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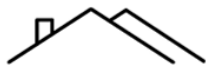
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Autumn is definitely here, the leaves are beginning to change colour and the Swallows, Swifts and Martins are off to their winter quarters. Then at the end of the month the clocks go back and the evenings will be much darker.

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Dear Friends,

Harvest is almost here, on 4th October; despite it marking the close of the Church of England's season of Creationtide, let us remember that Creation is an ongoing event!



Some of you may be aware of the school project initiated by the St Alban's Diocese called: **Heart for the Earth** which is a two-year project encouraging our school children to become carbon neutral. It aims to engage "heads, hearts, and hands" on a journey towards care for creation. It has just been nominated along with other projects for an award. Wishing it every success in its bid.

Why is this important? The Heart for the Earth team said: "We must find ways to support and sustain each other through journeys of eco-anxiety, and have decided to include positive climate stories and the view that, whoever we are, in whatever circumstance, we can each play a valued part in treasuring the earth."

All Saints Church, along with the support of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire and the St Albans Diocesan Adviser on Churchyards, has gained a Silver Eco Church award and appears on the Caring for Gods acre website, continuing to protect the wildlife in our graveyards. We continue to care for the space where your loved ones are laid to rest. You can help us to keep this place valued for each of us and nature, by coming along once a month and volunteering to join in with maintaining the ecology and upkeep of your graveyard.

I will be attending an online Carbon Literacy course which members of the church have already attended and I hope as a church as part of St Alban's Diocese to continue to be mindful of the importance of eco diversity. We give thanks for those who are trying very hard to find ways to improve ways to keep our planet a safe place for us and the generations to come.

As we sing "We plough the fields..." may we give praise "For the beauty of the earth", and continue to have a heart for it.



Every blessing Revd Caren.

Next Messy Church in the Hall

27th October

Church Hall, 10:30 am
Come and join the fun!

4th Sunday of the month



All Saints' Church, Clifton From the Registers

Funeral, North Herts Crematorium

16th September Linda Patch



All Saints' Church Clifton Services



Sundays:

11.00 am Parish Communion 1st, 3rd
Family Service, 2nd
Morning Prayer, 4th

10.30 am Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)

6.30 pm Evensong, 3rd Sunday

10.00 am Benefice Service 5th Sunday at Clifton, Haynes or Southill

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

For details of church services see: <https://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/>

CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

SEASONAL CHANGE

Thankfully Summer finally arrived bringing with it some glorious sunshine and very warm weather. But now you can begin to see the early sights, sounds and smells of the approaching Autumn. This seasonal change is beautifully captured in John Keats poem To Autumn with its "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". You can picture the trees and hedgerows with their various shades of gold, red, brown, yellow and green and the joy, especially as a youngster, of kicking up the leaves and gathering the fallen conkers.



For most of us its a lovely time of the year but for some its the start of a trial against SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) where amongst other things there's a loss of pleasure or interest in normal everyday activities, low self esteem and becoming less sociable.

If you think you know someone who might be feeling lonely or isolated please do get them to give us a call on the number below as we do offer a befriending service either by means of a 'phone call or a personal visit by one of our volunteers.

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..... and one of our co-ordinators will do their best to help. To assist us in meeting requests please try and give at least 24 hours notice of your requirements.

CGNS Tea & Chat on Wednesdays

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, 2.00 - 4.00



- 9th October - followed by CGNS AGM
- 23rd October
- 13th November



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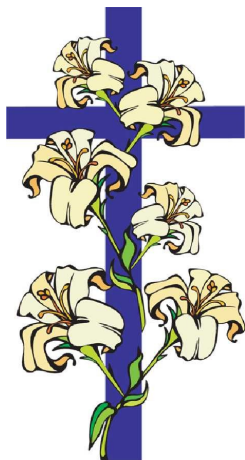
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Volunteers needed to support our neighbours, to collect prescriptions, take to GP and hospital appointments etc.



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Sue Cross susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you



On behalf of Joanne and myself may we say a big thank you to all of you that attended Cliff's funeral and for all the cards and kind messages that we received regarding Cliff and Martin.

The generous donations received will be going to the Sue Ryder Hub in recognition of the incredible care and kindness Cliff received from them.

Kind regards, Hilda & Joanne



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Clifton Parish Council

What do you think when you hear the word “summer”? In particular, the summer just over? Well, the weather wasn’t up to much, but hey, we live in one of the nicest villages around, so that didn’t matter at all.

Just think of all the things we enjoyed together this year and remember the residents of our neighbouring towns and villages that came to Clifton to join in the fun – because we had something going on, and they, well, didn’t.

So, let’s celebrate the Summer of ’24.

We started with the D Day commemoration. Hundreds of us gathered in the centre of the village on Thursday 6th June to see our fabulous beacon being lit, listen to some great music and maybe have a drink or two. It was a wonderful fun-filled evening, but also, at the appropriate time, movingly respectful. Thanks to all who came along.


It was followed in July with the return of “Clifton in Bloom”. The weather was perfect and allowed so many Cliftonians to stroll around the village and look at the entries before popping into the Church for a well-earned cup of tea and a cheeky slice of cake. Thanks to everyone who joined in. Hopefully you are already planning your entry for 2025...?

We certainly couldn’t forget the three “Field Good Fridays” now could we? Each FGF draws more people than the one before, and they all generate their own memories. The first in July was a gentle mid-summer get together. The second was memorable for our uninvited guest – the Great British Downpour – which dampened spirits not one jot. How can you not make new friends when you are squished together under a small gazebo, eating pizza from a cardboard box with rain dripping down the back of your neck? (I’m not selling this too well am I?). Never mind, the last one in September was a blast, with perfect weather and, thanks to a confluence of dates, with the annual fair in the background.

We can now spend the winter months happily looking forward to more Community events next year. The plotting and planning have already begun...

Well, there it was. Thanks to all of you from all of us.

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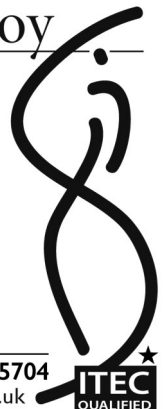
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in memory of Mary and Linda



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RSPB Local Group

Hitchin & Letchworth

Friday 4th October

'The Guardian Country Diaries'

Our speaker Nic Wilson has been a Country Diarist for The Guardian since 2020 and will tell us about nature writing and journalism.

The Settlement, Letchworth 7.30pm, visitors very welcome £4.

Sunday 20th October

All day coach trip to Holme Dunes on Norfolk Coast

(£30, local pick-ups, phone Malcolm on 01462 451320 for more info & booking). All our events can be found on our web page:

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I am writing to you to share some of the recent events and to say thank you to all our fantastic parents/carers, staff and students.

Oliver

Firstly, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in our summer production of the musical Oliver! The performances were truly outstanding and I was incredibly proud of all the students who took part. They demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication, and the production was a credit to our school. A special thank you to all the staff who helped make this production such a success, including the Music, Drama, Dance, Art and Technical Support.

Duke of Edinburgh

I would also like to thank all the staff who supported our students on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver, and Gold expeditions. These expeditions are a challenging but rewarding experience, and I am proud of our students for their determination and resilience, through the sun, wind and rain.



Sports Days

A round of applause to the PE department for organising the Year 9 and 10 Sports Days. Despite the rain, the events were a great success, and I was impressed by the sportsmanship and enthusiasm of all the students who participated. We also held the Year 12 Sports Day, and the House Olympics where the school comes together to compete for the House Cup, which is presented to the winning house by Charles Whitbread every year at the annual Awards Evening.

Careers Interviews

Thank you to the careers department and parents/carers for organising and taking part in such a successful set of Year 10 practice careers interviews. The students were initially anxious but left feeling positive and far more confident about how to conduct themselves in a formal interview.

Year 11 Prom

Congratulations to the Year 11 team for organising such a fantastic prom this year. It was a wonderful evening, and I know our students had a great time celebrating the end of Year 11 together. They have been an

amazing year group and I wish them well whether they are off to college, an apprenticeship or staying on for the Sixth Form.

Praise Trips and Non-Uniform Days

Well done to all the students who earned the most praise points this year and enjoyed an extra non-uniform day, as well as a trip out for bowling and crazy golf on Monday. Your hard work and dedication are commendable.

A Fond Farewell to Staff

We have a number of staff members leaving us for pastures new, including Mr Kurji and Mrs Minker, who are both retiring and together have given over 50 years of service to the school teaching maths to thousands of students in their time. However, Mr Goode has surpassed everyone with 44 years of service to Samuel Whitbread Academy, after starting here as an NQT in 1980. Mr Goode is not someone who likes to be made a fuss of, and he has insisted that we do not have any goodbye speeches. However, if you would like us to pass on any messages or memories to Mr Goode, including your time at SWA in his Science lessons, then we will ensure that they are passed on to him as he sails off into the distance for a well-earned retirement.

Nick Martin, Principal



Wildlife Walks 4 Women

Join us for a friendly & relaxed, women-only guided walk around The Lodge, led by our knowledgeable female volunteers.

The volunteer team have a wide range of knowledge about nature which they are keen to share and as you would expect we always make a list of the birds seen. In addition each month focuses on a seasonal wildlife highlight, ranging from 'Butterflies & Moths' to 'Fungi'.

The walks are held monthly throughout the year and alternate between the 3rd Tuesday and the 3rd Saturday, the next one is:

Tuesday October 15th
With the focus on **Fungi**

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6th October - Harvest Sunday

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

11.00 am, All Saints Church



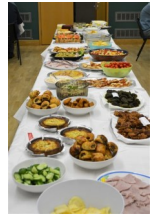
During the service gifts will be collected to donate to the **Prebend Day Centre.**

(toiletries, big tins of soup etc, men's women's underwear, socks)

After the service there will be a:

Bring & Share Lunch

@ 12 noon in the church.



Sunday

15th December

@ 6.00 pm

Carols 4 Christmas

All Saints Church

Refreshments & Raffle



VE Day—80th Anniversary 8th May 2025

Ahead of detailed announcements of national celebrations and thanksgiving Clifton has got the ball rolling, and our suggestions so far are:



Clifton Celebrations

Thursday 8th—Sunday 11th May

- Cascade of Knitted Poppies on the church
- Thursday 8th, beacon lighting near the pond
- Friday 9th, street party on the playing field
- Saturday 10th, family fun afternoon community centre and playing field
- Sunday 11th, service of thanksgiving, war memorial and family fun in the churchyard

Calling all Knitters & Crocheters



Can you help us to recreate a display like this on All Saints Church?

Our Craft & Chat Group are already knitting and our WI have risen to the challenge and have their needles and hooks at the ready. If you can't knit you can donate wool, everyone can join in! Double knitting or chunky wool can be left in the church porch.

All shades of red, different sizes and wonky shapes are all welcome! Lots of patterns on the internet or get in touch with WI or Craft and Chat.

Clifton WI



As most of you will be aware, our recent President, Linda Patch, sadly passed away on the 23rd August. Linda was well known to many of you, as she worked in Clifton Post Office for 17 years and was also active in several organisations over a number of years, and our President for 4 years. It has been a sad losing two of our Members in such a short period of time. We will be hosting a Coffee morning on Friday the 25th October, at The Church Hall 10 - 12 noon, to raise funds for Sue Ryder Moggerhanger in their memory. If you would like to contribute a cake or a raffle prize, it would be greatly appreciated.

SEPTEMBER

Sue Laing talked to us about the highs and lows of beekeeping. There is a definite right way to care for the bees, and many hazards to contend with. Extreme changes in weather are difficult, farming practices and the latest, the Mexican Hornet, which can destroy bee populations. If you see one, please report it to your local beekeeping society.

OCTOBER

We have entertainment by The Turf Tappers, on the 2nd October. We hope you are ready to join in for a fun afternoon. 2 - 4 p.m. Community Hall. For those of you going to see Chicago the Wanderbus will be leaving The Golden Lion about 12.15/12.30, on the 19th October.

We are intending to book another lunch at The Five Bells for the middle of November.

Churchyard Working Parties

We are holding working parties on the second Saturday of each month between March and October. In these sessions we aim to tidy different areas of the Churchyard and Graveyard to help them be a welcoming and tranquil place for all who visit.



Saturday 12th October
9:30am—12:30 pm

Do come and join us, please bring any tools—last one of the season
Refreshments will be served

GLGS

15 players met on the 20th August at the three Locks Golf Club to compete for the 'Foxberry Trophy'. Despite a heavy shower just before play started, all players completed their round in the dry. We enjoyed a meal back at the Admiral in the evening where the prize giving took place.

1st with 40 pts

Brian Sapsed

2nd with 39 pts

Alan Mason

3rd with 35 pts

Jim Cameron

Nearest the Pin – Paul Williams

Longest Drive – Paul Williams



Our September meeting took place at St Neots Golf Club on Tuesday 17th September where 14 players contested the 'Small' Trophy. The conditions were fine and warm, but the scoring was lower than expected. Again, a meal was enjoyed back at the Admiral in the evening where the prize giving took place.

1st with 35 pts

Alan Cawdell

2nd with 30 pts

Phil Atherton

3rd with 28 pts

David Gibbs

Nearest the Pin – John Wall

Longest Drive – Phil Atherton



Our final game of the season will take place at Panshanger Golf Club on 15th October.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact :

John Wall - 01462 814097 or

Brian Sapsed - 07399623543.

HATS DRAMA GROUP

It is with regret that due to unforeseen circumstances our production of Communicating Doors, scheduled for 18-20 October has been cancelled.

Our next production will therefore be our pantomime 24/25/26 January 2025 and 1/2 Feb 2025. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you next year. ‘



Clifton Neighbourhood Plan

It's finally over! Well almost... On the 5th of September, after five years of work, we received the final report from the Examiner of the Clifton Neighbourhood Plan. It arrived with the apprehension and aura of an exam result. We carefully opened the cream-coloured vellum envelope, slid out the weighty leather-bound document and opened it, all the while desperately trying to contain our excitement and control our trepidation. Okay, not really, it was an email....!!!



Nevertheless, it was still an A++++ with bells on. The Examiner suggested a mere six minor modifications which we were delighted to accept since, in our opinion, they each helped improve the Plan. (some plans have pages of change requests and some even get rejected). You can find a copy of the Examiner's report by visiting the Parish Council's website and following the link to Neighbourhood Plan.
<https://cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk>

So, what's next? Well now it's over to you. You need to vote on whether to adopt it. It's your Neighbourhood Plan after all.

There will be a referendum in mid-November in the Community Centre on Whiston Crescent. It will be a simple yes or no. If you are registered for a postal vote you will receive the necessary voting forms in the usual way. The result will be determined by a majority.

A copy of the Final Plan is also on the Parish Council website.

More details next month.



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Update from our MP—Alistair Strathern

Access to a GP needs to be easy and stress-free for our health and wellbeing, yet it is anything but for far too many in our area.

From prescriptions to tests and general advice, we all know how invaluable our doctors and nurses are in our local communities. The work they do keeps us healthy, out of hospital, and reduces wait times and the demand on the NHS.

But, we also know that, despite their extraordinary efforts, our primary care system is stretched to an unacceptable degree. Our local surgeries struggle with building size, doctor shortages, intense demand and limited capacity. We have to work to rejuvenate our local healthcare, and I am determined to do just that.

I have recently visited Shefford Medical Centre, and met the fantastic staff whose hard work keeps us and our loved ones healthy.

Following my visit I have been working with local authorities to explore funding options for the surgery to use the empty wing in their building, that used to be operated by a dentist. The extra rooms could up appointment availability, provide more staff medical training and increase the number and type of tests that could be done on-site, reducing the burden on our hospitals.

More broadly, I have been in regular discussions with the local Integrated Care Board to plan how we can improve performance and service at surgeries across my constituency, including Larksfield surgery in Stotfold.

Solving the NHS's problems nationally requires intervention locally. As the months go on, I will be continuing to campaign for change, and collaborating with local stakeholders to make our local health services the best they can be.

If you are having issues with your healthcare locally, and would like my assistance to flag your case, please do email my office at alistair.strathern.mp@parliament.uk

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Clifton Planning Applications Update - Central Beds Decisions at 13th September 2024

CB/24/01905/6/FULL – 1st July – 14, Grange Street, SG17 5EW
Replacement of new roof structure, rafters, ridges etc. **Granted.**

CB/24/01748/DOC – 14th June – Land to rear of 210/218, Shefford Road.
Discharge of various conditions. **Decision released.**

CB/24/00921/FULL - 10th June – Clifton Cricket Club, Stanford Road
SG17 5EU. Erection of new club pavilion. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/24/00575/FULL – 11th March – 28, Church Stret, SG17 5ET.
Single storey new dwelling. **Granted.**

CB/23/03567/FULL 15th November – 39, Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ
Erection of new 2 bed bungalow. **Awaiting Decision.**

Tony Hyde – Clifton Action Group

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Autumn Days

October is a lovely month with the soft autumnal light and the hedgerows abundant with berries and seed heads for the birds to feast on. There is a nip to the air in the mornings and the turning leaves bring a richness of colour to the shortening days.



This time of year you can still add colour and form to your garden and it's now that Prairie style gardens really come into their own. Prairie means Grassland and is associated with the prairies of the American Midwest. Prairie gardens combine ornamental grasses and perennials in naturalised drifts for a relaxed style of planting. The Garden Designer Puet Oudolf made this popular with his intricate planting plans. Using the Matrix Planting technique where you use a handful of species that dominates the planting. Forming a backbone in which the other plants are blended. It is great for wildlife providing nectar and pollen and seed heads for the birds.

Plants that work well in this style are Asters, Echinacea, Japanese Anemones, Crocosmia, Verbascum, Echinops, Alliums and knautia combined with Ornamental grasses.

Another way to add colour and interest at this time of year would be adding a tree to the garden. The stars of the show being Acers with their variety of stunning shades. Cotinus the Smoke Bush, Forest Pansy and Amelankier lamarkii. All these trees are quite compact so you could plant them in smaller gardens to add height and interest.

Jobs to do in the Garden

- Cut back and divide perennials
- Prune Climbing Roses
- Collect seeds
- Cut grass for last time
- Lay any new turf
- Add organic matter to beds
- Plant trees
- Keep a look out for frosts
- Rake up leaves and save for leaf mould
- Prune Buddleia back to half, then hard prune in spring
- Trim hedges
- Prune Climbing Rose's
- Plant Garlic
- Carve Pumpkins!

Enjoy your garden!

By Donna Cameron, Donna's Garden Designs, 07833 670934

NSPCC recruiting Community Volunteers

Did you know that the NSPCC are actively recruiting for Community Volunteers across Bedfordshire? Keep on reading to find out more!



We are **looking for enthusiastic, creative and organised people**, over the age of 18. Our volunteers come from all walks of life, being able to give their time in different ways. The more diverse our fundraisers are, the wider the range of ideas we will generate together

We know that communities talking about safeguarding children and coming together for the cause can help shift thinking and raise awareness, keeping more children safe.

Over 80 per cent of our income comes from our supporters and we couldn't continue doing what we do without them. That means, our community fundraising volunteers play an important part in raising vital funds which help to protect children and prevent abuse.

We work hard to ensure that our volunteers enjoy what they do. Being part of successful fundraising and thinking about the difference it can make is a wonderful feeling. **If you want to feel good, doing good is a great place to start.**

You can volunteer without regular time commitments with 'as and when' volunteering. This offers great flexibility. You only need to commit to a couple of hours a month, but if you want to do more you can.

You could help at events with other volunteers on an ad-hoc basis. Alternatively, you could organise your own small fundraising events (raffle, collection, coffee morning, afternoon tea) or even set up your own fundraising group. Our fundraising groups run small, annual events (quiz night, wreath making workshop, charity walk) or take on more ambitious projects (Christmas Carol Concert, Family Fun Day, Charity Ball). There really is something for everyone.

You'll engage with the public, organisations and local communities, raising awareness and funds – promoting a positive image of the NSPCC. You will learn more about how you're helping to protect children across the UK, and you'll have the opportunity to grow your skills and inspire others to support us. It is also a chance to spend time with like-minded people and make new friends.

Sound like something you are interested in? If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to your local Community Fundraising Manager, Lisa (lisa.radcliffe@nspcc.org.uk) or seek opportunities here: <https://join-us.nspcc.org.uk/volunteers>

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