



THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

Village Hall Events - Dates for your Diary

6th May -Village Hall AGM
17th May- Village Hall Volunteers Barbeque
22nd May -Flicks in the Sticks – Hamnett
30th May- Village Hall gardening gathering
12th June – Flicks in the Sticks – H is for Hawk

More information on www.clungunford.com

Regular events in the Village Hall

- Public Bar is open every Friday night from 19.00-22.00
- Foody Friday available 3rd Friday of every month*
- Carvery 2nd Sunday of every month*
- St Cuthbert's Café every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10.00 – 12.00.
- Bike Night on the first Monday of the month 18.00-20.00
- Table Tennis Club every Tuesday 14.00.
- Thrift Shop open every Thursday In the Bowls Green Pavilion 10.00-12.00
- Post Office Van in the hall car park from 11.45-12.45 every Thursday

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Litter Pick 2026

Many thanks to those of you who took part in this year's litter pick, ranging from the young to the old. There was a very good turn-out, and the many hands made lighter work of a job that in an ideal world would not be necessary. Depressingly, there was a lot of rubbish to pick up.

Weather report

In view of the latest World Meteorological Organisation report that the last eleven years were the warmest since records began (in the 19th century), I had another look at my records for the past 19 years for Hopton Heath. I said in this month's Gunnas' weather report that I did not think my records showed a consistent trend for this short period. As a simple analysis I recorded the year of the warmest months, throughout each year i.e. the warmest January, February etc. The year with the most warmest months was 2025 with five months being the warmest in the series. This was followed by 2022, then 2023, then 2011, 2021 and 2024 (all with three or more of the months being the warmest in the series). So, apart from 2011, all years with warmest months were in the last five years. This seems to back up the WMO report. I have not looked at the highest daily temperatures, all figures are based on monthly means of the daily maxima. I will do a fuller analysis for the next Gunnas Gazette. *Mike Tucker*

Farm Born and Bred

When I became old enough to drive tractors properly, my father decided it was time to teach me to use all the implements.

He would hook up the implement, go with me to the field, and tell me to get on with it!

I had to keep working the ground in the field, up and down, backwards and forwards, until my father came out to tell me I could stop and go home.

Sometimes I would be there until it was quite dark! I would gratefully go home tired, cold and stiff! (no cabs on the tractors back then!)

The implements I would be using were quite a variety, each with a different purpose.

A flat roll - this was to run over the furrows left by the plough, to level the soil and break down the clods of earth. A tiller - to break the soil down further and make a fine tilth.

Harrows - spring tine harrows and spike harrows were both used to break up the soil further to create a fine tilth. After this the soil was ready to have the seed sown in it, using a seed drill.

Chain harrows - used on meadows & pastures to level off the mole hills. We didn't want soil getting into the hay bales as it could be ingested by the animals and result in them developing digestive issues, parasites, or listeriosis.

I refused to learn how to plough as I knew this was a job that could be done in the dark with the tractor headlights on! I preferred to be in bed at night.

Other tractor driving jobs I was already doing, and fairly accomplished in, included spreading the cut grass for hay - this meant towing a machine which scattered the cut grass to help it dry, ready for rowing up. This meant gathering the dry grass - hay, into rows which the baler could then pick up to compress into bales. In those days a sledge was towed along behind the baler, someone (often me!) stood on the sledge and as the bales came out they were stacked into a pile of 7 which were then pushed off the back of the

sledge, without the pile falling over, ready for lugging.

Next stage in the hayfields was to lug the bales off the field and into the barns ready for feeding to the animals in the winter.

A grab was mounted on the front of the tractor and was used to pick up the pile of bales and deposit it onto the dray (long flatbed trailer with "ripples" on each end, which prevented the bales falling off). I prided myself on being able to operate the grab without knocking the pile over, dropping any, or knocking the person loading on the dray off! *M.E.B*

Sister B still digs up snippets to amuse/ entertain/ educate the reader!

Nursing didn't have much respect back in 1837. Associated with low social status & rampant alcoholism.

Lousy wages also forced many women entering the field to make ends meet by engaging in a bit of prostitution on the side.

So when 16yr old Florence Nightingale announced that she felt "called" to become a nurse, her parents were not thrilled.

However, their determined daughter, in 1850, finally started to learn the craft. Three years later, Nightingale became the superintendent of a London - based women's hospital.

Postcard from East Africa

April 15th marked the 3rd anniversary of the brutal civil war in Sudan which has created what the UN has described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Even the horrors of the Ukraine, Gaza and now Lebanon have not surpassed Sudan in numbers of people killed, displaced or who are in need of humanitarian assistance. The war continues, largely unreported, as Sudan is of little relevance to the richer countries of the world: Sudanese have no political clout in Europe or America, nor are they sitting on vast reserves of strategically important minerals that are essential to sustain the western lifestyle. Every so often, delegates from "concerned" countries will come together to try to find a solution - most recently in Berlin earlier this month - but like its predecessors, it ended inconclusively with differing interest groups blaming each other for refusing to compromise.

This of course, is not good news for all our family in Uganda. Their overriding desire is to go back to their homes in Sudan, but each failed peace initiative and each new skirmish in the war pushes that date of possible return back further and further. Reports that they receive from friends who remained behind in Omdurman are not encouraging either: no running water, no electricity, no medicines available, no functioning health services. Although markets are open, there is little food on sale and certainly no opportunities for employment. The government, such as it is, is increasingly influenced by a hard-line Islamist group, which is not good for the Christian minority of which our family is part. The Sudan that existed pre-April 2023 is perhaps gone forever.

Life for them in Uganda goes on with its own trials and tribulations. We - Sara and Rob - visited them there earlier

this year, Sara to catch up with all the family news, Rob to escape the cold and rain of February in Shropshire. We have described before what a melting pot Kampala, Uganda's capital, is now with large numbers of refugees from across East and Central Africa living there and trying to find their way. Ethiopians, Eritreans, Somalis, Congolese, in addition to Sudanese and South Sudanese, each with its own community, each striving to maintain its own cultural and national identity within the overarching Ugandan society. So many people struggling to find ways to survive mean that there is huge competition for jobs and wages are depressed to rock bottom. Finding meaningful employment is almost impossible – unsurprisingly where a refugee has a professional qualification required for a particular position, preference will be given to Ugandan nationals. It is reported that over 70% of Uganda's population of around 50million is under the age of 30 and creating employment for them in a country that is still chiefly a rural economy would be a challenge to any government.

So, family life revolves very much around the children, most of whom are attending school or university. Accompanying them to school in the mornings, bringing them home later, helping them, where they can, with their homework. The children are all doing well, flourishing in a system that is giving them a much broader education than they would get if they were back in Sudan. There, a once secular system had been Islamised and for 20 years teaching had been based on the Koran and focused on Arabic culture. In Uganda, the children are being taught in a system similar to the British education system and with new opportunities such as foreign languages and regular sports activities. The children are now more fluent in English than their parents – the downside is that their knowledge of Arabic is limited to what they speak at home with no opportunity to read or write their mother tongue. It would be very hard for them if they did ever have the opportunity to go back to Sudan.

Two of the older children, Emmanuel and Sylvia, attend university studying business administration and human resource management. They will eventually graduate with bachelor's degrees but unfortunately, that will not be a guarantee of lucrative employment. At least they will be one or two rungs up the ladder and they will be able to compete for jobs, even though the playing field is far from level.

The photo below shows the family outside their home in Kampala, as always, smiling and in good spirits. As for all Sudanese families, they are very close knit and support each other when difficulties arise. They asked us to be sure that we conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported them in any way – materially or through prayers – since they arrived in Uganda. They are enormously frustrated and embarrassed that they have not been able to find a way of generating any income in Uganda to enable them to cover at least part of their own living costs – they were always able to support themselves in Sudan, even though they were not from an affluent part of society there. For the future, they have no option but to continue as they are. Their refugee status in Uganda is valid for two more

years and they don't know whether the UN will agree to renew that position or not. The Ugandan government appears to accept having a large number of refugees within its borders at present, but if/when there is a change in leadership, that tolerance might change. But in these days of international turmoil, it is a very brave person who would try to predict the future with any degree of certainty. All they, and we, can do, is to keep calm and carry on!

Sara & Rob.

(Don't ask us what the children in the front row are doing with their fingers. Some kind of sign language that they have made up themselves, we think!)



Flicks in the Sticks

Friday 22th May 2026 at 8.00pm

Hamnet (cert 12a)

Starring: Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal, Emily Watson

Director: Chloe Zhao: **Drama**

A powerful love story behind the creation of Shakespeare's time-less masterpiece, Hamlet. After losing their son to the plague, Agnes and William Shakespeare grapple with grief in 16th-century England. A healer, Agnes must find the strength to care for her surviving children while enduring profound loss. The film was primarily shot in Herefordshire, with Weobley chosen for its beautifully preserved Tudor-era landscapes and architecture.



Friday 12th June 2026 at 8.00pm

H Is For Hawk (cert 12a)

Starring: Claire Foy, Brendan Gleeson

Director: Philippa Lowthorpe: Factual Drama

A true story based on the memoir of Helen Macdonald. When Helen's beloved father passes away, she is knocked sideways by grief and loses herself in memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together. She becomes obsessed with the idea of training her own goshawk, and so she brings the fearsome bird Mabel home to her life as a graduate fellow at Cambridge.



Entrance £5.00 Adults £3.00 Children

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

Tel: 01588 660159 (Keith) for bookings and enquiries.

The Village Hall is now fully wheelchair accessible.

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.

Parish Church News

Please note change of phone number for our Church Warden, Eddie Gledhill. The landline is no longer in use, so please use 07775 598414

For more information about services, events etc, please contact our Church Warden, Edward Gledhill (tel: 07775 598414, email: edward@aegledhill.co.uk). The planned Services for St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford in the Middle Marches Benefice for May and June are as follows:

Sunday 3 May	No service at St Cuthbert's	
Sunday 10 May	10.00 am	Morning Prayer: lay led

Sunday 17 May	10.00 am	Family Service: lay led
Sunday 24 May	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 May	No service at St Cuthbert's	
Sunday 7 June	No service at St Cuthbert's	
Sunday 14 June	10.00 am	Family Service: lay led
Sunday 21 June	10.00 am	Morning Service: lay led
Sunday 28 June	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Dear Villagers,

We recently (16 April) held the Annual General Meeting of the Church Parochial Council (PCC). During the meeting, we explained that St Cuthbert's is the beneficiary of a grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to repair the walls and the roof of the bell tower. You will be glad to know there is no danger of the tower falling down, but there *is* a risk of rain penetrating the stonework and causing damage that will be more costly to repair in the future. The grant though, as the name suggests, is for much more than just the repair of the masonry.

The Heritage Fund is designed to protect and preserve heritage issues of significance for future generations and has four main principles:

1. Protecting heritage
2. Protecting the environment
3. Promoting inclusivity
4. Promoting organisational sustainability.

Our application covered all four principles. It was easy to address the first point, protecting heritage, as the repair work will ensure that the bell tower remains in good order for generations to come.

The other three principles were a bit trickier to pin down and we decided to use the AGM as a starting point to find

out what role the people of Clungunford parish think the church plays in village life; which church activities are most appreciated, and what else could we do that would be experienced and enjoyed by more people.

This conversation is very important to us and will go on through the summer and beyond, giving as many people as possible the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings about the church.

The events we currently run are well supported and enjoyed, but it is important that we widen out our ideas pool! If you wish to have a say, and if you have any ideas for the way the church is used, please let us know. You can email clungunfordchurch@hotmail.com, or you can join St Cuthbert's What's App group <https://bit.ly/4t5BQ81>, or you can talk to any of the PCC members listed here individually. If you prefer anonymity, you can leave a note in the church, where there will be a box provided on the table at the back.

Eddie Gledhill - Church Warden - 07775 598414
Rob Rees - Treasurer - 07497 427376
Chris Tinker - Safeguarding - 07970 577614
Anna Dreda - Communications - 07772 288077
Christine Flitney - 07854 853117
Robert Flitney - 07941 394205
Angus Grant - 07583 897274
Tim Hughes - 07979 767119

Many ideas were suggested at the AGM and we would like to have more, so please feel free to add to the list in the Church! People-power to run events is often our only limiting factor; if you would like to help, or are willing to be called upon, we would love to hear from you.

Time and Day of Church Services

Those who already attend church seem happy with the current pattern; but we want to consider those who *don't* attend - not to convert (!) but to include. Maybe you don't attend for theological reasons (come and talk to us?) or it could be that the times are not convenient. Would anyone like a Sunday evening service? Or a mid-week evening service? What could we offer (maybe with your help?) that we don't currently offer?

By the time you read this, you may well have seen that scaffolding has already been erected around the tower. The repair work should start in early May and be completed by mid-July. However, our discussions on the other principles: environment, inclusivity and organisational sustainability, will continue. We would love our beautiful church building to be appreciated by even more members of the community than at present: not only for worship and other religious events, but also for the social gatherings and entertainment that are at the heart of our village life. Please don't feel shy about coming forward - our church is your church!

Coming up

The Big Breakfast !!!!!!!!!!! 7 June 9.30 - 11.30am

Yes, it's time for the annual FULL ENGLISH in a country churchyard.* Don't miss it! Places must be booked in advance, and are strictly limited to 70. No booking, no entry! Bookings to annadreda@icloud.co.uk or by phone if you don't use a computer: 07772 288077. All other details to follow in the Parish email, and on the What's App group, join here: <https://bit.ly/4vK3zxq>

* this is me (Anna) being poetic - if it's unsettled weather we'll be in the church!

Hymns and Pimms, 20 June 4 - 5.30pm, St Cuthbert's

Join us on the longest day and lift up your voices (and your glass) as we come together to sing our favourite hymns! All are very welcome to attend this event, which has become a regular part of our summer calendar. Just think of a hymn you'd like to sing, let us know, then turn up on the day. It's that simple. In the meantime Eddie (and hopefully other musicians, too) will practise your chosen hymns and accompany us as we sing. In the interval, glasses of Pimms (including our very special non-alcoholic recipe, which has to be tried to be believed!) will be served, along with freshly picked strawberries and home-made shortbread biscuits. It's a lovely afternoon, and you are more than welcome to bring family and friends along, too.

Hymns to Anna 07772 288077 or Eddie 07775 598414 by May Sunday May 25th.

Regular events

Churchyard and Church Maintenance Group Monday 4 May and 2 June 10am - 12pm

Our monthly group to maintain both church and churchyard: there are jobs for everyone, do join the fun. There is a generous coffee break to be enjoyed! All very welcome. (And the results are so appreciated.) Contact Anne Gledhill on 07989 208863 or anne@aegledhill.co.uk

St Cuthbert's Cafe, Thursdays in May 14 and 28, and in June 12 and 26 10am - 12pm

Come along to the village hall (please use the side entrance nearest to the village green, where there is now an excellent ramp for wheelchair access) to enjoy tea, coffee and homemade cake along with plenty of friendly chat. A great way to socialise with village friends old and new while supporting the church. It's also where the 100 Club draw is held. How about joining Rob's team of bakers? Contact Rob Rees on 07497 427376 or 01547 540248. (Second and fourth Thursday of each month)

The Quiet Church, every Thursday

Every Thursday afternoon a small, friendly group meets in the church for 25 minutes of silent meditation. We start with music at 4.45pm as people gather, then at 5 o'clock we have a reading and from there go into silence together. After the silence, we have another reading, or sometimes a poem. This is an inclusive group and welcomes everyone. Just turn

up, or contact Anna Dreda on 07772 288077 or annadreda@icloud.com.

Sacred Space Thursday 8th May 5.45pm

We gather from 5.45pm for a 6 o'clock start. We listen to six beautiful pieces of music, interspersed with periods of silence which are just under 5 minutes each. We usually finish with a short poem, but other than that – no words! It makes a lovely hour, do come and try it. All very welcome. For more information, contact Anna Dreda on 07772 288077 or annadreda@icloud.com, but feel free to turn up.

Looking back

Palm Sunday: 29th March

About 40 people joined the procession this year and enjoyed walking from the hall to the church on a beautiful, though cold, morning. Nick Smart brought the lovely Snowdrop and Eeyore (donkeys, in case you're wondering!) which given that he was lambing minutes before setting off for Clungunford, made it all the more special.

Lenten Course, five Tuesdays through March

Eleven of us explored questions of faith and doubt as we thought about the mystery and passion of Easter, using scripture, music, poetry, slow reading and silence. We explored what it might mean for each of us to live with faith. What are we called to do? We looked at ways of living where lament and vulnerability, service and care, inform our daily lives. In Week 4 we experienced the ancient Christian practice of 'Lectio Divina' slowly and contemplatively reading together a parable about repentance and potential. In our final week, we did a twenty-minute guided meditation on accepting God's love in our lives right now. And then we shared wine and food!

Launch of the Bell Tower Restoration Project: 20th March

What a lovely night we had celebrating the historic occasion of the start of our Bell Tower Restoration Project with 60+ friends and supporters. The quarter peel from the Diocesan Bell Ringers was beautiful and rang out around the village. We were played in and out by Richard Lewis, wonderful as ever on the organ, and the event in the Church was finely MC'd by Chris Tinker. We had three short talks from Max Maxwell; Angus Grant and Eddie Gledhill on the history of the church in Clungunford, from its beginnings as a wooden structure, its time as a school, its role as local government and social service, right up to where we are today: a thriving community where worship is changing but still happening, and cultural events such as music, poetry, art and crafts continue to unite and enrich us. The talks were interspersed with lovely music from Phil Trewinnard on accordion and Naomi Hardwick on the harp, very much enjoyed and appreciated by all there.

Edward Gledhill, our Church Warden, talked about the reality of church life today, explaining that a hundred years ago this parish was looked after by a priest and a curate.

Now we have been in interregnum since 2024, and our potential new 'vicar' would be responsible for the care of seven parishes on a half-time post. In the meantime though, our lay leaders work with commitment, faith and dedication to offer three Sunday services a month, including a monthly Eucharist with visiting clergy, for whom we are very grateful. Other regular opportunities to worship in different ways are the weekly Quiet Church and monthly Sacred Space.

We finished off the evening with excellent wine, cheese & refreshments, with thanks to Anne Gledhill and Liz & Clive Jackson.

Speaking of gratitude - we are so grateful to National Lottery players; The National Lottery Heritage and Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and our own 100 Club for the financial support to make the restoration project a reality. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed at any stage of this process so far, and who will continue to support us as the work progresses, and especially to everyone who supports the life and work of our church in ways big and small: it all matters, it all counts, and we are so grateful.



Gordon Schofield's Memorial Service: 27th March

Of course there was a full church as we celebrated the life of Gordon Schofield who died on 25th February in Hendre House, Ludlow, following a stroke. Gordon, and his wife Sandra, previously deceased, were much loved in Clungunford and around, and many of us have happy memories of their incorrigible joy, their ceaseless pastoral work, and the full and vibrant role they played in church and village life. Their son, Simon, gave a moving and fascinating eulogy, and the whole family (including dogs!) contributed to the celebration and provided an excellent afternoon tea in the church. It was such a tribute to Gordon and Sandra, and the laughter and the tears were healing.

Maundy Thursday, Stainer's Crucifixion: 2nd April

We loved Hugh Walker on the organ (just 20 years old and an Organ Scholar at the Birmingham Conservatoire) and the Vicarage Choir Singers who performed Stainer's Crucifixion in St Cuthbert's. Special guests were the

magnificent tenor soloist David Manford (Birmingham Conservatoire trained) and baritone soloist, Francis Acton, who also sings with Canto Shropshire. It was a moving performance much enjoyed by our audience, and the homemade cakes went down very well, too! Thank you to everyone who made this such a special evening.

Good Friday Service: 3rd April

Our Good Friday service this year was based on the fourteen sonnet meditations created by Malcolm Guite (poet, priest) around the Stations of the Cross. Images of the Stations were placed on the floor from the entrance of the church to the altar, allowing participants to 'walk the stations' before settling into the circle of chairs in the chancel. For fifteen minutes before the service began, we listened to Allegri's 'Miserere'. Christine Flitney led us in prayer, and the sonnets were read by Bob Bates, Anna Dreda and Christine. With silent pauses after each reading, and two pieces of music, 'The Lamentations of Jeremiah' and 'In pace in idipsum', both by Thomas Tallis, the mood was sombre, reflective and reverential. At the end, Anna read a piece from Ian J Mobsby (a priest in Canada, writing on Substack) on the significance of our waiting at the Cross, and Christine led the final prayers. After the service, although not strictly a Good Friday tradition, we enjoyed a glass of wine and home-made biscuits. It was a lovely afternoon.

Easter Sunday Morning

We were very grateful to Linda Watson for leading a gently celebratory Easter Communion Service for the forty-strong congregation. It's always lovely to see so many in the Church - from near and far. The church was vibrant with

gorgeous flowers from the abundant gardens of the flower arranging team, to whom grateful thanks for transforming the church from its stripped and empty state to its Easter morning glory. Thank you too, Mike and Isa, for the beautiful lilies. As always, we remembered the loved ones of our Parish, now resting in peace.

100 Club winners

March

First prize - £60 – Owen Bywater

Second prize - £30 – Dee Stewart

Third prize - £15 – David Wilkinson

April

First prize - £60 – Ennis Brown

Second prize - £30 – Michael Millar

Third prize - £15 – Joe Rooney

The Slow Ladies

Friday 29 May: Walcot Wood and Clunton - nearly 6 miles.

This is the walk we didn't do in early May. Meet In V.H. carpark at 9.30am. with coffee and picnic.

Friday 19 June: I would like to catch a Heart of Wales train to somewhere, but need to consult a timetable and find a walk before I can give more details. If you have any bright ideas for a walk, please let me know.

New walkers and their dogs are always welcome. Do not hesitate to contact me - Pauline Mattison (01588 660596) from whom meeting times and venues may be obtained.

CLUNGUNFORD PARISH BREAKFAST

Sunday 7th June - 9:30 until 11:30

**St Cuthbert's Church
Clungunford**



St Cuthbert's have moved the date of the Big Breakfast from September to June.



A wide range of cooked food will be available.

This is a gift from the church but donations are encouraged and welcomed.

**Please let Anna know if you want to come -
annadreda@icloud.co.uk or 07772 288077.**
Places are limited to 70.

Please also let Anna know if you have any dietary requirements.



**VILLAGE HALL AND GREEN TRUSTEES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
WEDNESDAY 6th May 2026 7pm.**

If you would like to attend, please contact
Elizabeth Lyster (details below) or just come along on the night.
All welcome

7pm: Formal Meeting

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

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, or just want
to know more about being a trustee or would like to join
our legion of loyal volunteers, please contact
Elizabeth Lyster (Secretary).
Phone: 07843 488663 E mail: lystere@btopenworld.com



News for volunteers and “soon to be” volunteers!!

We are very fortunate to have a willing bunch of volunteers who undertake many tasks to support the running of the hall. You might be surprised to learn that we had 54 volunteers helping to make the motor show work (and we need them all, and more!) and lots of feedback said what a pleasant bunch they were and how they contributed to a lovely relaxed atmosphere. We had volunteers from other parishes and even some from Kent!

So, could I please ask (beg!) you to confirm your availability for this year’s show on the **9th of August**, pretty please?

As a bit of a sweetener, we are holding our usual volunteers’ BBQ on **Sunday 17th of May, beginning at 12.30**. If you are a volunteer or would like to become one (of course you would) – join us!

Finally, a bit more begging: The bank on the far side of the green used to be strimmed by John Price who is sadly no longer with us, so we move on to plan B. Could I ask as many as possible to pop round to the green, on **Saturday 30th May at 13.00**, clutching a strimmer, to blitz this task? The more bodies we’ve got, the less we do!

So, three things to reply to:

BBQ on 17th May

Strimming session on 30th May

Classic Motor Show on 9th of August

Hopefully a flood of emails will come to: d_wilkinson@btinternet.com

Clungunford Bike and Beer 2026

The Ride and Stride Fund raising Day for The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, will be held on Saturday 12 September. Do Come along!

Between then and now?

Why not join us for some summer evening fun cycling outings to one of our splendid local pubs - where remembering the dates is more challenging than the rides-

All welcome. Join us at the pubs or cycle from The Church, weather permitting leaving at 18.30 ...

Held around the full moons the dates are

Wed May 27th Kangaroo Inn- Aston on Clun

Wed June 24th The White Horse - Clun

Wed July 29th Crown in Clunton

Wed August 26th The Sun at Leintwardine

The last is the “Great Gathering” fish n’ chips and a beer – a chance for riders and striders and all Gunnas Gazette readers to compare training regimes, diets, gym workouts , sleep cycles etc and, oh yes, have a beer or two NB for the hard core we cyclists we meet as usual at the Church at 18.30 . Please call Matthew Trustman 07766023534 for any information



The gathering at St Cuthbert's to celebrate the start of the tower repair project

The Parish Council

At our March meeting and subsequent planning meeting we discussed inter alia the egregious invasion of the village by the Ludlow Hunt, the vacant housing association property in Chapel Road and a proposal for some new houses in Hopton Heath. Full details are on the village website at www.clungunford.com.

We heard that Shropshire Council had passed the proposal for lodges at the former Oak Works in Hopton Heath, ignoring the helpful suggestions for improvement offered by your Parish Council.

It is pleasing to see so many Openreach vans around the village, now that ultra high speed broadband is available. Communications-wise this future proofs the village for years to come.

Our next meeting is on 13 May 2026 at 6 pm in the Village Hall. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm

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).



The Palm Sunday Donkey