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Who's Who

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in Clifton

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	Providence Baptist Church	Ron Cook	850643
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	Toddlers	clifontoddlers@gmail.com	
WI	Pat Wisby	816451	
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Forward Planner

February	
3	WI Meeting in the Church Hall 7.30pm
5&6	HATS Pantomime see p20
6	'Burns Supper', 7 for 7.30, Church Hall
10	Ash Wednesday, 8.00 pm Communion
	Wildlife Trust, 7.30, Priory Church, Newnham Av, Bedford
15-19	Half-term
28	Messy Church, 10.30 Church Hall
March	
2	WI AGM and Beetle Drive - Church Hall 7.30pm
4/5/6	Clean for the Queen—see below
6	Mothering Sunday, 10.30, All Saints Church
18	Cricket Club Race Night
19	Clifton Artists Exhibition, Community Centre, 10.00-4.00
24	End of Spring Term
April	
12	Summer Term begins
26	Clean your cupboards for the Queen, 10.00, School

'Clean for the Queen'

Central Bedfordshire Council is supporting a national 'Clean for the Queen' campaign as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and they want to mobilise communities across the area to take part in a nationwide litter pick over 4 / 5 / 6 March 2016.

See www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

See pp14 & 15 for how Clifton is going to celebrate **Her Big Birthday**



All Saints' Church

From the Registers



Baptisms:

November 22nd Zoe Claire Maddison

Oliver Joseph Veitch

January 10th Eva Claire Leader

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

10.30 am—12 noon – 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 Rev Anne Hindle has now moved to her new parishes near Peterborough and we are therefore without an incumbent.



We do not know how long the vacancy will last, possibly 6-9 months. At the moment we are a joint benefice with Southill which means that we share a fulltime priest, we do not yet know whether this arrangement will continue. The Archdeacon of Bedford will hopefully shortly advise us what has been decided (we have no control over this decision) and then the position will be advertised.

In the interim arrangements are in place to cover the services, baptisms, weddings and funerals (please see contact details below) although it may be necessary to cancel some 8.00 am Sunday communion services due to lack of clergy. Services are published here in the Chronicles, the weekly pew sheet, website and are displayed on the notice board and porch gates.

We are particularly grateful for the support of our reader Mr Robin Welsford, retired local vicar Rev Paul Lanham and the Rev Caren Topley.

Marjorie Cakebread and Anne Sullivan
Church Wardens

General enquiries: Anne Sullivan 01462 817491

Baptisms: Dorothy Brown 01462 628982

Weddings: Philippa Whittington 01462 851816

Funerals: Frank Rivett 01462 851816

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 & 3rd Sundays

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

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



Ash Wednesday, 10th February

8.00 pm Communion with imposition of ashes
This will be a Taize style service

Messy Church 28th February

see Page 18

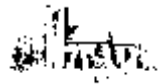


Mothering Sunday, March 6th

This is an informal non-communion service,
flowers will be distributed

Changes to Services during the Vacancy

- + Evensong 6.30 pm 1st & 3rd Sundays
- + 8.00 am Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays



This is subject to being able to find clergy to cover the services please see the noticeboard on the church gate, pew sheet and website for weekly information.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Christmas presents for those less fortunate than ourselves that were placed underneath the Christmas Tree in the Church.

The Salvation Army collected numerous gifts and were very grateful.



Glad Dawson

All Saints' PTA and Church

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Christmas Fayre and everyone who gave us an auction of promises pledge.



We would also like to thank local businesses who supported us by donating raffle prizes:

Centre Parcs	Hayley Tilley
Jordans Mill	Champneys Henlow
Cineworld	Rising Stars
Baxters Butchers	Morrisons
Especially for You	Martha's Tea Room
The Loft	Clifton Cuisine
MK Dons	Courtland Services Partnership

Thank you!

Pre-lent Burns Supper Saturday 6th February

The Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

Reception at 7.00 pm,

Dinner at approximately 7.30 pm

Dress: Something Tartan

Menu: Canapes, Highland Venison Casserole & Cranachan

Special Dietary requirements can be catered for but it is essential this is discussed when ordering tickets

Licensed Bar will be open for additional wine and refreshment.

Tickets £15.00

(includes reception glass of wine & a £5.00 voluntary donation)

Available from: Kathy Blackmore 646371
Kevin Gray 812820

Proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church, Clifton



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The Clifton Care Scheme is now well into its 15th year and during that time has responded to nearly 4,000 requests for assistance - some might say "not bad for a venture that wasn't expected to survive more than a few years". The problem we now face is that the Care Scheme has been around for so long that it is assumed that it will always be therefore we are not getting new blood into the organising committee. The following statement comes from our last Annual Report:

"The current committee has eight members; five of them have been with the scheme from the very beginning, with the remaining three having served for many years each. The average age of our committee has increased by approximately twelve years during the fifteen years since we first set out to create a service to our community. Clearly if the Care Scheme is to continue to provide the service so valued by those who rely on it then this situation must change."

The ideal recruit would probably be similar to those who started the scheme, an early retiree with a genuine interest in our community and able to give just a few hours each month to attend meetings. Of course you don't necessarily fit that profile; we would welcome anyone who could make a real contribution to our future. If you are interested just call us and we can have a chat without any obligation.

WOULD YOU LIKE HELP?

We are here to serve everyone in whatever way we can, so if you need our advice or assistance please let us know, just call us on . . .

07817 614654

. and we'll do our best to help.



CLIFTON SPEED WATCH GROUP



2015 was the fifth year that Clifton saw its speed watch group in action; with its volunteers making 75 visits, taking just under 100 man-hours of monitoring. To those man-hours has to be added the time taken to and from the roads, and the resulting computer work in reporting the vehicles. During the 75 visits a total of 6849 vehicles were monitored. Whilst 6534 vehicles were driven within the speed limit, 315 were not; and were consequently reported for speeding.

Broad Street saw 100 vehicles reported over 14 visits; Church Street – 11 vehicles over 12 visits; New Road – 66 vehicles over 14 visits; Pedley Lane – 25 vehicles over 8 visits; Shefford Road – 30 over 13 visits, and Stockbridge Road – 83 over 14 visits.

The majority of our visits took place 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.

With the exception of one side of Pedley Lane, all our roads have roughly equal visibility distance, thereby giving ample opportunity for drivers to ensure they are abiding to the speed limit. There has never been any allegation of volunteers in Clifton, or our neighbouring villages, of hiding in order to catch as many vehicles as possible. Our approach has always been one of reminding drivers of speed limits, and of calming traffic to ensure the car occupants safety, and, most importantly, that of pedestrians at the peak school entry and departure times. By getting our results to the Police immediately after our visits we ensured the quick despatch of necessary letters to the owners of speeding vehicles.

In our locality, Arlesey, Campton, Henlow Camp, Haynes, Langford, Meppershall, Shefford, Stanford and Upper Caldecote speed watch groups have all been monitoring traffic through their towns/villages. The use of the speed watch equipment for these villages has been kept in Clifton, and co-ordinated by myself.

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

Terry Cobb.

Street Watch



Unfortunately, our Clifton village was subjected to a large number of crime during the festive period with 34 recorded crimes for the period 07/12/15 – 08/01/16 compared to 7 for the same period last year.

Most of these crimes are in relation to vehicle offences/criminal damage committed by 2 males in the early hours of 02/01/16 in the Shefford Road and Broad Street. Both males were arrested at the time and have bail conditions not to enter Clifton. PCSO Ann Jeeves was on scene later in the day to help gather victim statements.

Previous members of our Street Watch team witnessed what appeared to be a drug transaction taking place in Church Street, close to the Memorial Garden close to 9 pm Wednesday 16th December, any additional information could be reported to our Police colleagues on 101. I'm pleased to advise two males have been arrested this week as I write in relation to drug offences.

There was a vehicle fire in Bilberry Road on 04/01/16; this has been designated as arson, however the cause of the fire has not been established.

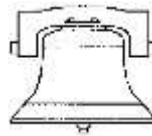
There was also a spate of damage caused to vehicles and property around Grange Street and Church Street just before Christmas. A boundary wall was pushed over adjacent to the village pond and a brick from that wall used to damage two vehicles. Also a window in the Golden Lion was also damaged by these villains. Unfortunately there is no CCTV or witnesses, therefore these reports have been closed unless new evidence comes to light, can you help identify the perpetrators of this crime?

In addition to the above crimes, Clifton has also seen a rising number of thefts/attempted thefts from garages and out-buildings. Many of the crime reports indicate that no force was need to gain access. Even in my own locality a witness observed a burglar entering and checking garages and doors a few days before Christmas. The thief succeeded in taking power tools and radio controlled cars from one unlucky resident. Another such burglary took place in Chapel Close, a number of items were removed from the property but once again there was no evidence of forced entry.

It is of course very important to make sure that garages, sheds and outbuildings are locked securely. If any advice is need, check out for details how to protect your home. "**Operation Fidelity**" on the www.bedfordshire.police.uk website.

Gary Edwards – 01462 816 334

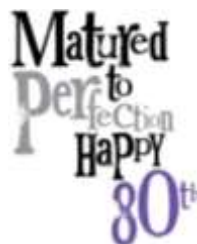
All Saints' Clifton Bell-ringers



On Wednesday 21 October, 2015

A quarter peal of
1296 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Was rung in 45 minutes

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



80th birthday compliment to Sheila Ashton

On Friday 1 January, 2016

A quarter peal of
1250 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Was rung in 42 minutes

- 1 Helen De-Matteis
 - 2 Anthony H Smith
 - 3 Dean De Matteis
 - 4 Susan M Silver
 - 5 Charlotte M Smith
 - 6 Philippa M Whittington
 - 7 Russell A Brown
 - 8 Frank W Rivett (Conductor)
- 1st in method - 3

Rung as a farewell to Revd Anne Hindle,
leaving for the Peterborough Diocese.



Her Big Birthday

Clifton is celebrating the **Queen's 90th Birthday:**

Street Party in Church Street

Sunday 12th June 2016

11.15 am Open air service in Churchyard

12.00 noon—4.00 pm All the fun of the fair

What's the cost?

Nothing on the day! Funding is coming from the Parish Council and local businesses supporting the event through advertising, as well as grants from other local organisations. You can also help to fund the event by supporting '**Happy Bags**' see opposite. The only thing to pay for is refreshments on the day.

Who's it for?

All children living in or attending school or clubs in Clifton AND those with family living in Clifton. All children must be

accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

What's on?

- ★ Swingboats ★ Climbing Wall ★ Bouncy Castle
- ★ Roundabout ★ Craft Tent ★ Mobile Ring of Bells
- ★ BBQ ★ Teas ★ Ice-cream

- ★ Art display for school-children and students
- ★ Flower displays with a difference

- ★ Maypole dancing, ★ Shefford Town Band
- ★ Cheer Leaders from All Saints and Sam Whit

How is it going to work?

We will be applying to close the road and all affected residents will be notified by personal letter.

We have got an organising committee with representatives from: All Saints Academy (Staff, PTA and Governors), Samuel Whitbread Academy, All Saints Church, Toddlers, Woodlands, Parish Council, Golden Lion.

Clean your cupboards for the Queen!

Declutter your wardrobe and cupboards and bring all your household's unwanted clothes and other items to:

Clifton All Saints' Academy
by 10.00 am on
Tuesday 26th April 2016

We will be using the funds raised by this 'Happy Bags' community event to enable the street party on 12th June to be free to all Clifton residents. More details next month.

Clifton Planning Applications Central Beds decisions to 9th January 2016



CB/15/04931/FULL – 23 December 2015 – 10a Hitchin Lane, SG17 5RS. Garage extension with new pitched roof encompassing existing garage. – Consultation period.

CB/15/04846/VOC – 23 December 2015 – Land at Chapel Close, SG17 5YG. Variation/Removal of Conditions: Delete condition 8 and vary condition 4 of application No. CB/15/00992/FULL dated 04/06/2015 – Consultation period.

CB/15/04657/FULL – 7 December 2015 – 4 Brickle Place SG17 5HX 1st floor front extension over existing ground floor to create additional bedroom. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/04529/OUT – 2 December 2015 - Land to Rear of 16-18 Hitchin Lane, SG17 5RS. Outline Application: 3 dwellings to include vehicle turning and access. - Consultation period.

CB/15/04462/VOC - 1 December 2015 – 21 Fairground Way, SG17 5JN. Variation of Condition 3 from planning permission CB/15/1563/FULL (Substitute drawing no. 1170.202A for drawing no. 1170.202). The erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations to the existing house. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/04608/LDCP – 1 December 2015 – 19 Spring Road, SG17 5RE Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: upgrade attic room to meet current standards & increase in size – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/04577/FULL – 27 November 2015 – 11 Fairfax Close, SG17 5RH. Single storey rear infill, alterations to gable elevation to create additional first floor bedrooms and conversion of garage. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/03959/FULL – 23 October 2015 – 4 Clifton House Gardens, SG17 5FR. Erection of a double garage with attached bin/log store – Application withdrawn.

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). – Refused.

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. – 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 out-
buildings, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal
public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitiga-
tion 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. – Awaiting decision.

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, im-
proved 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. – Consultation period.



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, search Clifton Toddlers on Facebook.

All Saints Clifton



Sunday 28 February

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

10:30 am

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

A Great New Year for Wanderbus!

Wanderbus, the Community Bus Transport operator serving the rural villages in the Shefford area, is proud to announce that they will be adding a second bus, Wanderbus II, for the benefit of our community.

A funding award from the Department of Transport (Community Transport Minibus Fund) will allow Wanderbus to operate a second bus from early summer 2016 offering a greater service to local villages in Central Beds and ensuring they can not only maintain rural services, that are under pressure from financial restraints, but increase frequencies.

Wanderbus, is a charitable organisation staffed entirely by volunteers and launched over 26 years ago. It has been providing essential fixed route services to our community offering villagers of all ages destinations including Milton Keynes, Bedford, Welwyn Garden City, Hitchin, Letchworth and Baldock.

Wanderbus Co-ordinator Jenny Gilbert explained “The additional 16-seater bus will allow us to increase the frequency and destinations of our services from Shefford and the outlying villages. We hope to extend our services to include additional destinations such as Biggleswade, St Neots and Cambridge if the demand is there. Having two buses will also increase our private hire service capability for schools and local clubs.”

The Wanderbus can be used by anyone, just like a regular bus service and fare paying customers and concessionary pass holders are all welcome. The major difference is that their services will drop passengers as close to home as possible, adding an extra element so beneficial to those with mobility issues, heavy shopping or mothers with prams and toddlers.

Wanderbus will be publishing a new timetable early in 2016 with a planned launch of the additional services from late Spring/early Summer.

HATS at Royal Air Force Henlow Theatre presents:

DICK WHITTINGTON

AND HIS CAT

A PANTOMIME BY PETER DENVER



5th & 6th February 2016

Evenings (Fri & Sat) 7.30pm

Matinees (Sat & Sun) 2.30pm

Tickets: £8 Concessions £6

Family/Group rates upon request

Box Office: 01462 700785 or 07876

353677 or online at

www.helowtheatre.co.uk

Wildlife Trust, Bedford Local Group

Wednesday 10th February

Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford.

An illustrated talk by Peter Walker:

"Green Magic", starting @ 7.30 pm

All Welcome

Free, but voluntary contributions are most welcome.



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

Further details from 01462 851954
or under events at [Wildlife Trust for
Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and
Northamptonshire](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org.uk)

Clifton W.I.



Our December meeting was the Christmas Party where members and guests enjoyed a meal of turkey, potatoes and various salads with wine followed by desserts and coffee. The superb entertainer was Clive Rudd who had everyone singing and dancing.

The New Year commenced with a well-attended meeting on January 6, of 40 members and one visitor who were warmly welcomed and wished a happy new year by President Pat Wisby. Jerusalem was sung and the minutes of the previous two meetings were read by Iris Smyrk, agreed and signed.

A letter was received from Send a Cow thanking us for our donation and also a letter was received from Diane Sanbrook asking for support for a project running in 2016 to support Denman College.

There were boards to sign for the Shoe Sale & Lunch on Friday April 8 at Flitwick Cricket Club, Spring Federation Meeting on Monday April 25 and one for Guys & Dolls in June at Milton Keynes. Various other events were mentioned all of which can be read in full in the W.Eye.

The 8 Resolutions for 2016 were read and discussed and voted upon. Nominations were requested for the Committee to be brought to the February meeting with elections to take place at the March AGM.

The speaker was Dot Wigg who entertained us with her memories of 'Tea with the Queen' when she told us all about the Garden Party she attended at Buckingham Palace and of her delight in choosing a suitable hat for the occasion.

Birthday cards were handed to ladies with January birthdays and the raffle was drawn followed by refreshments by Jo Pond, Helen Chessum and Teri Burns.

The next meeting is on February 3 when the speaker will be Elliot Burns 'Life as a GP'. The tea ladies will be Gill Brown, Marion Lewis and Jean Wyer. Visitors welcome for an entrance fee of £4.

Katherine Edwards 816334



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

This is written at the beginning of January, and the Residents Association would like to wish you all a happy & prosperous New Year.

At Christmas time we donated a sum of money to the local NEED PROJECT. Two committee members went out cash in hand and had a shopping spree. They came back with ; - 20 tins of corned beef, 13 tins of ham, 15 Fray Bentos Oven Pies, 20 1 litre containers of H.T. milk, 12 tins of Devon Custard and 15 tins of cream rice. This was delivered to Shefford Baptist Church to add to their food stock. The NEED PROJECT delivered 836 food parcels to families between April - November 2015, and they went to 1225 adults and 1161 children.

We are setting up a donation bin in the village butchers, and this will be emptied on a regular visit by the minister. All non-perishable goods can be donated, and passed on to families in need who have been notified to the project by professional bodies.

We have also sent a donation to Messy Church.

At our last committee meeting we were informed that on street drug dealing is going on in the village around the Fairfax area! If you see it-- please report it. Dog fouling is still rampant, as the soles of my trainers found out on the grass verge in Brickle Place! Not very nice when you get in the car and you've brought extra in with you!

A big thank goes out to Margaret D. who has decided to finish on the committee after 12+ years. Well done Margaret!!

Would you be interested in what is going on in the village at the time? If so, we are going to create an e-mailing list to get facts to residents faster. More information to follow. People have asked us about the possibility of forming groups/ clubs in Clifton; ie walking, arts and crafts or men's sheds. Interested?

2016 should be the year that we pull the community together, but it cannot be done without your feedback and help. The place to let us know is denfensome@yahoo.co.uk

In the meantime, stay lucky, Den Fensome



All Saints' Church

Christian Aid Quiz

Wednesday 18th May

Church Hall, 7 for 7.30 prompt start

Teams of up to 8

Ploughman's Plate, Bring your own drink and glasses

£7.50 per person

All Proceeds to Christian Aid

More details next month

CLIFTON ARTISTS' EXHIBITION

Clifton Community Centre

Saturday, 19th March, 2016.

10.00am-4.00pm:

Admission: Free

This one day exhibition of work by local artists and crafts workers is being held in order to offer an opportunity for people in the community to see, first hand, the extent of the talent within the village which is very much alive but often lies unknown and hidden from public view. The exhibition will include paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, collagraphs, quilts, calligraphy, hat making, jewellery and woodcarving, and will offer the people of Clifton a chance, not only to admire the quality of the work but, also, to purchase locally produced artwork at affordable prices.

If you, too, would like to show the village what you can do and have not yet applied, it is not too late.

Contact Peter Warren 01462 621946 peterwarren@nasuwt.net

Clifton Cricket Club

<http://cliftoncricketclub.clubbuzz.co.uk/>



Bringing in the New Year and the new season, we have had a change around of personnel. With John Crowe keeping his role as President, Ricky Monaghan has now taken on the role of Chairman, aided by Julian Boothby as Vice Chairman. Other roles taken on by members of the community are:

Sec'y/Social M'ger: Jo Saunders
Senior Manager: Nick Webb
Catering Manager: Sally Panton
Welfare Officer: Daniel Good
Comm's M'ger: Richard Foxall

Youth Manager: Anna Jones
House M'ger: Michael Panton
Bar M'ger: Ryan Monaghan
Membership Sec'y: Danny Buckley
Groundsman: Stephen Brookes

The Bar has also partnered with Charles Wells Brewery who have provided all new equipment to the renovated bar and sponsorship which will help us improve the quality of the products served.

We will be showing off this new equipment throughout February and March when will be showing all of the **6 Nations England matches**:

- **England vs Scotland - Saturday 6th Feb**, kick off 4:50 pm, bar open from 4pm till late.
- **England vs Italy - Sunday 14th Feb**, kick off 3 pm, bar open from 2 pm till late.
- **England vs Ireland - Saturday 27th Feb**, kick off 4.50 pm, bar open from 4 pm till late.
- **England vs Wales - Saturday 12th Mar**, kick off 4pm, bar open from 3pm till late.
- **England vs France - Saturday 19th Mar**, kick off 8 pm, bar open from 6 pm till late.

Indoor Cricket Results

6/12/15 - Clifton A team beat Flitwick by 4 wickets

6/12/15 - Sandy CC conceded to Clifton B Team

3/1/16 - Clifton A beat Deepdale CC by 22 runs

Future Events

We will be holding regular social events throughout the year, including a Race Night on 18th March 2016. Please keep an eye on the Clifton Chronicles for updated information each month.

Biggleswade & Sandy Lions Club



Christmas 2015

Christmas is now over but it was the busiest time of the year for the Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club. After lots of pre-planning, our Christmas started on Saturday 28th November when Father Christmas arrived at the Langford Garden Centre ably helped by his elves. Since then:

- We held a very successful Dance on the 5th December at the Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade.
- You were most generous to our collectors at G&M Growers, Upper Caldecote, Sandy Tesco, Asda Biggleswade and Sainsburys Biggleswade.
- Our sleigh toured the streets of local towns and villages and again you were very generous as our collectors knocked on your doors. In Biggleswade we collected, Sandy, Potton, Langford, Henlow and Clifton.
- We bought a mountain of food at Aldi Biggleswade, transported it to Sutton Village Hall and packed 170 Christmas food parcels which were then distributed across our area. We also gave out 36 plants. Thank you to Sandy District Guiding Association for their food donation towards the food parcels.
- Our Santa Claus became a regular visitor to the Langford Garden Centre throughout December to say hello to those boys and girls who sought reassurance that he would pay them a visit on Christmas Eve.
- We decorated a Christmas tree kindly provided by Langford Garden Centre for the St. Swithun's Church Sandy Christmas Tree Festival.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us carry out this work; contributed to our collections; or gave us permission to stand outside their business to collect. The funds raised not only finance the Christmas food parcels that we distributed but go a long way towards our 2016 programme of service to the local community. Rudolph and the sleigh have gone into hibernation and we thank Bedfordshire Growers for their help with this.



If you would like to help in the future or learn more about Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club then phone David or Judith Hagger on 01462 814693 or come along to one of our meetings. We meet at 8pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Biggleswade Conservative Club.

Church Services Rotas February

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
7 th	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good		Mrs R Gray	Mrs A Sullivan Mr P Blackmore	-
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs A Sullivan John 12:27-36a	Officiate		
10 th Ash Weds	8:00pm	Mrs J Cooper	Mrs P Wisby Isaiah 58:1-12	Officiate	Mrs J Pavey	
14 th	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Grant	Mr J Good Romans 10:8b-13	Mrs R Wagner	Mrs K Blackmore Mr K Gray	Mrs K Black- more
21 st	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs J Peacock	Mr K Pledger Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Mrs S Welsford	Mr B Livesey Mrs S Collins	Mr K Pledger
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mr R Watson Luke 14:27-33	Officiate		
28 th	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Wyer	Mrs J Pavey 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Mr B Livesey	-	-
6 th March Mothering Sunday	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mrs F Kendall Exodus 2:1-12	Mrs K Blackmore	-	-
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread 2 Timothy 4:1-18	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.

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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