

# November 2015

## Where to find some regular items

<b>Advertising Index</b>	28
All Saints Church Services	7, 8, 26
Care Scheme	11
CIPS (PLANNING)	23
Clifton All Saints Academy	9-10 & 13
<b>Forward Planner</b>	4
Henlow C of E Academy	12
Messy Church	17
Other Churches	27
Parish Council	7
Providence Baptist Church	5
Rector's Letter—Clergy Column	6
Registers	5
Residents Association	20
Street Watch/Speed Watch	21/22
Toddlers	16
<b>Who's Who in Clifton</b>	2-3
WI	18-19

All contributions and information from clubs, societies and general community interest items are welcome. Please send e-contributions to:

**[chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk)**

Or via the website by clicking on 'Chronicles' and then 'contact'

Next edition: **December 2015 / January 2016**

Copy date: **November 10th**

**Kathy Blackmore 646371,  
Clifton on the Web—[www.clifton-beds.co.uk](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk)**

# Who's Who

<b>All Saints' Church</b>	<b>Rector</b>	<b>Revd Anne Hindle,</b> 8 Rectory Close, Clifton revdanne@clifton-beds.co.uk	<b>819436</b>
	<b>Churchwardens</b>	<b>Anne Sullivan, 7 KnollsWay</b> <b>Marjorie Cakebread, Stanford Rd</b>	<b>817491</b> <b>815599</b>
	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Robin Welsford, 13 Pedley Lane</b>	<b>811303</b>
	<b>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</b>		
	<b>PCC Treasurer</b>	<b>Frank Rivett</b> 27 Purcell Way, Shefford	<b>851816</b>
	<b>PCC Secretary</b>	<b>Philippa Whittington 27 Purcell Way</b>	<b>851816</b>
	<b>Church Hall Bookings</b>	<b>Dorothy Brown</b> 1 Lychmead, Clifton	<b>628982</b>
	<b>Bell-ringing Cpt</b>	<b>Stan Ashton, 15A Pedley Lane</b>	<b>813340</b>
	<b>Mothers' Union</b>	<b>Betsy Gray, 18 Hitchin Lane, Clifton</b>	<b>629690</b>
	<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>Suzanne Stapleton, 811929; Ruth Gray</b>	<b>812820</b>

<b>All Saints' Academy</b>	<b>Head-teacher</b>	<b>Mrs Carol Ward</b>	<b>628444</b>
	<b>School Governors</b>	Chair: <b>Philippa Whittington</b> Vice-chair: <b>Peter Blackmore</b>	<b>851816</b> <b>646371</b>
	<b>School Bookings</b>	<b>Justine McCarthy,</b>	<b>628444</b>

<b>Elected Representatives</b>	<b>Parish Council Chairman</b>	<b>Barry Livesey</b> 75 Shefford Road,	<b>811385</b>
	<b>Clerk (Community Centre bookings)</b>	<b>Sharon Kingham</b> parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk	<b>07547</b> <b>129038</b>
	<b>MP Nadine Dorries,</b>	Constituency Office, St Michael's Close, High Street, Shefford	<b>811992</b>
	<b>Councillors Henlow, Arlesey, Henlow Camp &amp; Stondon</b>	<b>Rita Drinkwater, 41 Station Road, Lower Stondon SG16 6JN</b> <b>Richard Wenham, 2 Jordan Close, Henlow SG16 6PH,</b> <b>Ian Dalgarno, 172 High Street, Arlesey SG15 6TB,</b>	<b>01462</b> <b>850493</b> <b>0300</b> <b>300</b> <b>8563</b> <b>735510</b>

# in Clifton

<b>Chronicles</b>	<b>Editor</b>	<b>Kathy Blackmore</b> , Hawarden Cottage, 47 Church Street, Clifton	<b>646371</b>
	<b>Advertising</b>	Advertising year runs May to April don-gray@ntlworld.com	<b>629690</b>
	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>John Good</b> , Pedley Lane, Clifton	<b>812596</b>

<b>Other village organisations</b>	<b>Biggleswade Gardening Club</b>	<b>Mr A Gray</b> www.biggleswade.gardenclub.care4free.net	<b>01767 221428</b>
	<b>Brownies</b>	firstcliftonbrownies@outlook.com www.girlguiding.org.uk	
	<b>Care Scheme</b>		<b>07817 614654</b>
	<b>CIPS (Clifton Preservation)</b>	<b>Stuart Laing , Secretary</b>	<b>851819</b>
	<b>Cricket Club</b>	Chair: <b>Phil Jones</b> Vice-chair: <b>Ricky Monaghan</b> 07528445888	<b>629596</b>
	<b>Friends All Saints Church</b>	<b>Keith Pledger</b> , 2 Chapel Close <a href="mailto:k.pledger@ntlworld.com">k.pledger@ntlworld.com</a>	<b>629020</b>
	<b>Football Club</b>	<b>Jason Shacklock</b> ,	<b>816881</b>
	<b>Guides</b>	<b>Jane Attenborough</b> , 32 Knolls Way,	<b>629063</b>
	<b>Langford Tennis Club</b>	<a href="http://www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk">www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk</a> Contact; <b>Paul Metcalfe</b>	<b>700991</b>
	<b>Police Contact</b>	The snr community officer: <b>Sgt Gary Kidd</b>	<b>01234 842531</b>
	<b>Providence Baptist Church</b>	<b>Ron Cook</b>	<b>850643</b>
	<b>Rainbows</b>	girlguiding.org.uk	
	<b>Residents Association</b>	<b>BobSmith</b> , Secretary 30 New Road	<b>812336</b>
	<b>Scouts (All ages)</b>	<b>Mrs Georgina Oxtan</b> (Membership Officer)	<b>08456 046848</b>
	<b>Toddlers</b>	cliflontoddlers@gmail.com	
<b>WI</b>	<b>Pat Wisby</b>	<b>816451</b>	
<b>Woodlands</b>	Pre-School, Breakfast & After School Clubs <a href="http://www.thewoodlands.ik.org">www.thewoodlands.ik.org</a>	<b>811486</b>	

# Forward Planner

November	
1	All Souls Memorial Service, 4.00 pm, All Saints' Church
2	Non-contact/Inset day
8	Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, 10.45
4	WI 93rd Birthday Meeting, Church Hall 7.30pm
9	Canon Dr Jeffrey John "Making sense of Scripture" 7.30, Church
13	Karaoke Night, Golden Lion, 8.00 till late
17	MU, Jeanette Glenister - <i>Christmas Flower Arrangements</i>
18	Residents Association AGM, Church Hall, 7.30
20	WI Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10.00
22	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
28	Christmas Fayre, 1.30-4.00, All Saints' Academy
29	Christingle Service, 4.00 pm
December	
2	WI Christmas Party, Church Hall
5	Lions Grand Charity Dance, Weatherly Centre
7	Lions' Sleigh Run, starts 6.00 pm
8	MU, Christmas Lunch
	<b>Term Ends</b>
12	Orpheus Choir Christmas Concert, Church, 7.30 start
14	Friends' Christmas Dinner, Clifton Cuisine, 7.30 for 8.00
15	MU, Cards and Secret Santa

# *All Saints' Church*

## *From the Registers*



### *Funeral:*

21<sup>st</sup> September 2015    John Brown McAnespie Simpson

### *Burial of Ashes:*

1<sup>st</sup> October 2015            Jane Alison Pratchett

## **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

# Rector's Letter



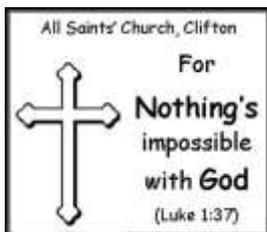
Dear Friends,

It is with some mixed emotion that I can confirm the news most of you will no doubt have heard. I will be moving on in the New Year to become the Vicar of Warmington, Tansor, Cotterstock, Fotheringhay and Southwick. This is an exciting development for me personally, but of course there will be sadness at leaving behind many kind and supportive friends. Bob and I intend keep in touch with you. My last services will be on Christmas Day, so we would love to see you at one or more of our festive services so we can say a personal farewell to you.

I have loved my ministry here in this benefice, since we have embarked on new projects and seen people keen to explore their faith. The Autumn colours remind me of the inevitability of change "*there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens....*" (Ecclesiastes 3), and so it is with the life of the church and our personal lives. We all wait with anticipation for the coming season with its potential and possibilities. As my new post is part time I am also looking forward to spending quality time with my family and new grandson Harry.

In the meantime I would like to invite you to my service of Induction at Warmington Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 at 3 pm, just past the Peterborough services off the A1.

On **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30** Clifton Church there is an amazing opportunity to meet and hear the Very Revd Canon Dr Jeffrey John speak on "Making sense of Scripture" for anyone from Clifton, Southill, Broom, Stanford, Ireland, and beyond. It promises to be a truly inspiring event – free of charge. I do hope you will consider coming along.



With every Blessing, Revd 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:

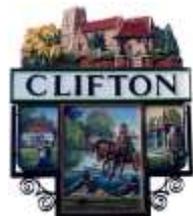
**[parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk)**

or phone:

**Sharon Kingham 07547 129038 or**

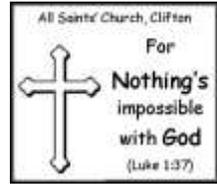
**Bob Anderson on 07546 239784**

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



# All Saints' Church

Special services  
in the next few weeks



1<sup>st</sup> November 4.00 pm,

## All Souls' Memorial Service

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

Remembrance Sunday—**8th November 2015**

## Act of Remembrance, 10.45 am

The War Memorial, Church Street,

and afterwards procession down Church Street for  
British Legion Service in All Saints' Church



Messy Church, 22 November,  
Church Hall, 10.30, See page 17

## Christingle Service

29 November, 4.00 pm



Collecting candles/boxes available in church and All Saints  
**School. Please give generously to support the Children's**  
Society and their work with vulnerable children.

Come along and enjoy this special service, all children  
receive a Christingle Orange.

# CLIFTON ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

(A Values Academy)



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to everyone who supported the Macmillan fundraising event on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, either by sending in cake donations, providing raffle prizes and turning up to support the event. We were delighted to see so many parents, relatives and members of the community at the event, and are very pleased to announce that we rose just over £500.00 which was a fantastic result. It was lovely to have such a sociable afternoon with parents, children and the local community.

## Clay Workshops

All of the pupils took part in a Clay workshop where they made Saxon bowls, faces and tiles covering the seasons. The children’s work was to a very high standard and Victoria who runs the workshop said she had never worked with such a well behaved and focused reception class, so well done to Robins.

## CCS Awards Ceremony

When Charlotte Powell was at Clifton All Saints Academy last year, she did a survey about school dinners, created a PowerPoint presentation and then promoted some Maths work creating data about dinners. All off her own back. CCS (Cambridge Catering Services our catering provider) were so impressed with her work that they put her forward for their **Working in Partnership Award**, which she duly won!!! The presentation ceremony was at 2pm on 6<sup>th</sup> October in Cambridge which Charlotte and her family attended alongside Mrs Ward and Mrs McCarthy. Naturally we are all very proud of her, well done Charlotte.



## Stone Age Workshop

Our Year 4 class had a fantastic day with a visiting Stone Age

*(Continued on page 10)*

Workshop. All of the children arrived in a variety of fantastic outfits including Mrs Infante! The day's activities included learning about the tools they used, what they ate and how they lived. The children were able to use a huge range of artefacts and carry out role plays of events with the guidance of the visiting expert. Great fun was had by all.

## 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@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:school@clifton-beds.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 of- fice if you would like to attend.
15/12	Tuesday	2.00pm	Afternoon performance <b>Ticket only</b>
16/12	Wednesday	9.30am	Morning performance <b>Ticket only</b>
16/12	Wednesday	6.00pm	Evening performance <b>Ticket only</b> (1 per family) there will be a reserve list.

## Robins

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

# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



REMI NDERS!

**Are you aware of the 'Message in a Bottle' and 'Message in a Wallet' schemes promoted by the Lions and supported by the Care Scheme?** These are a simple way of ensuring that all relevant medical information is readily available in the event of an emergency:

- **'Message in a Bottle'** is a small canister containing any information you may wish to disclose to a doctor/paramedic/ ambulance crew even if you are unable to communicate yourself. You enter the details on a form and place in the canister which you then keep in your fridge: there are two stickers provided, attach one inside your front door and the other on your fridge. Emergency services look for these and act accordingly.
- **'Message in a Wallet'** is similar with your details held in a credit card sized clear plastic sleeve which you carry with you at all times.

This information can be of enormous help when diagnosing and treating a patient in an emergency, especially if already taking medication (eg Warfarin) which limits drugs or treatment that may be employed. Both kits are supplied free of charge by the Lions and can be obtained from the Care Scheme by calling the number below.

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.

# Henlow Academy Needs YOU!

## We will be 40 years old!!!



Next summer we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Henlow VC Middle School opened in 1976 and we need your help to celebrate.

One of our projects is to make a display of past and present pupils, hopefully one from each of the 40 years we have been open; to hear about your achievements in life and see what you looked like when you were at school. We also want to find a family who has the most number of close relatives attend our School. Or maybe you have a memory of a particular event you would like to share with us. We would also like to see photographs from 1976-1997, particularly of School events, plays, trips etc. We will copy and return them.

If you have any memorable moments, please let us have your name, contact details and memories! [ict@henlowacademyco.uk](mailto:ict@henlowacademyco.uk), or write: 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Henlow CE Academy, Church Road, Henlow, SG16 6AN

### Dates for your diary

<b>November</b>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Parents Information Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Christmas Disco
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents SATS Information Evening
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair Week
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> & Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Production
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas break commences
<b>January 2016</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Term re-starts

## Clerk to the Governors & Company Secretary



The Governors at Clifton All Saints Academy are looking for someone to take on the role of Clerk to the Governors and Company Secretary for the Academy Trust.

The duties will include the preparation and distribution of agenda papers in consultation with the school/governing body; minute taking at meetings (normally held on a Monday evening); maintaining governing body records; providing procedural and regulatory framework advice when required. Full induction training and support will be made available for the successful candidate. A small honorarium applies to this post.

If you would like more information please contact:  
Philippa Whittington, 01462 851816 or  
email [governors@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:governors@clifton-beds.co.uk)

## Marie Curie Coffee Morning

We held our annual coffee morning in the Church Hall in mid September. It was a glorious morning weatherwise, and lots of people came. We had a cake stall, second hand books, bring and buy and a raffle. Kate Slavin had a stall of mainly knitted goods. We charged £2 entrance to include tea and coffee. There was a very good atmosphere in the hall and people seemed to stay longer! The amount raised was an amazing £520, which included a very generous donation from Kate.

A grateful thanks to all the WI members who manned the stalls and to the men who helped clear up afterwards. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came or sent a donation. We could not have raised that amount without you.

Pat Kemp and Val Brace



## Christmas Concert

Saturday 12 December 2015

All Saints' Church, Clifton

7.30 pm concert begins,  
doors open 7.00 pm



Tickets £8.00

Price includes a Glass of Wine

From: Kathy Blackmore 646371 or Jim Peacock 812514

This excellent Choir will be performing some excerpts from the Messiah and some works by David Willcocks who died in September. There will also be some audience participation carols.

Profits for All Saints' Church



## Remembrance Sunday—Poppy Appeal

There will be a street collection throughout village and poppies will also be available at the One Stop, Butchers and Golden Lion. Poppies will also be available at our act of remembrance:

**8th November 2015**

**The War Memorial, Church Street**

**10.45 am**



# Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November

1.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Clifton All Saints' Academy

## **Father Christmas' Grotto**

Auction of Promises

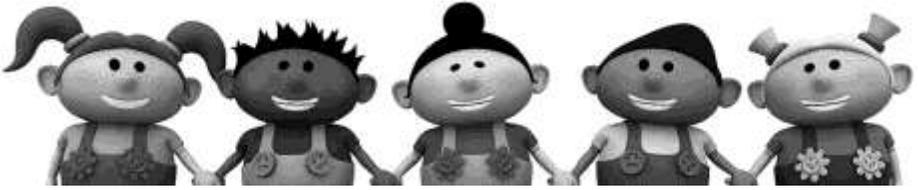
Fabulous Prize Draw

Stalls, Games, Gifts, Crafts, Music, Tombola, Face-painting,  
Refreshments

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**





## 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 [clifontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:clifontoddlers@gmail.com), search Clifton Toddlers on Facebook.

## Woodlands would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** To everyone who donated a raffle prize to our **Fashion Show**

Claire Imber-Winchester, Me&i  
Suzie Rahman, Lubbly Bubbly  
Helen Stokes, Nailz@home  
Beccy Smith, Body shop  
Danielle Claire, Stella and Dot  
Abbi Standring, Independent Presenter Younique products  
Elizabeth White, Elizabeth White Beauty  
Laura Davis, Oshy's Beauty and Nails  
Roxy Camp, Forever Living  
Campton School of Dance  
Tanya Stotfold, Jazzercise



**All Saints Clifton**



**Sunday 22 November**

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 W.I.



Pat Wisby welcomed 39 members and 1 visitor to the October meeting which commenced with the singing of Jerusalem followed by the minutes of the September meeting which were read, agreed and signed.

Val Brace thanked all members who helped with or attended the recent coffee morning which raised £520 for Marie Curie funds.

There is an outing to the Potteries on the November 7; Craft Fair at Flitwick on November 15; Jigsaw Challenge at WI House on November 18; Resolution Selection Meeting on November 25; Outing to Covent Garden on November 28 and Floral Demonstration at Flitwick Rufus Centre on November 30. The Carol Concert is in Bedford Salvation Army Hall on December 4 and Dabble Day at WI House on December 5.

Next year Burn's Night Supper is on January 25; Coffee, Cake and Celebration February 1; An Afternoon with Michael Portillo on March 14 and the Denman Midweek Break is September 7-9.

Birthday cards were handed to ladies with October birthdays and the raffle was drawn.

The speaker was Bill Hamilton who, besides being the youngest appointed football referee in Scotland, went on to be a journalist and then was a BBC News Correspondent reporting from all around the world. He was 'On the Spot' when the bomb exploded killing Airey Neave, war hero and first Englishman to escape from Colditz, barrister, politician and shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Bill's photos and report were news headlines on TV and front page on all newspapers the following day.

He told us marvellous tales of his travels along with slides showing us highlights of his career and low points too when he had to report on war, poverty in war-torn areas etc. and starving children and how the news items he and his team brought to the attention of the British public had helped to raise money and assistance for these children. He was a really articulate interesting speaker and is highly recommended for anyone needing a speaker at an event.

The next meeting at 7.30pm November 4 is our 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday with Speaker Audrey Burr 'Milk, Muck & Magnificent Mangoes'.

*Katherine Edwards 816334*

WI Coffee Morning  
Friday 20th November

10.00-12.00

Church Hall, Stanford lane, Clifton



All Saints PTA

Karaoke Night

Friday 13th November

8.00 pm

The Golden Lion, Church Street, Clifton



Donate to sing,  
Raffle, PTA famous  
Grid Game!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Clifton Over 60's Club

Clifton Over 60's Club would publicly like to thank the Residents' Association for their generous gift of hiring of transport to take them on a visit to Frosts' Garden Centre, just outside Milton Keynes. A delightful day was enjoyed by all.





## Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to my page. We had our committee meeting on 6th October and, as usual, it was very informative and useful. The main topic was the proposed development at the end of Hitchin Lane. Planning objections are still being listened to, so if you have a mind to put in a fresh objection, please go ahead.

A little reminder that our AGM is on the 18th of this month at the Church Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. We would be very pleased to see you there. Our speaker for the evening is the Chairman of Clifton Parish Council, Mr Barry Livesey, who will enlighten us on the workings of the Parish Council.

We received a letter of thanks for our donation from Clifton Care Scheme, also from Clifton Elder Peoples Club for their coach outing to the garden centres at Woburn Sands. Apparently a good day was had by all!

Two of our committee members received awards for volunteering from the 'Star of Aragon Awards' evening. Volunteering is a very worth while experience, and the best part of being a volunteer is that you choose the time that you can give! We were informed that Clifton Streetwatch is looking for volunteers to help them, and of course, we are always looking for committee members to bring our quota up to date.

Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire held their Older Peoples Festival on 2nd October at the Rufus centre in Flitwick. Over 300 people attended to get information from any of the 43 stalls available, and their free ploughman's lunch! At the end of the day £160 was raised for the MacMillan Cancer Charity.

I hope to see you at our AGM. There will be free tea or coffee available, and of course our usual fantastic raffle for just a pound a strip.

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

# CLIFTON SPEED WATCH GROUP



Clifton now has nine active Speed Watch volunteers, with another awaiting training. Naturally, everybody is not available at the same time, but we are fortunate to be able to show an active and effective presence at least twice a week on Clifton's roads

Between 22<sup>nd</sup> January and the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 59 traffic calming visits were made to village roads; 5399 vehicles monitored and 249 reported for exceeding the speed limit. Whilst 249 is a high number of speeding vehicles, out of 5399 we have been successful in recording 5150 drivers driving within the speed limit.

I am not naive to think that there are not some drivers who will "put their foot down" when we are not about, but with our consistent traffic calming visits there is an increasing number who are sticking to the speed limit whether the speed cameras are out, or not.

To the 5<sup>th</sup> October, Church Street has had 8 vehicles reported over 5 visits and none over 3 visits. Pedley Lane has had 16 vehicles reported over 5 visits. Shefford Road had 23 reported over 6 visits and none over 5 visits. Stockbridge Road has had 67 reported over 11 visits. New Road has had 67 reported over 11 visits. Broad Street has had 84 reported in 13 visits. The majority of our visits are during the times of school entry or departure; but during the summer holidays we did change our times to when we thought children would be about, going to the playing field and generally enjoying themselves. Regretfully we had to report 59 vehicles, out of 523, over 8 visits during that period. These figures are included in the figures in the above paragraph. By getting our results to the Police immediately after our visits we are ensuring that the necessary letters are despatched as soon as possible.

In our locality, Arlesey, Campton, Henlow Camp, Langford, Meppershall, Shefford, Stanford and Upper Caldecote speed watch groups have all been monitoring traffic through their towns/villages. Their Coordinators continue to liaise with me on the loan and use of the speed cameras. This way of working was agreed with the police some two years ago as an experiment, and is a system which is now being successfully adopted across Bedfordshire. This replaces the old practice of equipment being delivered by PCSO's, thereby allowing them to concentrate on other matters, saving the force manpower time, use of vehicles, mileage, diesel, and other office commitments.

Thank you for continuing to observe the Clifton speed limits, and those in our neighbouring communities.

Terry Cobb – 815281

# Street Watch



During September Clifton had just 4 recorded crimes; all are theft related but thankfully no 'Burglary Dwellings' but involved thefts from sheds and outbuildings.

Once more Church Street suffered most. Sometime between 27/30<sup>th</sup>, an offender damaged a fence panel to gain access and a shed was broken into but fortunately nothing was taken, however, a plant pot was overturned & broken as presumably thieves searched for a key. The Golden Lion pub, whilst being refurbished, was broken into on 25<sup>th</sup>. Despite having considerable difficulty gaining entry, the thieves managed to steal power tools and light fittings.

Two incidents occurred in Brickle Place, a resident reported the theft of hanging baskets on 15<sup>th</sup>, also in the same area a pedal cycle, left unattended and insecure, was stolen from a front garden. A male aged between 16 & 20 years was observed riding off.

Although we cannot stop these unscrupulous characters from attacking our properties, we must maintain vigilance & report anything you might regard as suspicious. However, we can help ourselves by purchasing from our local PCSO – Gill Richardson, "SmartWater" which is available at a greatly reduced price of £15 and provided free of the normal yearly registration cost. This product truly reduces the potential threat of theft by property marking all types of items from small valuables such as rings & watches to garden items, power tools, lawn mowers etc.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> our SW team were accompanied by 4 of our local PCSOs as we blitzed the village promoting Street Watch and searching for new recruits to develop our team. Many residents supported our work and some showed interest in joining our group. Maybe you would also like to join us, please contact me for further information, alternatively check it out on our website at <http://www.street-watch.org> We have received disturbing news that our Beds Police are proposing to reduce the number of PCSOs by half from the present 95 officers to just 44. Bedfordshire are targeted to save £17m over the next 4 years. The proposal is to have front line officers, who have more powers, involved with communities. However, Government is in the process of a new "All County Funding Review" that if approved should provide our constabulary with more cash, maybe these personnel reductions would then not be needed. More information next month.

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334

## **Clifton Planning Applications update Central Beds decisions to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015**



CB/15/03751/VOC – 30 Sept 2015 – Riveroaks, Stanford Lane  
Removal of condition 5 to planning permission CB/14/04317/FULL : (Change of use and provision of 5 No. pitch travellers site). – Consultation period.

CB/15/03430/FULL – 22 Sept 2015 – Old School Court, Church Street  
Additional gas boilers and flue outlets to serve the existing 4no. flats and 4 no. houses, within conservation area. – Consultation period.

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

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. – Granted

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

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.

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

CB/15/01657/OUT – 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COME FOR A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS DINNER

After the great success we have had with our Bowls evening and the trip to The Ceremony of the Keys, the Friends of Clifton Parish Church invite you for a pre-Christmas evening dinner in the village, at one of our landmark establishments. We have arranged dinner at:

### **Clifton Cuisine** **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

#### **Gathering at about 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm dinner**

We will enjoy a choice of starter, choice of main dishes, and coffee, and begin the Festive Season in a slightly unorthodox way, as the delights of Indian food are not naturally associated with Christmas.

The cost for dinner is:

#### **£14 ph for signed up Friends, and £15 ph for anyone else**

The dinner price does not include drinks, which can be purchased directly on the night.

The food may be unusual for a Christmas dinner, but we are sure you will enjoy this event, sampling the best gourmet food that Clifton Cuisine has to offer. If you are a regular there, come and enjoy it once more in the company of the Friends and their guests. If you are not one who usually goes for Indian food, do come and try it on this special occasion. The restaurant gets excellent reviews, has an extensive menu, and manages to provide an innovative and fresh approach to Indian and Asian cuisine. I say that as one who delights in trying the various dishes that Raj manages to come up with.

**Booking is essential and is to me at the e-mail address shown below, though telephone bookings can be made.**

It should be a great night out in our village. The third and final event for the Friends in 2015. We have not finalised our programme of events for 2016, but we will aim to provide four great social events during the year, which will allow us to have some social fun whilst raising funds for the fabric of our magnificent village church.

Graham Seaby, A Friend of Clifton Parish Church.  
[gseaby@btinternet.com](mailto:gseaby@btinternet.com) or 01462-813991





# Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

## END OF YEAR ROUND UP – DON'T MISS US!

December fast approaches and so starts the busiest time of our year! What with sleigh runs in the evenings, collections outside stores, packing and distributing Christmas parcels and plants, Christmas Dance and parties as well as helping out in the grotto, there's a busy time ahead. Of course, if you'd care to join in and help, please do contact us, we'd be delighted to meet you and you'd be most welcome to join us with the fun!

Our evening sleigh programme is: December 3<sup>rd</sup> Biggleswade: 7<sup>th</sup> Clifton: 8<sup>th</sup> Potton: 9<sup>th</sup> Sandy: 10<sup>th</sup> Langford: 12<sup>th</sup> Blunham: 14<sup>th</sup> Biggleswade: 15<sup>th</sup> Langford: 17<sup>th</sup>, Sandy: 21<sup>st</sup> Henlow and 22<sup>nd</sup> Clifton. Sleigh runs usually start around 6.00 pm, but exact times and routes will be found on our Biggleswade Sandy Lions Facebook page, nearer the time.

We have collections at G&M Growers, Tesco Sandy, Morrisons Biggleswade - look out for us there.

The Christmas Dance is on 5<sup>th</sup> December and tickets are still available, so please do ring the number below and support us by buying tickets.

Lastly, we shall be helping Father Christmas out in the Grotto at Langford Garden Centre from 28<sup>th</sup> November. Ho, Ho, Ho!!

For more information about any of the above, or Lions in general, please call 01462 814693 and talk to Dave or Judith or visit [www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk](http://www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk).



## COME & MEET US!

### Lions Clifton Sleigh Run

7th December

begins 6.00 pm

Give generously!



## Church Services Rotas November 2015

Date	Time	Warden	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice <b>Ass's</b>	Crucifer
1 <sup>st</sup> November	10:30	D Brown	Mrs S Collins Mrs S Welsford		Mrs J Pavey	Mrs S Collins Mr K Grey	-
	4:00 All Souls	MC	Mrs D Brown Mrs J Peacock Mrs C Killick Mr B Padgett				
8 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday	8:00	DB	Mr M Richardson				
	10:45	All	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Mrs S Ward Micah 4:1-14	Mr R Parker	-	Mr K Pledger
15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	PB	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mrs S Collins Hebrews 10:11-25	Mrs R Gray	Mr R Welsford Mrs J Pavey	Mr A Good
	6:30		Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Matthew 13:31-35	Officiate		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00	MC	Mrs K Whitcher				
	10:30		Mr B Livesey Mrs J Wyer	Mr D Brace Daniel 7-9,10,13&14	Mrs S Welsford	-	-
29 <sup>th</sup> Christingle Service	10:30	AS	Mrs J Peacock Mrs J Cooper	Mrs J Dutton-Steinfeld 1 Thess 3:9-end	Mr B Livesey	Mr R Parker Mr A Good	-
	4:00		Mrs D Brown Mr & Mrs P Blackmore Mrs J Peacock				
6 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30	MC	Mr & Mrs A Grant		Mrs R Wagner	Mrs A Sullivan Mr C Brown	-
	6:30		Mr B Padgett	Mrs J Pavey Luke 1:1-25	Officiate		

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](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk).

# ***ABOUT OUR FRIENDS***



## **St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford**

<b>Father</b>	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**

<b>Minister</b>	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](http://www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk)

## **Salvation Army, Stotfold**

Captain Alison Stone                      01462-731072

**Sunday Services:**    10.30 am,                      6 pm  
Sunday School    11.15

## Alphabetic Index of Advertisers

Letters indicate the pages on the yellow sheets

Local Businesses support the Chronicles, please support them

Advertiser	Page
AG Plumbing Services	<b>K</b>
ASB Property Services (UK) Ltd	<b>L</b>
BEST Nursery	<b>G</b>
Carrie Molloy Treatments	<b>E</b>
Chanel's Beauty	<b>K</b>
Chris Jones Property Services	<b>E</b>
Colin Britten, Tiling	<b>K</b>
Comer Construction	<b>J</b>
Cople Tree Care	<b>H</b>
Courtland Services Partnership Ltd	<b>L</b>
CTP Construction	<b>K</b>
Dynamic Theatre Dance School	<b>F</b>
French House Letting	<b>D</b>
Get Fit With Tessa	<b>H</b>
Greame Harley Chiropodist	<b>J</b>
G&S Services Property Maintenance	<b>H</b>
I R Quince Monumental Mason	<b>G</b>
James Cullip, Decorator	<b>E</b>
James Gray Discos	<b>G</b>
J & D Travel	<b>E</b>
John Butler Building Services	<b>G</b>
John R Cranston, Chiropodist	<b>B</b>
Jones Hunt Accountants	<b>B</b>
Julian Biggs Plumbing & Heating	<b>K</b>

Advertiser	Page
J W Baxter, Butcher	<b>I</b>
Lucas, Huntley & Co	<b>C</b>
Mad Hatters Theatre School	<b>L</b>
Marc Dellar, Garden Services	<b>D</b>
Marjorie Allen, Couture Millinery	<b>C</b>
Martin Roe Decorator	<b>C</b>
Martyn Jaggard Decorator	<b>D</b>
Neuve Audio	<b>F</b>
Neville Funeral Service	<b>B</b>
Pam Rogers Music Lessons	<b>C</b>
Paul Goodchild Electrician	<b>B</b>
Peter H Wright Plumbing & Heating	<b>D</b>
Pet Home Comforts	<b>E</b>
RDG Plumbing & Heating	<b>H</b>
R & J Building Services	<b>F</b>
Shefford Dental Surgery	<b>B</b>
Slimming World	<b>I</b>
Stefan Baltruschat Decorator	<b>C</b>
Stephen Hing Opticians	<b>I</b>
Stephen J Nott Electrician	<b>G</b>
The Carpet Cleaner	<b>E</b>
The Hair Factory	<b>D</b>
Watchkeeper's Cottage Mundesley	<b>J</b>