises. If you wish to join it, please send me an email.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 11 July at 8pm. All are 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)

The 100 Club

Winners for May:

1. (£60) Alan Williamson
2. (£30) Suzanne Stevens

3. (£15) Rob Rees

Winners for June:

1. (£60) May Bywater
2. (£30) Macduff Roberts
3. (£15) Robin Bywater

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).

The 100 Club – the story

This year the Clungunford 100 Club celebrates its 10th anniversary – something I never dreamed possible! So a very big thank you to all who helped to get us off the ground – our original committee members, myself, Robin Bywater, Martin Knowles and especially Janet Thain, our Treasurer, without whom we would not be able to function. Also a big thank you to our current committee members – Mike Jones who replaced Robin, and Jim Bason who replaced Martin. But, of course, the biggest thank you is to all of you who have supported us – some who subscribed from the beginning and others who have joined more recently. I do remember the very first person who came to our door with a completed standing order form was Bill Arkinstall – well done Bill! You were our first member, and how thrilled I was! However the important bit of news to share with you all is that over the last 10 years we have raised £21,800 for St Cuthbert's and we have also distributed £14,560 in prize money! I should also point out that all of the money raised via the 100 Club goes to the Church Building & Repair Fund and helps to maintain our beautiful church building. One of the best things about the 100 Club is that it is a regular and fairly well guaranteed fund raiser – not reliant on the weather, nor requiring a great deal of regular hard work!

So thank you all once again and good luck in future draws! *Maureen Rooney* (on behalf of the 100 Club Committee)

The Slow Ladies

Friday 13 July: The Long Mynd – about 5 miles. Meet in Car Park at 9.25 am or by the bus stop in Little Stretton at 10 am if you are coming from Ludlow. Bring a picnic.

Thursday 23 August: Somewhere between Tenbury and Bromyard - about 5 miles. This walk will be lead by Elaine. I haven't made any arrangements with her yet, so I will let you know details later. Bring a picnic

Eight Slow Ladies recently spent 5 nights in Keswick in a guest house with outstanding views on the edge of town. Days were hot but not uncomfortable enough to stop us walking and climbing a mountain or two--needless to say not Helvellyn, but some of the lower, less well-known slopes. We all enjoyed ourselves and are already wondering where to go next year! See pictures over page. Please let me know if you wish to join us. We are always pleased to welcome new faces and feet to our walking group. *Pauline Mattison* 01588 660596



*The
Slow
Ladies
in the
Lake
District*



In The Garden

A sunny day in Clungunford, with the garden basking in Mediterranean temperatures for a change. I feel I ought to write that twice to remind myself in a few months time, when we're back to the more usual cold and wet weather we've come to know and love.

There are a number of plants out in the garden at the moment which are of the Mediterranean type. They usually pass the winters indoors, because the weather outside would be too cold for them. These I put outside on the patio when things warm up for the summer. Amongst them are a couple of Olive trees.

Last winter I decided it was time for my more tender plants to pass the colder months in my unheated greenhouse rather than indoors. Amongst these were the Olive trees, but because one of them had red spider I didn't want it to pass on to other plants in the greenhouse, so I decided it would have to take its chances on survival by growing up against the outside wall of my house away from most other plants.

During the winter we had temperatures as low as minus seven degrees Celsius on several occasions and as low as minus five degrees Celsius on others. Far from dying, the Olive tree actually flourished and it currently is in flower.

Finding it a little difficult to believe the evidence of my own eyes, I read up on Olive trees and found out that they need a cold period of several months during winter to induce them to flower. That is why Olive trees brought into the warmth for the winter like mine had been previously, don't flower. They lack a cold spell to stir them into life. Whether mine will now go on to produce berries and then Olive oil, only time will tell.

In the garden, perhaps near to your flowering Olive tree, look out for *Eccremocarpus scaber*, the Chilean Glory Flower. An evergreen sub-shrubby tendril climber, with small orange red flowers, followed by inflated fruit pods containing many winged seeds. Only supposed to be half hardy, but the one in my garden spent the winter as next door neighbour to the Olive tree. *Brian Taylor*

Postcard from Africa

From Algeria to Zambia, countries have been promoting economic development by exporting more and more fresh produce to the lucrative markets in Western Europe. While it makes life for us Europeans more comfortable, enabling us to have green beans and fresh strawberries on our tables at any time of the year, and our houses adorned with beautiful cut flowers, is this kind of development really sustainable and is it genuinely contributing to poverty reduction in poorer countries? Are there environmental impacts that are hidden from the consumers eyes which tarnish this example of global marketing? The issue is multi-faceted and the jury is still out on whether this is the best way forward.

Taking Kenya as a case study, this country has been an exporter of high quality tea and coffee for decades. It has also now become famous for its fine green beans and cut flowers, grown under huge polytunnels which cover hundreds of acres of farmland. The work is quite labour intensive and many people are employed in the industry, in a country where well-paid jobs are very hard to find. Rigorous management standards are maintained, in order to meet the exacting requirements of both quality and health which are demanded by the EU. One of the most important inputs required by these operations is water and in some cases rivers have been diverted or heavily tapped to provide adequate irrigation. Kenya is a country that hovers on the borderline of food self-sufficiency: in years of poor rains, large quantities of grain have to be imported to cover the food deficit. Hence it has to be asked whether or not producing luxuries for the European market is the best use of those resources, or would it be better to use the land and water for producing crops for local consumption? One of the biggest cut flower growing enterprises is at Athi River, a few miles to the south of Nairobi, with water piped from hundreds of miles away. Meanwhile, almost within site of the greenhouses are some of Africa's biggest slums, where piped water is a luxury and still many children die each year due to poor sanitation. This imbalance should be intolerable.

Another unseen consequence of these businesses is the pollution that some of them create. Producing high quality crops requires significant inputs of fertilizers and pesticides and some of these inevitably find their way into the run off water from irrigation. Lake Naivasha, a few hours' drive north of Nairobi, was famous for its huge flocks of flamingos. Sadly, the lake now has become so badly polluted from run off from the cut flowers farms that have sprung up in the area that the wildlife is now threatened.

While no doubt these enterprises generate much needed foreign exchange for the Kenyan economy, it is not completely transparent about who are the main beneficiaries. The businesses are private enterprises, local entrepreneurs who have secured financial backing from outside the country. How much tax is actually paid is not clear and although there may be thousands of workers employed, their salaries by any standards are pitifully low. I do not disagree with the argument that trade is better than aid as a way out of poverty, but only if everything is above board and transparent and the fruits of the enterprise are shared amongst all of the stakeholders fairly.

I do not condemn this kind of development outright – which would be pointless as it is not going to go away. What we as consumers can do is to be more discerning – an obvious step we can take is, wherever possible, to buy products that carry the "Fairtrade" logo. These products all come from enterprises which are controlled by the producers themselves, in most cases small subsistence farmers. We can be confident that most of

what we are paying is going to the producers and as their livelihoods depends on the long-term success of the business, they will be taking care of the environment automatically. And one of the conditions of trading under the umbrella of Fairtrade is that part of the profits they make are contributed towards development schemes that benefit the entire community – so everyone ends up a winner. *Rob Rees*

Nursing Notes

These are some observations & experiences from the Maternity wards.

A very pregnant woman came into the hospital in labour. Her mind was understandably elsewhere, as she said, “I’m here to be seduced” The midwife smiled and said, “I think you already have been”!

A lady in labour denied that she was pregnant.

A lady came into the delivery room in labour, having contractions, and said “I’m still a virgin, we only ever had oral sex.” Nurses are not dumb!

A young woman, Susan, pregnant with her first child, came for her ante-natal check up. She quietly began ... “My husband wants me to ask you something.....” The midwife reassuringly said, “There’s no need to be embarrassed, I get asked this all the time.” “You do?” Susan asked. “Oh yes,” the midwife said. “Sex is fine until quite late in pregnancy.” “No, that’s not it,” Susan confessed. “He wants to know if I can still mow the lawn!”

One patient was a lady having her first child. She was booked for a caesarean procedure. After the operation I handed her newborn baby to her saying, “Congratulations, you have a lovely baby boy.” Still a bit groggy from the anaesthetic, she replied “That’s great, what’s his name?”

A frantic prospective father phoned the maternity unit, shouting that his wife was experiencing labour pains. He was asked how far apart the contractions were. Silence ensued for a short time, then the husband shouted out, “I can’t be sure, but think they are all in roughly the same place”

Then, from another part of the hospital.....

A woman told her nurse that she wanted a hysterectomy. The nurse asked, “Why do you want a hysterectomy? You’re seventy seven years old!” The patient replied, “Well, I don’t want any grandchildren”

A woman came to the clinic and was seen by a new doctor. After about five minutes she ran screaming out from the clinic. A nurse found her, listened to her concerns, calmed her down, and guided her back into the clinic. Then the nurse found the doctor and asked, “What’s the matter with you? Mrs Brown is sixty three years old; she has four grown children, and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?” Without even looking up, the new doctor relied, “Does she still have the hiccups?”

Sister B

P.S. A newborn baby expels the equivalent of its body weight in poo every thirty hours.

From The Vicarage at Bucknell

Ooops! I think I missed the last edition! Great apologies! This crazy year has been a year of extremes. The most snow dumped on us for years and now the sweltering summer that is breaking records. As a musician “blessed” with an artistic temperament, I have found that I react to extremes. As I’ve got older I have learned that, for instance, it is unwise to make important decisions or do the most important work at those times, and to find ways to work from a place of peace. We are pushed to do everything instantly these days and get results fast. Those drivers can lead to panic and often make for shoddy results, less than well considered plans and a sure-fire way to tripping up or finding you have excluded people or factors that could have made all the difference or taken you in a more honed direction.

For me, taking time to pray is the key to finding that stable place of peace. In the last few years I have combined this with yoga practice, a very holistic combination: noting and honouring the physical, disciplining and focusing the mind and also making space for a devotion of “the other” ... which for me is, of course a no brainer as this is prayer. When I make time for that early morning routine it makes a huge difference to planning, inspiration and ability to listen to others through the rest of the day.

In our Benefice, summer is a time when we pause and change our routine and offer opportunities for spending time together, sharing over food, in worship and enjoying the gifts we have around us in a creative way, rather than being driven by the routine.

Beginning with the last Sunday of July, we embark upon our series of Summer Sunday Specials. Everyone is welcome to join in with any of these and it is a good opportunity to get to know folk across the Benefice, see some of the other Churches, and spend a bit more relaxed time exploring together, including, for those who are relatively mobile, time out on the hills on several Sundays when we have our “Eat, Pray, Walk” events. I’m hoping Red will still be OK to join in!

We begin at 11am every Sunday to give consistency. All the services will be simple and accessible. The programme is:

29th July at 11am: Bucknell: “All Creatures Great and Small” (If you are out walking, look out for something small and beautiful like a shiny stone or a feather to bring with you to that service). Bring a picnic to enjoy together afterwards.

5th August starting 11am: Chapel Lawn: “Eat, Pray, Walk” Simple Service, Brunch in the Village Hall; Walk to **Stowe** for Tea and Worship.

12th August at 11am: Clungunford: “The Big Picnic” End of Holiday Club Service. Bring a picnic to enjoy together afterwards. At 6.30pm: **Llanfair Waterdine:** Celebrating Wakes Songs of Praise.

19th August at 11am: Bedstone: “Eat, Pray, Walk” Simple Service, Brunch in the Village Hall; Walk to **Hopton Castle** for Tea and Worship

26th August at 11am: Clungunford: “Celebrating New Life” including a Baptism

Coming up in the afternoon of **Saturday 18th August at St Cuthbert’s at 2.30pm** is a Memorial Service to **Myfanwy Lilian Millerchip (nee Vaughan)** who was born in 1930 at New House near Clungunford, later moving to Church View. She moved away to Buckinghamshire after she was married. Some of you may remember her and her family. You will all be very welcome.

And of course, there is St Cuthbert’s Kitchen, the holiday club which will be buzzing away in the second week of August. Always great fun!

Whatever you are planning to do over the summer, ENJOY!

Love and Prayers from *Annie and Red*

Parish Church News

The Rev Annie Ballard, Vicar for the Parishes of the Middle marches Benefice, can be contacted at The Vicarage in Bucknell (tel 01547 530030). Should you need more information about services, events etc. or about receiving the Deanery magazine, please contact our Church Wardens, Michael Jones on 01588 661145 or Edward Gledhill on 01588 660485.

SERVICES at CLUNGUNFORD in the Middle Marches Benefice for May and June 2018. Please note that the services below will be at St Cuthbert’s unless otherwise stated. Details of all the Services in the Benefice can be found in the Deanery Magazine.

Sunday 8 July	10.00 am	Family Service. Lay led service for all with refreshments after the service.
Sunday 15 July	10.00 am	Morning Prayer. Lay led service for all with refreshments after the service.
Sunday 22 July	11.00 am	Holy Communion. Led by Rev Annie Ballard. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Sunday 29 July	11.00 am	Benefice Service at Bucknell - ‘All Creatures Great and Small’. Led by the Rev Annie Ballard. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy together after the service.
Sunday 5 August	No service at St Cuthbert’s	
Sunday 12 August	10.00 am	Holiday Club Family Service. A service to celebrate the end of the Holiday Club led by the Rev Annie Ballard. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy together after the service.
Sunday 19 August	10.00 am	Morning Prayer. Lay led service for all with refreshments after the service.
Sunday 26 August	11.00 am	Holy Communion and Baptism – ‘Celebration of New Life’. Led by Rev Annie Ballard. Refreshments after the service.

Calling all Clungunford Children!

The ever popular ‘Holiday Club’ for all school age children will take place each day between 2pm and 5pm from Monday 6th to Friday 10th August, in and around St Cuthbert’s church. The theme this year is ‘Cuthbert’s Kitchen’ and we have some lovely food related activities planned, along with the usual sport and art/craft.

Last year around 30 children attended each day ably assisted by a huge band of willing helpers which made the atmosphere very relaxed and St Cuthbert’s buzzed with activity and laughter. The cost to attend for the week is £10, which includes delicious refreshments. We offer a price reduction for families.

Children return year after year, some even come to help when they think they have outgrown it! Why not come along this year and see for yourself? You can bring a friend because you don’t have to live in Clungunford to attend but advanced booking is essential.

If you would like further detail or to book a place, please contact Catherine Lishman.

Catherine Lishman - catherinelishman@hotmail.com

What do we do with our waste?

During Lent, Robert and Christine Flitney ran a six session course which looked at environmental issues from it's many different perspectives. As a follow on to this Robert and Christine arranged visits to an Anaerobic Digester and an Energy Recovery Centre.

Lutra is a small anaerobic digester plant run for research purpose near Ludlow. Michael Chesshire kindly hosted us to his facility and explained not just the mechanics of the plant but also the thinking behind the research that they carry out. The current plant runs mainly off food waste but a new plant using cow slurry is soon to come on stream. Part of the thinking behind the research is to understand how this technology can be effectively used to provide energy to small communities.

By contrast the Veolia plant in Shrewsbury takes waste from across Shropshire. As well as re-cycling material wherever possible, it turns any waste that can not be recycled into energy. The Battlefield Energy Recovery Facility can process up to 90,000 tonnes annually and convert this into enough energy to power 10,000 homes.

We are very grateful to both Michael Chesshire and Veolia for hosting us and helping us understand more about these complex and contentious issues.

A Wonderful Breakfast!

A 'Parish Breakfast' seemed to figure twice on the calendar - once on the 2nd of September, but also on the 3rd of June! Enquiring about the latter and asking about bringing bacon etc. was followed by the instruction 'not to bring anything', but to be there for ten o'clock!

The instruction was followed and it was amazing, on that wonderful morning of sunshine, to see so many people gathered and so much activity, in front of the church. We are well aware of all the preparation that must have been going on, to put together this splendid occasion. It was indeed 'splendid!' The tables looked lovely and everything and everyone was so welcoming. It was a joy!

We thought the "Gunnas Gazette" would be the best place to send our expressions of thanks for all the work put in and for the generosity of all who gathered and/or sent good wishes.

It was a 'goodly' crowd and an atmosphere that will be long remembered.

Many thanks for the delicious breakfast; for the many gifts that were presented; and the many kindly and generous words that were spoken.

Gordon and Sandra Schofield

Churchyard clear-up

A thank you to all those who turned up for the Spring churchyard clear-up. The clear-up supplements the work done by our friends from God's Acre and does make a big difference.

Open Garden and Cream Teas

One of the most loved and cherished gardens in our Parish has to be that of Jim and Mary Bason. Jim and Mary are kindly running an 'Open Garden' on Sunday 8th July from 2pm to 6pm. If you have not seen their garden before you are missing a treat, and if you have seen it before you must treat yourselves again with another visit! Jim and Mary are kindly giving the proceeds from the garden opening to the Church Organ repair fund. *Venue – The Old Garden, Beckjay, SY7 0PY.*

The Friends of Hereford Cathedral

St Cuthbert's is a lovely Church with a rich history and on Monday 2nd July we will be hosting a fifty strong party from the Friends of Hereford Cathedral who will be visiting us for a visit plus lunch. The party is led by Tim Bridges, the Church Buildings Officer for the Diocese of Hereford.

Ride and Stride

As many of you will recall we had another very successful Ride and Stride in 2017. With the support of the kind people of Clungunford and their friends and relatives we managed to collect the fantastic sum of £2,025 as well as have a wonderful day.

For those of you that don't know the Ride and Stride event is an annual event organised by the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust:

<http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx>.

The idea is that groups of people will on a set day, September 8th for this year, get together and travel around local historic churches by riding, walking or travelling by whatever means they can. In the process they will get to see these wonderful local buildings, meet likeminded people and raise some sponsorship money. This money is then split 50/50 between the church that raises it and the Trust.

As you visit each church then you will spend a bit of time taking in the atmosphere and enjoying any hospitality laid on by locals. We are very lucky that the team at St Cuthbert's have decided to go a step further and lay on a wonderful selection of refreshments for visiting riders and striders. As a result Clungunford is a destination for most of the other local groups and this all helps to raise the donations from the day and spread the word about Clungunford.

We also have an open door policy for local people in St Cuthbert's that day, so if you want to join us from 11.00 until around 15.00 for a snack, drink and some local chat then please pop in enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of the day.

So now we start the planning for this year's event.

There are a number of ways that readers of the Gunnas Gazette can get involved.

You can be an active participant by joining either the Riders or Striders of Clungunford . If you don't want to ride your bike or walk then you can also travel between

sites by other means, in the past people have driven cars and tractors and some have ridden their horses.

Potential striders should contact Pauline Mattison on 01588 660596

Riders and anybody wanting to travel by any other means should contact Simon Lyster on 01588 660152

You can help in St Cuthbert's on the day or make some food or drinks to be consumed. If you are interested in helping in this way, then please contact Sandra Schofield on 01588 660158.

Finally, if you don't want to participate but would like to support the event then you can sponsor somebody. I am sure that most of you will know somebody that will ask for your sponsorship, but if not then you can contact Simon Lyster on 01588 660152 and he will arrange it for you and answer any questions you may have about the event or the Historic Churches Trust.

Simon Lyster (+44 (0) 7836 634920)

Clungunford Village Choir

On Thursday 21st June Clungunford Village Choir enticed a sizeable audience through the doors of St Cuthbert's with the promise of A Little Midsummer Night's Music; a celebration of songs from 20th century musicals.

From the rather apt opening - in church surroundings - of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's 'Jesus Christ Superstar' that headed-up an impressive medley from his greatest stage and screen hits, the choir paved the way for a delightful evening's entertainment. We were whisked away into a dreamy reverie by songs from Gershwin, Sondheim, and a spectacular finale of arrangements from 'Les Miserables'.

Interspersed throughout were some humorous and reflective readings, carefully-chosen for the event by Anthea Bason and enjoyed by all.

A five star quality performance of 'The Girl from Ipanema' stole the show with its undeniably intricate rhythm: it was executed with finesse and aplomb; more than a few waists swaying to the beat in their seats and toes tapping away on the tiled floor.

Conductor, accompanist, performers, and the refreshed committee of the Clungunford Village Choir - not to mention the new church wardens on hand to extend a warm welcome, and those who produced refreshments - should all take note that the applause at the end of the event was indeed thunderous in appreciation of a fine evening and all of their combined efforts. *A Choir Fan*

Furniture Scheme - a cry for help

A charity in South Shropshire is temporarily suspending all collections of donations as it struggles to cope with rubbish dumped on its doorstep.

The Furniture Scheme, in Ludlow, restores and resells unwanted furniture and offers a free collection service, but in recent months items which should be taken to the tip have instead been dumped by their door.

Staff say the problem has increased 'out of all proportion' in the last few months and dedicated volunteers are becoming increasingly stressed about keeping on top of it.

Chief executive Jean Jarvis MBE said: "We've always been so grateful to the local public for their donations of unwanted household items which we use to help people in need.

"We've been struggling to keep up with the increase of uncontrolled deliveries to our premises but we've reached breaking point and this is a cry for help.

"A once a month community skip would help, as would fencing and gating our yard because, as a charity, we can't afford the fencing and gates needed to control the site.

"We've contacted the local council to start the process of helping us solve what has become a very real problem to us."

Jean said the problem started when the civic amenity site in Coder Road, Ludlow, closed in 2014, since then there has been a steady increase in items being left outside either out of hours or when the team are dealing with customers.

"Over the last few months this has increased out of all proportion and people are dumping trailer and van loads of household items that cannot be recycled repaired or reused," she added.

"Staff and volunteers are now spending a lot of time sorting and processing what they can and driving the rest to the waste centre at Craven Arms.

"There is a huge cost and time implication to this, besides the stressful conditions that staff and volunteers are now under as they try to deal with this alongside their normal roles."

The charity, which was launched over 20 years ago to benefit some of the most excluded members of the community, is now getting complaints from neighbours because the yard at the back of the warehouse on Weeping Cross Lane is unsightly as staff and volunteers struggle to keep it clear and tidy under the pressure of this increased demand.

As a result, the charity is suspending all collections - other than those already booked in - through July to deal with this problem.

When they restart the free collection service they will only collect items that can be reused or repaired.

Shropshire Councillor Vivienne Parry, for Ludlow South, is fully supporting the charity and will spearhead a campaign to help improve the situation.

She said: "The Furniture Scheme does some wonderful work in Ludlow and the people of this town are at the heart of what they do. It is a shame some people feel they can treat the site as a dumping ground, this greatly hampers the work they do.

"I would call upon these people to use the designated recycling centre in Craven Arms and think before they either donate items or leave items outside the charity. I do appreciate that sometimes people do not have the money or the transport to dispose of it properly and I

am going to talk to the council and see if they can put a skip out occasionally and try to get the leader of the Council Peter Nutting to come down to Ludlow and see the problem.

“It is terrible the way Shropshire Council has dumped everything in people’s laps.”

Anyone who would like to volunteer or answer this cry for help, or for more information about The Furniture Scheme, should call 01584 874922, email info@furniturescheme.co.uk or visit <http://www.furniturescheme.co.uk>.

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Help Issy Rocke become a calendar girl



Issy has entered a competition that supports The Chestnut Appeal (a prostate cancer charity). There were over 1000 entrants, and 249 went through to the next round. She says, “I was lucky enough to be one of them. Now there are 77 places left to get into the grand final. Getting through to the grand final in Bristol would be amazing and mean so much to me and I can also help more with supporting the Chestnut appeal, an amazing charity (look it up on chestnutappeal.org.uk). I know I’m asking a lot but its only £1 per vote and 30 seconds of work! TEXT-UKCG 222 to the number 82727 and wait for your response (you can vote more than once). Please make sure there is a space between the UKCG and the 222 voting closes on the 13th July”

Above is a copy of the recent article in The Shropshire Star.



**OPEN GARDEN
&
CREAM TEAS**
*By invitation of Jim & Mary
Bason*
at
**THE OLD GARDEN
BECKJAY
SY7 0PY**
on
SUNDAY 8th JULY
2pm – 6pm
£ 5.00 entry, children £2.00
(includes cream tea)
Proceeds to go towards
St Cuthbert’s Organ Fund
ALL WELCOME

Open Garden at Broadward Hall

St Cuthbert’s PCC is very grateful to Anthony and Caro Skyrme for the generous contribution of £500 from their recent garden opening. The proceeds were shared between Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and St Lawrence’s in Ludlow. The funds will be put toward organ/fabric repairs. A good many local people attended on the day, enjoying a splendid garden and fine weather. The garden is a tribute to the hard work expended in recent years.



*What better way
to celebrate a
churchwarden's
retirement?*

*A valedictory
breakfast was laid
on for Gordon and
Sandra.....*



*The churchyard was
converted into a café
for the occasion.....*

The sun shone.....



*Everyone was well
fed and happy*