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THE GUNNAS GAZETTE

CLUNGUNFORD CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW

10am - 4pm on Sunday 9th August 2026

Clungunford Village Green & Hall
Shropshire, SY7 0PP

Food & Drink
available all day

Trade stands &
Auto Jumble

Adults £7.00 Under 16's Free

Organisers: Dave C - 07984 964 566
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Supported by John Payne Wood Yard

Village Hall Events - Dates for your Diary

9th August - The Classic Car Show Village Hall AGM

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 Bowling Green Pavilion 10.00-12.00
- Post Office Van in the hall car park from 11.45-12.45 every Thursday

*See www.clungunford.com for all details, menus and ordering contacts

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Feedback on path for the green consultation

Many thanks to all those that took the time to respond to the consultation on the path for the village green. We had more responses than we had ever had before on a consultation and it really helped to inform the conversation that we held at the Trustees meeting that followed.

The final decision was not to develop the path. We are however looking at making a number of other changes to the green and we have already filled in the gap that previously surrounded the old bowls green, making it safer, more usable and also easier to keep tidy.

Simon Lyster, Chair of Trustees.

Weather report – Spring and Early Summer

After the wet but mostly mild winter, spring was rather dry with about 45mm of rain in each of March, April and May. The dry spell from 18-30th April saw river levels, that had been high in winter, fall significantly. Summer began wetter and the first two weeks of June had a total of 50mm of rain, with 22mm falling on the afternoon and evening of 1st June.

I recorded only one day of frost in March and one in April, otherwise it was mild. In May temperatures increased greatly from the 21st with record May highs on the 25th

and 26th, with 31 and 32C recorded at Hopton Heath but higher in the southeast. High temperatures continued and I recorded maximum temperatures of 25C from 28 May to 1 June but these fell to the low 20s and high teens until 15th June. Temperatures have since increased again and I have recorded 27C this afternoon (21st June). The forecast is for a heatwave over the next week with temperatures in the low 30Cs locally but higher in south-east England, where warnings of extreme heat have been issued.

Mike Tucker

Farm Born and Bred

Walking through a hayfield the other day which had been harvested, I was reminded of my grandfather. One of his favourite tasks was to use his horse drawn hay rake.

When the meadow had been cut, turned, baled and lugged, there was always some hay left on the ground. Mechanical equipment couldn't get the cut hay from every nook & cranny of the field; some would even be draped over the barbed wire where it had been blown by the wind.

My grandfather would hitch up his favourite cart horse Tom to the hay rake. Together they would be off to the harvested hay field.

Then Grandad and Tom would plod up & down the field for hours gathering into neat rows every bit of hay which was left. Armed with a pike my grandfather would rake the

bits of hay off the barbed wire to make sure no hay was left behind anywhere. Job done, then the tractor and baler would have to return to the field to bale up this hay. There may have been 5 or 6 bales made as a result, depending on the size of the field.

Whatever the outcome, my grandfather was pleased, he had spent time happily working with his horse & nothing was wasted!

M.E.B

Man -Flu facts:courtesy of Sister B:-

*Man-Flu is more painful than childbirth. This is an irrefutable scientific fact, based on a survey of more than one hundred thousand men.

*Man- Flu is not "just a cold". It is a condition so severe that the germs from a single Man-Flu sneeze could wipe out entire tribes of people living in the rainforest. probably loads of monkeys too..

*Women do not contract Man-Flu. At worst they suffer from what is medically recognised as a "Mild Girly Sniffle", which, if a man caught it, he would still be able to run, throw a ball, tear a phone book in half & compete in all other manly activities.

*Men do not " moan" when they have Man- Flu. They emit involuntary groans of agony entirely in proportion to the unbearable pain they are in.

*Full recovery from Man- Flu will take place much quicker if simple requests for care, sympathy, and regular cups of soup are met. Is that really too much to ask? Florence Nightingale would have done it.

*More men die each year from MFN (Man- Flu Neglect) than many other things (like rabbit attacks or choking on toast)

*Men suffering from Man-Flu want no more than to get out of bed and come to work, but they are too selfless to risk spreading this awful condition among their friends and colleagues. In this sense, they are the greatest heroes this country has ever known.

Flicks in the Sticks

Friday 4th September 2026 at 7.30pm

Wuthering Heights (cert 15)

Starring: Margot Robbie and Jacob Elordi

Director: Emerald Fennell **Romantic Drama**

A passionate and tumultuous love story set against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, exploring the intense and destructive relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw.

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.



The Clungunford Funds

Did you know Clungunford has two funds available to give grants to all parishioners at times of need?

Examples of the things we can help with are:

Costs of travel to hospital and medical expenses

School, college, vocational and apprenticeship expenses

Driving, swimming and music lessons

Convalescence expenses and personal alarms

TV licenses and household items

All requests will be considered

Grants are not means tested and are available to anyone living in the parish regardless of incomes and circumstances. Contributions can only be given if no help is available from public funding.

All enquiries and applications are received and treated in strict confidentiality.

Clungunford Charities

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The Clungunford Fund Charity Number 501782



Clungunford Educational Foundation Charity Number 505104



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 July and August are as follows:

Sunday 5 July	No service at St Cuthbert's	
Sunday 12 July	10.00 am	Family Service: lay led
Sunday 19 July	10.00 am	Morning Prayer: lay led
Sunday 26 July	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 August	No service at St Cuthbert's	
Sunday 9 August	10.00 am	Family Service: lay led
Sunday 16 August	10.00 am	Morning Prayer: lay led
Sunday 23 August	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 August	No service at St Cuthbert's	

Follow up to the Heritage Fund Project:

As you know, we successfully applied for two grants to restore and repair the Church tower. The funding provided by the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and the National Lottery Heritage Fund has been key in allowing us to undertake the work.

The grant from the Heritage Fund comes with four requirements:

1. To protect heritage
2. To protect the environment
3. To promote inclusivity
4. To promote organisational sustainability

1. Protecting heritage: The Tower!

You cannot fail to see that the tower is clad in scaffolding and has been now for some weeks. The builders are planning to be finished by mid-July and scaffolding will be removed by the end of that month. The work to the tower includes repairs to the roof where some timbers are in need of replacement necessitating the removal and then replacement of tiles. Repairs are also taking place inside the tower where cracks are being sorted and pointing is also taking place.

It was not in our original project, but we are hoping to have the clock face repainted. We had not been able to examine it up close until the scaffolding was in place. As the scaffolding provide easy access to it, it seems the ideal opportunity to clean the rust and refresh the black paint and the gilding.

In the same way that we celebrated the start of the building work, it is our intention to celebrate its completion. Watch this space for a date and time!



2. Protecting the environment: Lichen and moth surveys in the Churchyard

On the **24th July**, Mary Steer will be coming to St Cuthbert's to conduct a survey of lichen in the churchyard.

Mary has had a lifelong interest in the natural world beginning with birds in her early teens. She started studying lichens in 2018 when a long-standing interest in geology led her to wonder what the lichens on the surface of the rocks could tell about the rock underneath. Mary is the President of the British Lichen Society, and has been a trustee for the Shropshire Geological Society for 16 years, including 10 years as Chair.

If you would like to come along to see what happens, please contact Anne Gledhill on 07989 0208863 for timings.

And on **20th August** Jill Keys will be doing a moth and bat survey in the churchyard. Jill is an ecologist and her interest in moths really took off towards the end of 2024, when the hidden world of moths seized her imagination and excited her intellectual curiosity. As Jill says, we often don't even know they are there - until we look. So that's what we'll be doing!

We will meet in the church at 7.30pm for cheese and wine, followed by a short talk from Jill on moths and bats. There will be traps in the church so we can all see them and understand how they work. We will then all help with placing the traps in the churchyard. Dusk is around 8.25pm so we will go for a bat walk around the churchyard and possibly the surrounding area. By the time we wander back, we should have moths to look at! All being well, we'll be able to put them in pots so we can see them, and Jill of course will help with identification. The moths will be released unhurt at the end of the evening!

Caring for God's Acre carried out a moth survey a few years ago so we hope to be able to make comparisons.

Please note: this event is entirely weather dependent and will be put back to 27th August if it's too cold, too wet or too windy. We will set up a What's App Moth Survey group on the Community What's App for St Cuthbert's so that we can easily communicate with you if there has to be a change of plan! (If you don't use What's App we'll phone you.) So please let us know if you are interested by contacting Hilary White on 07867 845774 or hilarywhite1964@gmail.com. There is no charge but donations to church funds are always very welcome and much needed!

3. Promoting inclusivity.

With your help and active involvement via the AGM and the information boards in the church (THANK YOU!) we have lots of ideas regarding these and you will be hearing more about them shortly.

In the meantime, if there are ideas you have regarding ways in which we can do things better - do please let us know! We will be prioritising this feedback, and the response of

the PCC, at our next PCC meeting on Monday 11th August so any thoughts by then, please, to any member of the PCC please, or by leaving a note in the church.

Eddie Gledhill - Church Warden - 07775 598414

Rob Rees - Treasurer - 07497 427376

Chris Tinker - Safeguarding - 07970 577614

Anna Dreda - Communications - 07772 288077

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Tim Hughes - tlchughes@hotmail.com

Angus Grant - 07583 897274

4. Promoting organisational sustainability

What can I say? We're working on it! Honest!

And of course, we are always busy (or at least it feels that way to us!) Read on ...

What we've been doing

New Church noticeboard

Have you noticed the smart new noticeboard by the lychgate?! The new board (which is magnetic: no more bruised thumbs as we struggle to push drawing pins into very hard wood!) fits within the original oak frame, so it doesn't immediately look different. The new board is enclosed, so posters are now protected from the wind and rain.

If you would like us to display a poster on the noticeboard for you, please leave it in the folder on the table inside the Church and we will do our best.

The noticeboard was part-funded by Aston-on-Clun Community Shop and we are very grateful to them for their generous donation.

Hereford Organ Scholar

It has become an annual event to welcome the Hereford Cathedral Organ Scholar to play our splendid Binn's organ. Sebastian Moreau is the latest to do so. Sebastian was educated at Royal St George's College in Toronto, Canada. He will shortly be leaving the Cathedral to read for a degree in music as the Organ Scholar of Magdalen College, Oxford. We wish him well.

Many thanks to Michael Sullivan of the West Mercia Friends of the Organ for introducing him to St Cuthbert's.



The Big Breakfast 2026

As always this was a big success! Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway, and especially to Angus and Chris! Most of all though, thank you to everyone who came; enjoyed an excellent breakfast and contributed to church funds. And the human side of the 'church fund' was contributed to as well, through the fellowship and community gathered there.

Hymns and Pimms, 2026

What a lovely summer solstice afternoon it was for our fourth - and counting - Hymns and Pimms! Some thirty of us raised our voices in song and our glasses in enjoyment of Pimms and homemade biscuits in our very beautiful churchyard. As always, listening to people talking about why they had chosen a particular hymn was very moving. Tears and laughter are always near by. A truly lovely and special event. Thank you to everyone who came and all who helped.

Altar Cloth Project

Did you know that a dedicated team of stitchers are hard at work on a new altar cloth? It will be a delight to see! All will be unveiled in due course. If you would like to be involved with project it is not too late. please contact Christine Flitney on 07854 853117

The Beatitudes

Fifteen people are attending a weekly evening course in the church, exploring the Beatitudes (from The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:3-12). Rather than being a traditional Bible Study Course, we are looking at a wide range of readings on the subject and using music, meditation and poetry to reflect on how the Beatitudes are present in our own hearts and lives today.

Coming up

Beer and Bike Nights 29/7/26 and 26/9/26

In preparation for the Ride and Stride to be held on 12/9/26, cyclists are invited to take part in the Beer and Bike Nights - Clunton, Wednesday 29th July at 6.30pm - 9.30pm and Leintwardine, Wednesday 26th August at 6.30pm - 9.30pm. For details and any further information please contact Matthew Trustman on 07766 023534 or mtrustman@talk21.com

Church Stretton Arts Festival: Free Organ Concert at St Cuthbert's Church, Wednesday 5th August, 12 noon with refreshments from 11.15.

We are very pleased that the Church Stretton Arts Festival will coming to St Cuthbert's for one of their three organ recitals. The first Festival was in 1967 and it has been an annual event since then with the exception of the Covid year. The organist for St Cuthbert's will be Allan Walker, please do come and support the event.

The programme has not yet been announced but will shortly be found on <https://strettonfestival.org.uk/events-listing>

Towards Stillness Saturday 15th August, 10 - 3pm

You are invited to join us for a quiet day of meditation, music and very simple dance with Anna Dreda, Clare Johnson and Carole Dixon.

The meditations will follow the practice we share each week in The Quiet Church, with a short reading followed by about 15 - 20 minutes of silent meditation, then a short reading or poem. The readings are designed to encourage and help us to meditate, rather than being specifically religious texts.

The 'Sacred Space' part is simply listening to carefully chosen pieces of music, which are interspersed with short periods of silence (about 4 minutes each time). This part of the day will take about 45 minutes in all.

The dance part of the day will consist of (at most!) three dances which will be to beautiful, meditative pieces of music and will have extremely simple steps. The dances will each be taught, and if you can walk - you will be able to dance them!

All elements of the day are optional and you are welcome to take quiet time out at any point.

Please bring a packed lunch, and we will provide hot and cold drinks and refreshments.

There is no charge for this event (thank you St Cuthbert's) but we will ask for donations to church funds.

Booking is essential as we are limiting the event to twelve participants.

Enquiries and bookings to Anna Dreda on 07772 288077 or annadreda@icloud.com

SAVE THE DATES!

Harvest Supper: 24/9/26

Ludlow Band Concert 10/10/26

Both of these are evening events, more details next time.

Regular events

Churchyard and Church Maintenance Group

Mondays 6/7/26 and 3/8/26 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 July 9/7/26 and 23/7/26, and in August 13/8/26 and 27/8/26 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, 4.45pm - 5.30pm

Every Thursday afternoon a small, friendly group meets in the church for 25 minutes of silent mediation. 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: Please note the next Sacred Space will be on September 11th as we don't meet in July or August.

100 Club winners

May

First prize - £60 – Isobel Jones

Second prize - £30 – Chris Tinker

Third prize - £15 – Tom Baines

June

First prize - £60 – Susanna Rocke

Second prize - £30 – Simon Lyster

Third prize - £15 – Ann Hunt



With thanks to all those who play the National Lottery for enabling the repair work at St Cuthbert's to be undertaken.



The James family at The Big Breakfast.....

Now a much loved annual event.....every egg done to perfection

TOWARDS STILLNESS

in St Cuthbert's Church, Clungunford
Saturday August 15th 10 - 3pm

A quiet day of meditation, music and sacred dance.
Each element is optional with a quiet area for
stillness and silence Bring packed lunch. Drinks and
biscuits provided No charge, but donations to church
funds welcomed



Enquiries to Anna Dreda on 07772 288077 or
annadreda@icloud.com



Hymns and Pimms on a Summer's Day

The Parish Council

At our last meeting on 13 May I was re-elected as chairman and Mike Tucker as vice-chairman. We discussed the Parish Council finances – healthy – and the Housing Association's treatment of a vacant property in the village and its former tenant.

This meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting, which was attended by no members of the public. Whether this is because of apathy on the part of village folk or whether the community is entirely satisfied with its Parish Council, who knows. The World Cup had not yet commenced, and so that cannot have been the reason!

I was pleased to thank fellow councillors for their efforts during the year and also to draw attention to the continuing success of the other village organs. All in all, Clungunford continues to prosper. The big achievement of the year, of course, has been the successful conclusion of the campaign to bring super-fast broadband to the main body of the village.

Those interested can view the draft minutes of the meetings on the village website (www.clungunford.com) where you can also see the Parish Council's Annual Financial Statement.

Our next meeting is on 8 July 2026 at 7 pm in the Village 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).