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Who's Who

All Saints' Church	Vacancy No Rector At the moment	rector@clifton-beds.co.uk See page 6 for who to contact for special services etc	
	Churchwardens	Anne Sullivan , 7 KnollsWay Marjorie Cakebread , Stanford Rd	817491 815599
	Reader	Robin Welsford , 13 Pedley Lane	811303
	Organist & Choirmaster		
	PCC Treasurer	Frank Rivett 27 Purcell Way, Shefford	851816
	PCC Secretary	Philippa Whittington 27 Purcell Way	851816
	Church Hall Bookings	Dorothy Brown 1 Lychmead, Clifton	628982
	Bell-ringing Cpt	Stan Ashton , 15A Pedley Lane	813340
	Mothers' Union	Betsy Gray , 18 Hitchin Lane, Clifton	629690
	Messy Church	Suzanne Stapleton , 811929; Ruth Gray 812820	

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

Elected Representatives	Parish Council Chairman Clerk (Community Centre bookings)	Barry Livesey 75 Shefford Road, Sharon Kingham parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk	811385 07547 129038
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in Clifton

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Other village organisations	Biggleswade Gardening Club	Mr A Gray www.biggleswade.gardenclub.care4free.net	01767 221428
	Brownies	firstcliftonbrownies@outlook.com www.girlguiding.org.uk	
	Care Scheme		07817 614654
	CIPS (Clifton Preservation)	Stuart Laing , Secretary	851819
	Cricket Club	Chair: Ricky Monaghan , rick1232@hotmail.com Vice Chairman Julian Boothy	07528 445888
	Friends All Saints Church	Keith Pledger , 2 Chapel Close k.pledger@ntlworld.com	629020
	Football Club	Jason Shacklock ,	816881
	Guides	www.girlguiding.org.uk	
	Langford Tennis Club	www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk Contact; Paul Metcalfe	700991
	Police Contact	The snr community officer: Sgt Gary Kidd	01234 842531
	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

May	
4	WI Meeting, Church Hall 7.30pm
17	GLGS Barkway Park, 14.00
	Mothers' Union meeting, Church Hall 2.00 pm
18	Christian Aid Quiz, All Saints Academy , 7.00
	Residents Association, Open Meeting, Church Hall
20	Kids on the Catwalk, 6.30 pm
22	Messy Church, 10.30, Church hall
30	Half term – week commencing Monday 30th May
June	
1	WI Church Hall 7.30pm
12	Queen's 90th Birthday Street Party, 12.00
21	GLGS Chesfield Downs, 14.00
July	
6	WI Church Hall 7.30pm
12	Happy's Circus
16	Croquet and afternoon tea with Friends at 3.00
19	GLGS Bourn 14.00

All Saints' Church

From the Registers



Funerals:

15th March Jean Taylor

21st March Lydia Baxter

Baptisms:

March 27th Tracy Ann Carroll

Maia Faith Slyfield

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

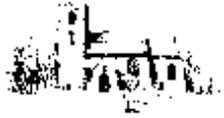
10.30 am—12 noon – Coffee-pot at the church, feel free to drop in for a drink.

Fridays (term time)

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

Secretary: Ron Cook 01462 850643

Ministry Letter



It is now just over four months since Revd. Anne Hindle moved to the Warmington Benefice and things at All Saint's have been continuing much as before.

We would like to thank the congregation for their continued support and attendance, in particular all those who help at the services and have made visiting clergy feel welcome. There are numerous jobs to be done within the life of the church and without everyone's support things would rapidly degenerate.

The support of our Reader, Robin Welsford, retired priest Revd. Paul Lanham and our Associate Priest, Revd. Caren Topley and other clergy and readers has been invaluable, and without them we would not be able to have many services at all. So far, we have been able to cover all services except the Communion service at 8am on the fourth Sunday of the month. This is regrettable, especially as it is the one Sunday when we do not have a communion service at Clifton however there is a warm welcome at the 9am service at Southill for those who wish to attend. We are pleased that we are able to re-instate this service at Clifton from June onwards thanks to Revd. Caren.

Messy Church continues to thrive; if you haven't joined a session yet, drop in to the Church Hall at 10:30am on the fourth Sunday of the month – you are assured of a friendly welcome, lot of activities to enjoy and lunch before going home.

On Thursday 5th May the Benefice will celebrate Ascension Day with a joint service of Holy Communion, 8pm at All Saint's Southill. The preacher and celebrant will be the Bishop of Bedford, Rt. Rev. Richard Atkinson.

By the time you read this, the process to select a new Rector will be underway; we will update you on progress in the June edition of the Chronicles. Hopefully the process will run smoothly and speedily and we will be able to welcome a new Rector in the Autumn.

Anne Sullivan & Marjorie Cakebread, Churchwardens

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.



Full Time Teacher (1.0) MPS



A full time teacher is required to work in either KS1 or KS2 from September 2016. Clifton All Saints Academy is a successful and popular village school. We offer a friendly and supportive environment with high standards of behaviour and performance. The ideal candidate would have experience of teaching in a Lower School and demonstrate excellent classroom skills. We are looking for someone with energy, enthusiasm and an excellent team player. Visits to the school are very welcome.

Please download an application pack from our school website <http://cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk> under the vacancies section or contact the school office.

*We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children therefore any job offer is subject to DBS clearance, satisfactory references and a three month probationary period.

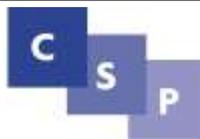
Contact : Justine McCarthy (Business Manager)

Telephone: 01462 628444

Closing Date: Thursday 5th May (Midday)

Interview Date/s: Thursday 12th / Friday 13th May 2016

Courtland Services Partnership (CSP) Part-time Accounts Assistant



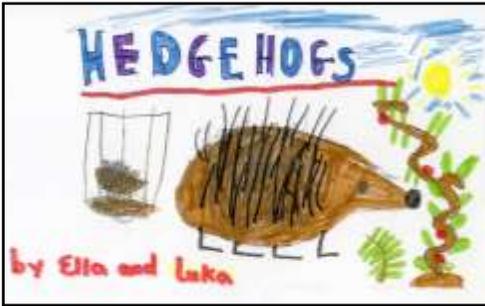
We are a small, friendly, busy IT consultancy established in 1995. Our office is situated in the delightful setting of Clifton Bury Farm, Church Street, Clifton. We are looking for a part-time accounts/admin assistant to join our busy team. The hours of work are flexible (a total of approximately 14 hours per week).

It is essential that you have either Sage or book-keeping experience and are happy to take on other administrative tasks as required.

If you would like to call us for an informal chat please contact Kevin Gray on 01462 816973. Please send a CV and covering letter by email to kgray@courtland-services.co.uk

Deadline for applications: **Monday 23 May 2016**

Appointment start date: **Mid-June 2016**

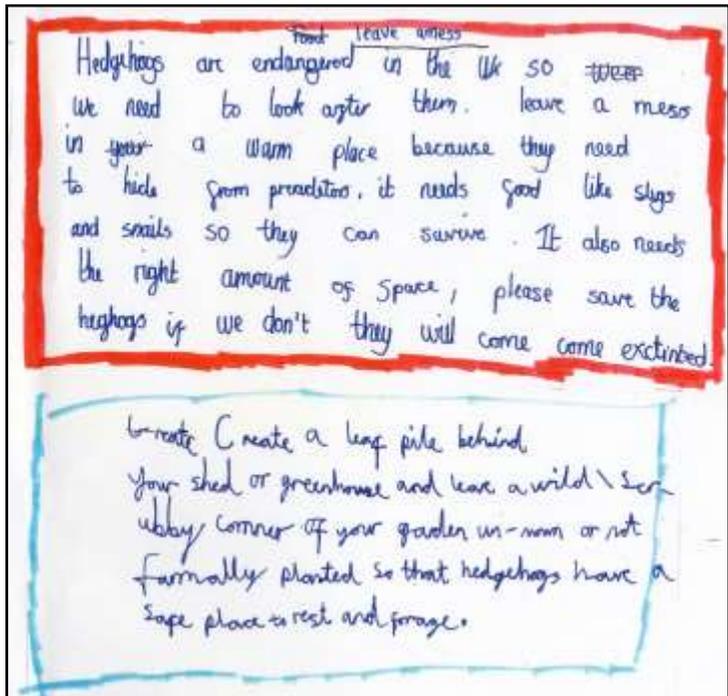


SAVE OUR HEDGEHOGS!

Did you know the population of hedgehogs in Britain is declining as fast as tigers worldwide?

Year four children from Clifton All Saints Academy have been thinking about how we can make Clifton more hedgehog friendly. They have made posters to explain the simple things we can do in our gardens to help hedgehogs. One of the easy things you can do is to leave a loose log pile for bugs and insects to live in - this way there will be plenty of food for hedgehogs!

Watch out for some of our other posters over the next few issues of Clifton Chronicles.



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



ODDS AND ENDS

We frequently hear that many of the services available are not widely known, so here are few reminders:-

Prescriptions: both Lloyds and the Health Centre pharmacies offer a free prescription delivery service with full information available from whichever one you choose

'Message in a Bottle/Wallet' schemes (as reported in last November's magazine) are provided by Biggleswade and Sandy Lions and supported by the Care Scheme. Just call the number below if you would like one.

ADVICECENTRAL is, as its name implies, a one-stop contact point to a wide variety of social care and healthcare services. Phone: 0300 303 66 66, Email: info@AdviceCentral.org.uk, Website: www.AdviceCentral.org.uk

'Healthwatch' is a service to provide and monitor your feedback of your experiences in using healthcare services in Bedfordshire. Tel. 0300 303 8554

Wanderbus: This is a transport service run by volunteers, which provides a scheduled service from most local villages (including Clifton) to all the towns around. Their timetable is geared to shopping outings with the advantage of being dropped off on your return at the nearest point to your home. They have recently acquired an additional minibus and are now expanding their service. Tel: 0300 123 3023 for info or to pre-book.

Clifton Care Scheme: We are here to serve everyone in whatever way we can (not just transport), 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 W.I.



The April meeting was the turn of Clifton to host the Group Meeting. Pat Wisby, President of Clifton, welcomed all members and visitors and introduced a visitor from Clifton, Queensland, Australia, Merylin Hamilton, who has been corresponding with us for two years.

Jerusalem was sung and Pat invited Merylin to speak a few words about the association between Clifton, Bedfordshire and Clifton, Australia. Merylin presented Pat with a gift from Australia and she was thanked and presented with a gift from Clifton W.I.

In the absence of Jenny Ward Fletcher, Pat read the Convenor's report from the last Group Meeting. This was followed by reports from Stondon, Arlesey, Henlow and Stotfold Presidents on their WIs activities during the last six months.

Ann Lovell was the County Visitor and she advised us of many County events which will take place during the next few months to include a sponsored walk, a Birthday Tea Party for the Queen, Denman College Awareness morning, a trip to an Alpacca Farm and Treasure Hunts in Harrod. She reminded us to order bulbs and to apply for bursaries for Denman.

The musical entertainment was by The Two Kevins who were thanked by the President of Arlesey.

Coffee, Tea & Cakes were served by the Clifton Committee. The competition was judged and the raffle drawn.

The President of Stotfold W.I. thanked the President of Clifton and her members for a very enjoyable evening.

The next meeting is on Wednesday May 4, this will be to discuss 'Resolutions' followed by Jane Pavey speaking about 'Coronation Vestments'. The tea ladies will be Lesley Burton, Heather Childs and Teri Burns. Visitors welcome for an entrance fee of £4.

Katherine Edwards 816334

Street Watch



Recorded crime in Clifton over the month of March has been relatively minimal. Those affected however will have had a traumatic experience, none more so than the assault with injury in Bilberry Rd on the 6th March. Two thefts were reported, the unauthorised taking of a wallet after it was dropped on a driveway in New Road on 3rd March and theft from a vehicle in Broad Street on the 11th March.

We had three Anti-Social Behaviour incidents, plus a cannabis drug arrest in Shefford Road, these involved nuisance problems, at a location in Shefford Road & involving motorbikes in Church Street. Another incident in Whiston Crescent on 17th March was also recorded.

Further to the new highly successful Beds Police initiative “Ops Salcoats” at Maulden in February, the second event of a “roll-out” throughout the County to all our rural villages and towns was planned to take place in Houghton Regis on 30th April.

At the time of writing, I shall be attending a meeting of all our village Street Watch groups, coordinators are to discuss the proposed move to bring all Street Watch volunteers within the “Police Volunteering Function”, this will involve all our volunteers being administered by our Police partners rather than as at present, being operated as a separate independent unit.

Our Bedfordshire Police personnel are very concerned at the rise in “Action Fraud” and have suggested we reiterate, for the benefit of our residents, the following advice and warnings on how you should protect yourselves :-

- Do not click or open unfamiliar links in emails or on websites.
- Make sure you install and use up-to-date anti-virus software.
- Have a pop-up blocker running in the background of your web browser.
- If you have opened an attachment and ‘enabled macros’ it is very likely that all your personal data will have been breached. You **MUST** change all your passwords for personal accounts, including your bank accounts.
- Ensure Adobe, Flash and any similar software is up to date on your computer.

If you think you have been a victim of this type of email you should report the email to Action Fraud, the UK’s national fraud and cyber-crime reporting www.actionfraud.police.uk

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

SPEEDWATCH



Your Speedwatch team are volunteers from the village who have received training and authority from Bedfordshire Police to carry our regular check points throughout the community.

During the last few years, Terry Cobb has coordinated this activity and has been very successful in making a strong point to all drivers; that we should not just drive within the law, but also adopt a sense of responsibility when behind the wheel. Terry has retired and I want to thank him, on your behalf, for making our lovely village a safer place.

We will be working hard and the team will continue to be a regular sight on our roads. To all careful and considerate drivers, thank you. To those who feel they are above the law and have little care for others, look at those you love and consider whether you would wish anyone of them to suffer from your selfish action?

Take Care, Kenneth Smith, 01462 811244

CLIFTON IMPROVEMENT & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISSOLUTION



The CIPS Committee Chaired by Mr Don Killick met on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 to discuss the Society's future. It was unanimously agreed that the Clifton Improvement and Preservation Society is wound up and that the balance of funds in the Society's bank account be distributed amongst the following organizations in amounts considered appropriate by the Committee:

- Clifton Care Scheme
- Friends of Clifton Church, (for maintenance of the building)
- Clifton Residents' Association

Comment and opinions on this proposal would be welcomed and should be directed either to the Secretary at cips@clifton-beds.co.uk or by telephone to the Treasurer, Mr Bob Smith on 812336.

A Public Meeting will be called to discuss the proposal based upon the response to this notice and the general demand.



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

Wristbands

We have designed and purchased some wristbands to provide a special Clifton reminder of this great national occasion, these will **be distributed to children attending Clifton All Saints' Academy, Woodlands and Toddlers** during the week before the celebration then will be available on the day.

Road Closure

Central Bedfordshire Council have granted a blanket road closure for all communities arranging street parties on 12 June 2016 to coincide with the Street Party in the Mall in London.

For us in Clifton this means that Church Street will be closed to all traffic from the junction with Stanford Lane up to and including the Golden Lion car park between 8.00 and 17.00.

This will of course have the biggest impact on residents of this part of Church street, Clifton House Close and Clifton House Gardens, and we hope that they will bear with us and join in with what promises to be a wonderful day of celebration. We will be writing to these residents prior to the day. Meanwhile if you have any queries:

please contact Peter Blackmore 646371

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 ★
- ★ Bunting display by school-children and students ★
- ★ Flower displays with a difference (see overleaf)
- ★ Maypole dancing ★ Shefford Town Band ★
- ★ Cheer Leaders from All Saints and Sam Whit ★

Who is organising it?

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, Residents Association.

Contact Kathy Blackmore, 646371

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. Entry is free.

- ✿ Entrants must supply own props and entries will have a limited time to set up the day before.

- ✿ Entry forms are available from Suzanne or on the Clifton website:

www.clifton-beds.co.uk

Suzanne Stapleton, 01462 811929,

Suzanne_Jenny_Stapleton@hotmail.com



All Saints' Academy PTA

Kids on the Catwalk

Friday 20th May 6.30 pm



Great range of children clothes from ages 2-13 years modelled from the children of Clifton All Saints Academy. Tickets available now:
Adults £4 Children £1 from School Office or Tracy.

ALSO we are needed models if you having a child from all saints who would like to be the star of the show please contact Tracy on 07876787266.



Happy's Circus

12 July 2016

Community Centre Playing Field

Starts 6.00, gates open 5.00

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



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



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.



woodlands

pre-school

Fund-raising success

Firstly we would like to give a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who attended our Easter disco last term. It was a huge success & was our main fundraiser this year. Amazingly we raised over **£400**, a fantastic achievement for the fundraising committee, to whom we give our thanks.

This will go towards our new road safety matting for the children to enjoy with the bikes & cars, a welcome addition to our already amazing outdoor resources. A big thankyou to the following people for raffle prizes & donations, Sainsbury's – Letchworth, The One Stop – Clifton, Morrison's – Shefford, Wilkinson's – Hitchin, The Hive, 360 Play, Standalone Farm, The Loft, Campton School of Dance, Mad Hatters, Woodside Animal Farm, Pots of Art, Boots & Amore, all Hitchin, & Finally the Willmott & Copplestone Families.

Theme for the term

This term the Children will continue to look at the theme of 'Transport', particularly interesting for the children as some families embark on their seasonal summer holidays!

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.

Ofsted success

Recently The Woodlands were re-inspected by **Ofsted**, we are delighted to report that we continue to offer '**Outstanding**' care to the children of Clifton & would like to congratulate the staff & committee team who continually strive to maintain the highest standards, the hard work has paid off.

Term dates

We will be on holiday from 30th May – 3rd June, inclusive for the May half term break & look forward to seeing everybody back for a busy half term the week beginning Mon 6th June.

All Saints Clifton



Sunday 22 May

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



Clifton Planning Applications Central Beds Decisions to 9th April 2016



CB/16/01294/FULL – 23rd March 2016 – 74 Broad Street, SG17 5RP. Construction of new two storey detached dwelling and double garage along with associated new access drive. - Consultation period

CB/16/01079/FULL – 11 March 2016 - 4 Clifton House Gardens, SG17 5FR. Erection of a double garage with attached bin/log store. – Consultation period.

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 and external chimney. Granted.

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

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. Awaiting decision.

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 – 19 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.

Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

Well what a pleasant surprise. All Clifton residents who helped with the litter pick received a thank you letter from Buckingham Palace, Well done! One of our committee members was litter picking in Bilberry Road, and was asked if he was doing community service! When you think about it, he was doing a service for our community.

Our first public meeting of the year is on the 18th May at the Church Hall. As I wrote previously, we have two enlightening speakers to entertain you. A feeler was put out to Clifton residents last month, about the possibility of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the village. The response was very poor. Surely there cannot be that much apathy in our community?

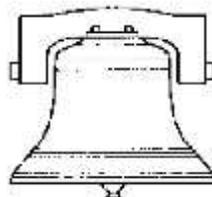
Central Beds Council have a consultation for 2017 about bus passes. New restrictions are being proposed ;- Monday to Friday eligible times will be 9.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and all day on weekends and Bank holidays. A charge of £11 will be enforced for lost cards, but, not for stolen ones ! (think about it !). 40% of bus journeys in Central Beds were travel cards. Personally, I look on this as an asset for older people. (comments ?)

Lastly, the NEED PROJECT bin has been removed from the butchers, and to date, we have no where to site it.

As they say in the movies...That's all Folks, stay lucky, Den Fensome

On Saturday 13 February, 2016 1260 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

- 1 Gary Oaten
- 2 Paul J Chandler
- 3 Frank W Rivett
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Anthony H Smith (Conductor)
- 6 Charlotte M Smith



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CLIFTON ARTISTS' EXHIBITION—Saturday 19th March

The Clifton Artists' Exhibition was a success on several fronts. It was, undoubtedly, a community effort from beginning to end; artists and craftspeople who have lived in the same village for years meeting, not only to exhibit their products but able to discuss the various aspects of their work: woodworkers with sculptors; painters with printers; potters with quilters and photographers, and everyone curious about the manufacture of the wood burning stoves. It was also a very creditable exhibition of work.

The Villagers packed the hall from ten in the morning until late afternoon: some coming, simply to see what all the fuss was about but many to buy from the extensive range on offer. Some of the artists were taken aback by the amount of interest taken in their work and were not aware of the potential for sales. Others, of course, were well versed in the art of selling, and selling of art.

The Clifton Residents' Association members were on hand throughout the day: first by helping to erect display boards and exhibition areas and then to serve refreshments very kindly donated by the Clifton One Stop. The Residents were there again when it came to dismantling, packing away and clearing the hall at the end of the day.

This was a delightful event fully supported by Clifton Villagers and an event that, it is hoped, can be repeated in 2017.

Peter Warren



All Saints Pilgrims
at St Alban's Abbey
on Easter Monday.

GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our opening competition of the season was played at Redbourn GC, competing for the Parma Shield. The weather was overcast with a cold easterly wind, the challenging conditions were reflected in the low scoring. Our winners were:

- 1st with 32 pts – Ian Martin
- 2nd with 28pts – Brian Sapsed
- 3rd with 26pts OCB – Joan Cocksedge
- 4th with 26 pts OCB – Trevor Freer
- Longest Drive – Colin Paine
- Nearest the Pin – John Cocksedge



See forward Planner for our next competition.

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

What is 35 years old this year?

The BIGGLESWADE TALKING NEWSPAPER

Yes every Friday since January 1981 one of our five teams of eight volunteers have met to record stories, articles, etc. of that day's paper.

The BIGGLESWADE TALKING NEWSPAPER produces a FREE weekly MP3 Memory Stick version of that week's Biggleswade Chronicle for the Blind and Visually Impaired Listeners, in Biggleswade, Arlesey, Shefford, Stotfold, Sandy, Potton, and surrounding villages.

The BIGGLESWADE TALKING NEWSPAPER is an independent registered charity (Number 281316) and is run totally by volunteers.

If you know someone who may interested in receiving our weekly recording. Contact 07840 504940

Local news, for Local Listeners by Local Volunteers, supported and funded by Local organisations

For more information please visit
www.biggleswadetalkingnewspaper.org.uk

Biggleswade Sandy Lions

'It's Fun to Help'



During recent months we have heard and seen a lot about the plight of refugees and doubtless we will hear a lot more. Lions in the British Isles and Ireland have set up appeals to help provide essential food and shelter for them. See WWW.lionsgiving.org for more information and how you can help. Not only are we supporting refugees worldwide, but we are also helping in the setting up of a medical centre for them in Norway.

Please come and see us at the Ickwell May Day, on Monday, 2nd May. We will be there as usual and happy to tell you more about the Lions. Then, on FRIDAY, 27th MAY we will be having a SUMMER BALL which should be as enjoyable an evening as our annual Christmas Dances. Tickets are already on sale, to purchase them please contact either, Tony Guy on 07407283941, or Keith Lewis on 01767 262433.

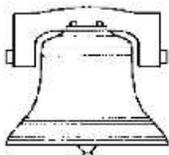
We are a friendly and sociable group of men and women who warmly welcome visitors to our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting at 8pm. The meetings are held in the meeting's room of the Biggleswade Conservative Club – the beer there is good as well! Come and join us for a sociable and fun evening and find out more. For more information call Dave and Judith Hagger on 01462 814693, or Keith Lewis on 01767 262433, or Roger Wolburn on 01462 814967.



On Saturday 5 March, 2016

A peal of 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Was rung in 2 hours 53 minutes. Composed by D F Morrison



- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Linda M Garton
- 3 Rosalind J Keech
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Susan M Silver
- 6 Richard A Horne
- 7 Frank W Rivett (Conductor)
- 8 David Kemp



Completes the standard eight - 5.

Birthday compliments to Sue Silver (65) and Stan Ashton (82)

Church Services Rotas May

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
1st	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		
5th Ascension Day	8:00pm	Joint Service at Southhill				
8th	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Grant	Mrs K Blackmore Acts 16:16-34	Mrs S Welsford	Mr B Livesey Mrs R Gray	Mr A Good
	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs J Peacock	Mrs S Ward Acts 2:1-21	Mr A Clarke	Mrs J Pavey Mr R Parker	Mr K Pledger
15th	6:30	Deanery Evensong at hillington				
22nd	10:30	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Wyer	Mrs S Collins Romans 5:1-5	Mrs K Blackmore	-	-
		Mr C Brown Mrs K Blackmore	Mr D Brace Galatians 1:1-12	Mr R Welsford	Mr A Good Mr K Pledger	-
June 5th	10:30	Mrs P Wisby Mr D Brace	-	Mrs J Pavey	Mr P Blackmore Mr C Brown	-
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Mark 4:1-20	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

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