



THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

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Litter pick

Saturday 2 March at 10 am

The time has come to spruce up the village once more... just in time for Spring.

If you would like to help in this very public spirited task, please come to the Village Hall car-park at 10.00 am on Saturday 2 March, and we will divide out lengths between volunteers.

All are welcome – young or old – but children should please be supervised.

Sticks and bags for rubbish will be provided but helpers should please wear bright clothing – high visibility jackets are ideal.

As in previous years, safety is paramount in this exercise, as volunteers participate entirely at their own risk.

If you cannot make it on the day, but wish to clear up your own frontages/hedgerows, you are welcome to bring all rubbish collected to Clungunford House for ultimate disposal.

All enquiries to Jonathan Roberts on 01588 660673.

Preparation of a New Church Electoral Roll

Every 6 years a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared – the last one was prepared in 2013. Being on the Roll entitles a person to vote on church matters such as in the election of the Parochial Church Council much the same as being on the political Electoral Roll entitles someone to vote in political elections. The conditions for enrolment are basically that the person is 16 or over, a baptised member of the Church of England and resident in the parish or, if not resident in the parish, then a habitual attendee at church services in the parish during the last 6 months.

Even if a form was signed 6 years ago, an applicant must reapply. Forms are available on the table by the notice board inside the church alongside a posting box. A form is also being distributed with this *Gunnas Gazette* for March and can either be returned to the box in the church, to either of the Church Wardens, Mike Jones or Eddie Gledhill or to the black box outside the door at Clungunford House. **All forms must be returned by 27th March** to enable the Electoral Roll to be compiled in time for the Parish AGM on 24th April. If any more forms are required, please phone 01588 660 673.

Janet Thain, Secretary, Clungunford PCC

St Cuthbert's AGM – 7.00pm Wednesday 24th April 2019 in church

Everyone is cordially invited to the AGM of St Cuthbert's Church on 24th April. This is the occasion when the Church Wardens and PCC members are elected for the coming year and the work and events connected with our parish church are discussed and celebrated.

To actually vote in the elections you need to be registered on what will be the newly prepared Electoral Roll – please see the article elsewhere in the Gunnas Gazette. The formal ratification of the Clungunford elections (together with those of the other parishes in the Benefice) will be at the Benefice APCM held after the service at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 28th April

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In the Garden

A sunny day in Clungunford and I've just been out in the garden weedkilling because, despite it still only being February, things (weeds in particular it seems to me) are already making a fair bit of growth.

It's been a milder winter altogether so far. Last year we had the 'Beast from the East' to contend with, which meant the earliest of the bulbs in the garden were held back from coming into flower when they should have been, with the result we had a lot of bulbs all flowering at once when the weather eventually got warmer. Making quite a good display though.

This year we've had crocuses and snowdrops for a few weeks now and as their display is coming to an end anemones and daffodils are talking their place in proper sequence.

Last year there were some experts who said we got the particularly good fruit crops as a result of the 'Beast from the East' holding flowering back until the spell of 'hot for the time of year' weather which followed. We haven't had either of them yet, so we'll see if what the experts said was so.

In the garden, look out for one of the mulberry trees – *Morus Alba 'Pendula'* - a deciduous spreading tree, with rounded deeply lobed glossy deep green leaves that turn yellow in autumn. Inconspicuous flowers appear in spring, leading to edible pink red or purple fruits in summer. The size of the crop perhaps depending on

whether or not the 'Beast from the East' puts in a late appearance after I've written this. *Brian Taylor*

Village Hall Bar News

Just a few notes to let people know what has been happening in the bar since the refurbishment works have commenced in the hall.

As you all know, Bert has stood down from his role of running the bar after many years of dedicated service and a new team of volunteers is taking on the challenge. Fortunately, we have been able to rely on Bert's continued involvement for a couple of nights a week, which is a big help in making sure we get things right. While I think of that.....

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!

If we are to maintain a good range of opening hours, we need to be able to staff the bar, and the more volunteers we have, the lighter the load on everyone. Not everyone has Bert's level of willingness to be there nearly every night!

Under the new terms of the licence, the bar is now open to the general public - which is great but this comes with an extra burden of responsibility with regards to licensing law. I've been on the training and will have to, in the very near future, pass on this training to all volunteers.

Beginning on March 4th, the bar is to undergo a refit.

It would be a shame to carry out the refurbishment of the hall, (the kitchen having been recently reworked) and not pay attention to the bar and lounge. Work will be confined to the bar area, initially, but we will aim to keep a service going during the work. It won't be ideal but, obviously some sacrifices will have to be endured whilst the work takes place.

There is no external funding available to support this work but a team of volunteers are raring to go so that the work may happen and should be completed as the main hall works come to a conclusion.

Should any brave souls wish to join the intrepid volunteers, please contact me on 660847 and we will be delighted to recruit you to the team.

We've begun a "locals get – together" every other Friday evening – I've been getting in touch with people either by email (if I have your address) or by word of mouth. Many don't yet know about this so please spread the word. The next get – together will be on 1st March. Following dates are:

15/3, 29/3, 12/4 is Flicks night, 26/4, 10/5, 17/5 is Flicks, 25/5, 7/6 Flicks, 21/6. Please come and join us for a drink!

David Wilkinson

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE. MARCH 2019

Refurbishment of Hall and Celebration Open Day.

We are delighted to report that the refurbishment is going well and is on plan to reopen in April. A celebration open day will be held on the **7th April. 1pm-8pm**. See the Gunnas Gazette and Clungunford.com for more details.

Saturday Dancing in Onibury

The temporary move to Onibury is going well and the number of attendees is good although everyone is looking forward to "coming home".

Bar Opening Hours January to March 2019

During the hall refurbishment we will be running the bar with limited opening hours and staffed by volunteer as follows:

- **Tuesday: 8pm-10pm**
- **Thursday: 8pm-10pm**
- **Friday: 8pm-10pm.**
- **Saturday: 8pm-10pm.**

Please pop in, say hello, have a drink and share any ideas for future developments or events that you would like to see.

Following a test run "Village Drinks Nights" are every second Friday and we have had a good turnout so far but would love to see more of you.

BAR VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We are pleased that we have managed to keep the bar open during the refurbishment with a handful of helpers but we do need more. If you could spare a few hours a month please contact David Wilkinson on 660854. Full training and support will be provided.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Do you have a special event to celebrate? Why not think about hiring your hall? For information on facilities, prices, availability and booking conditions, speak to Madelene on 660854 or see www.Clungunford.com

If you would like to discuss any of the content please contact Elizabeth Lyster (Secretary) on 660152 or see www.Clungunford.com

Hall Open Day

Dancing off to Onibury

Village Drinks

Bar Volunteers.

Village Hall Bookings

CLUNGUNFORD PARISH
HALL

A REGISTERED CHARITY



The Clungunford Players
present

A Death at The Bog

A 1920s murder mystery set in
The Bog mining village

Saturday 2nd March 2019
Aston on Clun Village Hall
7.30 pm



Bring your own drinks, glasses
and some food to share
£3.00 entrance

To reserve places please ring
Eileen 01588 660438
Brian 01588 660653



MURDER MYSTERY EVENING
Come Along and Work Out Whodunnit

Spring in February ...a record?

As I look out into the garden on a mild, sunny spring-like morning, it is difficult to believe that it is not yet the end of February. The winter as a whole has been very mild, with only one or two days with a trace of snow, at the end of January. Up to today (23rd) the mean maximum February temperature has been 9.8°C, even warmer than the previous warmest in 2017. The mean minimum has been slightly lower than in 2017, making the overall mean slightly less in 2019 than in 2017. For the whole winter, December to February, 2018-9 has been slightly warmer than 2016-17 and has probably broken more records.

In terms of rainfall, after the drought during the summer, the period September to December 2018 was quite wet with a total rainfall of 392mm. However, January was very dry with only 37mm and February has been dry, apart from the 5-10th, which were wet. The total for February, so far, is 50mm at Hopton Heath.

The present warm weather has resulted from a stationary high pressure system over Europe, situated so as to bring warm winds from the south, from Spain or even north Africa. Frequently, strong high pressure systems bring cold easterly winds, as in last year's 'Beast from the East'. Of course that cold weather continued into March, so we cannot assume that there will be no cold weather before the end of March.

Is this all due to global warming? Individual warm spells have always occurred but it is the frequency that we are getting them that is significant. Also extreme temperatures are more common in other parts of the world, such as the extreme heat wave that Australia recently experienced. The school-children's protest makes a serious point. More needs to be done to reduce greenhouse gases and it's the younger generation that is most likely to suffer the consequences of too little action. *Mike Tucker*

Flicks in the Sticks at Clungunford Parish Hall

**This is our first showing in the refurbished hall.
Do come and see for yourselves all the
improvements**

Friday 12th April 2019 at 8pm

Bohemian Rhapsody (cert 12a)

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn, Freddie shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career only to reunite with his band mates just in time for Live Aid. Facing a recent AIDS diagnosis, Freddie leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music.

Starring: Rami Malek, Joseph Mazzello, and Lucy

Boyton

Director: Bryan Singer Drama Documentary

Entrance £4.00 Adults £2.00 Children

Licensed Bar, Ice creams, raffle (Donations welcomed), good car parking

**DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS FILM, WE
STRONGLY ADVISE PRE-BOOKING**

**Tel: 01588 660159 (Keith) or 01588 660781 (Maureen)
(maureenrooney2012@gmail.com) for enquiries and
reservations**

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 Bowling Club

Clungunford Bowling Club is a small but very friendly club it has been in existence for over 25 years. Over the years our age range has varied from young to over eighty. Some of our early members are still playing at eighty plus years. This goes to show it is an ageless sport suitable for all ages and abilities.

We are looking for "New Blood" the older members are hopeful that some younger and older people from the community will come forward to play so they can pass on their knowledge of the game.

The Bowling Club belongs to a Local League and play weekly home and away matches. These games are quite competitive. On a much lighter note we also play Friendly Matches with other local teams on an home and away basis all the matches we play are most enjoyable. Over the years a friendly rivalry has been formed. We also run Club Competitions these matches are great to watch and fun to compete in.

Our playing season is from April to the end of September. Wednesday afternoons we play but it could be anytime. Please come along and you will find a warm welcome from our members.

**For more details please call our Club Secretary
Jennie Clarke 07951 292496**

Live Performance ...Music... Humour... Stories...

New Events to look forward to at our newly refurbished Village Hall

So please open your diary, and make a note of these fabulous live performances coming to the Village Hall in the spring and Summer. - New performances, great music, ancient stories and some new ones - Arts Alive in Clungunford Village Hall.

Please note :

All these events can be booked via calling 01588 660152 or from the Arts Alive Web site: www.artsalive.co.uk where further details of these great shows can be found.

Kali



April 26 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Join Emily Hennessey and sitar player extraordinaire, Sheema Mukherjee, for a white-knuckled tuc-tuc ride through sun-kissed palaces, fiend-infested forests and every cacophonous, saffron-scented marketplace in between.

Tickets £10 ..Under 18 £5 Family Ticket £25.00 (two adults up to three persons under 18); Age advice 14 years and older

Ian Sherwood – live music



May 16 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Armed with a saxophone, guitar, looping pedal and a voice that won him a Canadian Folk Music Award for contemporary singer of the year, Sherwood has charmed

his way across Canada and the UK with his unique brand of genre-shifting music and stage show. A natural storyteller with a timeless sound, his influences are some of the best folk/pop/country singer-songwriters; from Bruce Springsteen to Tom Petty to Ryan Adams.

Tickets £10 ..Under 16 £5 Family Ticket £25.00

A different Sunday afternoon in June?- come for a drink and... join the audience in the :

The Chef Show



June 2 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

A fusion of play and cookery demonstration, an award winning rural touring show. Two actors play all the roles in the story of a busy night in the local curry house. They are also joined by a chef from your very own local restaurant – offering a spicy cookery demonstration. Includes a chance to share food and conversation with your local chef and the cast. A show that will be deliciously entertaining for all the family!

Tickets £10 ..Under 16 £5 Family Ticket £25.00 (two adults up to three under 18)

And finally

Comedy, humour and poetry

Luke Wright

A FREE to you event - a thank-you for your support ! And, yes, you pay for the drinks ...



July 12 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Flamboyant, political and riotously funny, Luke Wright creates inventive poems with loads of heart. Part Essex wide boy, part dandy fop, he writes from the sidelines about small-town tragedies and national farce, then performs his work with snarl and spit. Since 2006 he has written and performed nine spoken word shows and two verse plays, touring them to top literary and arts festivals. Alongside his own shows, Luke is John Cooper-Clark's regular support act, performing at venues such as The London Palladium and The Palace Theatre in Manchester. He's won a 4Talent Award, a Stage Award, a Fringe First Award, a Saboteur Award, and an NFBC short film competition at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival.

A Clungunford Community Free Event !! Yep that's right.....FREE

The Marches Choir

On Saturday 6th April, The Marches Choir, conducted by Alistair Auld, will present a glorious concert of exuberant choral and orchestral music. They will be accompanied, as always, by the Marches Sinfonia (leader Claire Tocknell) along with three professional soloists.

The concert will commence with several sacred choral works by Mozart, which are delightfully moving and full of melodic charm, and will be followed by his Horn Concerto No 3, one of the best loved works in the classical horn repertoire. The programme will conclude

with Puccini's Messe di Gloria, which abounds with a youthful freedom of expression and explores a huge musical palate, with a wonderfully colourful orchestration, some rich and powerful choral writing together with some exquisite tenor and baritone solos.

The venue is St John's Church, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AF at 7.30pm. Tickets, £12 (children and students free), are available by calling 01588 650488 and can be purchased from choir members or on the night."

Aston on Clun Community Shop

Some years ago, following the closure of the local shop/post office in Aston on Clun, a group of people began to look into the idea of the formation of a community shop. Following much preparation and hard work, the Aston on Clun Community Shop came into being. After six years of trading it has proved to be remarkably successful thanks to its team of committed volunteers and the steering committee. It is a well-stocked and competitively priced shop and is a popular meeting point for many locals, offering hot drinks and a chat to all.

One of the things the shop does is to use some of its profits each year to support local community projects through a simple bidding process which takes place during the autumn months.

We are pleased to announce that, amongst others, we have been able to support the "Craven Arms Good Neighbours" – a group of volunteers who freely give their time to help local people who have difficulty with transport to, for instance, appointments, collect their shopping etc. Other help may be provided with dog walking, sitting for carers, form filling, in fact, they are flexible enough to meet most needs. A god-send to many!

We were delighted to be able to support the purchase of golf-style umbrellas to shelter people as they moved between the car and their destination. The umbrellas have even got printed on them a thank-you, to us, for our support!

In the photo you can see Phil Slack (right), modelling one of our aprons, who volunteers in the shop and is also a member of Craven Arms Good Neighbours, John Fuller (centre) Secretary, and John Stringer (left), Chairman.



The National Garden Scheme in Shropshire

This year in Shropshire, the National Garden Scheme (NGS) will have more private gardens opening for charity than ever before. Thanks to the generosity of the many garden owners and a legion of volunteers there will be a total of 54, of which 19 are new, opening for the first time to the public. Ranging from perfectly planted urban gardens to rolling rural estates and parkland with everything else in-between. All in support of caring charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Horatio's Garden Oswestry and many more, which you can support while having a wonderful day out by visiting some of the most beautiful gardens of merit in the county. Enjoy a cup of tea, a slice of cake and find ideas and inspiration for you own gardening. Please support us this year and visit a beautiful Shropshire garden.

The National Garden Scheme in Shropshire.

Raising money for cancer and caring charities
See all our gardens at:
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allison.walter@ngs.org.uk For a FREE Shropshire NGS
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NB Andrew and Trish are opening their splendid garden at Upper Shelderton House on 11 and 12 May as part of the scheme

From the Vicarage

Happy Spring Everyone!

We've had some amazing foggy mornings recently, coming at a time when I've been reflecting on the dilemma of how we see clearly. At a recent lively family Baptism, we heard the lovely piece about love from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. They were always falling out with one another and really needed the

advice! Tucked away at the end is this picture: *"For now we see as in an old mirror, dimly; but then we shall see clearly, face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."* (1 Corinthians 13v12)

To understand what Paul means, we have to imagine looking through very old glass where light is distorted, or ancient mirrors which were made of beaten metal so you would never be able to see a really clear image of yourself in them.

Looking out of my window I was reminded of Paul's message and the dilemma of how we come to see things clearly. The thick fog began to lift slowly, gradually revealing sparse images, which then filled out until, later, in full sunshine everything was clear.



First there was just a hazy skeleton of a single tree. Only later could I see that it didn't stand alone and the grey tones began to take on colour. A great illustration of how our vision can expand. We may not see things as they really are, what we see ebbs and flows and hopefully, grows, as our eyes are opened (if we allow it) throughout our lives.

As a child there was an ancient tree in the fields behind our house. It terrified me. Its gnarled old limbs seemed to harbour wizened faces and evil beings that haunted my dreams. Only years later when my sight problems were diagnosed and I was given specs was I able to see the beauty and age in its old whorls and hoary boles and recognise it as a place of hospitality for birds and squirrels. Only then was I able to befriend that magnificent old tree.

This is why I enjoy working with the rhythm of the Church; it echoes the natural ebb and flow of light and growth in the world around us. Lent is about to begin, which gives us time to reflect and time to work our way through some of the mists and fog in our lives, allowing our sight to become clearer as the time of new births, Easter Resurrection and flourishing arrives.

Through Lent there will be a couple of groups being run in the Benefice which could help us in that journey. In Clungunford one of the excellent York courses is being run by Christine and Robert (ask them for details). And I will be running another series of "Times of Reflection" on Wednesday evenings in people's homes around the Benefice. These evenings are a great opportunity to share and listen to one another and eat cake! The first is on Wednesday 13th March at Melin y Grogue, over at Llanfair Waterdine hosted by Graham and Richard. Please let them know if you would like to join us. Everyone welcome. Let us know if you'd like to join us. Full details of both are available in the Deanery magazine or from one of your Wardens.

We are having some "specials" in Benefice over the next few months:

Ash Wednesday is on 6th March. This year our service with imposition of Ashes will be at **St Mary's**

Bedstone at 7pm. A full list of services throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter, including details of special events and child friendly services across the Benefice, is available in the Deanery magazine.

This term is Annual Meeting time. For the first time this year we are being asked to follow the pattern in other benefices in the Diocese, of holding a Single Annual Church Meeting for our Benefice. This will be at **St Cuthbert's Clungunford Sunday 28th April beginning at 10.30am.** St Cuthbert's is the most flexible of our buildings which will enable us to meet all together and still do some work in individual parish groups. The morning will include worship as well as sharing vision and business. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Meanwhile, I hope you are enjoying the signs of spring emerging!

With love and prayers from *Annie and Red*

The Parish Council

At our last meeting on 9 January we discussed the among other things pot-holes, the precept and the place of Clungunford Parish in the overall planning scheme for the county over the next few years. As to planning no changes are proposed from the present regime. So far as the precept goes, there will likewise be no change this year. As for pot-holes, as you well know, they get worse, and we continue to report the most obvious ones. If you are particularly affected by a pot-hole, as well as mentioning it to our clerk, do please draw it direct to the attention of the Highways Department at Shropshire Council.

A litter pick is being organized for Saturday 2 March. Do help if you can. The verges seem worse than ever and badly in need of a clear out.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 13 March at 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

Parish matters before (or after) the meeting may be raised either with me or with our clerk, Max Maxwell (01588 661044:

clungunfordparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Jonathan Roberts, Chairman (01588 660673:

jonathan.roberts@morgoedestates.com)

The 100 Club

Winners for January:

1. (£60) Madelene Wilkinson
2. (£30) Caro Skyrme
3. (£15) Simon Lyster

Winners for February:

1. (£60) Ann Hunt
2. (£30) Ann Hunt
3. (£15) Julia Gell

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).

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 March and April 2019. 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.

Friday 1 March	3.00pm	World Day of Prayer (Lead by Chris Tinker & Isabel Jones)
Sunday 3 March		No Service at St Cuthbert's
Sunday 10 March	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lead by Robert & Christine Flitney)
Sunday 17 March	10.00am	Family Service (Lead by Mike & Isa Jones)
Sunday 24 March	11.00am	Holy Communion (Rev. Annie Ballard)
Sunday 31 March	10.00am	Mothering Sunday & Holy Communion (Lead by Canon John Grieves)
Sunday 7 April		No Service at St Cuthbert's
Sunday 14 April	10.00am	Palm Sunday Family Service
Sunday 21 April	10.00am	Easter Sunday Service (Lead by Canon John Grieves)
Sunday 28 April	10.30am	Holy Communion (Lead by Rev Annie Ballard) followed by the Benefice APCM

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 1st March at 3.00pm St Cuthbert's: World Day of Prayer

This year it has fallen on St Cuthbert's to organise the Benefice participation in the World Day of Prayer. This service will be part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe – starting as the sun rises over Samoa and ending some 38 hours later back in the Pacific, as the sun sets over American Samoa. We will be praying and sharing with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world.

Each year the service is put together by a different country. This year it has been written by the women of Slovenia, who are relatively new to the WDP movement.

Sunday 24th March at 3.00pm Spring Concert St Cuthbert's

Come along and join us for a Spring Concert in the wonderful atmosphere of St Cuthbert's church. There will be a wide selection of music ranging from Bach to modern times, with the sounds of organ, oboe and voices provided by

- Ruth Watson
- St Andrew's sisters
- Chris Green
- Leila Basletic
- Harry Ray

The 'Prestegne Ensemble'

Tickets will be available on the door at £8 which will include tea and cakes!
Proceeds in aid of Church funds

Wednesday 24th April at 7.00pm, St Cuthbert's PCC and AGM

This is the annual meeting where amongst other things we elect or re-elect our Church officials for the forthcoming year. The meeting is open to the Public and all of those who are registered on the Church Electoral Role can participate in the vote.

If you want to be registered or renew your registration on the Electoral Role, there are forms available at the back of St Cuthbert's Church and there is also a box where you can deposit your completed forms.

If you would like to take a more active participation in the running of the Church, there are also forms available for anyone who would like to be a candidate for any of the Church Officials for the forthcoming year.

We do hope that you will join us.

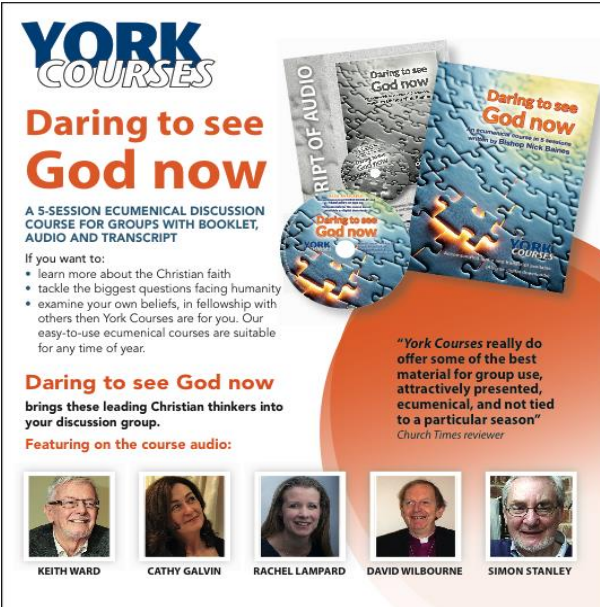
Sunday 28th April 10.30am at St Cuthbert's, Holy Communion Service followed by The Middle Marches Benefice APCM

The APCM this year will be a Benefice wide event and held after the Holy Communion service at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 28th April. There will be representatives from

all the 7 churches in the Benefice, with the principle aim of confirming the elected church officials for the following year. The event is open to all.

Lent Course starts Tuesday 12th March 7.00pm at Abcott Manor

This year's Lent Course is entitled 'Daring to See God Now'. The course is written by Bishop Nick Baines and is one of the 'York Courses'. It uses Mark's gospel extensively through the five sessions and begins with Jesus 'proclaiming the Good news of God' and asks the questions 'what is the 'good news?'" and 'who is it for?'. Robert and Christine Flitney will be running the course which will start at 7pm on Tuesday the 12th March at Abcott Manor, Clungunford (SY7 0PX). If you would like more information on the course, please feel free to contact Robert and Christine (01588 661056), also, please let Christine and Robert know if you intend to attend.



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Material for the next edition

Material for the next *Gazette* should please be with us by **23 April**. Email to gunnasgazette@aol.com or deliver to Clungunford House (black box in porch)

Nursing Notes

While I was trawling through long forgotten “stuff,” I came across my old Queen Elizabeth School of Nursing brochure. I thought I would share some of it with you.

This particular hospital was opened by the Queen in 1939 and was considered one of the most modern hospitals in the country. The brochure throughout only ever spoke of girls entering the profession, and candidates were only accepted up to the age of 33 years and training took 4 years. The first eleven weeks were spent in the Preliminary Training School where we had daily lectures & practical experience. “Their first patient may well be Miss Prudence Chase – a lifeless but lifelike model of resigned and stoical expression appropriate to one who endures, in the cause of instruction, innumerable bed baths from inexperienced hands!”

At the end of the preliminary training we had to pass exams and have a satisfactory health report: “the health of their nurses is of first importance to any hospital.” We then were received into the Queen Elizabeth School as a student nurse in training for the State Registration examinations. At this point we were assigned to either the Queen Elizabeth or General Hospital (opened in 1897). Under the NHS Act of 1946 seven hospitals were amalgamated to form the United Birmingham Hospitals. Five of these hospitals participate in the training of the students of the Q.E. School of Nursing, the brochure goes on to say;

“The regulations affecting a nurse’s private life have been reduced to a minimum during recent years. The rules accord so much with modern views that nurses may have visitors, male and female, in the recreation rooms and guest rooms of the Nurses’ Homes and are encouraged to develop wide recreational interests and a normal social life. Opportunities exist for outdoor activities in the form of tennis and hockey and an interesting monthly programme is arranged in the Nurses’ Home which includes Symphony Concerts, Art Classes, Films, Amateur Dramatics and Dances..”

In reality male visitors were not encouraged, and I saw very little interesting monthly programmes! However, I did take advantage of the ability to play tennis, also playing hockey which was generally against an all-male team of doctors: this was vicious & resulted in many interesting bruises!

At the end of the first year we took the Preliminary State Examination, and, after passing this, we continued our work on the wards, with periodic study leave when we attended more lectures in preparation for the final examinations of the General Nursing Council. During our training we worked for 3 months at the Children’s Hospital (opened in Steelhouse Lane in 1862 and moved to Ladywood Road in 1917); some also worked at the Women’s Hospital (opened in 1871) for gynaecological experience, and the Nerve Hospital (opened in 1920) for experience in psychiatric and neurological disorders.

Three years into our training we took the final examination, and State Registration. In our fourth year the nurse must now “learn to accept her responsibilities

as a trained member of the Nursing profession and, in a familiar atmosphere, is taught to supervise the work of others and the principles of Administration and Organisation. The certificate and badge of the Queen Elizabeth School of Nursing is awarded to all nurses who have completed their full training”

“The first need in a girl who wants to be a nurse is, that she must *want* to be a nurse. Nursing is not just a job, and a sense of vocation exists in all those who have made a success of it”

Sister B

PS. What do you give a man who has everything?

.... Antibiotics!

The Slow Ladies

Friday 29 March: meet Elaine on Bringsty Common near Bromyard. Not sure of distance exactly. Meet in Clungunford carpark at 9.00am. Lunch out nearby.

Friday 12 April: The Whimble near Rhayader...about 5.5 miles Meet in Clungunford car park at 9.00am with picnic

Please let me know if you are coming on either of these walks. We are always pleased to welcome new faces and feet to our walking group. *Pauline Mattison* 01588 660596

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Before the Purslow Magistrates:

DUAL OFFENCE. Charles Farmer, wheelwright. Hopton’s Heath, appeared in answer to two summonses., viz riding bicycle unlighted at 10.45 pm. at Hopton’s Heath; and being drunk and disorderly at Clungunford at 11.00 pm on July 4. P.C. Wenlock deposed that whilst riding his bicycle in the district named he discovered defendant lying in a ditch with a bicycle bearing no lamp near him. At Clungunford, whilst in company with P.C. Diggory 20 minutes later, defendant approached them in drunken condition, and used bad language to the officers, threatening to give them “a good hiding”. Defendant at first desired the hearing to be postponed to enable him call two lady witnesses. He afterwards withdrew the application. P.C. Diggory stated that he met P.C. Wenlock at Hopton’s Heath. Whilst talking near the station Defendant came up and remarked “What do you mean, Wenlock, by saying I am riding bicycle without a light?” P.C. Wenlock requested Defendant to go away, but he remained there using language “not fit to repeat” before the officers. Defendant afterwards went to Mr. Smith, called him up, and a neighbour named Smith, and aroused him, and turned back on the road again. He followed the officers, continuing his bad language.—Defendant: Did I stagger about the roadway? —You did.—How then could I be riding bicycle without a light?—Defendant said had attended a club fete that day. He accompanied two young ladies to the Twitching. He denied that he had ridden the machine the date named.—The Bench considered both charges proved, and fined defendant 10 shillings inclusive.



**Grand Opening Day
Sunday 7th April 2019
of the
Clungunford Village Hall and Green**

Everybody welcome!

Please come along to the open day from 1pm to 8pm to have a look at the newly refurbished hall and enjoy the music of The Craven Arms Big Band (22 piece) playing between 3 p.m. to 6 pm.

The bar will be open throughout the day. The hall will have table displays, promoting future events and activities, information from various clubs and much more.

Complimentary soup and sandwiches will be served from 1.30 p.m. (as long as it lasts!)