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THE GUNNAS GAZETTE



The Clungunford Coronation Big Lunch Picnic to celebrate the enthronement of King Charles and Queen Camilla will take place on the Village Playing Field on Sunday 7 May from 12 noon onwards....

Bring your own picnic along but for village residents there will be.....

free pulled lamb with baps to celebrate local produce

There will also be

Games

Bar open in the Village Hall (also the default venue if wet!)

Award of the Best Coronation Recipe Prize (see over page)

Award of the Best Coronation Crown Prize (see over page)

Continuing the Coronation theme, look out for details of further events as they are planned.

Big Screen

The hall will be open Saturday morning to show the Coronation on the Big Screen

Best Coronation Recipe

One of the great legacies of the 1953 Coronation was Coronation Chicken. Now, nearly 70 years on, we would like you to submit a novel recipe for a main course that can stand proudly as the Clungunford Coronation Dish. It can involve meat or be vegetarian or vegan, but should involve ingredients that are readily available.

The best recipe creator will be judged by representatives from the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and St Cuthbert's PCC. A suitable prize will be awarded, and the winning entry will be printed in *The Gazette*. It may even be put on the menu at one of the Village Hall Foodie Nights, who knows?

Your recipes should please be submitted either by email to gunnagazette@aol.com or be handed in written form to any member of the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee or St Cuthbert's PCC.

Best Crown

Just turn up on the day wearing your own Crown creation. A prize will awarded to the best Crown. A suitable judge will be selected on the day.

Litter pick

Saturday 11 March at 10 am

The time has come to spruce up the village once more... just in time for Spring. This year it could also be our local Big Help Out Day to support the Coronation (brought from the National Day on 8 May to beat spring growth!)

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 11 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.

Feeding times!!



Treat yourself – no cooking or washing up!!

Pies! Pies! Pies!

Available every Friday, to order.

Respond to my weekly email
£2 or £4

Foody Friday

Two course meal on the first Friday of the month, to order. Varied menu.

Respond to my weekly email
£12.50

Carvery

12.00 to 15.30

2nd Sunday of the month
To book, call Matt on

07772 911042

1 course - £12.95

2 courses - £16.95

3 courses - £20



Takeaway

5.00 to 7.30

3rd Wednesday of the month
To book, call Matt on

07772 911042

Fish and Chips - £7

Pie and Chips - £5

Sausage and Chips - £5

Curry Sauce - £1





Did you know there are dormice in Clungunford?

Dormouse talk

Thursday 2nd March

6.00-8.30pm. Clungunford Village Hall

Join dormouse expert Sam Devine-Turner for an insight into the lives of this shy & charismatic species and find out what we can do to help them.

The talk will cover dormice, their habitat requirements and provide you with the tools to conduct your own nibbled nut surveys.

FREE, ALL WELCOME.



Contact details: kirsty@cfa.org.uk



Easter Poetry Reading

St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford
Saturday 8th April (Easter Saturday)

An Easter Poetry Reading will be held in St Cuthbert's Church,
Clungunford on Easter Saturday from 3 ~ 4.30pm.

The poems will be a mixture of sacred and secular and will be read by
Anna and our usual readers, well known to all who attend the popular
Christmas Poetry Special. We do hope you can join us.



*Tickets are £10 and include refreshments.
All enquiries: Anna Dreda on annadreda@icloud.com
or by phone 01588 660154 or mobile 07772 288077*



The Trustees of the Village Hall have decided to allocate £15,000 to improving the Green during 2023. This is on top of the £2,000 that has been allocated to installing the 5 a side football goals and the basketball hoop that was gifted from the Parish County Community Infrastructure Fund.

To help decide what to spend this money on we are asking for reasonable ideas from the local community. The plan is to make decision at the Charity AGM in May. We therefore request ideas be sent in writing to Elizabeth Lyster at lystere@btopenworld.com, or speak with any of the Trustees.

Dates for your Diary

11 th March	6 Nations – England V France
17 th March	Flicks in the Sticks – Top Gun Maverick
18 th March	6 Nations – England V Ireland
14 th April	Flicks in the Sticks- Operation Mincemeat

More information on Clungunford.com

Regular events in the Village Hall

- Public Bar is open every Friday night from 19.00-22.00
 - Foody Friday available 1st Friday of every month*
 - Carvery Sunday available 2nd Sunday of every month*
 - Takeaway Wednesday 3rd Wednesday of every month*
 - St Cuthbert's Café every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00 – 12.00
 - Thrift Shop in Croquet Pavilion 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 11.00
 - Bike Night on the first Monday of the month 18.00-21.00 (bacon butties...mmm)
 - Table Tennis Club every Tuesday 14.00-16.00 (£4.00: coaching available and tea and biscuits
- *See www.clungunford.com for all details, menus and ordering contacts

Bert Bason

The Village Hall Trustees for themselves and on behalf of all hall users would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the kind bequest to the hall in Bert's will. Bert spent much of his free time in serving behind the bar and was a stalwart of the Hall Committee over many years. Thank you, Bert, for remembering us.

Farm Born and Bred

A lot of children go through the phase of being really interested in fossils. I was no exception.

My mother would make me up a sandwich and bottle of pop, and off I would go for the day on my bike.

I would pedal off up Shelderton Rock to the disused quarries, as these were a good place to find fossils in the limestone rock.

At that age, about 7 or 8, no rockface was too high or unsurmountable. I would take my picnic and a 6 inch nail. The nail enabled me to pick out the fossils from the rock.

I would be gone, alone, all day. My mother never seemed to worry about me, knowing I would always be home in time for tea. It was probably my tummy that told me when it was time!

Another favourite place for me to fossil hunt were the disused quarries near Mocktree.

There were also the limekilns on the roadside to explore. There were no gates or restrictions there in the 1950s.

I would sometimes sit in one of the limekilns to have my picnic lunch and pretend I was living in a cave.

For hours I would happily climb and explore until teatime approached. Then I would cycle back home with my pockets full of treasures.

Closer to home, I would sit on the steps to the old stone granary. Here I could easily pick out the fossils from the stones. These probably came from the quarries up at Shelderton or Mocktree, as the stonework was all limestone and full of little shell fossils,

My Grandfather would tell me to stop. He persuaded me momentarily that if I kept picking away at the stonework, the whole building would collapse!

Of course I believed him for a while. *M.E.B*

P.S. Sister B found this reference to the Duties of the Floor Nurse in 1887:

"In addition to caring for your 50 patients, each nurse will follow these regulations:

* Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patients' furniture and window sills.

*Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

*Light is important to observe the patient's condition, therefore each day fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys, and trim wicks. Wash windows once a week.

*The nurse's notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to your individual taste.

*Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7am, and leave at 8pm., except on the Sabbath on which day you will be off from noon to 2pm"

Flicks in the Sticks at Clungunford Village Hall

Friday 17th March 2023 at 8.00pm

Top Gun - Maverick (cert 12)

After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him. Training a detachment of graduates for a special assignment, Maverick must confront the ghosts of his past and his deepest fears, culminating in a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those who choose to fly it.

Starring: Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly, Miles Teller

Director: Joseph Kosinski Action-Drama

Friday 14th April 2023 at 8.00pm

Operation Mincemeat (cert 12)

In the context of WW2 narratives, the story of Operation Mincemeat is unique a bizarre and seductive cinematic blend of high-level espionage and ingenious fiction, where the stakes could hardly be higher. Michelle Ashford's script fuses multiple strands and moods: tense, romantic, thrilling, unexpectedly funny, and endlessly surprising. It tells a richly human story of the soldiers we seldom see, who fight a different kind of war in shadows and deception, haunted by the knowledge that certainty and guarantee of success are nowhere to be found.

Starring: Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen, Kelly

Macdonald

Director: John Madden War Drama

Entrance £5.00 Adults £3.00 Children

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

Tel: 01588 660781 (Maureen)

(maureenrooney2012@gmail.com) or 01588 660159

(Keith) for bookings and enquires.

We now show all our films with subtitles.

We advise booking, and request cash only at the Box Office. Card payments accepted at the bar.

Should anyone feel inclined to join our happy little crowd on the Flicks in the Sticks committee please contact me, you'll be very welcome: Keith Arbery 01588 660159.

In the Garden

A sunny day in Clungunford but a bitterly cold one too, with the wind and the clouds still coming from the north.

I suppose there are things I could be getting on with in the garden, but I decided to stay indoors and write

something for the myriad readers of *The Gunnas Gazette* instead.

I'm gradually working my way through the kindling and logs which were piled up against the yew tree where I'd collected them up until I started cutting them up when the pile of logs I'd bought was getting low a month or two ago.

Some of the branches I've been cutting up date back several years. Cutting them up has been a job I've been putting off for a long time because sawn logs are easily available these days.

One of the stumps I cut up and burnt the other day was easily identifiable as an elderberry, which you shouldn't really bring indoors to burn in case you bring misfortune down on your home, they say. It had been so long waiting to be cut up though, probably for that reason, and burned in a flash.

Then there were long trunks, once suckers, of sycamore and ash to burn. Not so easily identifiable leaning up the yew tree as they were, without their leaves on, as the elderberry was. Long branches of cotoneaster were recognisable because of their shape.

A few years ago when the leylandii which used to dominate the top of the garden blew down in a gale I was able to dispense with bought logs for a couple of years whilst I burned my own. The lengths I've been cutting up into logs lately are the right size for starting a fire but not for keeping it going. That's why I haven't used them previously of course.

In the garden, look out for *Osmanthus delavayi*, an evergreen like the rest of its genus, which grows to about six feet tall and bears fragrant white flowers profusely in April. *Brian Taylor*

Notes from the Vicarage

In the recent Bible readings during our church services before Lent, we have been reading the Sermon on the Mount. This is an interesting, intriguing and challenging passage which presents many facets of wisdom from not just the early Christian church, but also from the Jewish Faith of that time, which had also had different influences from other cultures and religions. There are memorable phrases which many of us know, such as

'sufficient unto the day the evil thereof', and
'do unto others as you would have done unto you'.

These phrases when absorbed are not very different from some of the ideas put around by mindfulness advocates. Wisdom from any source can enhance and improve the lives of all of us.

Matthew, like the other Gospel writers was laying the foundation for stable and sustainable community life in what were horribly violent and unpredictable times. Being careful about not just words and behaviour, but also developing and maintaining open and generous attitudes were described as key to healthy relationships and communal life.

We all know that the Gospels tell the story of Christ's time on earth, and we all know that the coming seasons of Lent, Passiontide and Easter mark and commemorate the end of His Life on earth. For those of Faith, it also marks His Resurrection. The underlying message is the redeeming power of sacrificial love.

Our news has been bleak of late, and we often feel helpless as we hear accounts and stories of pain and misery. What we can and should focus on is that small acts of generosity and kindness contribute to healing something of the trauma and pain of disasters and other terrible events. One thought which isn't from the Sermon on the Mount, but which is still meaningful, is that although we can't as individuals save the world, by being kind, we can change the world for someone, somewhere.

Martin Quayle

Parish Church News

The Revd Martin Quayle, Vicar for the Parishes of the Middle Marches Benefice, can be contacted by email at office.middlemarches@gmail.com. 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 March and April are as follows:

Sunday 12 March	10.00 am	Family Service
Sunday 19 March	10.00 am	Mothering Sunday Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 March	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Rev Martin Quayle
Sunday 9 April	10.00 am	Easter Day Holy Communion with Rev Martin Quayle
Sunday 16 April	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 April	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Rev Martin Quayle

On **Friday 3rd March at 2pm** at the **Everest Hall in Llanfair Waterdine** there will be a special service to celebrate the **World Day of Prayer**. The World Day of Prayer is an annual, global event which, last year, was led by the UK. This year it is the turn of Taiwan to lead. The theme is 'I have heard about your faith'.

More information about the World Day of Prayer can be found at their website: (<https://www.wvdp.org.uk/about-us/themes/>) You are very welcome to join the Benefice in our thoughts and prayers at Llanfair Waterdine.

Don't forget St Cuthbert's Cafe

On March 9th, *St Cuthbert's Cafe*, held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in Clungunford Village Hall, will be marking *Fairtrade Fortnight* by raising funds for *Traidcraft*. There will be a number of Traidcraft products on sale - tea, coffee, jams and preserves and other goodies. Traidcraft was one of the pioneers of the Fairtrade movement, ensuring that primary producers of commodities who live in poorer countries are given a fair return for their labours. By supporting Traidcraft, you know that you will be supporting hard working families in some of the poorest countries in the world, through trade, not aid. Come along and be generous!

A reminder that *St Cuthbert's Café* is in the village hall every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10 am until 12 noon. The dates for March/April are;

- Thursday 9th March – *Traidcraft*
- Thursday 23rd March
- Thursday 13th April
- Thursday 27th April

If you would like to help Rob Rees and Sara Giffen, who organise the café, by providing a hand on the day or baking cakes, your help would be appreciated.

The Turkey-Syria DEC Earthquake Appeal at St Cuthbert's Café

On Thursday 23rd February St Cuthbert's Café held a special fund-raising event for those involved in the Turkey / Syria earthquake. The money donated during the morning went to the DEC appeal. We are very happy to tell you that over £900 was raised during the morning. A huge thanks to all those who contributed. Your generosity is really appreciated and will make a difference.

Sacred Space: 10 March at 6pm

After a winter break, **Sacred Space** will start again on Friday 10th March at 6pm. Just a reminder that Sacred Space is an opportunity to come together in St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford, to share an hour of music and silence. We play Sacred, classical and inspirational music and each piece is followed by a short period of silent reflection: it is beautifully calming!

Lent course: "Loved and Liked"

The Lent Course is a regular feature of the St Cuthbert's calendar. This year our Lent Course is 'Loved and Liked'. 'Loved and Liked' is a course aimed at helping us to

explore how we are all made uniquely and are loved and liked by God. It is a six week course and started on the 21st February but it is not too late to join us.

The sessions start at 7pm and the dates are;

- 21st February **Journey**
- 28th February **Identity**
- 7th March **Story**
- 14th March **Calling**
- 21st March **Equipping**
- 28th March **Celebrate**

Each session includes a short video and readings followed by discussion.

If you would like to join us, please speak to one of the Church Wardens. All are welcome!

The More Singers' Spring Concert at St Cuthbert's Church: Saturday 1 April at 7.30pm

Last year we were very pleased to welcome the More Singers to St Cuthbert's to perform after a break of many years. This year we are delighted to welcome them back to perform their Spring Concert. For those of you who may not be aware of the More Singers, they are a chamber choir based in Church Stretton. They will be led by their conductor Alistair Auld, and will be performing pieces by Britten, Vaughn Williams and other 20th century composers. The concert will begin at 7.30pm and will last for about an hour without an interval.

Ticket can be purchased from www.ticketsource.co.uk/The-More-Singers or at the door for £10. Profits and donations from the concert will be given to a chosen charity.

Please come and support what I am sure will be a very enjoyable evening.

Easter Poetry Reading on Saturday 8 April

For the last three years Anna Dreda has helped us celebrate Christmas with the help of her readers and seasonal poetry of both a secular and sacred nature. This year Anna has put together a programme to celebrate Easter.

Anna says. *'The event will have a much different feel to the Christmas one - no sparkles! The selected poems will walk a fine line. It will be more reflective, going through some pretty dark stuff (obviously) but looking for (and finding!) the hope, the glory of the resurrection in subtle and not so subtle ways.'*

We have not the slightest doubt that this will be a memorable and moving event.

Tickets are available from Anna on annadreda@icloud.com or by phone on 01588 660154 or mobile 07772 288077. The tickets are priced at £10 to include refreshments.

The walkers of St Cuthbert's go forth once more!

This year St Cuthbert's walkers will be trekking the Abbesses' Way. It will be a three day walk starting at

Morville Priory and ending up in Shrewsbury via Much Wenlock. The walk is one of the British Pilgrim Trust walks and more details can be found on their website ([The Abbesses' Way - The British Pilgrimage Trust](#)). The intent is to walk the additional stage to include Morville Priory and so the total distance will be around 35 miles. The path goes through some wonderful Shropshire countryside and you will be in excellent company! The dates are the 15th to the 17th June. If you would like to join us, please contact one of the Church Wardens.

Advance notices of St Cuthbert's AGM and APCM

Just advanced notice that the St Cuthbert's AGM will be on Tuesday 4th April starting at 6.30. This will be followed by a 'thank you' session for all of those who help during the year with the running and decoration of the Church. This will immediately follow the meeting at around 7.15pm. All are welcome to both.

The APCM will follow the Communion Service on the 23 April and again, all are welcome.

We are always looking for new ideas and fresh thoughts. If you would be interested in contributing by joining the PCC of St Cuthbert's Church, please contact one of the Church Wardens. You would be most welcome.

Winter 2022-3 – very mixed: cold spells, then mild but dry

Following the very cold first half of December, the weather became mild and wet until the middle of January. The total rainfall at Hopton Heath for December was 70mm, which was slightly drier than average but it nearly all fell from the 18th onwards. The total rainfall for January was 133mm, much wetter than average but nearly all falling before the 17th. There was very little snow in south Shropshire but heavy snow in early December in south-east England.

The weather turned cold, with regular morning frosts from 17-24 January. It then became milder, but still dry. February was mild and dry from the 1-5, 12-13 and since the 16th. There was a short spell from 14-16 with morning frosts but since then it has become very mild and spring-like, with snowdrops, crocuses and even daffodils in flower. Today (21st February) at 1300 the temperature is 13C and it has been up to 15C in the last few days. The mean maximum for February up to today has been 11C and the mean minimum, 3C. So, unless there is a cold spell in the next few days, it has been one of the mildest Februaries of my records.

Overall, then, it has been a mild winter, in spite of the cold first half of December. We have, in the past have had very cold spells in March, so we cannot be sure that winter is over.

Mike Tucker

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 gunnasgazette@aol.com.

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

The 100 Club

Winners for January:

1. (£60) Philippa Rollason
2. (£30) Geoffrey Rollason
3. (£15) Sara Giffen

Winners for February:

Special £100 prize: Caro Skyrme

1. (£60) Trish McHaffie
2. (£30) Pat Morris
3. (£15) Sophie Cook for Cyrus

If you would like to join (£5 per month by standing order), phone Maureen Rooney (01588 660781) or Mike Jones (01588 661145) or Jim Bason (01547 540782).

The Slow Ladies and a Mysterious Bridge

On 27th January twelve Slow Ladies embarked on a walk which started from the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms. The walk was about 5 miles long.

We crossed the River Onny and headed north through Halford, past Berry Mill Cottage and scurried across the A49 to reach Wistanstow. Without pausing we negotiated a wet, rough lane to reach the quiet lane which leads to Cheney Longville. Shortly, turning roughly south off this lane we reached the object of this exercise - the railway crossing near the A49 on the northern edge of Craven Arms.

Our aim was to be here in time for the opening of the newly erected FLOW bridge at the crossing.

We made it just in time on the western side and waited patiently while the ribbon was cut by the officials. Excitedly we climbed the stairs to join the assembled throng on the bridge. Many photos were taken before we descended the stairs onto the eastern side of the railway.

We then continued alongside the A49 back to the discovery Centre in time for a well deserved lunch.

Take a look at the photos & video of the opening-

<https://www.networkrailmediacentre.co.uk/news/innovative-first-of-its-kind-railway-footbridge-replaces-one-of-the-uks-most-dangerous-level-crossings>

Mary & Anne

Below are pictures of the bridge and some of the Slow Ladies on it



The Slow Ladies

Friday 24 March. Circular walk from Aston on Clun via Hopesay Common. About 6 miles. Meet 9.30 in Clungunford Car Park. Bring coffee and picnic.

Friday 28 April. Brown Clee Hill. About 5 miles. Meet 9.00 Clungunford Car Park. Bring coffee and picnic.

New walkers are always welcome. Do not hesitate to contact me - Pauline Mattison (01588 660596)

The Parish Council

There are two resignations to report this month. The first is of Elizabeth Lyster, who has resigned as a parish Councillor. Our thanks go to Elizabeth for her valued input and contribution over recent years. The second is of our Clerk, Jen Honour. Again, our thanks are due to Jen for her contribution over her period in office.

The upshot of this is two-fold. The vacancy on the Parish Council itself will be dealt with by the usual co-option procedures, and so if you would like to put yourself forward for consideration for this worthwhile community role, please let me know as soon as possible. We have six meetings each year and occasional planning meetings, as and when applications arise.

The Parish Clerk vacancy is one we would like to fill from local candidates, as inevitably external applicants are not likely to immerse themselves in the role in the same way as locals would. There is a small stipend available, and it is a post that might be attractive to those with some administrative experience. If you are interested, please do contact me for further details and a discussion of what the job involves.

In the meantime, arrangements have been made to share the Parish Clerk duties out unpaid among Parish Councillors. Given the difficulties many parishes are having in attracting clerks, it may well be that our arrangements will be the norm for many.


Our next meeting is on 8 March 2022 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 via clungunfordparishcouncil@gmail.com or directly with me. *Jonathan Roberts*, Chairman (01588 660673: jonathan.roberts@morgoedestates.com).

Writing for The Gazette

If you think you have something interesting to contribute to *The Gazette*, whether prose or poetry, whether informative or amusing, do please send it to us for publication. Join the many among your fellow residents who have done so over the past 25 years and help us to keep *The Gazette* fresh and up-to-date. You can email to gunnasingazette@aol.com or, if you need further information, you can always call me on 01588 660673. Jonathan Roberts.

Sacred Space

St Cuthberts Church, Clungunford



In Sacred Space we come together in St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford, to share an hour of music and silence. We play sacred, classical and inspirational music and each piece is followed by a short period of silent reflection: it is beautifully calming!

The dates for this season (second Friday of the month) are as follows:
10th March
14th April
12th May
9th June

Sacred Space is from 6 ~ 7pm and we ask you to arrive in good time, please.

All are very welcome and there is no charge.
Any enquiries to annadreda@icloud.com

THE MORE SINGERS
Church Stretton's Chamber Choir
Musical Director - Alistair Auld

REJOICE!

Britten & Vaughan Williams
and other 20th Century British Composers

St Cuthbert's Church
Clungunford

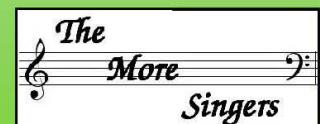
Saturday 1 April 2023
At 7.30pm (No Interval)

£10 on the door or
www.ticketsource.co.uk/The-More-Singers

After concert expenses, all profits and donations will go to
a chosen charity



For further information call 07896 761149



The Marches Choir present Dvořák and Schubert

On Saturday March 18th, the 80 strong Marches Choir of Bishop's Castle, joining with Cantorion Aberteifi from Cardigan, West Wales, will take to the concert platform for their Spring Concert. They will present a feast of choral music from composers of the late 19th Century, with a Czech - Germanic flavour that will delight audiences with a taste for rich, sonorous harmonies and deeply moving melodic beauty.

The featured work is by Antonin Dvořák, one of the most influential composers of his era, whose Mass in D exemplifies his exquisite and refreshing style of writing. With the inclusion of Czech folk song and modes, Dvořák's Mass captures the essence of the familiar movements (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and so on) and employs a startling variety of harmonic variety in the sometimes unconventional but effective chords and key changes. There are some lovely solo sections within the work which will be performed by Caroline Clarke (Soprano) and selected choir members.

The Te Deum, a shorter but equally large-scale work, is uplifting and forward-looking in its lively setting of the text which is one of praise and celebration.

Dvořák poured heart and soul into this music and the result is two perfectly crafted works which will both move and thrill the listener.

Schubert's Mass in G is a beautiful work, never ostentatious but melodic and devotional in style. Schubert was a highly gifted lyrical composer with an exquisite sense of melody and drama, both of which are displayed in this short mass - a choral gem.

The Marches Choir will again be joined by the Marches Sinfonia for this uplifting concert. A treat for all music lovers!

The venue is St John's Church, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AF, with the concert starting at 7.30pm. Tickets (£15, children and students free) are available by calling 01588 650315 or online via www.ticketsource.co.uk, and can also be purchased from choir members or on the night."