



The Newsletter for  
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# THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

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## ***Flicks in the Sticks at Clungunford Parish Hall***

Friday 14 September 2018 at 8pm

### **Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (cert 15)**

Mildred Hayes, a hard-nosed mother, is seeking justice for her murdered daughter. With no arrests after seven months, Mildred puts up three roadside signs to goad the Ebbing police chief into action. But the law - and especially Sam Rockwell's hot-headed deputy - don't take kindly to the provocation. And the townsfolk are on their side. But Mildred doesn't care about ruffling a few feathers. In fact, she's happy to pluck the whole bird.

**Starring: Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell**

**Director: Martin McDonagh Crime/Drama**

Friday 12 October 2018 at 8pm

### **Edie (cert 12A)**

83 year old Edie believes that it is never too late – packing an old camping bag, leaving her life behind and embarking on an adventure she never got to have – climbing the imposing Mount Suilven in Scotland.

**Starring: Sheila Hancock, Kevin Guthrie, Paul Brannigan**

**Director: Simon Hunter Drama**

Entrance £4.00 Adults £2.00 Children

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

**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](mailto:mike@mikeandrewshomeopathy.co.uk) with your details.

## ***The Parish Council***

The saga of the proposed poultry units at Hopton Heath continues to rumble on, and the significant news now is that the poultry processing plant in Hereford, run by the new Cargill/Faccenda partnership called Avara, has announced that it now has more poultry than

it needs from the Herefordshire, South Shropshire and Powys District. Whether or not there is a firm arrangement in place to take poultry from any new plant at Hopton Heath, which may be doubted for a number of reasons, is really irrelevant, for the plain fact is that the announcement is an admission that there is no future sustainability, and it torpedoed the evidence that has been put forward for more than four years now, claiming there is a shortage of poultry meat. Nationally, there may be, but locally the Councils of Hereford, Shropshire and Powys have ensured that our countryside is littered with these far from invisible industrial developments to feed the Hereford plant. Indeed it now appears that they have, through total lack of collaboration between each other, overdone it.

Some of the evidence put forward by your Parish Council years ago predicted that this is what would happen – and it has. Poultry farmers must now be wondering what comes next, as companies generally do not pursue a policy of overstocking as a business model. Setting aside the generalities of poultry farming locally, the battle is not yet won, let alone the war, but this latest development is a decisive step in the right direction. This is fundamental to the whole application. I am hopeful, therefore, that the officers of Shropshire Council will now have the courage to recommend refusal. The Councillors on the Committee will, I am sure, take note.

At the time of writing we still do not know when the Committee meeting will be. As soon as we know, we will inform the circulation list and publish details on the village website.

At our last meeting we were served with notice of resignation from our long serving clerk, Brian Taylor. Brian is still in post till October.

I have no doubt that Brian's well-earned retirement will be marked more formally by the community later, but it must be recorded that he has served us faithfully over the years and done his level best to keep us in order as a council. It goes without saying that he has succeeded in his efforts through some challenging times – he has helped in fighting off poultry units (so far, so good anyway!) and pop festivals (remember The Squeazy Lemon???) matters well beyond what is normally expected of a parish clerk. He has probably made more representations to Highways about potholes than most of us have had hot dinners. Thank you, Brian, from us

all. I have no doubt your successor will be able to call upon you for any advice as necessary.

Hard act though he is to follow, discussions have been had about a new clerk, and it is expected that an announcement will be made soon. Brian will have to teach the new incumbent how to portray our village potholes in the worst light and as the most worthy of urgent attention of all in Shropshire.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 12 September at 8pm. All are welcome to attend.

Parish matters before (or after) the meeting may be raised either with me or with our clerk, Brian Taylor (01588 660653: [gunnasclerk@sky.com](mailto:gunnasclerk@sky.com)). Jonathan Roberts, Chairman (01588 660673:

[jonathan.roberts@morgoedestates.com](mailto:jonathan.roberts@morgoedestates.com))

## ***The 100 Club***

### **Winners for July:**

Special prize (£100): Linda Allsop

1. (£60) Sally Price
2. (£30) Bill Arkinstall
3. (£15) Caro Skyrme

### **Winners for August:**

1. (£60) David Roberts
2. (£30) Rob Rees
3. (£15) Susanna Rocke

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 Slow Ladies***

**September:** There will be no walk

**Friday 26 October:** The Lawley, about 5 miles. Meet in the car park at 9.30 am with picnic.

Please let me know if you wish to join us. We are always pleased to welcome new faces and feet to our walking group. *Pauline Mattison* 01588 660596

## ***In The Garden***

A cloudy day in Clungunford, and I've been cutting down the grass I allow to grow tall in summer around the fruit trees in my garden.

The rest of the grass in my garden, that which I keep relatively short, seems to have got over the period in the summer when we had high temperatures and almost no rain at all, followed by lower temperatures and sporadic rainfall.

The reason most of the grass in the garden has recovered from the drought is because most of it is one sort or another of fescue, *Festuca rubra* subsp. *rubra* which have rolled leaves and are more drought resistant than most.

The parts of my garden where bent grasses (*Agrostis tenuis*) predominate, have more dead patches still than those areas where fescues predominate, and one area of

the garden where the lawn was bent grass alone, appears to be dead.

It probably isn't. I was an up and coming parks department officer in 1976, the year of the great drought, responsible for a number of sports and ornamental grass areas which we weren't allowed to water because of the drought.

The sports pitches in particular were a mixture of fescues and bents chosen for their ability to withstand hard wear when cut very short, and because each favoured soil conditions the other didn't, so the mixture would survive better under stress. They all seemed dead when the drought finally broke, but all eventually recovered, though the bents took a lot longer than the fescues.

In the garden look out for the drought resistant *Gleditsia triacanthos* 'Honey Locust' with its attractive bright green feathery foliage, which turns clear yellow in autumn. *Brian Taylor*

## ***Postcard from Africa***

There have been two noteworthy events in Africa that have caught my attention in the past couple of months. One was the long-awaited elections in Zimbabwe to choose a successor to Robert Mugabe who had been removed from power by the Zimbabwe military last year. Prior to this had been a much more significant event in terms of peace and stability in the continent: the rapprochement between the leaders of neighbouring countries Eritrea and Ethiopia which ended more than 20 years of hostility between the two nations.

The principal contenders in the Zimbabwe elections were Ellison Mnangagwa who had been Mugabe's deputy and taken over the presidency after Mugabe's demise and Nelson Chamisa, the leader of the principal opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC). There was real optimism, both inside and outside the country, that this time round there would be real change and the old political elite would be removed. However, it seems that by fair means or foul, the dominant ZANU-PF party gained the most votes and Mr Mnangagwa will serve at least one full term as President. The MDC has launched an appeal claiming that there had been election fraud, though the international observers have said that apart from some relatively minor irregularities, the poll was reasonably free and fair. Mnangagwa doesn't have the same degree of popular respect or support that Mugabe did and until we see if he is genuinely prepared to reform a corrupt and bloated government bureaucracy, we will have to put Zimbabwe's bright new dawn on hold.

The huge improvement in relations between Ethiopia and Eritrea came completely out of the blue and can only be called a positive and long-overdue development. Eritrea had been an Italian colony since the 19th century and after the end of WWII, under a UN mandate, was ceded to Ethiopia. Emperor Haile Selassie, who had been in exile in Britain during the war

years (including some time spent here in South Shropshire) then returned as head of state of the new, united country.

Many Eritreans were very unhappy at being placed under the thumb of someone who they viewed, with some justification, as a feudal despot and so Eritrea's war of liberation began. At first it was a very low level and insignificant uprising but it gained significant momentum after Hailie Selassie's overthrow in 1973. However, the war continued for another 20 years and it was not until 1993 that Eritrea was finally granted full independence. However, a dispute over where the border between the two countries should be flared up into another major conflict in 1998 which cost the lives of tens of thousands of men and women from both sides. A truce was achieved in 2000 but the issue of the actual location of the border remained unresolved.

In April this year, Ethiopia gained a new Prime Minister, Mr Abiy Ahmed and in just a few months he seems to have proved himself to be a political whirlwind. In addition to releasing thousands of political prisoners who had been detained by his predecessors, he immediately held out a hand of friendship to the Eritrean government by resolving the border dispute with the stroke of a pen. Now, for the first time in more than 20 years, people can travel directly between the two countries, divided families can be reunited and the prospect of cross border trade becomes a reality. Perhaps not since the end of apartheid in South Africa has there been such a radical change in the political landscape of a region in such a short time. It is more than a minor tragedy that Zimbabwe has not acquired such an enlightened leader at a time when it desperately needs one, but it is very pleasing to be able to report some good news from Africa. *Rob Rees*

## ***Clungunford Parish Hall***

### **Planned Building work**

Internal renovation work is now scheduled to begin on the hall on **Monday 7th January 2019**. The current schedule lasts nine/ten weeks. The hall will also be unavailable immediately before this date as we prepare the space for the building work. However, we do expect to be able to keep the bar and family room open throughout the work.

### **Schedule**

The main hall, kitchen and east room will be unavailable from close on Thursday 3rd January

4th-6th January - Clearing furniture and other items from main hall and east room –

Phase 1 of work – main hall

- clear main hall of stage, false ceiling, ducting

- remove radiators and wall between main hall and east room and prop up roof
- dig foundations for steel uprights and ends of wall space
- install new steel uprights (fixed to new roof) and steel cross beam to support original roof and from which to hang new movable wall
- make good original ceiling in hall and fit extractor fan grill
- cover over the one remaining redundant window in east wall
- fit new loft ladder access from corridor to mezzanine housing boiler and fan
- complete refit of electrics in main hall including fitting new wall & ceiling lights, and stage light gantry
- replacement of old doors in main hall
- allow access to decorators to repaint walls, doors and vaulted ceiling in main hall
- installation of sound baffles
- installation of a new modular stage

Phase 2 of work – east room

- complete insulation fitting to east room
- install new insulation over top of original vaulted main hall
- fit electrics in east room including wall and ceiling lights
- fit new wooden flooring in east room
- fit wood panelling walls in east room to match main hall
- fit radiators in east room
- finish installation of new movable wall between main hall and east room
- decorate east room

Finally the hall and east room will have the furniture replaced and new wall decoration. The curtains from the hall will move to the windows of the east room.

A re-opening party for the village will be arranged for when the work is complete!

## ***St Cuthbert's Way ..... an idea!***



An idea has been hatched at St.Cuthberts Church to walk Cuthbert's Way in 2019.

This 60 mile or 100 km walk from Melrose in Scotland to Lindisfarne or Holy Island in Northumbria takes in some lovely scenery and walking country. I have been in

touch with Shepherds Walks about organising this for us. For around £550 per person they will supply instructions for a self guided walk taking seven days, with six nights' accommodation in small hotels or B&Bs, transfer to the start/finish point, move our luggage and generally support us. We're thinking of May/June time but we could go for September 2019 if it suits people better.

If you might be interested, have a look at their website [www.shepherdswalksholidays.co.uk](http://www.shepherdswalksholidays.co.uk).

And [www.stcuthbertsway.info](http://www.stcuthbertsway.info) is also worth a look.

I will organise an information meeting in mid September. If you think you might be interested please let me know, and we can fix a date to get together and make a plan.

Christine Flitney: phone 01588 661056 or email [christine.flitney@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.flitney@btinternet.com)

### ***Heat and Drought – But Is It Over?***

After nearly two months of heat and drought, it is difficult to remember that we had snow in early March and a changeable Spring with a wet end to May. Then June and July were exceptionally dry with no rain from 18 June to 11 July. The total rainfall that I recorded for June was 13mm and for July, 33mm, most of which fell in the last four days. August began dry until 10<sup>th</sup> when (as we set off on holiday in Wales) it began to rain. The meteorological definition of a drought is, by the way, 15 days without rain, while this year we had 24 days.

Temperatures have also been exceptionally high. The mean maximum temperature that I recorded for June was 22°C and for July, 25°C. July 2013 had similar temperatures but June 2013 was cooler. For the combination of hot and dry weather we have to go back to 2006 for a comparable period, when it was dry and hot for June and July but with milder, wetter weather in August. This year the dry, hot weather was very widespread with the terrible forest fires in Greece and, even further afield, in California. For Britain, comparisons have been made to the drought of 1976. Then it was very dry from January to August with heavy rains returning in September, so it was more extreme than this year.

It is perhaps the frequency of hot months in summer that has changed in recent years. 2016 had a very warm August and September and 2017 had a warm June and July but they were not so hot as this year and these months were fairly dry but without droughts. Although we have had hot years previously and sometimes even hotter short spells (for example, in 1983 and 1995) there does seem to be a tendency for hot summers to be more frequent.

August appears to be nearer to the average with 40mm rain up to 20<sup>th</sup> and maximum temperatures returning to the low 20s°C after a hot first week. The garden has mostly recovered from its parched condition and hopefully, most of our shrubs have survived. *Mike Tucker*

## ***Nursing Notes***

Just to make you smile:-

### **Control of Substances Hazardous to Health.**

*Dangerous Substances Safety Data Sheet: "Woman"-*

General Properties: -

Symbol: Wo

Discoverer: Adam

Atomic Mass: Accepted at 54kg, but may vary from 40kg to 200kg

Natural Occurrence: Copious quantities, especially in all urban areas.

Physical Properties:-

Surface usually covered with painted film.

Boils at various temperatures.

Freezes without any known reason.

Melts if given special treatment.

Bitter if incorrectly used.

Found in various stages ranging from virgin metal to common ore.

Yields to pressure applied to correct points.

Chemical Properties:-

Have a great affinity to gold, silver, and a range of precious stones.

Absorbs great quantities of expensive substances.

May explode spontaneously without prior warning and for no known reason.

Insoluble in liquids, but saturation in alcohol greatly increases activity.

Most powerful money reducing agent known to man.

Common Uses:-

Highly ornamental, especially in a sports car.

Can be a great aid to relaxation.

Very effective cleaning agent.

Tests:-

Pure specimen turns rosy pink when found in natural state.

Turns green when placed beside a better specimen.

Potential Hazards:-

Highly dangerous except in experienced hands.

Illegal to possess more than one, although several can be maintained at different locations, as long as specimens do not come into direct contact with each other.

*Sister B.*

PS.

Be careful about reading health books, you may die of a misprint. Now with the Internet, people can self-diagnose more health ailments than ever. Google may make house calls, but real nurses and doctors are still the best source for accurate information.

## Clungunford Players

Back in March, when we put on our production of *Don't Get Your Vicars in a Twist* in the Village Hall, people were asking what we were going to do with any profits from the production, and I said when we had all the bills in we would know and let *them* know.

The final bill has now arrived and been paid and I can reveal that rather than any profit, we actually made a loss of £24.58p.

As ever, thanks to all those people who donated time or materials free of charge, or the loss would have been greater. *Brian Taylor* Treasurer Clungunford Players

## From The Vicarage

Hello again everybody!

What a summer! Who needs the Costa del Sol when we can fry ourselves to a crisp here! Our summer events in the Benefice were mostly "blessed" by the sun: the Walk from Chapel Lawn to Stowe over the top left me looking like a boiled tomato and Red, who loved being part of it, then curled up in the cool for a week! But two weeks later the Bedstone to Hopton via the Castle walk was perfect! A lot of happy mixing and sharing along the way.

I hope you have all had a good summer? I've been hearing about hot trips to beaches, festivals and far flung places, and across the Benefice, Big Breakfasts, barbecues, picnics and Duck Races galore! And now we are feeling the contrast and the fleeces are coming out! Last Sunday we could have held our Baptism outside and all got a dousing! But the rain didn't mar a very special occasion, the adorable little Mia's christening being held on the anniversary of Charmaine and Daniel's wedding last year.

The week before we had another event that brought generations of the Vaughan / Millerchip family back to their roots as we remembered Myfanwy Lilian Millerchip: more than simply a reunion as we walked with them down memory lane, poignantly noting changes and holding on to history. The family spent several days in the area and pass on their grateful thanks for the welcome they received from friends, old and new.

Amazingly, considering the scarcity of rain, my apple trees are so heavy with fat fruit that one branch has broken off. The grass, crunchy and brown for most of the summer is now just beginning to recover, but my figs are abundant and succulent!

As in life, sometimes the best growth happens when there are challenges ~ rather too much heat and struggle along the way. Pictures of the grit at the heart of a pearl comes to mind, but also a reminder of Romans 5 which I love to hate! St Paul, writing out of his experience of human challenge, says: *"we have learned to glory in our sufferings because we find that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts ..."* ~ which leads neatly into all that Harvest is about as that time creeps up on us. St

Cuthbert's Harvest Service is at 7pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October followed by supper. I'm sure more details will be elsewhere in this issue! Please join us as we reflect and pray together. Mid way through the run of Harvests on 30<sup>th</sup> September we are holding our annual Vision Day; a time to reflect on and celebrate the Harvest of our lives and work together across the Benefice. As last year, we will be in Bedstone Village Hall, beginning at 10.30am. Lunch will be provided and I have invited a couple of our Diocesan officers to join as we think about developing our Gifts and Giving. Further ahead, this year it is 100 years since the end of the First World War, so there will be much celebration. As usual there will be a Remembrance Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's at 10.50am.

We'll soon be in to the new school year! Special thoughts and prayers go to all who are making new beginnings whether at a new school or college or the world of work, and also for any who are uncertain about their next steps.

Meanwhile, I am looking forward to my "summer" holiday in October after harvests are all gathered in!

With love and prayers from *Annie and Red*

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## 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 September and October 2018. Please note that the services below will be at St Cuthbert's unless otherwise stated. Details of all the Services in the Benefice can be found in the Deanery Magazine.**

Sunday 2 September	10.00 am	Parish Breakfast (no service)
Sunday 9 September	10.00 am	Family Service (Led by Sandra and Gordon Schofield)
Sunday 16 September	10.00 am	Morning Prayer (Led by Mike and Isabel Jones)
Sunday 23 September	11.00 am	Holy Communion (Rev Annie Ballard)

Sunday 30 September	10.30 am	United Benefice Vision Day at Bedstone Village Hall (Rev Annie Ballard)
Friday 5 October	7.00 pm	Harvest Service (Rev Annie Ballard with Clungunford Village Choir) followed by Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall
Sunday 7 October		No service at St Cuthbert's
Sunday 14 October	10.00 am	Family Service (led by Christine and Robert Flitney)
Sunday 21 October	10.00 am	Morning Prayer (led by Anne and Eddie Gledhill)
Sunday 28 October	11.00 am	Holy Communion (Rev Annie Ballard)

**Open Garden at Beckjay** At the beginning of July, during that lovely hot spell of weather we enjoyed this Summer, Jim and Mary welcomed visitors to the Old Garden at Beckjay. In addition to the numerous delights to be found in the garden, many enjoyed the splendid cream teas provided. Huge thanks to Jim and Mary for their kindness and for their generosity in donating the proceeds from this endeavour to the Church Organ Repair Fund.

**Holiday Club** Our annual Summer Holiday Club took place during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> August and was a wonderful success, enjoyed by all who took part including both the children and the many adult supporters.

The theme, this year, was Cuthbert's Kitchen! There were around 19 children each day, who played together beautifully and were a joy to have. Holiday Club functions so well because of the whole army of helpers who lead and support the various activities, make and serve refreshments, tidy up, do first aid, etc. This all happens apparently seamlessly due to the organisation and hard work by Catherine Lishman who gently and unobtrusively guides and encourages the whole team, and the children.

Some of the major activities included this year were:  
A visit from Jenny and Chrissie who talked about Fair Trade.  
Peter from Leintwardine who came to teach the children some folk songs.

Lynne from Clunbury demonstrated cake decorating and the children then decorated a cake or biscuit to take home. The children also made:

- Fruit kebabs
- Lettuce, cucumber and pea soup with Catherine
- Guacamole, with Isabel
- Drop scones and Welsh cakes, all of which they tasted at snack time
- Bread with Val which they did very enthusiastically, especially the eating.

The ice-cream van, made by Robert, sparked their imagination and the children enjoyed making items for it and playing in it. On the final day, it was put to good use in serving both children and adults a rather delicious cold treat.

There were Sports every day with either Barbara or Mike. Each day started with 'Kitchen Gadget of the Day', some of which appeared to be of doubtful benefit. Others caused great hilarity and often some probing questions from the children.

And we ended each day with a story read by Keith who is a brilliant storyteller and definitely missed his vocation. He should be reading stories on the radio.

**Memorial Service for Myfanwy Lilian Millerchip (nee Vaughan) 17.9.1930 - 22.6.2018** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August, a memorial service was attended by almost 60 people in St Cuthbert's to celebrate the life of Myfanwy Lilian Millerchip (nee Vaughan). Lilian, as she was known locally was born at New House in Clungunford, which sits at the foot of Clunbury Hill. The family, later, lived in Church Row. She was married at St Cuthbert's to Charles Millerchip from Shelderton and they set up home in the South of England. Although, she would live the rest of her life away from Clungunford, she would always consider it her home and often talk fondly of her childhood memories. With close family in the area, Charles and Lilian were frequent visitors over the years. Her ashes were scattered by the family over Clunbury Hill, in accordance with her wishes.

**Baptism of Mia Denise Mellings** On Bank Holiday Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, it was a joy to share our Sunday Service with the baptism of Mia Denise, daughter of Daniel and Charmaine Mellings. It was a happy day all round for the parents, as they also celebrated their first wedding anniversary, having been married in St Cuthbert's one year ago to the day.

**Harvest Service and Supper Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
In conjunction with the Clungunford Village Choir, the annual Harvest Service will be held at St Cuthbert's Church at 7.00pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. After the Service, at 8.00pm, there will be a supper in the Parish Hall.

**Christmas Market** Plans are afoot for a Christmas Market at St. Cuthbert's on Saturday 8 December. Keep the date

in your diaries. A working party will soon be established to organize – watch this space

**Entertaining Friends of Hereford Cathedral** Many thanks to all of you who supplied or donated food and help to entertain our visitors on 2 July. Our visitors expressed their thanks and gratitude for the fare and welcome provided.

### CHURCH OPEN DAY

on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

The same day as “Ride and Stride”

The church is OPEN ALL DAY TO VISITORS

Everyone is welcome to come along and refreshments will be served throughout the day from 10 am onwards.

Come for coffee/tea times or lunch.

All served without charge!

Plan to meet with friends and enjoy the hospitality.

It is always a worthwhile effort, in every way!

Offers of help with preparations, and on the day, and providing contributions of food etc. will be most welcome!  
01588 660158 – many thanks

### **Ride and Stride**

As was mentioned in the last Gazette we are planning this year’s participation in the Stride and Ride event.

If you would like a walk, cycle or some other form of transportation to visit local historic churches on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September then please let us know.

This is not a religious event but an opportunity to see some of the beautiful and interesting local churches and is open to all.

The cycling route that we are planning will be leaving Clungunford around 10.30 and will be visiting Hopton Castle, Bedstone, Bucknell, Stowe, Brampton Bryan, Adforton, Leintwardine and then Clungunford. It’s probably just over 20 miles and mostly flat. If you wish to join the cycle ride, then please contact Simon Lyster.

The proposed walking route is a change from what has been used before. Starting from Stokesay, we plan to visit three more churches in Onibury, Stanton Lacy and Bromfield, and finally on back to Clungunford. By my calculations with a piece of string, it should be slightly less than 10 miles. If you want to join us for the walk, then please contact Pauline Mattison. We will require volunteer transportation for the striders on the day, so if anybody can help with this then please let us know.

If you have any questions or wish to offer some sponsorship money then call Simon. You can also visit the Just Giving web page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simon-lyster>

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### **Help needed**

A new local adult reading charity needs your help.

If you’re reading this article without any difficulty, then you’re probably someone who, like most of us, gives little thought to what life would be like if you couldn’t read.

It may be one thing not to enjoy the pleasure of reading a new title by your favourite author, but stop for a minute and think how different things would be if you were excluded from reading altogether. Just imagine how your life would be if you couldn’t read forms, medicine instructions, letters from your electricity supplier or bedtime stories to your child or grandchild?

Research shows that 5% of adults in England and Wales can only recognise a few common words, with a further 2.1% barely able to read a simple phrase; that’s hundreds of thousands of people.

Help is at hand. A charity called Read Easy UK, which was set up to tackle this ‘invisible’ problem, has already helped hundreds of people by providing free one-to-one coaching for anyone who struggles with reading – and a branch will soon be coming to the Ludlow and Knighton area.

We are setting up a local branch to support Ludlow – but need volunteers to join a small team to launch and run the service. We would also like to hear from you if you can provide a coaching venue, if you are in a position to refer people who struggle with reading, or if you are interested in coaching.

An open public meeting to explain how the Read Easy scheme works and how people can get involved will take place at Rockspring Community Centre, Sandford Road, Ludlow SY9 1SX, at 6.00pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

To find out more contact Steve Gibbon on 0780 1522655 or email me [ludlowandknighton@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:ludlowandknighton@readeasy.org.uk) :

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# **CALLING ALL "FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST" LOVERS!**



It's back by popular demand

**St Cuthbert's Parish Breakfast  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

**At 10.00 am**

Come and Join us for a Full English Breakfast cooked in Mike's Big Pan, with the star attraction of Jonathan R on the eggs.

All are welcome, and the event is free, but you can make a donation to the Tower Repair Fund, if you wish.

All that we ask, in order that we have sufficient food, is that you reserve your place by contacting Mike or Isabel Jones on 01588661145 or send a text to 07531 400391 or an email to [mpjt51@hotmail.com](mailto:mpjt51@hotmail.com) by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

We'd Love to see you there..... Did someone mention Karaoke?

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**PLEASE SUPPORT US AT  
THE WORLD'S  
BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING  
In aid of Macmillan Cancer support**

Friday 28 September 2018  
10 am to 12 noon  
Clungunford Village Hall

Sponsored by Clungunford Bowling Club and supported by St Cuthbert's Church

Cake donations very welcome

Can't attend???? You can text your donations to 70550 Code JAM RJN7. Texts cost a minimum of £5.00 plus your standard network charge.

All enquiries to Jackie or Gary Huse on 01588 661054



# St Cuthbert's Clungunford Autumn Churchyard Clear Up

Please come and help with our Churchyard  
clear up on

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
from  
**10.00am to 1.00pm**

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

Coffee and Cake for helpers!

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



Path clearing, weeding,  
tidying graves stones,  
hedge trimming, etc.

## St Cuthbert's Church

**CLEAN  
UP  
DAY**

Monday



**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

From 10.00 am

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US TO HELP PUT A SHINE TO  
ST CUTHBERTS. PLEASE BRING ALONG SUITABLE  
CLEANING EQUIPMENT.

THANK YOU

## Wolves and a dog – a fantastic double bill at the Parish Hall Friday November 23

Book your tickets early for an unusual and thoroughly entertaining double bill. The first half features Border Poets launching their acclaimed collection '*Wolf Hoard*' with readings from their members including Thirza Clout – better known to Clungunford as Liz Roberts.

'Thirza is my pen name – and it took a bit of explaining to our lovely postman Darren. When letters started arriving at Glebe Cottage for Thirza Clout he wondered if I'd left and Ennis had moved in a new partner,' Liz/Thirza said.

The title of *Wolf Hoard* comes from a visit Border Poets made to a wolf sanctuary deep in the Shropshire countryside and not very far from Clungunford. Rescued wolves roam free there on an extensive estate – which has a very good perimeter fence!

Poet and critic Carole Bromley said of *Wolf Hoard*: 'This is a collection bursting with wolves, heroes, damsons. Sheep-shearing, marshes, supermarkets and even a hanging. A wonderful variety of voices.'

Emergency Poet Deb Alma called it 'a journey into the Wild West, a fine and varied collection of borderland voices'.

The second half of the evening is *Music for Dogs*, a very funny and also touching play written by Paula Meehan and performed by professional actor Carol Caffrey who won rave reviews and 4-star ratings with it at the Edinburgh Festival.

'A one actor tour-de-force of story-telling with elements of dark humour,' said Neville Cramer in the Edinburgh Audience Review and the Janice Forsyth Show on Radio Scotland called it 'absolutely riveting... Carol Caffrey is brilliant'.

Carol, originally from Ireland, now lives in Shrewsbury. She has dedicated the show to the memory of her late brother Peter Caffrey –probably best known for his role as Padraig in *Ballykissangel*- and her other late siblings.

**Tickets are on sale now at £10 which includes the performances and a glass of wine or fruit juice. Book via Simon and Elizabeth Lyster on 01588 660152. The doors will open at 7.00pm, with the show starting at 7.30. It promises to be a good Gunnas night out – and of course there will be a raffle and the club bar will be open.**



*Carol Caffrey*

*Wolf Hoard*

