

April 2016

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Who's Who

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

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in Clifton

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	Friends All Saints Church	Keith Pledger , 2 Chapel Close k.pledger@ntlworld.com	629020
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	Guides	www.girlguiding.org.uk	
	Langford Tennis Club	www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk Contact; Paul Metcalfe	700991
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	Providence Baptist Church	Ron Cook	850643
	Rainbows	girlguiding.org.uk	
	Residents Association	BobSmith , Secretary 30 New Road	812336
	Scouts (All ages)	Mrs Georgina Oxtan (Membership Officer)	08456 046848
	Toddlers	clifontoddlers@gmail.com	
WI	Pat Wisby	816451	
Woodlands	Pre-School, Breakfast & After School Clubs www.thewoodlands.ik.org	811486	

Forward Planner

April	
2&3	Clifton Cricket Club Clean up, starts 10.00 am
6	WI Meeting, Church Hall 7.30pm
	Wildlife Trust, Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford, at 7.30pm. A short AGM, followed "Gardening for Wildlife"
8	Strict Baptist Chapel Anniversary Meeting
12	Summer Term begins
	Ten-pin Bowling with Friends, 7.00 pm
19	Mothers' Union meeting, Church Hall 2.0pm
	GLGS Wyboston Lakes, 14.00
23	Churchyard Working Party, 9.30 – 1.00
24	Messy Church, 10.30 Church Hall
26	Clean Your Cupboards for the Queen – Happy Bags, 10.00 am , School
29	Cricket Club Quiz 8.00 for 8.30
30	Clifton All Saints Academy Family Quiz
May	
4	WI Meeting, Church Hall 7.30pm
17	GLGS Barkway Park, 14.00
18	Christian Aid Quiz, All Saints Academy , 7.00
20	Kids on the Catwalk
30	Half term – week commencing Monday 30th May

All Saints' Church

From the Registers



Funerals:

23rd February Joan Ivy Dann

9th March Malcolm William Collard and his wife
Eva Collard

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.

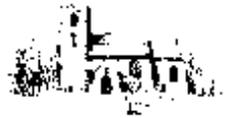
Fridays (term time)

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

Secretary: Ron Cook 01462 850643

Dear Friends,

Mission is an important part of the Anglican church and here at All Saints we too have a strong awareness of mission not just in the propagation of faith but also in charitable giving.



Each year the PCC allocates a sum of money from income for charitable purposes with which we endeavour to support local, national and international good causes of which there are of course very, very many. From time to time we are asked what we do and what we hope to achieve, so here follows a resume of last year's activities.

In 2015 donations were sent to Age UK, St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger and the Alzheimer's Society plus our annual payment to All Saints Academy. We had a special collection for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal and gave funds to Save the Children refugee collection. The Remembrance Day collection is sent to the Royal British Legion, Christingle to The Children's Society and harvest to the Bishops Harvest Appeal. Harvest goods together with donations of underwear were sent to Prebend Day Centre Bedford and old glasses collected for the Lions.

Although we no longer have an Eco Group we do try to promote produce from local businesses and have designated areas of the front churchyard for observation purposes.

We invite occasional speakers to services and each year organise a quiz night in aid of Christian Aid. This year it will be held at the school on Wednesday May 18th at 7.30. Tickets cost £7.50 which includes supper and are available as per the separate notice in this edition.

All Saints is of course only one of the churches and organisations in the village which work in this way, I wonder how much support as a whole the village gives each year, long may it continue.

Marjorie Cakebread, Church Warden

During the vacancy:

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

To check availability and make a booking, please email:

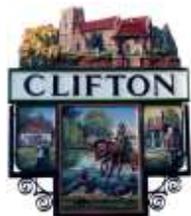
parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

or phone:

Sharon Kingham 07547 129038 or

Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

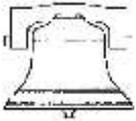
Booking forms and conditions of hire can be downloaded from the website.



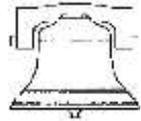
Clifton Chronicles NOTICE

Not all items submitted have been included this month. 28 pages of editorial is the maximum we can produce. We give priority to organisations in the village, things which are advertising imminent events and of course we try very hard not to disappoint those who give time, talents and money in supporting the Chronicles.

'We are sorry' to anyone who is disappointed!



On Monday 22 February, 2016
A Quarter peal of
1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Was rung in 48 minutes by:



- 1 Heather A Jewell
- 2 Sheila V Ashton
- 3 Frank W Rivett
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Phillip R Jewell
- 6 Stephen J D Dann
- 7 James R A Dann
- 8 Geoffrey L K Dann

Rung half-muffled in memory of and in thanksgiving for the life of Joan Dann, mother of (8), grandmother of (6) and (7), and a generous and much loved member of this church and village.



Joan Dann's family are grateful to all her many friends who have expressed their condolences and given us their support. Her funeral was a splendid celebration of her life and the esteem in which she was obviously held.

Donations in her memory have raised over £1,700 for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund (including over £200 in Gift Aid from the taxman).

We are also grateful for the prayers, friendship and support which she received during her illness.



Clifton All Saints' Academy

Our value for April is 'Forgiveness'



Considering March has been a very short month for the school, with Easter falling early this year there has been a lot going on. Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work with the following activities:

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

The Mother's Day Afternoon Tea was a huge success raising £250.00 for the school, and a further £150.00 has been given to Jane Pratchett's daughters who are running the London Marathon in April in aid of the British Lung Foundation. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked extremely hard in making the Mother's Day afternoon tea such a special occasion for everyone involved. Due to the fantastic support and generosity of our parents we are very pleased to announce that after the Easter holidays work will start on our new outdoor classroom, which will prove to be a fantastic asset to all the pupils and teachers in the school. Thank you.

Mothers Day Gifts

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Mother's Day gift we raised just under £200.00!!! A big thank you to all the PTA members who gave up their time to help the children either make or choose their special gift and wrap them all up.

Easter Party

Lots of children attended the annual Easter Party organised by the PTA this was split into 2 separate parties for the younger and older children. Fun was had by all with the bonus of taking home an Easter egg each.

Mothing Sunday

A few of our pupils attended the church service on Mothing Sunday alongside their Mums. Their behaviour and singing was impeccable and we were very proud of them. There were a few wet eyes amongst our parents and the congregation.

Travelling Roman Workshop

On 8th March our Year 3 class and their teachers came to school dressed as Romans and had a fantastic day. A workshop provided by Portals to the Past engaged everyone with interesting facts and stories from what life was like to be a Roman.

Long Service

One of our Midday Supervisors, Mrs Pat Williams has worked at the school for 30 years on 4th April! As this is in the middle of the school holidays we will be acknowledging her long service and commitment to the school at the end of the spring term. Congratulations and thank you for your long standing commitment to Clifton All Saints Academy. Mrs Williams probably has a few stories she could share on how the school and local community has changed over the last 30 years!

Easter Break

There are a couple of activities going on during the Easter holidays at school, but please be vigilant and do not hesitate to note down or report anything suspicious.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are now starting to collect Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers; please can you send in any vouchers via your child's book bag or drop them into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. The school website address is: <http://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk> and the school emails are as follows:

General: school@clifton-beds.co.uk

Business Manager: schoolbusinessmanager@clifton-beds.co.uk

Head Teacher: headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk

Street Watch

February in Clifton, similar to January,
was virtually crime free!



A new initiative is being introduced by our Bedfordshire Police Force. "Ops Salcoats", this had its initial & hugely successful introduction in February. The plan is to introduce "Parish Special Constables", although being volunteers, they have the same powers as a warranted officer and this plan is to bring back "Bobbies on the Beat to serve our Villages". They will be working together with the various Watch Schemes to ensure enforcement of speed offences, carry out home burglary surveys and promote community engagement. This will benefit our local communities helping them to feel safer & boosting the sense of involvement in their neighbourhood. Would you like to help, if so please contact me for further information on how you could join one of our Watch Schemes or maybe the Specials?

Gary Edwards 01462 816 334

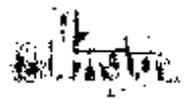
In Memory of Jane Pratchett British Lung Foundation



Lauren and Danielle Pratchett will be running the London Marathon this year for the British Lung Foundation. Lauren had originally secured a place on the London Marathon with her Mum, Jane. However, very soon after they secured places, she was given the devastating news that she had lung cancer. Very sadly, Jane lost her fight last August and so her daughters will be running this April in Jane's memory. They have grown up and lived in Clifton all their lives and attended Clifton All Saints Academy where Jane worked for many years.

If you would like to support Lauren and Danielle please bring in your donation to the school office during school hours. All donations will be gratefully received and the school will be supporting them all the way! We wish you the very best of luck with all of your fundraising and of course running the London Marathon.

Vacancy and Services – Update



The process to start the selection of a new incumbent for the benefice starts on Thursday 14th April with a meeting between the Bishop of Bedford, the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Rural Dean, Mr. Charles Whitbread (Patron of Southill) and the two PCCs. It is still too early to say when we will have a new incumbent in post.

Meanwhile, we have decided to cancel the 8am communion service on the 4th Sunday of each month until further notice due to the unavailability of clergy to take this service. Unfortunately this is the one Sunday of the month when our 10:30am service is non-communion; those who wish to take communion on these days will be made very welcome at the 9am service at All Saints, Southill.

The Warden Team

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME THANK YOU!



I'm delighted to announce that we have had an encouraging response to my appeal in the March issue of the Clifton Chronicles for volunteers to join our numbers. We have three new phone holders which will reduce the load on our current team; in addition we hope to welcome a new member to the committee. We are now submitting all their documents for clearance by the police database (as we do with all our volunteers for your protection).

Of course, while we are grateful for all the help we get from all our volunteers we especially hope that those joining us will find it as pleasant and satisfying as our established group. Volunteering should always be enjoyable, whether with the Care Scheme or any other organisation.

Voluntary organisations are unlike businesses, we do not seek to compete with each other, most of the time we try to forge links which provide support in either direction if it can be of benefit to those we are serving. So if you have a problem or need some assistance, even if it is something that we cannot provide ourselves, do remember that we may well know someone who can!

IF YOU NEED 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.

Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 23rd April

9:30 am to 1.00 pm



If you can trim hedges, pull up weeds, tidy paths or help transporting cuttings to the compost heap please come along (with tools if you have them) and join in.

Refreshments will be available throughout and you will be made very welcome.



For further information please contact the churchwardens:
Anne Sullivan or Marjorie Cakebread
(contact details in Who's Who).



Clean for the Queen

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered for litter-picking over the weekend.



Particular thanks to those whose conduct was "above and beyond the call of duty" in clearing litter outside Samuel Whitbread College and at the top of New Road.

Thank you!
Clifton Parish Council





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
- * Rodeo Bull
- ★ 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

The Queen's 90th Birthday

A Living Birthday Decoration Competition

A **group activity** to construct 'a living birthday decoration' in honour of the Queen, entries will be displayed in All Saints Church on 12 June 2016 as part of the Clifton Celebration.

- 🌸 The theme is **A Royal Birthday** and must include fresh plant material; it can also include battery operated lights, props, interesting containers or anything else you fancy.
- 🌸 Examples of groups may include: school classes, Brownies, WI members, WI Committee, Choir, church congregation, PCC, families with emphasis on children's contribution etc, etc, etc.
- 🌸 Certificates will be presented to the group/organisation voted the best by visitors in each of the 3 categories:

- 🌸 9 and under
- 🌸 10-18
- 🌸 Adults

- 🌸 Some examples of entry types include:

- 🌸 Planted arrangement
- 🌸 Flower arrangement
- 🌸 Flower head picture
- 🌸 Decorations on an ornamental tree or branch

- 🌸 Maximum size of entry is 1 metre x 1 metre x 1 metre
- 🌸 Places are limited so entries must be received before 30th May. The entry costs are £1 for the younger entrants and £2 for adult groups.
- 🌸 Entrants must supply own props and entries will have a limited time to set up the day before.
- 🌸 Entry forms are available on the Clifton website:

www.clifton-beds.co.uk. More information is available from:

Suzanne Stapleton, 01462 811929.



All Saints' Academy PTA

Kids on the Catwalk

Friday 20th May



we will need models more details available soon.



Happy's Circus

12 July 2016

Community Centre Playing Field

Starts 6.00, gates open 5.00

A fun packed comedy show for all the family

Supported by international circus acts

Stalls * Refreshments * Face painting
and much more.

Tickets available now!

£8 pp or family ticket £30

(2 adults and 2 children)

Tracey: 07876787266 or Clifton All Saints' Academy office

All funds raised will go to Clifton All Saints' Academy

www.happycircus.co.uk

Local Mum raising money for Diabetes UK!

Next month I will be running the Virgin London Marathon on 24th April and raising funds and awareness for Diabetes UK as my chosen charity. My inspiration is my husband who has suffered for 16 years and the daily impact of Diabetes is hard to deal with as he injects five times a day and is constantly adjusting his diet and dosage to get the balance of insulin right.

I have first-hand experience of what Mark endures on a daily basis as I developed gestational diabetes in both my pregnancies. It wasn't until I was injecting that I fully understood the complexity and risks of having Diabetes.

I have a huge opportunity to raise money for this fantastic charity who can improve lives to help understand the causes of Diabetes and bring about life changing breakthroughs in care, treatment and prevention.

Please come along to my fundraising event:

Clifton Community Centre

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

12.30-3.30PM

teas, coffees, cake and games including a raffle with great prizes!

If you aren't directly affected by Diabetes, you probably know someone who is!

THANK YOU!

Becky Allam

07979 654019

<https://www.justgiving.com/BeckyAllam>

DIABETES UK
CARE. CONNECT. CAMPAIGN.

Clifton All Saints Academy PTA

Family Quiz on Saturday 30th April

Put the date in your diary, more details soon,
from all PTA committee members





All Saints' Church

Christian Aid Quiz

Wednesday 18th May

All Saints Academy Hall

- * **7.00 for 7.30** prompt start
- * **Teams** of up to **8**
- * **Ploughman's Plate** (on arrival)
- * Bring your own drink and glasses
- * **£7.50 per person**

Tickets from Sue Welsford 811303

All Proceeds to Christian Aid

Clean your cupboards for the Queen!

Declutter your wardrobe and cupboards and bring all your household's unwanted clothes, accessories, bed linen etc. Any plastic bags are fine but Happy Bags are available from the Academy.

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

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.

No Bric-a-bac please



CLIFTON STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL BROAD STREET, CLIFTON.

A Strict Baptist Witness has been in the village of Clifton since 1840, when a minister by the name of Septimus Sears, arrived in the village and commenced a place of worship in two cottages in Clifton Road, Shefford.

In those days this part of the village was known as Clifton Fields and formed part of Clifton parish. A number of landmarks in the village remain to the present day, these include the Almshouses in Broad Street, the house where Mr Sears lived when he first opened the two cottages as a Chapel, this house is still known as "Holly Lodge" and is in Clifton Road, Shefford, also the house known as "Strawplaits" was originally built as a Chapel, this house is in Church Street and was converted to an attractive detached house in the 1920s. Added to this a small development off Church Street has been built, and carries the name of Mr Sears, being known as Sears Close.

Such was the impact this minister made on both the village and also the surrounding area, publishing a number of hymn books and other periodicals which were sent to various parts of the world from Clifton.

As many newcomers arrive in our village they may well be interested to read some of the past history of Clifton, particularly that which is connected with what is the large Chapel in the village centre.

To this end a small booklet has been published with the title 175 years of Strict Baptist Witness 'A Brief History of Clifton Strict Baptist Chapel'. The book is free of charge to village residents and may be obtained at the Chapel or from the chapel deacon at 54 Broad Street.

For the past eight years, the Annual Meetings of the Gospel Standard Societies to which Clifton Chapel belongs, has been held in the Broad Street, Chapel, these meetings bring people connected to the denomination from various parts of the country, and are due to take place on **April 8th** this year, the meetings are open to the public and anyone interested may attend.

With kind regards,

David Lawson, Deacon of the Chapel at Clifton.

Clifton Planning Applications update

Central Beds decisions to 9th March 2016



CB/16/00883/NMA – 29 February 2016 – 91 Broad Street, SG17 5RP. Non Material Amendment to planning permission CB/15/01186/FULL removal of chimney breast. Registration period.

CB/16/00498/FULL – 8 February 2016 – 53 Pedley Lane, SG17 5QT Proposed two storey front extension and external alterations. Consultation period.

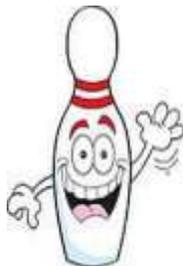
CB/16/00380/OUT – 4 February 2016 – Land south of Pedley Lane, SG17 5QT. Residential development with the erection of 2 detached houses with garaging. – Consultation period.

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

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 – 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. – 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, 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.



Ten Pin Bowling Tuesday 12th April starting at 7pm. Stevenage Leisure Park

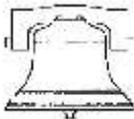
Two games, a drink, and a finger buffet
£21 for members and £23 for guests

We might even find a prize or two, whether you win or lose. Winning aside, the intent is to provide a social scene where Friends and their guests can enjoy a convivial evening. Even if you have never tried the game, or rubbish like me, do come, have a go, have a laugh, be social, and support the Friends once more.

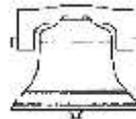
Car sharing can be arranged so that those without wheels can get to and from, and so that the minimum number of people need to drive. So when booking, please say if you need transport, or if you can take other people there and back.

Booking to me please at the e-mail address or telephone shown below.

Graham Seaby, A Friend of Clifton Parish Church.
gseaby@btinternet.com, 01462-813991



On Saturday 13 February, 2016 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES



- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Linda M Garton
- 3 Philippa M Whittington (Conductor)
- 4 Harriet G Moncrieff
- 5 Susan M Silver
- 6 Paul J Chandler
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Clive Moncrieff

Rung as a farewell to Harriet & Clive,
moving to Wales very soon!



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone

Welcome to Spring. April already ! this year is really flying along. Okay, what have we been up to? Some of our committee members helped in the village litter pick, and the difference was amazing ! At the Artists show day on March 19th our members were acting as 'tea makers and servers'

We have made a donation to 5 up Youth project, and received thanks for our donation to Messy Church. Our open meeting is still scheduled for the 18th May, and it would be really great to see some new faces amongst the audience.

The Residents' Association will be taking part in the Queen's birthday celebration street party on Sunday 12th June. Look out for our stall on the day. The NEED PROJECT basket is now looking for a new home in the village. Our butcher kindly kept it for us, but due to lack of response from the public it will have to be re-sited elsewhere.

To end on a brighter note. The 'Men's shed' idea is still in the pipe line, but we have one hiccup, because of all the electrical woodworking machines, no one will provide a blanket insurance cover. It seems the only answer is to display a disclaimer on site against any accident when using machinery. Your thoughts ?

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

CLIFTON LEISURE AND PLEASURE SOCIETY

What do you do in your spare time? Do you want to meet up with like minded people? Do you want to share your interests and or hobbies?
What about **JOINING-up**, **MEETING-up** or even **SETTING-up**
a **NEW** group?

The purpose of this proposed society is to help existing groups increase membership should they wish, and at the same time expand the opportunity to socialise more by setting up **NEW GROUPS** for any age such as:

- *Wine appreciation group
- *Computer using
- *Carpentry workshop activities
- *Daytime Social Club
- *Games Club eg whist, flush, chess, bridge, monopoly etc

Plus any other suggestions for setting up or enlarging an existing group would be welcome. Our small sub committee has been set up to try to help everyone in the area and we are here to try to help others to make friends and feel wanted in the community. Everyone has either something to offer or may need to meet up with like minded people. In the first instance do contact us so that we can gauge whether our plans meet your needs.

Contact Sue on 07768 105570 or Email:
susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk (Clifton Residents Association)

Woodlands Pre-School



Last month it was lovely to see so many children dress up for world book day, we had monkeys and Gruffalos, princesses and super heroes, Alice in wonderland, Goldilocks, Oliver, pirates and much more!

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Mother's day sale, it raised valuable funds for our preschool. We hope you all enjoyed your gifts.

We will continue to look forward to our Jolly Phonics sessions we have been enjoying on a Thursday morning with our Jolly Phonics teacher Cher Burton, the children are making lots of progress in preparation for their transition to big school in September.

After Easter our theme moves on to Transport, each week we shall be looking at different modes of transport & incorporating all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We have some staff changes coming up, Jane will be upping her hours to be a more permanent member of staff on 2 days a week & we are delighted to welcome Julie & Gemma to our ever growing team!

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the staff and children back on 12th April for the start of the summer term.



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.

- 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 if fine
- Craft table with a different craft each week

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



Clifton Parish Council

Clifton Parish Council would like to know whether villagers would like to see an outdoor gym situated in the recreation ground. This would consist of exercise equipment, typically hurdles, balance bars, parallel bars, rings etc. Would you use such a gym?

We'd also like to know what support there would be for a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Such a facility would be floodlit, secure and with an all-weather surface, allowing 5-a-side football, tennis, netball and so on. There would be a small charge to make use of the feature. Might this be useful to you?

Please contact Ray Dart ray.dart@outlook.com with your views.



All Saints Clifton

Sunday 24 April

10:30am

Church Hall Stanford Lane, Clifton

- * 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 Cricket Club



With the new season starting, Youth Cricket will begin on Friday 1st April with ages 10-12 playing from 6pm till 7pm and ages 7-8 playing from 7pm till 8pm.

Throughout April, these sessions will be free so the children can try it out, then membership payment will be due at the end of the month. The cricket club has Gold Club Mark status and is supervised at all times by fully qualified and certificated coaches. Parents are welcome to stay and the bar will be open.

Quiz Night

Friday 29th April, 8pm for an 8:30pm start.

Teams can be of up to 6 people

Price £2 and hot food will be available for a small extra surcharge.

Wildlife Trust, Bedford Local Group



**Wednesday 6th April,
Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford,
at 7.30pm.**

A short AGM, followed by an illustrated talk on:
"Gardening for Wildlife" by Betty Cooke.

All welcome. Free, but a voluntary contribution would be appreciated.
Further details from 01462 851954, or see under Events on:
www.wildlifebcn.org

New expanded service

The service is open to all passengers, young and old, with cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted on all routes. New Timetables are available:

- On the counter at Shefford Health Centre
- Call 0300-123-3023
- Ask at Meppershall Village Store
- Download from
- www.wanderbus.org.uk

Visit : www.wanderbus.or.uk

E-mail : thewanderbus@gmail.com





Biggleswade and Sandy Lions

Nepal and Local

Biggleswade Sandy Lions welcomed Andrew Piggott, a paramedic, who is going to Nepal for four months with a team of volunteers aged 18-25 years. They are going as part of the UK aid programme which also includes Africa and South America. They will experience not only political instability but also the lack of some basic needs in healthcare, as well as gender inequality. They will be there for four months. As is our custom we support projects such as this, and made a significant donation.

Whilst schemes like this will always have the backing of Lions, our priority is always our local community. National and local government schemes cannot and do not cover all the needs of people less fortunate than ourselves, so as Lions we try and plug some of the gaps. Whilst this may sound daunting we ask members is to give some time to help with our fundraising and community service work, bearing in mind family and other commitments. We do not expect every member to do everything. We meet twice a month and at present have 27 members - we need more! Our group covers an area that stretches from Dunton and Potton across to Clifton and Arlesey. Ladies and gentleman, you are all welcome.

For more information call Dave and Judith Hagger on 01462 814693 for a friendly chat with no obligation. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at one of our meetings.

YOU CAN HELP

Clifton W.I.



Pat welcomed 41 members and County visitor Pam Plumber to the March meeting, A minute's silence was held in memory of Joan Dann, a stalwart member of our WI and also ex-member Lydia Baxter. A donation was made in memory of Joan to the Pancreatic Cancer Fund. 'Jerusalem' was sung and the minutes of the February meeting were read by Iris, agreed and signed,

The next meeting is on Wednesday April 6, which will be our Group Meeting when the WIs of Arlesey, Henlow, Stotfold and Lower Stondon will join us in the village hall at 7.30pm. The entertainment will be 'The 2 Kevins'. The committee will do the teas for the Group Meeting and the new rota will start in May.

Katherine Edwards 816334

Church Services Rotas April

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
3 rd	10:30	Mrs S Collins Mrs S Welsford	-	Mrs A Sullivan	Mr K Pledger Mr P Blackmore	-
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore Galatians 4:1-5	Officiate		
10 th	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mrs M Wilson Acts 9:1-20	Mr R Parker	Mr C Brown Mr R Welsford	-
17 th	10:30	Mrs L Burton Mrs L Patch	Mrs P Wisby Acts 9:36-end	Mrs R Gray	Mrs A Sullivan Mr K Gray	-
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mr B Padgett John 11:27-44	Officiate		
24 th	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Mr C Brown Acts 11:1-18	Mr B Livesey	-	-
1 st May	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good	-	Mrs R Wagner	Mrs K Blackmore Mrs S Collins	-
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs J Pavey John 12:20-26	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	Elspeth	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