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The Clifton Chronicles

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Who's Who

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in Clifton

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Forward Planner

October	
27	Churchyard Working Party
28	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
November	
2	RSPB Local Group, 7.30, Letchworth Settlement, 'Cuckoos'
4	All Souls Service, 4.00, church
6	Toddler Church, 9.00
	Art Class, Church, 1.00-4.00
7	WI, Cake Decorating
11	Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, 10.45
20	Toddler Church, 9.00
	Art Class, Church, 1.00-4.00
	Mothers' Union, 2.00
21	Care scheme teas in church 2-4
24	Christmas Fayre, 1.30-4.00
December	
1	Light up Christmas, 4.30, Admiral
9	All Age Worship, 10.15
19	End of Term



All Saints' Church Services

See also:
Church Services and Rotas,
(at back of magazine for dates)

Sundays:

8.00 am 4th Sunday Communion Book of Common Prayer

10.30 am Parish Communion 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday

10.15 am All Age Worship (Non-communion) 2nd Sunday

10.30 am Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)

10.00 am Joint Service with Southill every 5th Sunday
alternating between the churches.

6.30pm Evensong: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Sundays

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

Following the repair and restoration work on the
East Window the church is now
open during daylight hours.



All Saints' Church From the Registers



Burials:

19th September

John Thomas Warren

4th October

Pamela Joyce west

Cremation:

3rd October

Roger Martyn Jenkins

Burial of Ashes:

12th September

Michael John Coomber

9th October

Muriel Jean Webster

Dear Friends,

Our Harvest message in October from Bishop Alan was 'Give Peas a Chance!' This November, can we continue to give peace a chance as we remember the hundredth anniversary of the end of World War One?



On November 11th our church bells will ring but they will be muffled before 11am prior to the service at the War Memorial and then after the service we will ring the bells at around 12.30 when we will join in with other peals of bells ringing throughout the country. The bells will ring out as they did at the end of the First World War. Hopefully throughout the country there will be 1,400 new ringers this year, which was the number of bell ringers lost during World War one. We now have five new bell ringers at Clifton. Hopefully you may be inspired to come and try your hand at bell ringing: it is never too late to learn!

May the message of hope and peace be heard throughout the land in our own uncertain times.

Peace is a precious gift which we ought to hold onto and treasure. It took just four years (1914–1918) to take away our young people, both men and women, to fight and die in a war they probably didn't understand. We never want to see our young people suffer in this way again. There is a display in the church about the people from our village who died in World War I; come and find out who there were.

May their sacrifices made at home and abroad be valued as the young people of our village are valued today.

Every blessing, Revd Caren

All Souls Service—4th November 4.00 pm

A beautiful quiet and reflective service with personal space for prayer, followed by tea and cake



There is an opportunity for all those who have lost a loved one to put a name on a leaf and place it on the tree of remembrance. Names of those who have died in the last year will be read out, please let us know if you would like a name included.

Please do bring a friend. If you cannot attend, but would like a loved one to be remembered, please let us know.

If you would like a LIFT, please email the Rector on:

rector@clifton-beds.co.uk

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



CHANGING SEASONS

November often seems to be a strange month, summer has been and gone, Christmas is just over the horizon and yet we're not really mentally prepared for it (unless your one of those super-efficient people who is always highly organised and prepared for every eventuality - I'm definitely not one of them).

November does have its' own virtues, it provides us with the clearest signs of the changing seasons with all the colour of autumn and the changes in the weather. It hopefully offers us a breathing space before the onset of winter.

The prospect of winter with frosty mornings, the cold wet weather and the possibility of ice or snow can bring additional problems for many people, especially the elderly or those with impaired mobility. In a caring community like Clifton, it's a time when those of us who are able should look to helping any of our neighbours who may be struggling.

Not everyone will be able to help directly, but if your aware of any problem you could (with the individual's permission) contact the Care Scheme on their behalf. We are willing to help in any way that we can or if that is beyond our means then we probably know who to get in touch with. Please remember that we can't help if we don't know that there is a problem.

As always, we are here to help where we can - just call us on. . . .

07817 614654

. . . and tell us what is needed

Tea & Chat



- ★ Wednesday 7th November
- ★ Wednesday 21st November

Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm



Ring Care Scheme for transport: **07817 614654**

Toddler Church 1st & 3rd Tuesdays (term time)

6th & 20th November

All Saints Church Clifton

9:00-10:30am

Toddlers bring your adult.

Parents come and chat

With refreshments!

Come and join the fun!



Next All Age Worship

9th December

Starting with refreshments from

10.15am onwards

Our theme:

Prepare the way of the Lord

Interactive worship with songs
And short talks

All Saints Clifton

Sunday 25 November

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)



CLIFTON ALL SAINTS ACADEMY



All of the children have settled in well to their new classes, we currently have 152 children on role.

Prospective Parents

On Wednesday 7th November we have two prospective parent's sessions one at 9.15am and one at 2pm they will last for approximately an hour. You will have the opportunity to have a tour of the school and ask any questions. Tea and coffee will also be served. We look forward to meeting you.

PTA Appeal

At the time of writing this we have no PTA chair or vice chair appointed. The future of the PTA needs to be discussed as we are not going to be in the position to decide on fund raising activities and dates until its future is confirmed! We have been very lucky to have had a very active PTA for many years and over £48,000 has been raised in the last five years alone. Unfortunately, the numbers are dwindling rapidly, without the PTA there will be no Christmas or Summer Fayre, Bingo nights and many more. Also many of the workshops in school are also paid for by the PTA and we will no longer be able to have specialists in for Roman Days, skipping, steel band experience etc. If you can help out in any way, even if it is only occasionally please leave your details at the school office so we can pass on, thank you for your support.

Sponsored Skydive

Hopefully by the time this reaches your doors we would have jumped out of the plane! Any amount of sponsorship is greatly appreciated and will be accepted until the 30th November. Donations can be via cash or cheque to the main school office to Clifton All Saints Academy OR Via **www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/justinegeraldineskydive** or just follow the link on our website or via the link on our Facebook page. Thank you for your support, look out for the photographs!

Parent helpers

We appreciate all of our parent helpers and would not manage to do many things without your contribution. We would not expect our parent helpers to be helping in classrooms before October half term, as this gives the children time to settle into their new classes. Thank you for your continued support and welcome to any new parents/volunteers.

Attendance / Holiday Requests

As you are already aware, we are unable to authorise absences for family holidays. If the absence is absolutely unavoidable then please write to the Head teacher providing details. Please note that if your child is absent from school on a family holiday without authorisation the Council may be informed, and therefore a 'Non-School Attendance Penalty Notice' may be issued. Please see the school website for further information <http://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>

School Meals & Pupil Premium reminder

School meals are free to all of our key stage 1 pupils. However, if your family is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) through Central Bedfordshire due to income support etc. please make sure you apply on 0300 300 8306 between 8.30am - 5.30pm. You will need your national insurance numbers to hand and your child's date of birth. Please **DO NOT** confuse the government initiative of free school meals for key stage one pupils implemented on 1st September 2014 with FSM that all key stage pupils are entitled to if your family meets the criteria. The school receives extra funds known as pupil premium for all registered FSM children which was over £15,000 last year!

If your income is as detailed below, please make that call...

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- The guarantee element of pension credit
- Child tax credit and an income (as assessed by HM revenue and customs) that is £16,190 or less, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit
- Support from the national asylum support service (NASS)
- Working tax credit for four weeks after employment finishes
- Working tax credit for four weeks after working hours reduce to less than 16 hours per week

To apply for FSM Pupil Premium for **ALL** pupils please call the FSM team at Central Beds on 0300 300 8306.

Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. on: www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk

School emails

General: school@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk Head teacher:
head@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk
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Samuel Whitbread Academy



The first four weeks have gone by in a flash and we are already half way through this half term. Last week we had an information evening for Year 12, an information evening for Duke of Edinburgh and our first Year 8 Open Evening for Henlow and out of catchment families. The event was extremely well attended, with considerable interest from families out of catchment. As always, we had hundreds of students helping out on the night, including lots of current Year 9 students, who were keen to help promote their new school to the younger pupils. I was joined on stage by Megan and Lucas (Head Girl and Boy) as well as Jensen and Lauren, two Year 9 students who spoke incredibly well about their first three weeks at SWA and how they felt when they were in Year 8.

Throughout last week I talked in assemblies about the second of our school values, 'Empathy'. As well as telling students about the new well that we have paid for at our sister school, Jambo, in Kenya, I also talked about how we support a number of charities at the academy, including cancer research, Help for Heroes and WWF among others. This linked nicely to the house assemblies, as students are currently selecting their chosen charity for this year. It also linked well to the Macmillan coffee morning that we held on Friday and raised over £250.

The auditions for Cinderella have created so much interest this year - with 160 students turning up - that we are going to run two casts. This is unprecedented in the history of the school and just goes to show how far we have come in the last few years and how amazing the Arts are at Samuel Whitbread.

Sport has been amazing so far this term, with the girls currently unbeaten at every age group for netball and wins against Bedford Modern, Sharnbrook and Wootton. The boys have equally had success at both football and rugby with the standout performance by the 1st XV who beat Sir John Lawes 97-0 in the National Cup.

Nick Martin, Principal



woodlands

pre-school

Preschool - Our open afternoons will be on Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November. Please spread the word to any friends and family that may be looking for a preschool soon, this is a good opportunity for them to come have a look around with their child and ask any questions they may have, please note bookings are required. We still have some extended care sessions available; please contact the office for any enquiries.

Extended care - The extended care team are planning a Halloween Party this term for children aged 3 years and above to be held during after school club on Friday 2nd November. There will also be a Bonfire party where the children will get the chance to toast marshmallows and enjoy using sparklers on Wednesday 7th November. For more information or for booking please phone Woodlands.

Committee and Fundraising events - We are continuously looking for new committee members to join us, particularly on our fundraising team. If you are interested in joining please get in touch.

Please continue to help us fundraise by using the 'easy fundraising' website when making your online purchases. Simply click <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and register to The Woodlands Preschool – Clifton. We then receive a percentage from the websites such as Amazon, Ebay and many more when you shop.

Please remember our 'happy school bag' collection on Wednesday 17th October. This is a very easy way for us to some raise extra funds for resources & for you to have a clear out of your cupboards at the same time.

We will be fundraising for Children in Need on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November by wearing spotty and stripy clothing. If the children would like to join in and dress up we are asking for a £1 donation.

Dates to remember:

31st October and 1st November – Open afternoons 1-2pm

7th and 8th November – Parents evenings

18th December – Children's Christmas concert 9.30am or 12.30pm

19th December – Children's Christmas party 1-2.30pm

Drugs in Clifton

Your Parish Council are increasingly receiving reports of blatant public drug use/dealing in our village. It is now being witnessed and reported daily. This drug use is fed by dealers who, to put it mildly, are not the most pleasant of characters. They are selling, not only “soft” drugs, but also the harder, more addictive, substances.



From the feedback we get, most villagers are appalled by this escalation amid concerns it is leading to a real decline in the peaceful nature of the place we all consider home.

The Parish Council will shortly meet with Kathryn Holloway, the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and Nadine Dorries, our MP. Drug concerns will be high on the agenda for both meetings.

You can also help fight this cancer in our society. If you witness a drug deal call 101. We are aware of the lax attitude taken by our police force towards drug dealing. The drug dealers and users know this too. However, if we bombard the police with calls, they are more likely to prioritise Clifton.

If you are a parent, we do not underestimate how wilful a young adult can be, but a discussion is vital to avoid incurring a lifelong criminal record. Young people are being groomed with “gifts” of trainers, phones and games so question anything new and/or expensive.

If you are a user of these drugs, and see nothing wrong with “smoking a bit of weed”, please consider that your action contributes to a long chain of misery. Profits from small “handshakes” in the village are the motive driving criminal and sometimes violent people to invade such a pleasant place to live and bring up children. From what was recently confined to a few puffs of “wacky baccy” has now deteriorated into young people shooting up in the play area in the recreation ground and other public places.

Please help us clear our village of this scourge before it gets even worse. We are all in this together. If you have ideas or suggestions to combat this drug dealing, contact Clifton Parish Council. (parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk)

Clifton Fun Run

On Sunday 30th September, 96 runners took part in the Clifton Fun Run. The weather was fine, the feedback was *brilliant event and wonderful bacon rolls*. We raised £857.08 which will be divided between Clifton All Saints Church and Clifton All Saints Academy. This was made up of:

Sponsorship	£150.00	
Entry fees	£715.00	
Donations	£218.23	
Total:		£1083.23
Less expenses	£226.15	
Profit		£857.08

We would like to thank all those who made this a really enjoyable day, including:

- ☆ Sponsors
- ☆ Marshalls
- ☆ BBQ team
- ☆ Admin team
- ☆ North Herts Road Runners who did the timing for us
- ☆ And everyone who took part.

Full results on the website:
www.clifton-beds.co.uk

We plan to run the event again next year on:

Sunday 29th September 2019



Fun Run Summary Results

3K Times			5K Times		
		3k time			5k time
1	Amelie Sarll	00:14:27	1	Rob Miller	00:22:10
2	Ned Langton	00:15:29	2	Richard Bryant	00:22:47
3	Arthur Lawrence	00:15:51	3	Harvey Smith	00:22:59
4	Dean Langton	00:16:21	4	Ben Welsford	00:23:33
5	Amelia Yardley	00:17:00	5	Joseph Miles	00:23:37
6	Paul Yardley	00:17:00	6	Daniel Forrester	00:23:45
7	Jack Norman	00:17:02	7	Tom Davidson	00:24:14
8	Freddie Mackay	00:17:32	8	Ollie Smith	00:24:23
9	Oscar Willmott	00:17:34	9	Gordon Weller	00:25:35
10	Chloe Forrester	00:17:37	10	Deb Jackson	00:25:36

Well done to all our runners!

Craft and Produce Show 2018

And the winners were:

<u>Cup/Shield</u>	<u>Winner</u>
<u>All Saints Cup</u> Best entry in child age group classes 1-6	Ella Norman
<u>Committee Shield</u> Best entry in child open classes 8,9	Josie Lenk
<u>Diamond Jubilee Cup</u> Best entry in adult classes 10-29	Valerie Brace
<u>Courtland Cup</u> Highest points scored in classes 10-2,21-2	Richard Marriott
<u>Langford Garden Centre Shield</u> Highest points scored in classes 23-29	Richard Marriott
<u>Polka Dots and Daisies Cup</u> Highest points scored in classes 13-20	Frank Rolfe
<u>Family Cup</u> Highest points scored in classes 1-30	Rolfe Family
<u>Men only class</u>	Paul Hayward

Craft and Produce Show 2019

21st September—Theme: Changing Seasons

Clifton All Saints'
Academy & Church



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 24th November

1.30 pm—4.00 pm

Fun and games for all the family:

Christmas music and singing * Father
Christmas * Glitter tattoos
Refreshments * Raffle * Cake Stall
Grand Tombola * Christmas gifts



Come along and get in the
Christmas spirit and support
your local Academy and Church

Entry by donation

Clifton All Saints Academy

All children must be accompanied by an adult



LIGHT UP CLIFTON

Saturday 1st December

Outside the Admiral

Starts 16:30, tree light up at 17:00

- ☆ Father Xmas and Sleigh
- ☆ Children's Roundabout
- ☆ Xmas Raffle and Prizes
- ☆ Children's Gifts
- ☆ School Choir
- ☆ Gift Stalls
- ☆ Hamburgers / Hot Dogs / Mulled Wine



Come and join other village residents as we celebrate the start of Christmas

Remembrance Sunday—11th November 2018

Act of Remembrance, 10.45 am



The War Memorial, Church Street,

Followed by a procession down Church Street for a

British Legion Service in All Saints' Church

Collection in aid of the work of the British Legion

Join us as we commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War.

CLIFTON ACTION GROUP – CAG

"What we're doing and how to reach us"

As you will have noticed, the Clifton Action Group (CAG) has been increasing its presence in the village over the summer months.

For those who are not yet aware, CAG was formed to assist in combatting the ongoing issue of over development in our village together with keeping local residents updated on new housing development planning applications, CAG meetings, and key events concerning unsustainable housing being created in and around the village we all love.

CAG continues to build a formidable committee of expertise across planning, surveying, construction, marketing, media, and business. Our influence and reach into Central Bedfordshire Council continues to grow and we have open and consistent dialogue with our neighbouring villages in similar predicaments.

We can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CliftonActionGroup/> or by typing Clifton Action Group - CAG into your Facebook search bar.

You can also reach us by email at infofromcag@gmail.com where one of our representatives will get back to your enquiry within 24 hours. We welcome community input so please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss.

CAG Team

Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 8th October 2018

CB/18/03719/GPDE – 2 October 2018 – Clivedale, 174 Shefford Road SG17 5QS. Prior Notification of Householder Extension: single storey rear extension 3.2m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, maximum height of 3.5m and 2.3m to the eaves. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/03366/FULL – 5 September 2018 – Land to the Rear of 65 Shefford Road SG17. Erection of 1 No. two story dwelling following previously approved Reserved matter application CB/15/00671/RM: Erection of a two bedroom bungalow following outline approval Ref: CB/12/01892/OUT dated 08/10/2012. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/03365/VOC – 4 September 2018 – Land adjacent to 67 Pedley Lane SG17 5QT. Variation of Condition: No 13 on Application CB/17/03785/FULL dated 06/10/2017 - omit drawing 2017/896/01C - Site Location and Block Plan and add drawing 2017/896/01D - Site Location and Block Plan. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/03317/FULL – 30 August 2018 – 2 Clifton House Close SG17 5EQ. Single storey orangery style rear extension with roof lantern. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/02450/LDCP – 25 July 2018 – 11 Stockbridge Close SG17 5FG. Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: New RC retaining wall to replace failing timber log wall alongside boundary to Brickle Place. **Application Registered**

CB/18/02820/OUT – 19 July 2018 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Outline planning application - for the erection of up to 130 residential dwellings (including 35% affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, public open space, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation vehicular access points from New Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of means of access. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/02637/RM – 9 July 2018 - Land adjacent to 34, Hitchin Lane. Reserved Matters Application following Outline application CB/15/02733/OUT (for 97 dwellings) for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/01518/OUT – 8 May 2018 – Land off east New Road SG17 5JH. Development of 25 dwellings. **Consultation Period**

CB/18/01628/OUT – 17 April 2018 – Land off Hitchin Lane. Proposed residential development of 24 units and ancillary works. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/01099/OUT – 16 March 2018 – Land rear of Broad Street SG17. Outline Application: for residential development up to 80 dwellings (including 35% affordable housing), landscaping, public open space, surface water flood attenuation, vehicular access from Broad Street and associated ancillary works. Outline with all Matters Reserved with the exception of the vehicular access from Broad Street. **Appeal**

CB/18/00192/OUT – 19 January 2018 – Clifton Farm SG17 5EX. Erection of 7 detached houses and 7 semi-detached assisted houses. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/17/05643/FULL – 30 November 2017 – Land adjacent to 67 Stockbridge Road SG17 5HH. Development of 20 new dwellings consisting of a mixture of 1 and 2 storey buildings on existing land at Stockbridge Road, Clifton. **Appeal**

CB/17/04833/FULL – 30 October 2017 – Land between 8A and 28 and rear of 28 to 38 New Road SG17 5JH. Erection of up to 25 dwellings with allocated parking and associated works. **Awaiting Decision**

Friends of Clifton Church Events for Autumn 2018



Our last two events for 2018 are open to everyone:

Friday 9th November

Coffee Morning in the Church Hall starting at 10.30am. £2 entry includes tea/coffee and biscuits and there will be a Raffle. Stalls include Cakes; Bring & Buy (but no jumble); and Paperback books.

Wednesday 28th November

Curry Night at the Clifton Cuisine, starting between 7.30 and 8.30 pm (whatever time suits you best). £14 for members and £15 for non-members.

Places are going fast so book yours now Keith Pledger 01462 629020.

GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our September competition was played at **Wyboston Lakes GC**, competing for the **SMALL CUP**. The weather was comfortably warm and sunny. This course, particularly, demands accuracy, wayward shots are likely to find a watery grave. Water comes into play on eleven holes. The scores were very modest so perhaps there were a few lost balls. Our winners were:

- 1st with 33 pts – **Ian Saunders**
- 2nd with 31 pts – **Colin Paine**
- 3rd with 29 pts – **John Whitbread**
- Longest Drive – **Vic Kerlin**
- Nearest the Pin – **Ian Martin**



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**.

Clifton Walking Group

The Clifton Walking Group is a friendly group of all ages and abilities. We walk for an hour every Monday to Friday at either 4.15 or 6.30.



If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Sue Cross on 07768105570 or susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

Our last committee meeting 1st October came up with a few good suggestions for the village, which are being explored. The plans for this year's 'Light up Clifton' on December 1st are progressing well. A lengthy discussion took place over the safety issue of the event with special attention to getting a police presence on the night. To this end I am writing (as vice chair) to the police authority to urge some cooperation from them at the highest level.

This year's AGM is on 6th November at the community centre. If you want to see what it's all about please come along. We would like to fill the post of secretary, could you be tempted? A new community bus service is in operation for the area. It is operated by Greensand Country. For details, please ring 01234834933 office hours.

I mentioned last issue that Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire were holding a festival for older people on 5th October at Flitwick. I have to report that it was an outstanding success with over 300 guests attending, all were given lunch and a bag full of goodies to take home. If you missed it, look out for it next year..... it costs you nothing.



Interested in nature and wildlife?

Then come along to RSPB Hitchin & Letchworth Local Group

Friday November 2nd @ 7.30pm

The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB

Hear a talk by world expert:

Professor Nick Davies - 'Cuckoo - cheating by nature'

The sight of a little warbler or pipit feeding an enormous cuckoo chick has astonished human observers for centuries. Nick will tell us about field experiments and observations and the continuing evolutionary arms race between host defences and cuckoo trickery.

Visitors very welcome, £3

See rspb.org.uk/groups/hitchinandletchworth for more information and programme.

Clifton Neighbourhood Watch



In last month's issue I tried to explain the difficulties our Bedfordshire Rural Police were under, further information just received noted during 30 days of September some 5342 recorded crimes were logged. These figures are quite staggering and this relates only to recorded crime. Our Police colleagues do so much more, they are first port-of-call for people with mental health problems to looking after the UK's 5th largest airport and frequently required to deal with terrorism incidents spilling out from the Capital. Hopefully this helps put some perspective to the workload of Bedfordshire Police?

We in Clifton also suffered a similarly in September with an extraordinary high number of 15 crimes committed during the month. These included three burglaries that occurred in Pedley Lane on separate days and another in Clifton House Gardens.

Another frightening burglary occurred in my own quiet cul-de-sac. A house was broken into in the early hours, whilst the family were asleep in their beds, car keys were taken and the family Audi stolen from off the drive. The moral of this story is not to leave your car keys anywhere near the front door, as now thieves are capable of breaking in to steal your car keys but can also of cloning your keys without breaking into your home.

Additional crimes reported included pedal cycles being stolen from Church St and Shefford Rd and three separated incidents of criminal damage to vehicles on Broad St and Whiston Cres. Our local shop reported two incidents of theft and an incident of Common Assault and ABH occurred in Yew Tree Walk on 8th September.

We had occasion to contact the Police on behalf of a villager. Web page <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report/Report> made this very easy. Stories are heard about the response times of the 101 service, so the CHAT service was tried. (Green circle with white text box). Communication is via keyboard and screen. Initially the call was 5th in the queue, but somebody answered within a minute. The Police operator was very helpful and the whole process was very efficient.

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Terry Whiffen 07484790269

WI Coffee Morning *in aid of*

St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger



We are pleased to report a total of £550.00 raised on 5th October at Clifton Church Hall for the above occasion. Many thanks to all who attended and we would also like to thank the local businesses who contributed to the valuable raffle.



The Admiral, Baxters Butchers, Clifton Cuisine, G&M Growers, Golden Lion, Langford Nurseries, Lloyds Chemist, Morrisons, Nails at Home, Sainsbury's, Shefford Post Office.

Well done everybody.

Clifton WI



This evening it was our privilege to host the Group meeting and Linda welcomed 47 members and 19 guests including members from WIs in Henlow, Arlesey, Stondon and Stotfold.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker today was Ian Scott Hunter who entertained us with a fascinating insight into the Life of a Royal Footman. Using photographs, he talked to a spellbound room, describing the different uniforms and protocols as he spent time in the palace. He explained that public processions and dinner events at the palace were choreographed to the finest detail and we will all now look with fresh eyes at the State Opening of Parliament etc. He talked about his times spent on the Royal Yacht, the Royal train and overseas visits with the Queen. An unforgettable speaker. Thank you.

Matters arising

Linda then welcomed Jenny Ward Fletcher, our group convenor. Jenny thanked 2 previous presidents who had stepped down and praised them for their amazing work over their years of service. Pat Wisby from Clifton and Ruth Simkins from Stondon. Linda gave the members a brief reminder of upcoming events and a form was handed around for people to choose their meal for our Christmas meeting. Presidents from our visiting WIs then gave us a brief outline of events in their group and of some of the interesting speakers that had given a presentation. We then listened to our County Advisor Judy Mcewan who told us about future events as we look forward to our centenary.

Our guest speaker judged the entries in the Royal Memorabilia and Judy handed out prizes to the winners: 1st – Joice Williams, 2nd - Stephanie Britten

The next meeting will be on November 7th and our speaker will be Julie-Anne Clarke talking about Cake Decorating.

Visitors are welcome at meetings for a £4 fee.

Ruth (01462815482)

Clifton Bell-ringers Celebrate

For over 25 years, Stan and Sheila Ashton have looked after the ringing at Clifton. Stan as Tower Captain and Sheila as Secretary. When they both decided to retire from these posts at the end of 2017, the local ringers wanted to recognise this long service to Clifton Church. We arranged ringing to include as many local people as possible. This included a peal, some quarter peals and some general ringing and 22 ringers took part. All of this was recorded in a booklet which was given to Stan and Sheila at the Tower dinner. A copy of this booklet is held in the tower.



However, a booklet is not a permanent record, so we commissioned a peal board to display in the tower. This board was shown to the congregation at the All Age Worship service in September and was dedicated at the practice on Friday 28th September. It is now in the ringing room for current and future generations to see.

Philippa Whittington, Tower Captain



Biggleswade Sandy Lions Macmillan Coffee morning



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to Knolls Close on 14th September and supported Biggleswade Sandy Lion's Macmillan Coffee morning. We were absolutely delighted when we counted up and found the morning had raised an outstanding £310. Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported.

Clifton Mothers' Union Group

Tuesday 20th November
2.00pm at 18 Hitchin Lane

"Dr Down and our daughter Susie",
Diana White



CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a modern, 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 contact:

parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

Kerri Kilby 07547 129038 or

Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

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



Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

Sunday Services

*10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. A warm welcome is assured to all. Communion is held during the 6.00 p.m. service on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

*The 10.30 a.m. Sunday morning service will continue to be held at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton.

Mondays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

5-Up Club 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. at All Saints Academy

Explorers 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (for Reception to Year 4) at Church

Thursdays (term time)

Coffeepot 11.30am - 1pm at the Church

Fridays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

Website: www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk

Contact: cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com

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: Revd Lorna Valentine 813284

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 Nicola Brooksbank 01462-731072

Sunday Services: 10.30 am, 6 pm
Sunday School 11.15

Church Services Rotas November

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Sound
4 th All Saints	10:30 Patronal Festival	Mrs P Wisby Mrs S Welsford	Mr D Brace Revelation 21:1-6a	Officiate	Mr B Livesey Mr K Gray	Mr P Topley
	4:00pm	Pastoral team	All Souls			
11 th Remem- brance Sunday	10:45 at War Memorial	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Officiate	Officiate	-	Mrs P Wisby
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs J Pavey Genesis 32:3-9-11; 33:1-11 Mr B Padgett Isaiah 2:1-4	Mrs P Whittington		
18 th	10:30 and Baptism	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mr A Good Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Mrs S Welsford	Mr R Welsford Mrs K Blackmore	Mr K Gray
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs K Blackmore Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Officiate		
25 th Christ the King	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mrs J Wyer Mrs S Collins	Mr B Livesey Revelation 1:4b-8	Officiate	Mr P Topley Mrs J Pavey	Mr P Blackmore
2 nd Dec	10:30	Mr D Brace Mr C Brown	Mr A Clarke 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Mrs R Wagner	Mr K Pledger Mr A Good	Mr P Topley
	6:30 Dark- ness to Light	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Ecclesiastical 24:3-9 and Exodus 3:1-6 Mrs P Whittington Isaiah 11:1-4a and Isaiah 22:21-23 Mrs F Kendall Numbers 24:15b-17 and Jeremiah 30:7-11a	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.cliffon-beads.co.uk.

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