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To all residents in the parish of Clungunford  
and users of the village hall

*Dear neighbour,*

You may be aware that Clungunford Village Hall has undergone some significant changes over the past six months. Renovation work has been undertaken in the main hall to provide improved facilities and the arrangements by which the hall is managed have been consolidated. We are excited about the opportunities that these changes provide and thought it would be useful to let you know what is happening.

Your village hall has been home to a variety of activities in its life and huge thanks are due to all those who have been involved with its maintenance and management over the years. Recent changes will hopefully ensure that the hall continues to provide useful facilities for the next generation.

From May 2019 the village hall and all its activities operate entirely as a charity with a renewed constitution and a set of trustees who are committed to ensuring that the hall provides well-used facilities for the local community.

Recent renovations have largely been funded by an EU grant, a national lottery grant, and a number of charitable donations. The hall's future depends on securing a steady income. It costs around £10,000 per year to operate the hall, so bar takings, hire fees, and profits from events all go towards maintaining the facilities on offer. Your support for activities will help ensure that it continues.

Information about the hall can be found at [www.clungunford.com](http://www.clungunford.com). Or if you want to discuss any aspect of Clungunford Village Hall then please contact any of the trustees listed below.

It's your hall. Come along, use it, enjoy it, and get involved!

*Yours*

**Charitable Trustees of Clungunford Village Hall & Green**

Max Maxwell – Chair (01588-661044)

Elizabeth Lyster – Secretary (01588-660152)

David Roberts – co-Treasurer (01588-660673)

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David Wilkinson – Bar & Volunteers Manager (07834-516129)

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## What are we planning to do over the coming year?



### Complete further hall renovations

The main hall and the new east room were refurbished over the winter and the bar has been transformed. However, the lounge area next to the bar is very dated and still needs to be renovated. There are also significant electrical upgrades required in this part of the building and we hope to improve soundproofing between the bar and main hall. These jobs will be our priority for expenditure this year if money allows.

In addition, we would like to start work to clear the area at the side of the hall that is full of building rubble and waste. At some point in the future we hope this can become an outdoor seating area.

### Run a community bar open to all

A key priority for the hall has been changing the bar from a members' club into a community bar open to everyone. This is now up and running with an enthusiastic bunch of volunteer bar-stewards. The bar is currently open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Come and join the growing number of customers for a drink.

### **Organise film nights and arts performances**

Flicks in the Sticks will operate as an integral part of the hall management and will continue to bring cinema-quality film viewings to the community. We will also offer regular Arts Alive theatre and music events at the hall bringing excellent touring acts to the village.

### **Offer regular Saturday night dance evenings**

The hall has been a venue for Saturday night dances for a generation. We will continue to organise these.

### **Organise community events**

We hope to arrange other community events in addition to those outlined above. And if you have an idea for an event to bring the whole community together then let us know.

### **Continue to host activities open to the local community**

The hall will host events organised by others using the facilities of the hall. Some of these are existing activities, such as Bingo, the Village Choir, or the Bowling Club. Others are recent arrivals such as yoga classes twice a week or table tennis classes on Thursdays.

We welcome and encourage people to come and organise more activities at the hall. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in organising:

- Coffee mornings/ pop-up-café
- Games nights (e.g. darts league, skittles, short-mat bowls)

- Quiz nights
- Hobby classes (e.g. sewing or photography)

Do you have an idea for an activity at the hall? Let us know and we will try to help you get it up and running. Contact Simon Lyster initially to discuss.

#### Hire the hall as a private venue

We need to ensure we generate income to support the facilities on offer. We will therefore explore how we can increase our income as a venue for hire for private events. Do you know of anyone who would like to hire our shiny new hall? It is now an excellent venue for birthdays, anniversary parties or wedding events. Contact Madelene Wilkinson about booking.

#### Begin a plan for improving the playing fields/village green

The village hall estate includes the large area above the bowling green that has been used as playing fields in the past. We shall protect this land from development and consider options to better use this community resource, although funding to improve facilities is limited at present.

#### Thank volunteers.....and welcome new ones....

The hall is managed and operated entirely by volunteers and the time and skills they provide are priceless. We shall be organising an event to thank volunteers later this year but we also welcome anyone new who wants to get involved.

New bar-stewards are always welcome (training is provided), but we also need volunteers for many occasional tasks; from

taking tickets at an event, to helping paint doors, to looking after the plants around the hall. If you are able to help, even very occasionally, then please get in touch. Please contact David Wilkinson.

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## **Hall Booking Fees**

We recognise that the hall is used by many groups for different purposes. So, for the moment, our charges are flexible based on what kind of activity is planned.

We have three spaces to hire:

**Main Hall**

**East Room**

**Lounge (when the bar is not open)**

You can hire any of these spaces from as little as £8 per hour. When agreeing a price, we will consider:

- The size of the event
- Whether it benefits the local community
- Whether it is for profit or not

Nothing is set in stone so have a chat with Madelene Wilkinson (07841-903159) to see what the cost might be for you.

You can of course book the whole hall and also add the kitchen to your booking. Prices will be agreed depending on the event.

# *What's On*

## **Regular events**

**Yoga** classes are usually every Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. Contact Mary Stephens on 07769-686259

**Bingo** nights are usually every Tuesday. The bar is open from 7pm with eyes down at 8pm.

**Clungunford Village Choir** rehearses on a Wednesday. They are starting their summer break now but will return in the autumn. Interested in coming along and joining a friendly crowd? Contact Iain Wright on 01746712137

**Saturday Night Dances** are usually held at the hall every week. The bar is open from 8pm till late and it costs £5 for entry to the main hall for the music and dancing. Contact Simon Lyster for more information on 01588-660152.

**Table Tennis** classes are usually held on Thursday afternoons. Please come along at 2pm or contact David Wilkinson on 07834-516129 for details.

**Clungunford Bowling Club's** season is from April to the end of September. They usually play on Wednesday

afternoons. For more details please call the Club Secretary Jennie Clarke on 07951 292496

A visiting **Post-Office** service is usually available on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10.30.

## **Arts events**

The hall has hosted a great programme of arts events since re-opening in April. We have had live music, evocative story-telling and award-winning theatre. The next events planned at the hall are:

### **Down the Pub with Luke Wright**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT ---- BAR OPEN FROM 7PM**

*Poet and comedian Luke Wright will be performing during his UK tour*

### **“Black is the Color of my voice”**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 7.30pm**

**Adult Ticket Price: £10 Child Ticket Price: £5 Family Ticket Price: £25**

*Inspired by the story of singer Nina Simone. Theatre pretty much straight from the Edinburgh Fringe and the West End to Clungunford Village Hall! This is very likely to be a sell-out show so do book early. (01588-660152)*

## **Bar Open**



**At present the bar is open:**

**Tuesday      7pm – 10pm**

**Thursday     8pm – 10pm**

**Friday        8pm – 10pm**

**Saturday    8pm – 11.30pm**

**Everyone is welcome!**

# **Clungunford Community Bar**

The bar at the village hall has re-opened with a new pub licence and is now open to everyone four nights a week. We have a selection of Hobsons ales, lagers, cider, spirits and excellent wines at great prices.

A new airy bar area has been built and we hope to refurbish the rest of the bar lounge this summer.

Roughly every second Friday is “Bar Night” where we particularly encourage local residents and their friends to come along and get together with your neighbours.

If you haven’t been down to the bar since it reopened in April then these are great nights to come along. We guarantee a warm welcome.

Upcoming Friday “Bar Night” dates for your diary are:

**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Have you considered hiring  
Clungunford Village Hall for your event?**

Flexible spaces  
Community-run bar  
Modern kitchen facilities  
Flexible modular staging  
Excellent stage-lighting and PA system  
Parking for around 50 cars

Information about the hall can be found at

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- On the website you can:**
- Get information about the hall
    - See recent renovation work
  - Subscribe to news and information emails
  - Find out what events and activities are planned
    - Submit a hall booking enquiry
    - Inquire about being a volunteer



Copies of this booklet will be available at the bar in the village hall