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Who's Who

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in Clifton

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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

June	
1	WI Church Hall 7.30pm
5	W.I. Sponsored Walk Marston Morteyne 10.30am
12	Open Air Service, Churchyard, 11.15, a celebration of HM
	Queen's 90th Birthday Street Party, 12.00
15	W.I. Trip to M.K. Theatre. Depart Golden Lion 11.30am prompt
16	Henlow Academy Presentation Evening, 7 pm
	W.I. Ascot Ladies Day at Mount Pleasant G.C
21	GLGS Chesfield Downs, 14.00
24	Body Shop Evening, All Saints Academy, 7.30
26	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
July	
1	All Saints Academy Summer Fayre and Maypole, 2.20 pm
6	WI Church Hall 7.30pm
8	W.I. Afternoon Tea, Cricket Club, 2-4.30pm
12	Happy's Circus
16	Lawn Games and afternoon tea with The Friends at 3.00
19	GLGS Bourn 14.00
August	
3	W.I. Annual BBQ, Cricket Club
16	GLGS Harpenden Common, 14.00

Wardens' Update

Churchyard Working Party – A big thank you!!

The wardens would like to thank everyone who contributed to the working party on April 23rd. The churchyards underwent a huge transformation in just under three hours thanks to the hard work of 23 volunteers. The weather was kind to us and for most of the time we worked in warm sunshine. Thanks also to those who worked inside the church building and provided delicious refreshments to keep everyone going.

All Saints Clifton, Vacancy Update

The Diocese have now informed Clifton and Southill of the timetable to appoint a new Incumbent. The position will be advertised in June and suitable candidates will be interviewed on July 13th; if all goes well we should have a new Rector well before the end of the year.

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

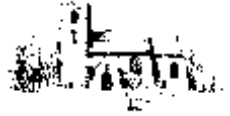
10.30 am—12 noon – Coffee-pot at the church, feel free to drop in for a drink.

Fridays (term time)

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

Secretary: Ron Cook 01462 850643

Ministry Letter



On her 21st Birthday on 21st April 1947, when she was still just Princess Elizabeth, our Queen made a declaration, a promise if you like, to our Nation and Commonwealth. From Cape Town she broadcast that "I declare that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."

This year we celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday. A long life - and still going strong. A life with a hallmark that clearly has influenced every step, every decision, every event. A hallmark that goes back to that promise made by that very young princess. Service to Nation and Commonwealth.

But what is service? It can mean a lot of things, not least being a servant and putting the needs of others first. Surely that can't be what our Queen meant in that famous promise - after all she's the Queen, the Head of State, arguably, when it come down to it, the boss. Surely the boss isn't to be a servant.

A few years ago I worked for someone who introduced me to the concept of servant leadership. This person encouraged us to pretty much turn the hierarchy at work on its head. Rather than see themselves as over their workforce, Managers should see themselves under their workforce - responsible for facilitating all that is needed to enable them to give of their best in effective and efficient work. This person didn't just talk about this idea - he practiced it. And it worked.

I believe that our Queen has been, and is, acutely aware of her responsibilities to our Nation and Commonwealth; her responsibilities to us. That has fuelled her perspective and priorities. In doing so, she has served us. On 12th June when we as a village community celebrate her 90th birthday perhaps we might like to also express thanks for that.

I really shouldn't have been surprised by the concept of servant leadership. Two thousand years ago a young man went about Palestine teaching it. The last shall be first he said; the leader should serve the followers; at a dinner, put yourself at the least important place at the table; love one another. It was as revolutionary then as it is now - so revolutionary it got him killed.

But that young man was more than just a man. He was also God. In the supreme act of service, God in Jesus, gave everything to meet our deepest and most profound needs so that we might know true life. Something else to fuel our celebrations on 12th June - and perhaps make the hallmark of our lives?

Robin Welsford, Reader

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.





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1976 - 2016

THURSDAY
16TH JUNE 2016

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· · · 7:00PM - 8:00PM · · ·



FREE ENTRY TO THE PRESENTATION

'Celebrating Forty Years', written by Ray Payne, tells the history of Henlow Middle School.

Copies can be purchased for **£7 each** with all proceeds going to School Funds.

Events kindly sponsored by The Five Bells P.H., Henlow Building Supplies Ltd., Langford Garden Centre, Hills Graphic Design & Print Ltd. & Hawkins of Hitchin.

Clifton All Saints' Academy

Our value for June is 'Honesty'



School life seems to get busier and busier as each term and each year goes by! The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes on a day to day basis to ensure our children receive the best education is often something that is commented on by new staff. Working and running a school is not a 9-3 job and we are lucky to have so many experienced and dedicated staff.

We will be sorry to say Goodbye to Mrs Phillips who has been a Midday supervisor here for over 3 years. She will be moving on to pastures new with a few more hours. We would like to welcome Miss Lockhart who will be replacing her when she leaves at the end of this half term.

A lot has been happening over the last couple of months and it is lovely to see that spring has arrived with blossom and bulbs flowering in the school grounds as well as around the village.

School Trips

Our year one and two classes had a fantastic day in Legoland where the theme of the day was to tell a story using the lego. A fun but educational day was had by all and the weather and traffic was on our side to.

The year 4 class went to the Hitchin Schools Victorian Museum where they dressed and had lessons like the Victorians did. The discipline is very strict and makes the children appreciate how lucky they are at school today.

Workshops

We have been very lucky so far this year to have had many outside curriculum and specialist experts come into school and share their expertise and knowledge with our pupils. This has included Bollywood, Stone Age, Romans and Reptiles, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their days!

During May `The Happy Puzzle Company` were here for a specialist Maths day. They brought with them a variety of puzzles and games for the children to solve. There was also the opportunity for parents to come into school at the end of the day and take part in a workshop as well as purchase some of the items.

The distinctive and exotic sound of the steel pans from `Maju Steel Pan` workshop were here for the day. Pupils from every year group got

the chance to play with the East London collective. They performed a demonstration before teaching the children how to play a few notes. They were also told where the Trinidadian instruments originated from and how the steel pans are made – each one featuring a series of dents that make a different sound!

Litter Pick

The school council members and their adult helpers did a litter pick in April before school one morning. We had two very full black sacks from litter collected from the school grounds. Unfortunately the worst area was the side of the field along the fence and public footpath where a lot of rubbish especially cans and bottles are thrown over!

Outdoor Classroom

The PTA have purchased and arranged to have an outdoor wooden classroom installed. This is just inside the wooded area and can seat up to two classes as well as provide some shade on the field on hot sunny days! The finished product looks really good and some of the classes have already taken the opportunity to use it. We are also thrilled with the outdoor reading chair that has been made by one of our Grandparents which will be used with the outdoor classroom – once we have all stopped admiring it in the main office entrance!

London Marathon

Congratulations to Lauren and Danielle Pratchett who completed the London marathon this year in memory of their Mum, Jane. Also to Michelle Pigram who runs our cheerleading club as well as a supply teacher. Well done to you all.

Date for your diary – Friday 1st July

Don't forget this year we are having our Maypole dancing and summer fayre on Friday 1st July. Maypole dancing will start during the school day at approximately 2.20pm followed by the stalls and fayre opening at 3.30pm on the school field (weather permitting or indoors if we are really unlucky with the weather!). There will be a BBQ and bar, so start the weekend off watching your child dance and then take part in all of the activities and stalls at the fayre. Any volunteers for the set up and clear up, as well as the manning of stalls would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please contact the school office on 01462 628444, via email or see a member of the PTA. Thank you.

Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. on: <http://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk> School emails are as follows:
General: school@clifton-beds.co.uk,
Business Manager: schoolbusinessmanager@clifton-beds.co.uk

Clifton W.I.



Pat welcomed 38 members and 2 visitors to the May meeting, Jerusalem was sung and the minutes of the March meeting, the AGM and the April meeting were read, agreed and signed.

The sponsored walk is at Marston Moretaine on June 5, Iris Smyrk, Chris Byers and Katherine Edwards will be walking for Clifton WI; Ascot Ladies Day on June 16th is now fully booked; Coach for Guys & Dolls will leave the Golden Lion promptly at 11.30am on 15th June.

A 'Members only' Afternoon Tea Party to celebrate the Queen's birthday will be at the Cricket Club on Friday July 8 from 2-4.30pm. Next trip to MK Theatre will be on October 26 and is Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Cats'.

Sandringham Flower Show is July 27; The Queen's Wardrobe Outing August 4 at Buckingham Palace; Oliver Cromwell's House and Ely Cathedral, September 22; other diary dates are in the W-Eye.

We have sponsored the planting of a silver birch tree on the corner of Grange Street to commemorate the Centenary of the WI. Resolutions were discussed to be voted on by our representative from Shefford at the NFWI Annual Meeting on June 11, 'Avoid food waste, address food poverty' and 'Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia'. A letter of thanks was received from the Church Hall Committee for the amount raised at our coffee morning.

The gift received from Clifton Queensland CWS at our April meeting was opened and contained various gifts including a copy of their Cookery Book, a letter of thanks will be sent to Merilyn Hamilton.

After the business part of the meeting, birthday cards were distributed, the raffle drawn and tea, coffee and biscuits were served followed by a very interesting talk by Jane Pavey on the Coronation Vestments which she and several ladies repair in Westminster Abbey.

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 1 when Dorothy Jamieson of National Trust will talk on 'Italian Gardens in England'. The tea ladies will be Val Brace, Joyce Gray and Sandra Spavins. Visitors welcome for an entrance fee of £4.

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As a WI we make various donations each year to benefit our community. These include plants in the tubs and a donation to the Clifton Chronicles. We thought that it would be nice to make a donation in honour of the WI's centenary (which was last September) of something permanent in the village. After much discussion, and advice from Pauline Livesey, we decided to go for a silver birch tree to join those recently planted on the corner of Grange Street.

Clifton WI recently planted a silver birch tree on the corner of Grange Street to commemorate the centenary of the National WI last September.'

Katherine Edwards 816334



All Saints' Church, Clifton

Contact numbers during the vacancy:



General enquiries: Anne Sullivan 01462 817491

Baptisms: Dorothy Brown 01462 628982

Weddings: Philippa Whittington 01462 851816

Funerals: Frank Rivett 01462 851816

FRIENDS SOCIAL - JULY
Lawn Games & Afternoon Tea
Saturday 16th July, starting at 3 pm
At a Garden in Clifton



The Friends have arranged a summer garden party. Come and relax, perhaps show your expertise at some of the lawn games, and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.

We are hoping for a fine and sunny July afternoon, but we will not allow you to get wet if rain intrudes.



£10 pp for members, £12 for non-members

Booking to me please at the e-mail address or telephone shown below. Early booking would be appreciated.

Graham Seaby
A Friend of Clifton Parish Church.
gseaby@btinternet.com



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Knolls Way for their kind contributions to Marie Curie.

A cheque for £50 has been forwarded to them.

I would also like to mention the people who were out when I called back but kindly put their envelope through my door.

Sheila Melia



Clifton is celebrating the
Queen's 90th Birthday:
Sunday 12th June 2016

11.15 am Open air service in Churchyard

A short and informal service to celebrate the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Service includes some of Her favourite hymns and readings and we will hear the story of some of her 90 years brought to life by the children of All Saints Academy in a tableau.

12.00—4.00 pm All the fun of the fair:

Full details in the Programme

Rides, Activities & Refreshments

Churchyard:

Bouncy Castle ★ Floral decoration competition ★ Abseiling teddies
Teas ★ **Toddlers' tent** ★ **Woodlands' tent** ★ **Brownies' craft**

Church Street (starting near the church):

Balloon release competition ★ Charmborough Ring
Swing boats ★ Roundabout ★ Ice cream van ★ Climbing Wall
Glitter tattoos

Golden Lion:

Sam Whit BBQ ★ Rodeo Bull ★ Classic cars

Entertainment provided by:

Shefford Town Band ★ Maypole Dancing
Sam Whit Choir ★ Morris Men ★ Sam Whit Acappella
Cheerleaders: 1 All Saints, 2 All Saints, 3 Samuel Whitbread

Come and Enjoy!

you only have to pay for refreshments

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

Clifton All Saints Academy

Summer Fayre—Friday 1st July

Maypole starts at 2.20 pm



Followed by the Summer Fayre

Arena Events * BBQ

Games * Raffle

Bouncy Castles & much more



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



Body Shop Evening

Clifton All Saints Academy

Friday 24th June @ 7-30 pm

Come for a ladies night, there will be lots of products to try

We will also have ladies clothing range from Miss Captains

We may have other stalls on the night

This is free— just bring a bottle

Speedwatch



Speed!! We all have the urge, a crystal clear morning in the Highlands of Scotland could provoke such a feeling of exhilaration, and who could not resist the temptation to feel the rush of adrenaline?

Experienced drivers can savour this moment and yet, instantaneously be able to adjust their enthusiasm to local conditions. I put it to you that Bedfordshire, and in particular Clifton, does not afford this freedom.

As volunteer Speedwatchers, we are empowered by Bedfordshire Police to sort out the amateurs from the professionals.

What are you?

As parents, grandparents, we have taken on the mission of preventing needless injury and heartbreak in our village. We urgently need like minded people to help us, so please get in touch. For those engaged in their daily ritual, concentrate behind the wheel, wish for the Highlands, but always drive like a professional.

Ken Smith

claviorgue@me.com



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

The children have enjoyed playing in our new astro turf road in the garden. They've been riding their bikes, scooters and cars around the road, filling up from the petrol pump and fixing their cars in the construction area. This area was mostly financed by the fantastic fundraising team that has been supported by the parents at pre-school.

We will be taking our 'leavers' photo on the 8th June. All children who will be leaving us this year for school will be asked to attend. This will only take around 20 minutes and is a lovely keepsake for your child to look back on and remember their pre-school friends and teachers.

The Queens 90th Birthday street party is on Sunday 12th June. All children who attend Woodlands are welcome to come to this event. Woodlands are going to support this by running a craft tent. The whole event is free of charge and is being funded by various companies and volunteers throughout the Clifton community. We will be handing out wristbands for entry closer to the time.

This month we will be holding parents evening on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th June in the evening. Spaces will be available for parents to book a time slot with their key person.

We will also be holding a sponsored walk on 22nd and 23rd June in the morning, in which all the children can take part in. We will be walking round the field as many times as we can, collecting a sticker for each lap. All children and parents are welcome to join in, times to be confirmed.

Also on the 22nd and 23rd June will be our open afternoons (1-2pm). These are by appointment only and are a good opportunity for any prospective parents to bring their children for a play and to meet some of the staff and explore our grounds. Please call the office if you would like to attend one of these.

Sports day this year will be held on Tuesday 28th June weather permitting or alternatively Thursday 30th June, again weather

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permitting. Please arrive by 1.30 pm so we can start the races promptly. If your child does not attend these sessions please bring them along so they can join in the fun. Please check the display boards nearer the time or alternatively ring the office on the day for more information.

Finally, now is the time to register for places that are required from September. Due to the single intake to the Lower schools we have very little flexibility throughout the year. Therefore, if your child turns 3 between September and Easter, you still need to apply for September. Any queries, then please contact the office.

If you would like further information on Woodlands Pre-school please visit our website <http://www.thewoodlandspreschool.co.uk/> or call us on 01462 811486.

GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our April competition was played at **Wyboston Lakes GC**, competing for the **Chuckles Masters Cup**. The weather was warm and sunny with a gentle breeze. Perfect conditions, which makes it difficult to fathom why the scoring was so incredibly low. Our winners were,

- 1st with 30 pts – **Colin Paine**
- 2nd with 29pts – **Brian Sapsed**
- 3rd with 28pts OCB – **John Cocksedge**
- 4th with 28 pts OCB – **Peter Winfield**
- Longest Drive – **Roger Manning**
- Nearest the Pin – **Harvey Price**



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**.

All Saints Clifton



Sunday 26 June

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

Street Watch



Recorded crime in Clifton has yet again been minimal, proving our village is a very safe place to live.

Actual committed crimes during the month of April involved an assault with injury in Broad St, an attempted burglary in an out building in Shefford Rd and another theft in the same location together with criminal damage to vehicles which occurred in Church St.

A serious act of vandalism was reported in Pedley Lane at Lakes Farm. This incident involved an altercation between a person walking a pony with a child aboard and an irresponsible motorbike rider. Originally, distress to both horse and rider was caused by the motorbike being rode back & forth along this narrow lane, words were exchanged and at some later during the day/night, damage occurred to fencing and signs at the farm – was this as a result of the earlier situation? If anyone can help please contact 101 or provide me with information, we really would like to catch this offender.

As stated in my report last month, at a Street Watch Co-ordinators meeting last month, it was decided all Street Watch groups would have a closer working relationship with Bedfordshire Police by becoming a “Police based scheme”. To this end all members would become Police Service Volunteers, providing us with a much closer working relationship with our warranted colleagues.

Our Police colleagues have noticed a recent marked increase in theft from contractors/trade vans. Lots of valued equipment and tools are being stolen from trade vans by thieves who seem to be using some sophisticated unit to overcome immobiliser & locking devices of vehicles without any signs of damage, often rendering insurance ineligible. The following advice may help:-

Do not leave valuable tools in your vehicle. Consider using a van crime prevention sticker stating no tools left in your van overnight. Buy extra security such as an alarm. Use approved locks and security devices. Take photos of tools & record serial numbers on the “Immobilise” website. Do not leave valuables on display. Property mark your tools with your initials and postcode, consider “Smartwater” as a deterrent.

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 9th May 2016



CB/16/01788/FULL – 27 April 2016 – 114 Shefford Road, SG17 5RF. Single storey rear extension and rear dormer – Consultation period

CB/16/01780/FULL – 25 April 2016 – 36 New Road, SG17 5JH
Two storey rear extension and canopy to front entrance – Consultation period.

CB/16/01837/FULL – 25 April 2016 – 69 Broad Street, SG17 5RL
Single and two storey rear extensions – Consultation period.

CB/16/00939/FULL – 18 April 2016 – Clifton Lodge, Grange Street, SG17 5EW. Two storey rear and side extensions including basement. – Consultation period.

CB/16/01475/FULL – 8 April 2016 – 5 Godfrey's Lane, SG17 5FW
Front entrance porch with link to garage – Consultation period.

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. – Awaiting decision

CB/16/00874/FULL – 15 March 2016 – 21 Shefford Road SG17 5 RG
Rear two storey Extension – Awaiting decision

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

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. 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 – 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.



Hi Everyone

Well, what a change in the weather. As I write this, hot sunny days, with perhaps a fore taste of our summer to come. (I hope that I haven't put a damper on it now!) Please don't have a go at me if it pours with rain.....remember "It's good for the garden" !!

That's my attempt at forecasting, but I didn't have to predict the attendance at our last committee meeting, it was very well attended. On the agenda was the approval of our amended constitution which is now available to any resident that wishes to view it.

Have you ever lost anything of monetary or sentimental value in your garden? If so, we may be able to help. One of our committee is an experienced metal detectorist, and his specialty is finding rings etc. that you thought you might have lost for ever in your garden area. This service comes at no cost. If you need help ring Harvey on 07711 213 034 for a chat.

The Queen's celebration street party is on the 12th of this month. There will be lots of activities going on, and we have a stall letting off helium filled balloons with your label on to see how far they can travel. The one covering the longest distance will receive a prize. Come along and see us, set off a balloon, and cross your fingers. It costs you nothing ! See you there,

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

Letter of thanks



I would like to thank everyone who sent me messages of condolence over the sad loss on my wife Lydia and for attending her funeral at Clifton Church.

Also for the personal donations, including a donation from her friends at the Monday Morning Ladies Social Hour, in memory of Lydia to Shefford Health Centre.

Thank you, John and Rory

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



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.

Church Services Rotas June

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
June 5 th	10:30	Mrs P Wispy 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		
June 12 th	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
June 11.15		Mr & Mrs D Killick	Open Air Service in the Churchyard			
June 19 th	10:30	Mrs S Collins Mrs S Welsford	Mrs J Dutson- Steinfeld Galatians 3:23-29	Mrs R Gray	Mrs S Collins Mrs A Sullivan	-
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mrs P Whittington Mark 5:21-43	Officiate		
June 26 th	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
	10:30	Mrs L Patch Mrs L Burton	Mr R Watson Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Mr R Parker		-
June 3 rd	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Pledger		Mrs R Wagner	Mrs K Blackmore Mr R Parker	-
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore 1 Peter1:3-12	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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