

October 2015

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Who's Who

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All Saints' Academy	Head-teacher	Mrs Carol Ward	628444
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in Clifton

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	Providence Baptist Church	Ron Cook	850643
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Forward Planner

October	
4	Harvest Festival, 10.30 am, followed by buffet & cake stall
5	Clifton Forum, 7.00, 30 New Road
7	WI Meeting 7.30pm
10	Vauxhall Male Voice Choir, Church, 7 for 7.30
	Woodlands Fashion Show, 7 for 7.30, Community Centre
10&11	Artists Network Beds Show, St John's, Moggerhanger
13	WI Social 1.30 pm
17&18	Art Exhibition, Northill Village Hall, 10 am – 4 pm
20	GLGS Mowsbury 13.00
	MU Social
22	WI Annual Dinner - The Green Man
23	Family Disco, 6.00 – 9.30, Community Centre
24	St Mary's Autumn Fayre and Art Show, Hitchin
25	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
26	Half Term
31	Ceremony of the Keys, 5.00 leave Golden Lion
November	
2	Non-contact/Inset day
4	All Souls Memorial Service, 4.00 pm, All Saints' Church
17	MU, Jeanette Glenister - <i>Christmas Flower Arrangements</i>
24	Mothers' Union Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Church Hall
28	Christmas Fayre, 1.30-4.00, All Saints' Academy
29	Christingle Service, 4.00 pm

All Saints' Church

From the Registers



Funeral:

7th September 2015

Jane Alison Pratchett aged 57years

Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

Sunday Services

*10.30 am and 6.00 pm. A warm welcome is assured to all.
Communion following the service 3rd Sunday in the month

*The Sunday morning service for Providence Baptist Church, starting at 10.30 am will continue to be held at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, until further notice.

Mondays (term time)

Mums and Tots – 10.00 am
5 Up Club – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Wednesdays

Weekly bible study and prayer meetings – ring for details.

Thursday's

11.30 am—1.00 pm – coffee pot at the church, feel free to drop in for a drink.

Fridays (term time)

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

Secretary: Ron Cook 01462 850643

Dear Friends,



The changing colours and falling leaves of autumn most likely bring to mind countless thoughts:

Harvest, cider, blackberrying, hay stacks, mountains of leaves to rake, mountains of leaves in which to play, and colourful leaves gathered and pressed between the heavy pages of the dictionary. Somewhat nostalgic recollections, all. We thank God for the generosity of the **Harvest**, as generations have previously enjoyed, at our services on **Sunday 4th October** 8am Southill, 9am Southill, 10.30am Clifton followed by buffet and cake stall, and 3pm 'Songs of Praise' Broom Village Hall with Tea and cakes. But autumn can also bring to mind thoughts about the transient nature of so much in this life. The falling leaves remind us of our own limited existence, and so autumn can be a good time to take stock and reflect.

Near the end of this short story entitled, *Going Nuts!*, by David W Jones, Jonah – the main character – takes an autumn walk in the woods. While on this walk, he hears the voice of God speaking to him. God asks, "Jonah, do you know what the difference is between you and the trees?" "Yes," he said. "The difference between me and the trees is that the trees let go of their leaves. I keep holding onto mine. The trees make room for new life. I don't."

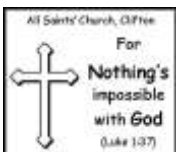
Jonah scoops up a handful of leaves and then, one-by-one, separates them, naming with each leaf a grief that his life has known. When these grief-named-leaves are spread out before him, Jonah then offers them up to God, metaphorically letting them go. In this autumn season, what are the leaves that God is calling us to let go in order that we can celebrate the new life he so longs to give us?

Take a walk outside. Pick up a leaf or two. Let them be an invitation to you to consider, reflect, and let go. Take a lesson from the trees and make room for new life.

Then next month, **4pm 1st November at Clifton**, in our **All Souls' Memorial service** people from Southill and Clifton remember loved ones who have passed away. Please come along and the name of your loved one which will be read out during the service.

Candles will be lit symbolising the offering of our love of them to God.

God bless your reflecting --- *Rev'd Anne*



All Saints Church Services

(for dates see sidespersons' rota at back of magazine)

Sundays:

- 8.00 Communion, 2nd & 4th Sundays (2nd BCP)
- 10.30 Family Communion 1st Sunday
Parish Communion 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Morning Worship (non-communion) 4th Sunday
Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)
- 6.30 Evensong 1st Sunday, Evening Worship 3rd Sunday

Wednesdays: 10.00 am—Communion

Church Open every Monday 10.00-12.00

And 1st Sunday of the month 2.00-5.00

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a new, spacious, well-equipped community centre with floodlit parking for 60 cars.

For information on the facilities available, and to see just how easy and inexpensive it is to use this hall see:

[www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls for hire/Community Centre](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls%20for%20hire/Community%20Centre)

To check availability and make a booking, please email:

parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

or phone:

Sharon Kingham 07547 129038 or

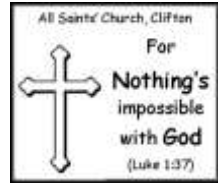
Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

Booking forms and conditions of hire can be downloaded from the website.



All Saints' Church

Special services
in the next few weeks



4th October, 10.30 am
Harvest Festival Service,

Followed by buffet and cake stall in church



Messy Church, 25th October,
Church Hall, 10.30
See page 23



1st November 4.00 pm,
All Souls' Memorial Service

People have the opportunity to remember loved ones
who have passed away.

Please come along and the name of your loved one will be read out
during the service. Candles will be lit symbolising the offering of
our love of them to God.

Christingle Service,
29 November, 4.00 pm



CLIFTON ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

(A Values Academy)



All of the children have settled back into school well, not sure who felt most tired after the first week back, the staff or children!

Over the summer break the playground markings were re-painted which makes the playground a bright and colourful area for the children to play. We would also like to say a **HUGE** thank you to Julie-Anne Clark, Tracey Norman and Mrs Dixon for their hard work decorating and revamping the school library over the summer break. We think it looks fabulous with the bright colours and jungle theme. Well done to their children too who came in and helped their Mums, bet they weren't expecting to be in school over the summer holidays!

Attendance / Holiday Requests

As you are already aware, we are unable to authorise absences for family holidays. If the absence is absolutely unavoidable then please write to the Head teacher providing details. Please note that if your child is absent from school on a family holiday without authorisation the Council may be informed, and therefore a 'Non-School Attendance Penalty Notice' may be issued.

Prospective Parents Visits

It's that time of year when many parents are looking around schools to decide on their first preference school for their child. Clifton all Saints Academy will have an open morning on **TUESDAY 3rd November at 9.15am** and an afternoon on **FRIDAY 6th November at 2pm** where you will be able to have a tour of the school, meet some of the school council and have an opportunity to ask questions. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be on offer! Each visit will last approximately one hour. If you would like to attend please call the school office on 01462 628444 or email school@clifton-beds.co.uk before the 2nd November to give us an idea of numbers. We look forward to meeting you.

Fundraising

We have decided that the charities we will be raising funds for this year will be St John's Hospice in Moggerhanger. This is in memory of Jane Pratchett who we very sadly lost over the summer holidays. Jane was part of Clifton All Saints Academy for many years, as a parent as well as starting work here part time before becoming a full time Nursery

Nurse in our Robins class. We will also continue to raise funds for The Philip Veale Children's Centre in Malawi. This centre was built in memory of Mrs Undrell's father and provides a primary education and a nutritious meal for over 150 children in one of the World's poorest countries. In addition it is also the permanent home for 31 children who have no one to look after or care for them.

Christmas Plays

This year we have changed the times we will be putting on the Christmas performances. We find that the children are exhausted after two evening performances and often several children are unable to return. Therefore we are giving everyone as much notice as possible to enable you all to make any necessary arrangements to allow all parents to see their children. Initially only one ticket per family will be given out for the evening and two tickets for the morning and afternoon performances. There will be a reserve list on a first come first served basis for all of the performances. Children, siblings and members of the community are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal but please contact the school on 01462 628444 or email school@cliftonbeds.co.uk to let us know so we can keep an eye on the numbers attending. Many thanks.

Date	Day	Time	Details
14/12	Monday	2.00pm	Dress rehearsal Grandparents, siblings and the local community are welcome, but please advise the school office if you would like to attend.
15/12	Tuesday	2.00pm	Afternoon performance Ticket only
16/12	Wednesday	9.30am	Morning performance Ticket only
16/12	Wednesday	6.00pm	Evening performance Ticket only (1 per family) there will be a reserve list.

Robins

Robins Christmas plays will be on Wednesday 9th December and Friday 11th December at 2.30pm

Henlow Church of England Academy



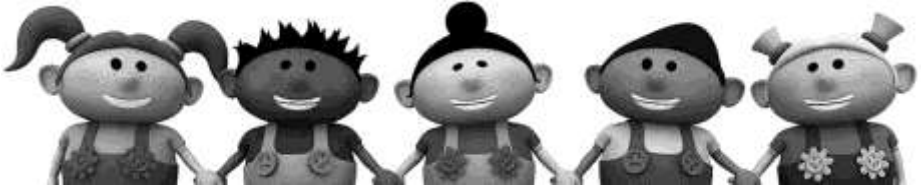
It is a real privilege to welcome pupils in year 5,6,7 and 8 back to Henlow Academy and to begin to get to know our new year 5 children. I can't believe I've now been in post here as Head teacher for a whole year!

The beginning of a new academic year is exciting as you embark on new ways of engaging pupils in their learning. Our community is proud of the progress our pupils made last year. We know that our focus on the fully rounded pupil helps children to develop as individuals in addition to having a positive impact on exam results.

In March Ofsted drew attention to the culture of high expectations at Henlow Academy in addition to the ways in which our values permeate every aspect of our work. Reflecting on the year I feel that the ways in which our school community raised money for charities demonstrates an understanding of others' lives and a willingness to work together to help. In total nearly £4,000.00 was raised and given to a wide range of charities including those focussing on cancer and Children in Need. Through our year 8 challenge, individuals design their own project and often focus on areas close to their own heart in order to raise much needed funds. Last year the majority of our money raised was sent to Nepal in response to the tragedy experienced there. I feel inspired by the efforts of our pupils and know that they will continue to raise money this year for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Caren Earp





Clifton Parents and Toddlers Group

Clifton Parent and Toddler Group runs every Wednesday morning 9.15-11.15am during term time at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent.

- For children from birth to four years old
- £2 per adult and child, 50p each for additional children
- Refreshments for adults and a healthy snack for children included
- Ride on toys, climbing frame and slide and outdoor toys (weather permitting)
- Craft table with a different craft each week

Contact us at cliflontoddlers@gmail.com, search Clifton Toddlers on Facebook.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN DISCO



Licensed bar, snacks, great disco, optional fancy dress.....

Clifton Community Centre

Friday 23rd October 6pm - 9.30pm

Tickets: £3.00 for Adults, £1.50 for children available from:
Julie Willmott cliflontoddlers@gmail.com or 07795 458052

This is a fundraising event for Clifton Parent and Toddler group but is open to all and we welcome families with children of all ages.

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



HEALTHWATCH

The Healthwatch scheme was created as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. It is designed to receive and coordinate feedback from users or their carers on health and care related issues.

Subjects cover a wide range of subjects, from how patients get to GP appointments to post-hospitalisation support, they also assist in finding Care Homes where needed. They can be contacted as follows:-

1. There is an on-line transport/access survey for Central Beds at www.surveymonkey/s/HWCBTRANSPORT.
2. Contact by telephone Monday to Friday during office hours (or leave a message and they will return your call). Tel. 0300 303 8554
3. Write to them at:- Capability House, Wrest Park, Silsoe, MK45 4HR

They also arrange direct support for individuals on a specific basis and have links with other support organisations, in particular with ADVI CECENTRAL which we wrote about in the August magazine. When we obtain further information on these and other services we will try to keep you updated.

CARE SCHEME

We are here to serve everyone, so if you need our assistance please let us know, just call us on

07817 614654

. and we'll do our best to help.

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Hitchin Lane/New Road development

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone that volunteered to deliver leaflets concerning the Gladman Proposal for Hitchin Lane. A good community effort.

See pp 27 & 28 for information from CIPS.

New Road Closure

Many of you will have noticed that New Road is being closed to through traffic while work is carried out. This is to allow work on the sewage system to cater for the new development at the northern end of New Road. The reason for the lack of notice for this work was that the works were incorrectly entered to the CBC system as taking place in "New Street, Shefford", so we were not informed. The work is scheduled to last two weeks but may be completed in a shorter period.

See opposite for information from Taylor Wimpey

WITNESS THE CEREMONY OF THE KEYS

Coach leaves Golden Lion

5.00 pm

Note change of time!



Taylor Wimpey thanks Clifton Community for patience during road works



Housebuilder Taylor Wimpey, which is building new homes at The Paddocks in Clifton, is thanking local people for their patience and understanding during the construction process.

New Road in Clifton is temporarily closed while work to connect the foul drain to the main drain and to extend the storm drain is carried out.

Gareth Jacob, Regional Sales and Marketing Director for Taylor Wimpey, says:

“We’d like to thank people in the local neighbourhood for their tolerance during this time and apologise for any inconvenience the work in New Road has caused. We are committed to keeping the community informed as works progress and are working hard to ensure that disruption to local residents is kept to a minimum while we build these much-needed new homes.”

A showhome is due to open at the development this autumn to help prospective buyers visualise the life they could be enjoying in a brand new home at The Paddocks.

Appointments to visit the Sales Centre at The Paddocks, located off New Road, Clifton, can be made by calling the Sales Executive on 01462 417345. Further information is also available by visiting the website at www.taylorwimpey.co.uk.





Christmas Concert
Saturday 12 December 2015
All Saints' Church, Clifton

Put the date in your diary this excellent Choir will be performing a varied programme including some audience participation on well known Christmas carols and songs.

More details next month.

Christmas Fayre
Saturday 28th November

1.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Clifton All Saints' Academy



Stalls, Games, Gifts, Crafts, Music, Tombola, Face-painting,
Refreshments , Father Christmas' Grotto

Fabulous Prize Draw

Prize draw tickets will be on sale via the School and Church

Many prizes including
two luxury Christmas Hampers

Proceeds are shared equally between
All Saints' Church Clifton and Clifton All Saints' Academy PTA

VAUXHALL MALE
VOICE CHOIR
CONCERT



All Saints' Church, Clifton

Saturday 10th October, 2015

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets £10.00

which will include a glass of wine during the interval

This event was extremely popular in 2013 so, to avoid disappointment, please order your tickets as quickly as possible from:

Jim Peacock Tel: 812514

Proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to
All Saints' Church Clifton



Ladies Fashion Show

Returning by popular demand

Saturday 10 October

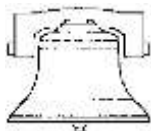
Doors open 7.00 show starts 7.30

Tickets £6 including a class of bubbly

Clifton community centre

Tickets from Tracy 07876 787266

Proceeds for Woodlands Pre-school



On Wednesday 9 September, 2015
A quarter peal of
1272 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Was ring in 43 minutes by

- 1 Sheila V Ashton
- 2 Stanley Ashton
- 3 Rosalind J Keech
- 4 Teresa J Brown
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Frank W Rivett (Conductor)

Rung as a **60th birthday** compliment to
Robin Welsford



and to celebrate **HM Queen Elizabeth II becoming
the longest reigning monarch in British history**

Clifton W.I.



The September meeting took the form of a celebratory party for the Centenary Anniversary of W.I. in Britain. We commenced in the usual way with the singing of Jerusalem.

Secretary Iris read the minutes of the meetings of July & August which were duly agreed and signed. President Pat advised us of correspondence and notices including an invitation to join Arlesey for their party on September 15; Group Meeting on October 13 to take place in Arlesey W.I. Hall; Craft Fair at Flitwick Village Hall November 15 (cakes required for this event); Annual Carol Concert at Salvation Army, Bedford on December 4 and a Dabble Day at W.I. House on December 5:

Members have been asked by National to keep up the pressure on Government for further funding for 'Care not Custody' regarding people with mental health problems being taken into care rather than being put in prison. Write to Chancellor George Osborne and to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt in support of the business case.

A board with menu was passed round with choices of menu for the annual dinner on October 22 at the Green Man, Stanford. The next Activity Afternoon (the last in 2015) is on October 13 in the Church Hall at 1.30pm.

Our most senior member, Mary Clarke, was invited to cut the beautifully decorated celebration fruit cake and Ladies with birthdays in September were handed cards.

We then were invited to the buffet table where an excellent selection of food was laid out. The celebration cake and an iced sponge cake were distributed together with wine and fruit juices.

The raffle, comprising prizes relating to 100 years previous, was drawn before the entertainment by Ray Spiller. He had a huge selection of records and a large knowledge of record charts and invited members to select dates special to them when he played the appropriate record. In-between numbers he told jokes and tales and was very humorous.

Next meeting 7.30pm October 7, Speaker Bill Hamilton, Tea Ladies, Mary Morgan, Kate Slavin and Jane Hoeksma.

Katherine Edwards 816334

GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our **August** competition was played at **Wavendon GC**, competing for the **Classic Trophy**. The weather was overcast but warm and dry. We had a clear winner but all the minor placings were very close. The results were:

- 1st with 40 pts – **Ian Martin**
- 2nd with 31 pts – **Fred Dibley**
- 3rd with 30 pts OCB – **Colin Paine**
- Longest Drive – **Gordon Ward**
- Nearest the Pin – **Harvey Price**



Our **September** competition was played at **Harpenden Common GC**, competing for the **Small Cup**. The weather was warm and dry, and the course in tip top condition. This was the society's first visit to Harpenden Common, it will not be our last. The results were:



- 1st with 40 pts – **Harvey Price**
- 2nd with 37 pts – **John Wall**
- 3rd with 32 pts – **Colin Paine**
- Longest Drive – **John Whitbread**
- Nearest the Pin – **Colin Paine**

See diary for our final competition of the season.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact, **Harvey Price** on **01462 812781** or **John Wall** on **01462 814097**.

Garden Waste

Garden Waste can be taken to the Central Bedfordshire Offices at Priory House, Chicksands, during the time that the Tidy Tip in Biggleswade is being redeveloped.



Every weekend until early October you can take any excess garden (green) waste to the Council Offices at Priory House. If you are using a Sat Nav to get there, please use post code SG17 5XY.

Opening times: We will be open Saturdays and Sundays only from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. The permit system relating to vehicles and trailers at the recycling centres will still be in operation at this site.



For more information please see our website:

www.wanderbus.org.uk

Telephone **0300-123-3023**



Also you can see the full timetable on the Clifton Website:
www.clifton-beds.co.uk

Summary of Services from Clifton

W1 Shefford to Bedford - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

W4 Welwyn Garden City - 4th Monday of each month

W5 Baldock - Every Thursday

W7 Letchworth - Every Thursday

W9 / W10 Stevenage - 1st & 3rd / 2nd & 4th Tuesday ea. month

W12 Hitchin & Letchworth - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month

W13 Milton Keynes - 1st Monday of each month

On request, stops will be made to pick up / set down at any place along the route where it is safe & legal to do so.



Clifton Street Watch



Clifton has had 7 recorded crimes since my last report, 3 of these were **Burglary Dwellings**, initially, in New Road 8th August, a property is in the process of being renovated, had a ride on lawn mower stolen from the location. Later, 19th August a property in Church Street, had a side window forced open to gain entry and cash and bank cards were stolen. Then between 4 pm 30th Aug & 8 pm 1st Sept, at a property on Shefford Rd, offenders smashed through a bordered up door to gain entry and furniture was stolen.

In addition to the above, we had two further incidents **Burglary Other**. At Clifton House Gardens 16th Aug, entry was gained to an insecure garden shed, tools were stolen. At our Cricket Club on Stanford Lane, sometime between 26th & 27th Aug, attempts were made to gain entry, fortunately this proved unsuccessful due to recent tightened security measures. However, an outside container was searched, nothing stolen.

There were two incidents of **Theft** – In Whiston Crescent, 16th Aug, cash went missing following a private car sale, also in Whiston Crescent, 10th Aug, a cement mixer was stolen from a property that is currently being built. This item was insecure.

As so often happens there are crimes that can be avoided by simple security precautions. Obviously this will not stop every crime but padlocks on sheds, hiding purses and wallets instead of leaving them on display will most certainly make life difficult for offenders. As the winter months are approaching it is a good time to remind residents to check outside lighting, make sure tools are locked away and remember - if lights are on and curtains are not drawn potential offenders can see into your home – your valuables could be next!!

Maybe you would like to know more about our **Clifton Street Watch**, if so can I encourage you to visit the **STREETWATCH** website, it contains further details about the principles and activities of the organisation. Please visit us at <http://www.street-watch.org/> and explore the site, including the **Beds** and **Clifton** pages. Maybe you'd like to join our group, if so contact me.

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334

All Saints Clifton



Sunday 25 October

Church Hall Stanford Lane, Clifton

10:30am

- * **Craft activities for all the family**
 - * **Stories and songs**
 - * **Hot lunch**
- * **No fixed cost- donations welcome**
 - * **No need to book**

Come and join the fun!

**Ruth Gray (01462 812820) or
Suzanne Stapleton (01462 811929)
for more info if required**



Clifton Residents Association

Hi everyone,

Welcome to October, Autumn is here and another season has gone! I hope you enjoyed your summer. In the August edition I mentioned about the problems with the buses, and asked if anyone would step forward to log all the incidents. We now have that person, if you experience any trouble with the bus system please ring Elisabeth on 812336 to log your complaint.

At our last committee meeting we had councillor Richard Wenham visit us and have a discussion about Hitchin Lane. It was a very informative and in depth session with no holds barred. Objections to this development? contact Councillor Richard Wenham

Now, I had a disturbing contact from a person and I will quote as I received. 'SHAME ON YOU THIEVES OF CLIFTON! Until recently there was a vendor in Shefford Road selling fresh vegetables at weekends which was greatly appreciated by regular customers. Unfortunately he has had to suspend this service due to certain persons unknown taking the produce without paying This is really despicable, especially as the produce was reasonably priced and a few vegetables cost two or three pounds at most. I hope the offenders read this and feel thoroughly ashamedno name received!! Any comments??

Central Bedfordshire Council have printed a booklet 'Are you struggling with money'..... it's 'where to go' information before things get too bad. The booklet is available from the Chicksands office or your Credit Union collection point in Shefford on a Friday morning 10 - 12 noon. Need more information contact denfensome@yahoo.co.uk

Finally, and importantly, have you a burning issues for our village that we could air at a full public meeting? If so, please let me know.

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



Christmas is coming and.....

Well the geese probably are starting to get fat but most of us probably have a little grumble to ourselves when Christmas is mentioned in August but hopefully it will be much nearer to the season when you are reading this.

Biggleswade Lions have had a good summer and we have met many of you at our fundraising stalls at the various village fetes. We have also heard some inspiring speakers at our club meetings, the last one being a speaker giving us a comprehensive account of all the wonderful work done by Macmillan Cancer Care. This was all the more impressive as the speaker was himself a cancer sufferer giving something back after receiving a lot of help from Macmillan.

However we have a very busy autumn and Christmas coming up and we have been planning our activities for a long time. Lions clubs have an annual celebration on the day that they were “chartered” so it’s a sort of a birthday party. In our case we are having our Charter lunch in mid October to celebrate our Clubs 37 years of serving the local community. It also gives us a strong reminder that we are a part of a significant national and international organisation.

Once we get to December we have a very full programme of fundraising events with six tin-shakes; in Sandy at Tesco, in Biggleswade at Morrisons and in Upper Caldecote at G&M growers. Sincere thanks to our hosts. We also have ten sleigh runs when our beautifully decorated and illuminated sleigh goes around local towns and villages in the dark to bring some of the magic of Christmas to young and old and of course we hope that Father Christmas will be able to spare the time to be with us. And some of the proceeds helps us to provide Christmas parcels to over 130 people who are having a difficult time.

Our very special event is our annual Grand Charity Dance on 5th December at the Weatherley Centre in Biggleswade. We are fortunate in having the very talented musicians and singers of New Vintage+ who deliver a combination of traditional ball room and modern party dancing that suits all tastes. We have a hard core of followers who

enjoy it so much they ask what next year's date is before they go home! However we wish to welcome as many new people as possible. An enjoyable evening is assured with good music, good dancing and a plated supper at a very good venue and all the proceeds go into our charity account. Tickets are £18 and can be bought from Lion Judith Hagger Tel 01462 814693.

Our Christmas activities typifies what Lions is all about; working hard to help others but having lots of fun and enjoyment doing it. If this might float *your* boat a warm welcome is assured for anyone attending one of our meetings on a come and see basis.



For any more information about Lions and Christmas, or just Lions in general, call 01462 814693

Clifton Mothers' Union Group

Coffee Morning



10 - 12 noon

Saturday 24th October

Clifton Church Hall

Proceeds in aid of the Church Hall

Clifton Planning Applications update Central Beds decisions to 9th September



CB/15/03234/FULL – 28 August 2015 – The Onion Loft, 62 Church Street, SG17 5EY. Barn conversion and alterations – Consultation period.

CB/15/03192/OUT – 26 August 2015 – Clifton Farmyard, Church Street, SG17 5EX. Outline application: demolition of existing farmbuildings and stabling and their replacement with 3 barn-style dwellings together with green open space. – Consultation period.

CB/15/02883/FULL – 13 August 2015 – 39 Church Street, SG17 5ET Proposed new rear conservatory built over existing light well to basement. – Consultation period

CB/15/02713/FULL – 12 August 2015 – Sunnyside, Stanford Lane, SG17 5EU. Single story side extension – Consultation period.

CB/15/02733/OUT – 23 July 2015 – Land off Hitchin Lane. Outline planning permission for up to 97 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing), demolition of existing outbuildings, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access point from Hitchin Lane and New Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site accesses. – Consultation period. **(see below)**

CB/15/02781/FULL – 28 July 2015 - 6 Clifton Fields, SG17 5QA Single story rear extension – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/02510/LB – 7 July 2015 – The Manor House, Stanford Lane, SG17 5EU. Listed Building: Remove internal wall, alter door/windows to side elevation & internal alterations - Granted

CB/15/02517 – 7 July 2015 – The Golden Lion, 22 Church Street, SG17 5ES. New patio area formed within existing external drinking area including new brick built BBQ area, traditionally constructed pergola and amenity lighting. New fencing with gate to close off yard

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area. New door way created from lounge to new patio area – Granted.

CB/15/02387/FULL – 1st July 2015 – 17 Fairground Way, SG17 5JN
Side and rear single storey extension and garage extension – Granted.

CB/15/01657/OUT – 19th May 2015 - Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road, SG17 5QS. Outline Application: enhancement of sporting facilities including new '4G' floodlit pitch, tennis courts, improved grass pitches and new changing rooms. Construction of up to 64 new homes on land south west of the main school buildings and new access from Hitchin Road. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/02733/OUT – Land off Hitchin Lane

The residents of Hitchin Lane have formed a group consisting of virtually all residents: 'CAGED' – Clifton Against Gladman Engineered Development. They are inviting anyone in New Road who might like to join the residents of Hitchin Lane in opposing this application. And of course anyone in Clifton who opposes this development (and that's probably all of us) is encouraged to get involved. The Group can be contacted at:

CliftonAgainstGladmanDevelopment@yahoo.co.uk



Biggleswade and District Art Society

Autumn Art Exhibition

17th & 18th October • 10am - 4pm

Northill Village Hall (opposite the church)

Free Admission • Original Paintings for Sale
Tea & Home-made Cakes • Raffle

For more information please call Karen on 07957 539594 or



3 Local Art Shows

A show by Artists' Network Bedfordshire

At St. John's Hospice, St. John's Road, Moggerhanger, MK44 3RJ

Saturday and Sunday 10 and the 11 October

10 am to 4.30 pm

All work is for sale with 20% being donated to the hospice from each work sold. To view the above artist's work and other members of Artists' Network Bedfordshire please visit www.artsnetbeds.org.uk



Autumn Fare, St Mary's Parish Church, Hitchin town centre

Saturday 24 October

10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Refreshments are available.

All work is for sale and would make ideal Christmas presents.



Priory House

Central Bedfordshire Council office 'in the foyer'

Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford

Wednesday 30 September — Wednesday 11 November

Council office hours 9.00 am – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday only

This is a solo exhibition of local printmaker and artist Colin Veitch who will be displaying his hand coloured dry-points framed prints of Hitchin and Clifton in a limited edition. The pictures would make suitable Christmas presents: £35 each framed, glazed and ready to hang.

There is free car parking

To see his other work please visit www.colnveitchart.co.uk

Church Services Rotas October

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
4th Harvest	10:30	Mrs L Burton Mrs L Patch		Mr B Livelysey	-	-
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Matthew 6:25-33 Mr K Pledger	Officiate		
11th	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
	10:30	Mrs P Wisby Mrs J Dann	Mrs P Wisby Hebrews 4:12-end	Mrs M Cole	Mrs J Glenister Mr A Good	Mr A Good
18th	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mr C Brown 2 Tim 4:5-17	Mr A Clarke	Mr B Livelysey Mr C Brown	Mr K Pledger
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mr B Padgett Colossians 4:7-end	Officiate		
25th	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
	10:30	Mr C Brown Mr D Brace	Mrs K Blackmore Genesis 28:11-18	Mr R Welsford	-	-
1st Nov All Saints	10:30	Mrs S Collins Mrs S Welsford		Mrs J Pavey	Mrs S Collins Mr K Gray	-
	4:00 All Souls	Mrs D Brown Mrs J Peacock Mrs C Killick Mr B Padgett				

A copy of this rota is on the Vestry notice board. If you are unable to participate on the date given, please try to swap with someone else and inform a Churchwarden and the webmaster or amend the Vestry copy. This rota is also available at: www.clifton-beds.co.uk.

ABOUT OUR FRIENDS



St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford

Father	Canon Bennie Noonan	813436
Deacon	Rev Peter Hyde	711702
Parish Secretary	Rose Boulton	811547
	Sister Margaret	814079

Sunday Services

St Francis 9.00 am 5.15 pm

Saturday Service

St Francis 11.00 am

Shefford Methodist Church

Minister	Dave Haseldine	813284
Steward	Elsbeth	817199
Bookings	Chris & Peter	815069

Sunday Service

9.30 am Worship for all, plus Junior Church, crèche facilities & refreshments afterwards

Other activities see the notice-board &
www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk

Salvation Army, Stotfold

Captain Alison Stone 01462-731072

Sunday Services: 10.30 am, 6 pm
Sunday School 11.15

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