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THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

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Clungunford
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The Clungunford Players
Present

SPITFIRES OVER GUNNAS



**A World War 2
Comedy Set in
South Shropshire**



**Friday 6th/Saturday 7th March
7:30pm
Clungunford Village Hall**

Tickets £6.50 (Includes programme and
tea & biscuits)

**Contact Eileen 01588 660438
Brian 01588 660653**

Litter pick

Saturday 7 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 7 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 – we now have our own high visibility jackets and litter pickers.

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.

Alan Williamson

It is particularly sad for all of us involved in *The Gazette* to record the passing of Alan at the age of 96.

Alan was in many respects the catalyst for this newsletter nearly 24 years ago. Whilst the idea had been thrown about, Alan, as with so many things, was the one to say "Why not?" Early meetings were held at Alan's house,

and splendid gossip swapping sessions they became. Paula, a fine artist, was roped in to do our solus pictures, which we use to this day.

Before that Alan had founded the Village Choir, which had its origins in a carol singing night arranged by Alan. First as conductor, then as mere member, Alan with his fellow choristers has given us all much pleasure over the years at summer and Christmas events and in support of the major church services.

Alan's energy was boundless, and if he never quite caught up with the computer age – the six inch nail impeding his printer performance was an illustration in point – those of us who received one of his manuscript notes in black ink would always read them with some trepidation, wondering whether we had the energy to keep up with his latest proposal. Witness the music festival he decided to arrange as he reached 90! To say that he was an inspiration to others is a massive understatement.

Alan was a loyal supporter of the church during his time with us, a long-standing member of the PCC and he was accomplished on our organ. But for support himself he needed to look no further than his beloved – and we should all say, *our beloved* – Paula. It is difficult to imagine the one without the other.

At Alan's funeral his daughter, Kate, delivered a fitting eulogy, and she has willingly permitted us to reproduce it as an addendum to this edition.

It is rare to come across someone of such energy, and we shall all miss Alan. The thoughts, tears and sympathies of the whole community go out to Paula, Kate and Miles and their children and wider family.

The Slow Ladies

In this weather I am not inspired to think of walking! Please keep the following dates free if you can:

27th March and 17th April

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

Peter Arnell

We at *The Gazette* were very sorry to hear about the sudden death of Peter.

Peter and Susie have for some years now delivered the paper copies of *The Gazette* to many of you in the centre of the village.

Peter was always good for a chat and had a passion for his car collection, joining with Susie in many rallies and similar motor orientated events locally.

Peter had suffered from ill-health in recent months, but he was very stoical about it all.

Our sympathies go to Susie and to the children.

Peter's farewell service will be held at Hereford Crematorium on Thursday 5 March at 2.15.



**VILLAGE HALL AND GREEN TRUSTEES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

6.30pm-7.30pm Wine, nibbles and chat.

7.30pm: Formal Meeting

- Chair's report.
- Financial report
- Question and Answer session
- Election of Trustees.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, or just want to know more, please contact Elizabeth Lyster (Secretary)
by 1st March 2020.

Phone: 07843 488663

E mail: lystere@btopenworld.com

***IT IS YOUR VILLAGE HALL, SO COME
ALONG. ALL WELCOME***





Please put a date in your diary for a VE day Clungunford Village Tea Party on Bank Holiday Friday 8th May from 14.30. More details will be circulated closer to the date



Come and watch
England Versus Wales
at the

Clungunford Village Hall
SY7 OPP
Saturday 7th March doors and bar open 16.30

The Parish Council

Again, there is not a great deal to report by way of Parish Council business.

Our speed sign has been purchased in conjunction with Clunbury, and we await Shropshire Council erecting the poles to affix the sign to. Obviously, just at this moment the Council is fully engaged with dealing with the floods, so it may be a little while before you see the sign in action. Bucknell report good results from their sign.

We have a pending vacancy on the Parish Council, as John Elliott has decided to call it a day on his removal to Ludlow. I would like to record the Parish Council's thanks for John's efforts during his service, particularly for his good counsel and expertise during the poultry unit affair. We wish John and Sue well in Ludlow.

There is a formal procedure to be followed in replacing parish councillors, but as that runs its course, if you have an interest in becoming a parish councillor, please make your interest known either to me or to Max, our clerk, or indeed to any parish councillor. Ours is one of the few parish councils hereabouts that has its full quota of members, and this is a reputation that must not be impaired!

Our next meeting is on 11 March 2020 at 8pm in the Parish Hall, and 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)

Nursing Notes

I'm taking another look at ancient cures. I find them both alarming and fascinating and hope you enjoy reading about these "cures" that I do NOT recommend you try!

In 1590 – A cure for smelly feet: -

Whosoever have their feete smell strongly, if they put the scales of iron in their shoes, wherein they use to goe, it takes cleane away the evil smell thereof.

1658 – A cure for a stuffy nose: -

If any man shall but touch or kiss with his mouth the snowt or nostrils of a Mouse, and be troubled with the disease called the Rhume, which falleth down and stuffeth the nostrils, he shall in very short space be eased of the same.

1682 - How to cure Congestion: -

For a Cold and stuffing in the Head, to draw Rheum from the Head, and comfort the Brain. Take an Orange, and pare off very thin the yellow Rind; rowl it up conveniently to thrust up into the Nostril, turn the inner moist side outward to be next to your flesh within the Nose; put a rowl into each Nostril. It will cause sneezing,

and will make much water run down at the Nose, and comfort the Brain.

1683 – How to heal all wounds: -

A Drink that health all Wounds.....Take Sanicle, Milfoil, and Bugle, of each a like quantity, stamp them in a Mortar, and temper them with wine, and give the sick that is wounded to drink twice or thrice a day till he be whole. Sanicle health it; but Sanicle may not be given to him that is hurt in the Head, or in the Brain-pan, for it is dangerous. This is a good and Tried Medicine

1684 – How to tell if a woman is pregnant: -

The women are troubled with nauseating and loathing of their meat, and oftentimes covet and greedily long for things contrary to Nutriment, as Coals, Rubish, Chalk, Lime, Starch, Oat-meal, raw Flesh and Fish or the like, which desire proceeds from a former contraction of evil humours.....some Women as it has been noted by divers Authors of Credit, have been so extravagant in their longings, that they have coveted Hob-Nails, Horse Flesh, Mans Flesh, and the Flesh of divers ravenous Beasts

1685 – How to cure gas: -

Against the Wind in the Belly. Apply a living Tench to the Patients Navel, the Head being upwards towards the Stomach; and tye it fast on with a Napkin; and there leave it twenty four hours, till it be dead; then bury it in the Dung, and you will see the Wind vanish.

Sister B

PS. The problems with getting older....

You can barely see, barely hear, and barely walk. But hey, at least you can still drive!!

Editor's note The spelling in the various cures is the original. It is not Mary's: her spelling is a bit more conventional!

Postcard from Africa

While we are quite rightly concerned about the damage here on our doorsteps (literally) caused firstly by storm Ciara and more recently storm Dennis, across large parts of East Africa another Old Testament plague is wreaking absolute and total devastation for, potentially, millions of people. Huge swarms of desert locusts are moving across the region, devouring all living plants as they go. An entire year's harvest is in danger of being annihilated.

But what is a desert locust and why do we hear about them only occasionally? The desert locust (*Schistocerca gregaria*) is a type of large grasshopper that is always present, in small numbers at least, in semi-arid areas across much of Africa, the Middle East and south western Asia. In normal years, i.e. years where there is minimal rainfall in these regions, locust populations are sparse and give little cause for concern. However, in times of high rainfall, natural food sources increase, female locusts are able to lay more eggs and numbers inevitably increase. A

female can lay in excess of 150 eggs at any one time, eggs hatch after two weeks and so numbers can increase quite dramatically. As numbers increase, competition for food increases and they begin to gather together, first of all in bands of flightless, immature nymphs called “hoppers” and later, as the nymphs develop into fully grown, winged adults, into swarms.



Above: female desert locust in the process of egg laying.

The start of this current crisis goes back to late 2018, when heavy rainfall in the Empty Quarter of the Arabian Peninsula created favourable breeding conditions, but as the Empty Quarter is exactly that, empty, they went unnoticed and also uncontrolled. Three generations of locust went undetected until early 2019 when the first swarms began to arrive in Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Due to insecurity in the region, especially in Yemen, only limited control measures could be applied. Further favourable breeding conditions during 2019 resulted in a massive increase in numbers and swarms crossed the Red Sea to arrive in Somalia and Ethiopia. Here again, conditions allowed numbers to increase and swarms have spread west and south across much of Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea and northern Kenya. The latest reports from FAO (the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation) suggest that they may have also reached northern Tanzania and Eastern Uganda.

Swarms of flying locusts can be comprised of tens of millions of individuals, enough to cover several square miles of ground. They can be dense enough to block out the daylight. Fortunately, I have never witnessed the damage that such a swarm can do, but I have seen damage inflicted on a much smaller scale by a smaller relative of the locust, the grasshopper, and this was disturbing enough. Nothing was left of the crop of millet where they were feeding, the growing crop was just disappearing in front of my eyes. To imagine that happening on a much bigger scale, over thousands of hectares of land at a time, is frightening.

Why are they so difficult to control? As suggested above, if their initial breeding grounds can be located, then controlling numbers is feasible. The only means available is by using a chemical insecticide which for obvious reasons can only be applied before the creatures reach any populated areas. The most effective way of applying the insecticide is by aerial spraying which means that planes,

pilots and supplies of spray have to be on permanent standby in order to deliver an early response, before the swarms get completely out of control. There also needs to be an effective monitoring and reporting system in place as well, as the swarms move so quickly that locating them can be difficult.

The countries that are affected by this current plague are ones that are barely self sufficient in terms of food production, even in a good year. While the FAO and local government departments are doing all they can to implement measures to control the locust spread, as is often the case, insufficient resources are available. The FAO has appealed to its donors for a further approx. £60 million*, a miniscule amount in terms of global budgets but will it get it and will it get it in time? The next planting season across much of the region is due to start in March – it will be pointless for farmers even to buy seed unless this cataclysm can be brought under control first.

(* next year's UK population census is going to cost us taxpayers around £900 million. Make your own judgement about where money can best be spent!)

Rob Rees

In the Garden

A pouring wet day in Clungunford and I've been sitting indoors sheltering from the rain torrenting down outside and wondering if Monty Don ever took his own advice a few years ago that, as the British climate was growing noticeably drier, we should all start growing drought resistant plants in our gardens. Plants which would stand up better to the shortage of rain we would experience as a result. If he did take his own advice, and I suspect he didn't, I wonder how the plants he put in have fared since.

Last year it was the unfortunately named – for me at least – storm Brian hitting our shores. Though most the damage that it did seemed to be on the other side of the country. This weekend it was Storm Dennis doing its worst. Unleashing what experts referred to as a month's rain in twenty four hours. Though who decides what constitutes a month's worth of rain, when that monthly mean must keep going up with every downpour we get, I don't know.

Certainly not conducive to growing any plants in our gardens which enjoy dry conditions rather than wet ones. More a case of growing pond plants outside the pond I would have said.

With that in mind, in the garden, why not look out for *Caltha palustris*, the King Cup or Marsh Marigold, a deciduous perennial marginal water plant, with rounded leaves and clusters of bright yellow flowers in spring. The one in my garden certainly seemed to be enjoying the present conditions as much as the frogs were.

Brian Taylor

The 100 Club

Winners for January:

1. (£60) David Wilkinson
2. (£30) Linda Allsop
3. (£15) Sophie Cook for Cyrus

Winners for February:

1. (£60) Maureen Rooney
2. (£30) Ann Hunt
3. (£15) Ennis Brown

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).

Flicks in the Sticks at Clungunford Parish Hall

Friday 13th March 2020 at 8pm

Judy (cert 12a)

A glittering showcase for Renée Zellweger's incredible performance as the legendary Judy Garland who arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sell-out shows. Her wit and warmth shine through as she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians and reminisces with friends and adoring fans. Even her dreams of love seem undimmed as she embarks on a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans, her future fifth husband. Featuring some of Judy's best-known songs, the film celebrates the voice, the capacity for love, and the sheer pizzazz of the world's greatest entertainer".

Starring: Renée Zellweger, Jessie Buckley, Finn Wittrock

Director: Rupert Goold Musical Drama

Friday 17th April 2020 at 8pm

Mrs Lowry & Son (cert PG)

Lowry (Spall), not yet established as an artist, works as a rent collector, walking the streets of Salford, mixing with factory workers and observing the town closely. In the evenings, he takes art classes and paints until the early hours of the morning. He is resolutely loyal and well mannered towards his bitter mother, Elizabeth (Redgrave), who tries to dissuade her bachelor son from pursuing his artistic ambitions and never misses a chance to tell him what a disappointment he is to her.

Starring: Timothy Spall, Vanessa Redgrave, Wendy Morgan

Director: Adrian Noble Drama

Entrance £4.00 Adults £2.00 Children

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

Tel: 01588 660781 (Maureen)

(maureenrooney2012@gmail.com) or Keith 01588

660159 for enquiries and reservations

We now show all our films with subtitles

Bar nights

These are proving very popular – if you have not been down already to mix with the crowd, make a point of so doing – you will not be disappointed. Village pub atmosphere at its best!!! See below for forthcoming Bar Nights.



Which winter

The winter rains really got underway in mid December, with 18mm recorded at Hopton Heath on the 19th and 39mm on Christmas Eve and the rain hardly stopped until 19th February. The total from the two month period 16th December to 15th February was 533mm, which is half the usual **annual** total for this area. The floods were not so bad here as in Somerset or the Thames valley (or western Ireland that we didn't hear much about), nor were the high winds as bad as Devon and Cornwall, but the River Clun has created what looks like almost permanent lakes in Clungunford and near Broadward bridge. The sequence of very intense depressions was exceptional and was linked to very a warm Atlantic Ocean.

No that does not sound quite right for this year. It is the beginning of my weather report for 2013-14. This year was rather similar although the total for mid-December to mid-February has been 289mm, lower than 2013-14 mainly because January was not exceptionally wet. I recorded 135mm for December 2019, 81mm for January 2020 and 156mm for February 2020 up to the 21st. Storm Brendan did produce a wind storm on 14-15 January and I recorded a total of 26mm for the two days. We did not have named storms in 2013-14 but we have had two spectacular ones this year, namely Storm Ciara on 9-10 February and Storm Dennis on 15-17 February. I recorded 27mm for Storm Ciara over two days and 83mm from Storm Dennis over the three-day period 15-17 February.

While flooding from Storm Ciara was mostly in the Pennines, Storm Dennis caused the Rivers Clun, Teme, Wye and Severn to burst their banks in Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, with flooding particularly bad in Hereford, Worcester, Shrewsbury and Ludlow.

Following on from the very wet autumn, the winter rains have caused many fields to be flooded, ruining autumn-sown crops and making some land unsuitable for animals. Many of the road surfaces are breaking up making driving hazardous, especially in the no-man's land that seems to be the border between Shropshire and Herefordshire near Leintwardine. In my report for March and April 2014, I commented on the mild, sometimes warm weather and only average rainfall. We might welcome similar conditions this year! *Mike Tucker* 21 February 2020

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 2020. 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 1 March		No Service at St Cuthbert's
Friday 6 March	2.30pm	World Day of Prayer in Llanfair Church
Sunday 8 March	10am	Family Service
Sunday 15 March	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22 March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion (Led by Rev Annie Ballard)
Sunday 5 April		Palm Sunday No Service at St Cuthbert's
Sunday 12 April	10.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion (Led by Rev Canon John Greaves)
Sunday 19 April	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 April	11.00am	Holy Communion (Led by Rev Annie Ballard)

Tuesday 18th February – God's Acre

On Tuesday 18th February a group from Caring for Gods Acre were due to come to the churchyard for a last winter clean up and to put up six swift nesting boxes. Due to inclement weather the work party was put on hold and only the intrepid CFGA leader Alex and Rosemary and Peter Johnson, two of our local bell ringers, came along. With Peter leading the way up the very steep ladders the swift boxes, made by one of the CFGA volunteers, were installed under the louvres in the top of the tower. The netting was pulled down around the boxes to stop other unwanted avian visitors such as crows and feral pigeons gaining access to the tower. Let's hope the swifts use the

boxes and even relocate from the church porch! Thank you to Alex, Rosemary and Peter.

Gods Acre will be back with us on the 24th March to work in our Churchyard.

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 10th March at 7pm – Bible Course

The next Bible Study meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March at Mike and Isa's house starting at 7pm. This will be the third in the York Bible Course entitled 'Faith, Hope and Love'. All are welcome.

Benefice Lent Reflections

There will be three Lent Reflections sessions across the Benefice this year. The first will be at Hopton Castle (Park Cottage) on the 4th March entitled *Prayer works. How?*, followed by one here in Clungunford (Abcott Manor) on the 25th March entitled *Hearing God's Voice. Prayer and Lectio Divina*, and last on the 1st April in Bucknell (High House) entitled *Prayer and Reaching Out*. Each of the sessions starts at 7.30pm. If you would like more details, please contact either Mike or Eddie. All are welcome.

St Cuthbert's Annual General Meeting with Cheese and Wine – 24th March

The AGM this year will be on the 24th March at 7.45 in the Church. This is both a requirement that we have by law but also an opportunity to say 'thank you' to those who contribute to the running of the Church. This includes those involved with the running of services, those who decorate the Church with flowers throughout the year, the bell ringers who welcome people to services and those who help with the everyday practicalities that the Church requires. The AGM is typically a short meeting and followed by 'cheese and wine' and a social gathering. All are very welcome.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 29th March

As with last year this year's APCM will be a joint meeting with all of the Churches in the Benefice. The venue is Bedstone College and will be held on the 29th March. There will be a short service at 10.30 before breaking out into parish groups to carry out the business required at an APCM. All are invited to the service and to the meeting.

The World Day of Prayer Service, this year, will be held at St Mary's Church, Llanfair Waterdine on Friday 6th March at 2.30pm.

Each year the service is written by a different country. This year it has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe who call us to "Rise! Take your mat and walk". We are encouraged to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future and invite us to support them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

Easter Lilies

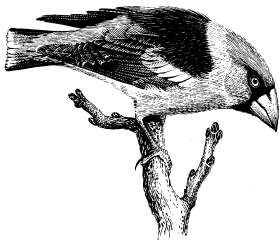
If you wish to contribute and order Lilies for Easter Day in remembrance of loved ones, please will you contact either Isabel Jones (01588 661145) or Elizabeth Lyster (01588 660152) by Friday 27th March.

Mothering Sunday Service, St Cuthbert's, 22nd March at 11.00am

There will be a Holy Communion Service at St Cuthbert's to celebrate Mothering Sunday lead by the Rev Annie Ballard. There will be posies and refreshments, everyone welcome, of course, especially our lovely Mums.

God's Acre

Year of the Burial Ground 2020



At this time of year burial grounds can seem barren and empty at first glance. However, if you wrap up warm enough and spend a peaceful half an hour sitting, you may see a variety of winter visitors such as fieldfares

and redwings. Both are types of thrush which migrate from colder climes. In addition, look out for song thrushes, mistle thrushes and blackbirds which also descend on yew trees to eat the berries.

Churchyards have acted as sanctuaries for yew trees over thousands of years. The most significant collection of old trees in Europe is to be found in the churchyards of England and Wales, where approximately 800 yews with an age above 500 years have been recorded. Churchyards are sometimes referred to as the 'Noah's Ark' for yews. If you are wanting to find out how to look after your yew, we have an information sheet 'Yews and Other Veteran Trees' which is on our website, along with an informative short video by yew tree specialist Russel Ball.

If you do record any bird species – common or rare – we would love to hear from you. Your records could then go on our Beautiful Burial Ground map.

All the best

Andrea

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Ride and Stride update

I know that it was a long time ago now but I hope you can remember that last September, before the grey clouds and rain settled in for the Winter, we did the annual Ride and Stride event. As usual it was a great success and we fortunately raised nearly £1,820. Although this was not the highest that we have raised it was still in

the top 5 in the whole of the UK and the Benefice that we are part of (that's a group of churches supporting a vicar) did raise more than any other benefice in the UK, so that's very encouraging. My thanks to everybody that participated in the fundraising and I will be sharing plans for 2020 in the next *Gunnas Gazette*.

Craven Arms Men's Chorussupporting local charities.

New members always welcome.

Enjoy singing?

Join in one of our Monday evening rehearsals -

see if you like it

All ages welcome; no previous experience needed

Call Martin on 01694 722500, or
Neil on 07796 958750

Available for all sorts of social or fundraising events.

The Marches Choir

On Saturday 4th April, The Marches Choir, conducted by Alistair Auld, will present Haydn's Creation. The singers in the 70-strong chorus will be joined by 20 others from Cardigan in West Wales, a full Orchestra and three professional soloists - Caroline Clarke (Soprano), Matthew Sandy (Tenor) and Nicholas Morris (Baritone). It's hard to imagine a choral work more life-affirming than Haydn's Creation - a vision of the universe that embraces both earthworms and angels, with music that is uplifting throughout. Undoubtedly the most famous chorus from the work is The Heavens Are Telling, a much loved setting of Psalm 19, but the whole work is full of wonderful choruses, duets, trios and solos, presented in a seamless outpouring of musical inspiration. The concert will also feature Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus from the Mount of Olives, an arresting and exciting tribute to Handel's chorus of the same name - the piece will celebrate the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth, which falls in 2020. The venue is St John's Church, Bishops Castle, SY7 8AZ at 7.30pm. Tickets (£12, children and students free) are available by calling 01588 650448 or online via www.ticketsource.co.uk, and can also be purchased from choir members or on the night.

Coffee Morning on behalf of LAMB Health

Saturday 18th April from 10.00am until 1.00 pm

at

St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford



**Please join us for our coffee morning
and support LAMB Health**

- Please bring your change for a line of coins! Every penny helps!
- Can you guess the weight of the cake?
- Contributions of cakes for consumption or sale will be most welcome



Please come and help with our Church
'Spring clean up' on

Thursday 23rd April

from

9.30 to 4.00

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

**St Cuthbert's, Clungunford
Church 'Spring Clean Up'**



Present :

THE HARD WAY



"Life to me has been a great adventure" Hannah Mitchell

Live Theatre at our Clungunford Village Hall

Friday the 24th April at 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 Adults £6 Children

Tel 01588 660129 to book.

The story of Hannah Mitchell, self-taught, self-made woman, campaigner, speaker, writer, suffragette, Councillor and magistrate.

A one-woman show of Storytelling and Song by Musician and Composer Louise Jordan celebrating Hannah's determination to take power in the face of insurmountable barriers

Come join us for a great evening of live song music and theatre.

<https://louisejordan.co.uk/> "The diligence of a scholar and the heart of an artist"

We Need to Talk About Books - in Craven Arms!

On March 10th (and on every second Tuesday of the month except August) we meet in the library café from 10.30am - 12pm and talk about books we have enjoyed recently. It's a small, friendly group and we'd love to see you if you can come along. We talk about all sorts of books, not just fiction, so whether it's poetry or biography or history or anything else you might have read, if you'd like to tell us about it, just turn up. £5 to include home-made biscuits, coffee/tea from the café. Contact Anna Dreda on 01588 660154 or annadreda@icloud.com

The Nuts and Bolts of Poetry - in Clungunford

I don't want to know how to write poetry, but I do always want to know more about how to read it, so I asked Laureate's Choice poet Thirza Clout, better known in the village as Liz Roberts, if she would share some of her knowledge with us, and the result is a new, one-off event.

We will meet in Clungunford, on Wednesday 25th March from 10.30am - 12.30pm, £10 to include coffee and home-made biscuits. We will be a small, informal group, and Thirza will, with her trademark humour, help us to make sense of iambs, feet and metres - and other stuff that might ordinarily make us groan! The group will be limited to ten places, so booking is essential. Contact Anna on 01588 660154 or annadreda@icloud.com for details or to book.

Clungunford Village Hall

Table Tennis

Thursdays, 2.00 to 4.00

£3 per session

Including tea and biscuits

Play for fun or coaching available

Contact David on:

660847

or just turn up!



Clungunford Village Hall Bike Meet



Clungunford is on the B4367 and
is a terrific ride whichever way
you come at it!
(SY7 DPP if you wish to satnav it)

Our village hall has ample parking
and drinks (bar) or tea and coffee
are available along with bacon
rolls.

Come and join us from 7.00pm
onwards

Contacts:

David Wilkinson - 07834 516129

David Cole - 07885 818095

7.00pm, 2nd Monday of the month



Exciting news!!

Clungunford has a takeaway! Or a restaurant/bar?

Depends how you want to use it!

We've partnered with Shropshire Hills Catering to provide a takeaway/eat in meal on a Friday evening on "Bar Nights" from 7.00 pm, from our kitchen in the village hall. Just think – it's Friday evening, end of a tiring week, who really wants to cook? Let Matt do it for you! If response is good, and there seems to be enough in favour, we could extend this to EVERY Friday! We'll see how it goes.....

I strongly recommend you take a peep at his website gallery

["ShropshireHillsCatering.co.uk/gallery"](http://ShropshireHillsCatering.co.uk/gallery)

Guaranteed to stir up an appetite!

The first meal was available on Friday, the 28th February and consisted of:

**Beef Casserole with Herby Dumplings
& Crusty Bread with vegan and dietary intolerances also catered for!**

Price for this very well received delight was **£7** per portion, **£20** for a family deal for four servings for this offering.

Meals and prices will vary, any suggestions for future menu offerings?

A word about "Bar Night" for those who don't know. About once fortnight I hassle people by email (very silly ones, usually. Do you like kittens?!?) and ask them along to a village get-together in the bar. It's just an excuse to meet up and get to know new people – very informal. If you would like to be included on the email list please email me on: d_wilkinson@btinternet.com so I can add you to the list. The next scheduled bar nights are: **20th March and 3rd April.** Hope to see you there! - David



Review: Dick Titterstone and the Mayor of ClunFUNford
10th a/11th January 2020, Clungunford Village Hall

In a brief intermission from the dire weather, two sold-out performances of “Dick Titterstone and the Mayor of ClunFUNford” (bravely penned by Judith Trustman) transported audiences from “a leafy lane somewhere in Shropshire” to “the court of the Sultan and Sultana of Morocco”: There was a young hero – Dick Titterstone (Debbie Vivers) – finding his way in the world of fortune and love (Alice Fitzwarren played by Sarah Marie Bailey) with his lazy cat, Tommy (an exceptionally feline Paula Tucker); merry dance of battle between King Rat (a magnificent Edward Gledhill) and aforementioned cat; some high speed action in the kitchen with everyone’s favourite cook, Madelene Wilkinson; and an excellent Simon Lyster holding court...in his court (as Sultana, of course, pictured above in full flow!). All in all, an evening that certainly injected some fun into ClunFUNford and was much loved by all who attended.

Circle Dancing in Clungunford

Our circle dance group continues to thrive - dates for the coming month are March 6th, 13th and 20th in the village hall from 10.30am - 12pm. All are welcome and every dance is carefully taught, so come along even if you’ve never danced before! £7 per session.

On 21st March, we will be dancing to welcome in the spring and the coming of the light (don’t we need it!) with lovely dances, and poems to match the mood. The cost for this day is £25, from 10.30am - 4.30pm, please bring food to share for lunch, drinks and biscuits provided, and yes, we’re in the village hall.

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