



THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

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CLUNGUNFORD VILLAGE HALL SUMMER PARTY 17TH JULY 2021

It is with much regret that this event has been

CANCELLED

Following the Government's "pause" in releasing all Covid restrictions on the 21st June, it has proved impossible to host this event safely and happily while the restrictions remain.

The Village Hall and Green trustees looked at all possible ways to re-schedule for later in the summer but due to the popularity of the catering (The Beefy Boys) and band (Red Madog) there are no other suitable dates available.

But do not despair...we have already rescheduled the party next year and will make it even bigger and better.

In the meantime, other events will be recommencing at the Village Hall so look out for them in the Gunnas Gazette, on Clungunford.com or the notice boards around the village.

Keep safe
The Village Hall and Green Trustees.



Nursing Notes

Before undertaking nursing as a career there are a few things one should be prepared for;

If you don't have a sick sense of humour already, you will develop one quickly - You will joke about anything and everything you've seen.

Anyone else who heard your conversations with your fellow workers would probably think you are a terrible person, but it's really a helpful coping mechanism.

You need one to be able to go on with your day and help all your patients even when you are so stressed.

Your body will hurt, your body will age quickly. Standing & walking all day, holding your bladder, lifting patients who weigh more than 17stones : these are just some of the physical feats you'll do daily.

Many nurses develop back problems, so learn to use your body mechanics properly and buy a good heat pad. Cross-fit has nothing on you!

A nursing school entrance exam asked students to rearrange the letters "P N E I S" to form the name of an important part of the human body that is most useful when erect. Those who answered "spine" were admitted.

I was once asked how much I made as a nurse.
I said, I can make holding your hand seem like the most important thing in the world when you are scared.
I can make your child breathe when they stop.
I can help your father survive a heart attack.
I can make myself get up at 5am to make sure your mother has the medicine she needs to live.
I work all day to save the lives of strangers.
I make my family wait for their meals until I know your family member is taken care of.
I make myself skip lunch so that I can make sure everything I did for your wife is recorded.
I make myself work weekends & holidays because people don't get ill just Monday - Friday
Today I might save your life.
How much do I make, you ask?
All I know is - I make a difference.

Sister B

PS.

A hopeless romantic - that feeling when you meet someone and your heart skips a beat. My response - Yeah, that's arrhythmia, and you can die from that!

Parish Church News

Should you need more information about services, events etc, please contact our Church Wardens, Michael Jones (tel: 01588 661145, email: mpjt51@hotmail.com) or Edward Gledhill (tel: 01588 660485, email: edward@aegledhill.co.uk).

The planned Services for St Cuthbert's Church Clungunford in the Middle Marches Benefice for July and August 2021 are as follows:

Sunday 11 th July	10.00 am	Family Service
Sunday 18 th July	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 th July	10.00 am *** please note change in service time	Holy Communion with Revd Neil Patterson
Sunday 8 th August	10.00 am	Family Service
Sunday 15 th August	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22 nd August	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Services are now back in the Church. We are fortunate in that the building allows us to respect the two metre guidelines and, with the services projected onto the wall, we have been able to dispense with service sheets. Hand sanitizer is provided and please remember to bring your face covering if you are attending the services – everyone is very welcome.

We appreciate the support being offered by the Revd Stephanie in her role as Rural Dean with providing a priest to celebrate Communion with us on the fourth Sunday of the month. It is hoped that we will be able to continue our rota for services with two lay led services on the second and third Sunday of the month, and Communion on the fourth Sunday

The Archdeacon of Ludlow

We were very pleased to welcome the Venerable Fiona Gibson to St Cuthbert's Church on Sunday the Sunday the 27th June. The Archdeacon has recently being appointed to the post and has been visiting all the churches under her care which includes Clungunford. The Ven Fiona conducted and preached the June Communion Service. We wish her every success in her new role. She has moved to Craven Arms with her family.

St Cuthbert's Café

We are hoping to start a St Cuthbert's Café which will be run on the second and forth Thursday morning of the month. The café will start at 10.00 am and run through

until 12.00 and will have tea, coffee, biscuits and cake available. The intent of the café is to provide a meeting opportunity. Everyone is welcome. You may know that the Post Office van is in the Village car park from 12.00 until 1.00 on Thursday so an opportunity to make the most of the Post Office service whilst enjoying tea and cake!

Rob Rees and Sara Giffen have kindly agreed to organise the café and it is hoped that others will help by providing help on the day and baking cakes! If you would like to help, please contact Rob or Sara.

The first café was planned for the 7th July but the latest Covid restrictions are such that it will make running the café on this day difficult. So, the first café is planned for the 22nd July assuming that the Government announcements on the 19th July allow us to do so.

The venue will either be the Church or the Village Hall. Please come and support this initiative, enjoy the tea and cake, and most importantly the company of good friends!

Singing Workshop

We are very pleased to welcome Robert Bunting who will be running a Singing Workshop on Sunday 27th July. Robert is a good friend to the Village and his Singing Workshop has been a regular event over a number of years and looked forward to by many. This year the number of singers is limited to 50 due to Covid reasons.

Clun Valley Music 2021

Clun Valley Music will have a new venue for one of the concert's in 2021. We are very pleased that Richard Tunnicliffe will be using St Cuthbert's Church for a concert on Friday 3rd September starting at 7.30pm. This is their second Chamber Music Festival.

The concert features the Ruisi Quartet who will be playing pieces by Purcell, Stravinski. Haydn and Beethoven. The Ruisi are an award-winning young British String Quartet who are building a great reputation. More information on the quartet can be found on their website; <http://www.ruisiquartet.com/> Further information on the Clun Valley Music 2021 can be found at; <http://www.clunvalleymusic.co.uk/> Please come and join us for what will be a very enjoyable evening.

The Slow Ladies

I will be in touch with you all via email when I have sorted out two dates. Pauline Mattison (01588 660596)

The 100 Club

Winners for May:

1. (£60) Sally Price
2. (£30) Paula Williamson
3. (£15) Robin Bywater

Winners for June:

1. (£60) Neville Rollason
2. (£30) Sophie Cook for Cressida
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).

The Gunnas Gazette by email

We are making genuine progress in reducing the number of printed copies of *The Gazette* delivered.

However, there is still more that can be achieved, so if you can receive your Gazette by email, please sign up to do so by sending an email to guunagazette@aol.com.

Just remember, you will be able to read the *The Gazette* in colour by signing up for the digital edition.

Postcard from Africa

Africa is such a huge continent, and roads and railways so poorly developed that the only realistic way to move around is by plane. All across the heart of Africa airstrips and more formal runways have been carved out of the landscape. In some countries, access to the remotest locations has become possible, reducing gruelling overland treks lasting for days, to journeys of a few hours. Numerous airlines and charter companies have been set up to meet the ever-growing demand. Some operate as charities – the Flying Doctors Service of East Africa (renamed as the Africa Medical and Research Foundation) became world-famous for its life-saving missions in remote places in what used to be referred to as “the bush”. Others operate on a purely commercial basis while international institutions such as the UN have their own fleets of planes and helicopters.

In areas where there is conflict, planes are particularly important for moving both personnel and supplies around, to ensure that they reach their intended destination. Flying in such areas is not always a certainty, however, and arrangements do not always work out as intended. Some years ago, when visiting South Sudan, I needed to go to the town of Wau, which had been cut off from the rest of the country for many months by the ongoing civil war. The only drawback was that there was only one small charter company that was willing and able to fly there – and that was because the pilot, a maverick Dutchman who had lived in Sudan for many years and had married a woman from Wau, wanted to go there to visit his family. Bookings were made for my two Sudanese colleagues and myself for our flight there and, we thought, for our return flight, in a few days' time.

Our journey there was uneventful – and travelling across Africa in a small plane is quite an experience. To see the horizon shimmering in the far distance, small clusters of houses apparently in the middle of nowhere and tracks disappearing into the distance - coming from where and going where? - is a very sobering experience. When we landed at Wau, we were struck by the throng of people who met the plane, many overloaded with baggage and far more than the small plane could carry. As soon as Ed, the pilot, emerged from the cockpit, people started pleading with him to be allowed to board. We set off into the town for our meetings, confident that this would not be the situation when it was our turn to leave, as we had “reservations”! How wrong we were – when our day of departure arrived and we headed out to the airstrip, the crowd waiting for the plane was just as large and noisy as the day we arrived. We found out then that a “reservation” meant nothing – Ed allowed only those people he wanted to onto the plane. The fact that we had reservations for that day meant nothing at all – other potential travellers also had reservations, some for several days before.

With today's technology, finding yourself in such a situation would not be too much of a problem. Mobile phones often have global coverage or messages can be relayed by internet, but 30 years ago we didn't have any such luxuries. We were stuck in Wau and no means to let anyone know what the problem was or even that we were all safe. One of my colleagues was particularly anxious about getting back in touch with her family. Even if we had been able to get a message out, we wouldn't have been able to say when we would leave.

There then followed 3 or 4 days of daily trips to the airport, whenever we heard the plane arriving, and the daily ritual of Ed literally pushing people off the steps of the plane to be able to close the door. When we eventually did get away, on about day 5, we were grossly overloaded with an extra passenger sitting on Ed's pilot's case beside his seat. As the plane bounced over the rough strip, I could only wonder if it was actually going to take off at all or if we were going to end up decorating the trees at the end of the runway. At the last moment, we felt the plane leave the ground and I was never quite

sure if we actually brushed the trees as we flew over them or if I just imagined it. After we were safely airborne, Ed turned around to his passengers and with a huge toothy grin said, “I sometimes don't know how we manage it!”. I was glad that he hadn't said that to us before we took off!

Ed did a wonderful job of keeping an essential supply line open to Wau during those years of war. Tragically, he too became a victim, when his plane was shot down a couple of years later. Some pilots fly in Africa because they simply want to make money, others because they are responding to humanitarian crises and want to provide a service. Either way, huge risks are involved. Ed was by no means a wealthy man, and he ended up paying the ultimate price. *Rob Rees*

New Post Office service in Clungunford



Don't forget that every Thursday there is a weekly mobile post office visiting the Village Hall car park in Clungunford between 12-13.00.

The mobile service provides the usual Post Office products such as a full postal service, including parcel returns and guaranteed next day service, cashing pensions, free cash withdrawals along with other banking services for most major banks, bill payments and pre-order foreign currency. The parcel return service is particularly useful with the increase in on-line shopping. Most suppliers allow up to 28 days plus for returns so it is very convenient to pop up to the Hall on a Thursday rather than queuing in Craven Arms or Ludlow.

Please try the service as it is on a 3-6 month trial and if it is not used then it may be withdrawn, if you have any questions or comments then please let me know.

Simon Lyster

On behalf of The Village Hall and Green Trustees.

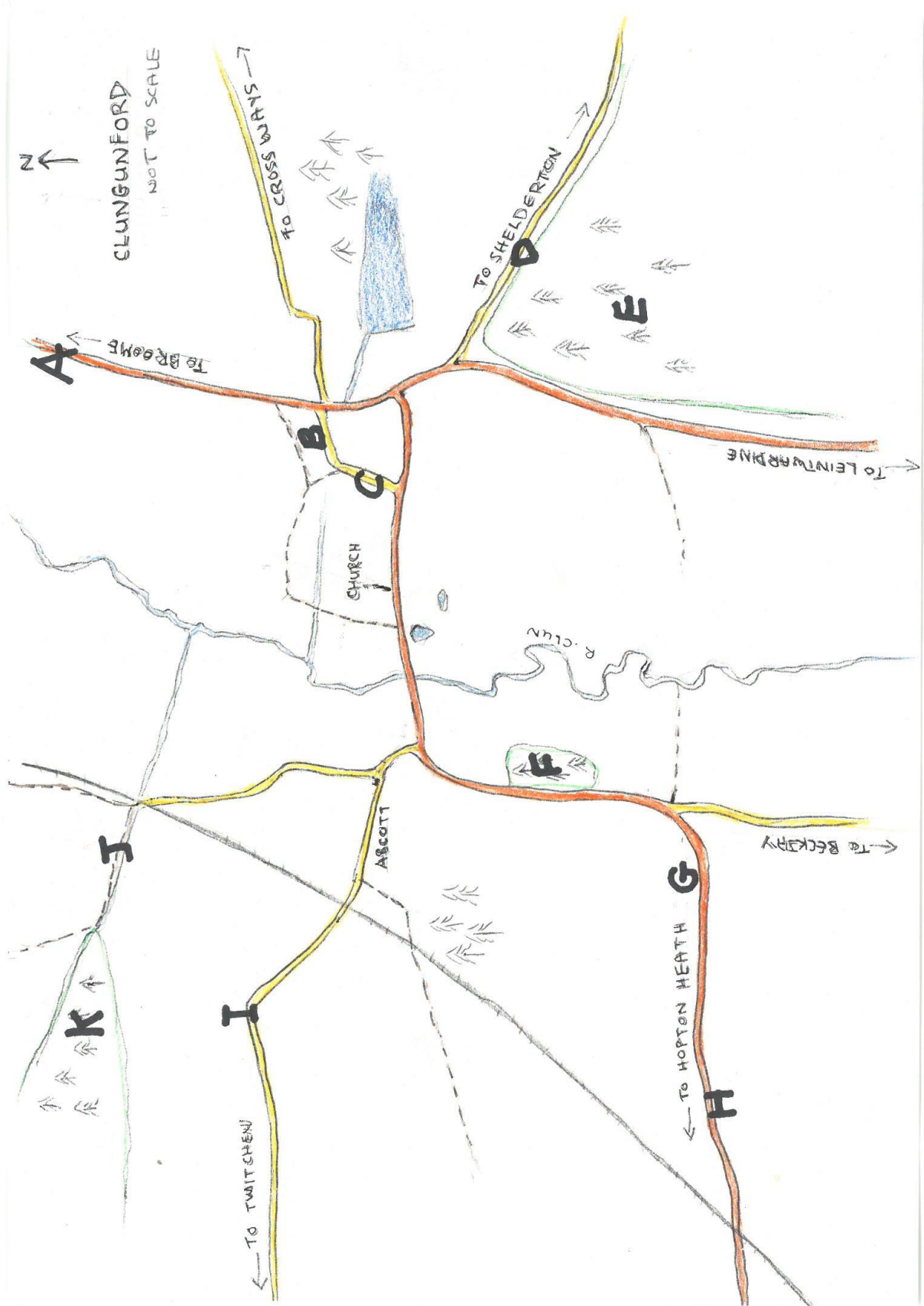
A puzzle for you to solve.....

How well did you know your village? Anthea Bason posed the question to readers of the last edition of *The Gunnas Gazette*.

On the facing page there is once more the map drawn by Anthea, bearing the letters A to K.

Each of the letters on the map represents one of the place names below. Did you match up the letters with the place name? How many did you get right?

Titchbrook is letter	G
Back Lane is letter	C
Barbara's Wood is letter	E
Cobbler's Corner is letter	I
Five Oaks Bank is letter	H
Dean's Hollow is letter	A
Mucky Lane is letter	J
The Plock is letter	B
Withy Beds is letter	F
Pogle's Wood is letter	K
Quarry Bank/Spout Bank is letter	D



The Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 26 May. It was the first meeting of the newly elected Council, and I had the honour of being re-elected as chairman with Mike Tucker as vice-chairman. A light agenda was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

No members of the public attended the meeting, which is a sign of the Covid-times we live in and also because there are, mercifully, no burning issues affecting the village at present.

Nevertheless, and largely for the benefit of future generations who may take an interest in the minutes, as I was talking only to my fellow Parish Councillors and our unitary authority councillor, I was very pleased to express my grateful thanks for the good work put in by fellow councillors over the year, and particularly for the diligence of our clerk, Max. I was also pleased to note that other organisations in the village appeared to be in good hands – the village hall, the church, the Charities. Special thanks were expressed to all those in the village – quite a large number - who have helped others over the Covid crisis. I also thanked Nigel Hartin, our recently re-elected member on Shropshire Council, for his continuing efforts on our behalf. As a community we are grateful to those who put in so much time in making Clungunford tick. Many another village is not so well placed.

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, and amid expressions of interest we hope to co-opt at the next meeting. This will restore my proud boast that we are among the few parish councils locally that are fully manned.

Our next meeting is on 14 July 2021 at 7pm. This meeting will be held live in the Hall. Interested members of the public, as ever, are welcome to attend. Parish matters before (or after) the meeting may be raised either with me or with our clerk, Max Maxwell, via our email address: clungunfordparishcouncil@gmail.com Jonathan Roberts, Chairman (01588 660673: jonathan.roberts@morgoedestates.com). *Jonathan Roberts*

St Cuthbert's Café

Opening soon!

Your Parish Church is going to be organising coffee mornings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month, from 10.00am – 12.00noon.

Do come along for a cuppa and a chat with friends and, if you are lucky, a piece of cake.

We plan to open the café on July 22nd, subject to Covid 19 restrictions being lifted.

Venue: to be confirmed, either the Village Hall or St Cuthbert's. Notices will be posted in both locations when a final decision has been made.

Ride and Stride 11th September 2021

I am delighted to inform you that this year's Ride and Stride WILL be going ahead!

For those of you that don't know the Ride and Stride event is an annual event organised by the Shropshire Historic Churches trust <https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx>

The idea is that groups of people will on September 11th 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 architectural buildings, meet other groups and raise some sponsorship money. The money is then split 50/50 between the church that raises it and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

As you visit each church then you will spend a little bit of time soaking in the atmosphere and enjoying any hospitality laid on by locals. We are very lucky that the team at St Cuthbert's 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, tractors and some have even ridden horses.

You can also volunteer to help in St Cuthbert's on the day or make a contribution of food. If you are interested in helping in this way, then please contact Simon Lyster on the number below.

Potential striders (walkers) should contact Isa Jones on **01588 660596** or Pauline Mattison on **01588 660596**

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

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

Over the past few years, we have been the highest fund-raising group in Shropshire which for a small village we are very proud of. Come and join in and let's make it another winning year!

Clun Valley Music 2021

Beethoven 250+

Saturday 14 August 7pm.

The Rodd, Presteigne, LD8 2LL

Beethoven and the Holocaust

To coincide with the special exhibition Sidney Nolan: Colour of the Sky - Auschwitz Paintings

The Auric String Quartet:

Pavlo Beznosiuk & Andrew Roberts, violins: Sascha Bota, viola: Richard Tunnicliffe, cello

Viktor Ullmann *String Quartet No.3 (1943)*

Gideon Klein *String Trio (1944)*

Beethoven *String Quartet in A minor, Op.132*

Saturday 28 August 7.30pm.

St. George's Church, Clun SY7 8JH

Celebrity Recital by Roderick Williams, baritone with Susie Allan, piano.

Ludwig van Beethoven *To the Faraway Beloved*

John Joubert *That Time of Year*

Gerald Finzi *Let Us Garlands Bring*

and songs by Schubert, Mahler, Brahms, Vaughan-Williams

Thursday 2 Sept. 7.30pm.

St. George's Church, Clun SY7 8JH

Ruisi Quartet:

Alessandro Ruisi & Oliver Cave, violins: Luba Tunnicliffe, viola: Max Ruisi, cello

Matthew Locke *Fantasia from Suite No.3 in F Major, Curtain Tune from The Tempest*

Caroline Shaw *Entr'acte*

Haydn *String Quartet Op.20 No.5*

Beethoven *String Quartet Op.135*

Friday 3 Sept. 7.30pm.

St. Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford SY7 0PS

Ruisi Quartet:

Purcell *3 Fantasias*

Stravinsky *Three Pieces*

Haydn *String Quartet Op.33 No.3 'The Bird'*

Beethoven *String Quartet Op.59 No.1 'Razumovsky'*

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Sunday 4th July	Sarah McMahon Richard Tunncliffe cellos
Sunday 25th July	Stephen Miles tenor Mary Porter piano (fundraiser for Caitlin's Kickstart Fund)
Sunday 1st August	Oliver Wass harp Henry Roberts flute
Sunday 15th August	Alessandro Ruisi violin Luba Tunncliffe viola
Sunday 22nd August	John Kirkpatrick voice concertina melodeon Richard Tunncliffe mandolin cello

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