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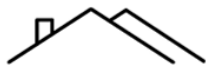
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Dear Friends,



At the beginning of this year we remembered those who sacrificed their lives in the Conflict with Afghanistan in 2004 and in May next year we will remember the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day - or 'Victory in Europe Day' - marking the day towards the end of World War Two (WW2) when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe came to an end.

Each year it is vital that we encourage each other to think on those who gave so much to keep us safe from the results of war. It takes respect to remember those individuals from all walks of life, culture, gender who courageously fought on our behalf to give us a better foundation to create a peaceful world.

If only we could build with love on the words of the prophet Isaiah from the Old Testament and beat 'swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.' If only we could love enough to encourage nations to be at peace with one another and 'never learn war any more' (Isaiah 2:4).

Let us encourage our younger generations never to forget the sacrifices made on their behalf from the many wars over the years. So as we come together on Remembrance Day, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we can stand together as a community to pray and hope that peace remains in our land.

On Armistice Day, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, at the war Memorial, some of the Key Stage 2 children from Clifton All Saints Academy will be remembering the ending of the Second World War. If you see us there stop and pray with us.

Every Blessing, Revd Caren

Join us for Clifton's  
**Act of Remembrance**  
War Memorial, 10.45 am



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# Messy Christmas

24th November

Church Hall, 10:30 am

Come and join the fun!

4th Sunday of the month



## All Saints' Church, Clifton From the Registers

### Memorial Service & Burial of Ashes

14th October

Linda Patch



### Christening

13th October

Amelie

## All Saints' Church Clifton Services

### Sundays:

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

10.30 am Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Church Hall)

6.30 pm Evensong, 3rd Sunday

10.00 am Benefice Service 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Clifton, Haynes or Southill

### Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

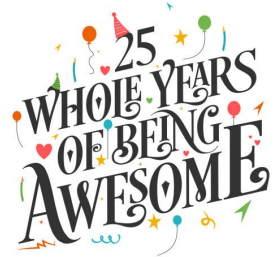
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# CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

## HAPPY 25TH BIRTHDAY!

The CGNS (originally the Clifton Care Scheme) celebrated its 25th birthday on 1st October 2024. This important information was gleaned from a chance conversation at a recent volunteers coffee morning. What a wonderful 25 years it has been.



Much of the Scheme's earlier focus seems to have been helping out with a varied range of DIY jobs such as fixing broken locks, installing smoke alarms etc whereas today much of that sort of work is referred to Age UK as they have the technical expertise and resources required to meet current requirements. Most of today's CGNS volunteering is concerned with transporting folk for GP and hospital appointments, collecting prescriptions, taking folk to see loved ones in Care Homes, shopping and getting them to the fortnightly Tea & Chat sessions. These sessions have grown rapidly in numbers attending and the entertainment offered since the venue was changed to the Church Hall and after the Pandemic. And enjoyed by volunteers and attendees alike!

These developments wouldn't have happened without the time and effort of all those volunteers over the 25 years who have contributed many hours and ideas to the success of the scheme. The CGNS Committee is working hard to ensure the organisation remains vibrant and in touch with the needs of the Clifton Community for the next 25 years. Now there's a challenge!

If you need our help at anytime just call.....

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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.



# Remembrance Sunday 2024

## 10th November

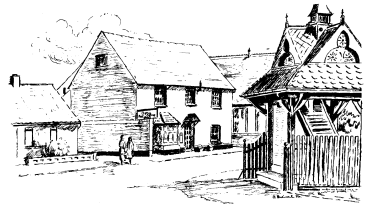
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**Act of Remembrance**  
**War Memorial, 10.45 am**

Followed by a Service of  
Remembrance in church

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## CGNS Tea & Chat on Wednesdays

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- 13th November
- 27th November &
- 11th December  
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**there are over 60 of us!!**

As with most groups of volunteers we are all retired, some of us for a long time! We need more people to come and help us keep this amazing village magazine going—it's being going for way over 40 years already, which is really bucking the national trend.

- ★ If you would consider taking on a delivery round, not necessarily around where you live yourself, then get in touch
- ★ If you would like to come on the last Thursday of each month to help with collation, get in touch or just come along 9.30-11.30

I guarantee you will be made welcome.

Kathy Blackmore, Email: [chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk)



## RSPB Local Group Hitchin & Letchworth

**Friday 1st November**

**'Wild Herzegovina'**

Our speaker Denis Bohm will be telling us all about the wonderful birds and other wildlife in this attractive region of the former Yugoslavia.

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

**Sunday 17th November**

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

<https://group.rspb.org.uk/hitchinandletchworth>



## Clifton Poppy Appeal 2024



The Poppy Appeal officially started on 26th October. We plan to sell poppies in Clifton outside the Tesco local shop on the weekends following this date to Remembrance Sunday.

Most importantly buy a poppy and support the work of the British Legion but if you can also buy your poppy in Clifton that will be even more amazing. We had a bumper fundraising effort last year—£2690.55—help us to beat that total.

On sale outside Tesco Direct weekends of:

- **Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October**
- **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November**
- **Saturday 9th November**
- **And at the War Memorial on 10th if we missed you!**

Many thanks, Denise Panton



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**Saturday 16th November**  
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From 4pm, Saturday 7th December 2024

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First, be sure to bring your bags for life, because we have our **BIGGEST EVER Christmas market**, over 20 stalls with Christmas gifts and treats for every member of the family, even the dog!

For your entertainment we have carolling from the children at Clifton All Saints Academy, singing from Samuel Whitbread Academy, plus live music from Clifton Ukelele Players and Lord Baker's Soul and Ska Show.



Thanks to TJ Plumbing, Shefford, visits to our Santa's Grotto include a free gift for all village youngsters. NEW for this year, in order to get to the grotto, you will be able to board our "Polar Express" aka **Willow the Land Train!**

Plus we have our hand crafted traditional games for all to enjoy; and we might just be giving out the famed **Light Up Clifton Lollipops!**

To keep your sustained throughout the evening, the amazing Admiral team will be serving festive food and drinks, as will village favourites Dan's Van pizza, Mr. Ice Cream Man, and Deja Brew Coffee Box.

Finally, let's not forget the point of all this! The village Christmas tree, kindly donated by Don Brace at Clifton Bury Farm, will be lit at 5pm.

**...and remember all of this is FREE at point of entry!!**

If you would like to help keep the festive family fun free for all by sponsoring Light Up Clifton, would like to volunteer to help at the event, or can donate a raffle prize: please email:

**LightUpClifton@gmail.com**



Get ready for Christmas with:

## Christingle

Sunday 1st December

@ 4.00

All Saints Church



Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope whilst also raising money for the Children's Society's excellent work.

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along and share the light, joy  
and hope.

Sunday

15th December

@ 6.00 pm

Carols 4 Christmas

All Saints Church

Refreshments & Raffle



# The Darkest Night Service

Wednesday 18th December

at 4.00 pm

All Saints Church, Clifton

This service is around the shortest day and is for all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or are in need of comfort for any loss or worry.



There will be lovely traditional carols, prayers for healing and restorative readings to comfort the soul.

Come and light a candle to remember a loved one and write a message on a star for them to be kept in our prayers.

Do come along to this service which will be followed by refreshments and chat.







# Samuel Whitbread Academy

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As we approach the end of the term, it's a great time to reflect on the numerous activities, events and achievements that have taken place at our academy.

At our second Open Evening this month, we were delighted to welcome prospective students and their parents/carers to explore all that SWA has to offer. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our outstanding facilities, dedicated staff, and talented students.

We've also had the privilege of hosting workshops and events led by Sharon DeLeonardis, focused on celebrating cultural heritage with our students. It's been wonderful to witness students from the BEST Trust joining our activities, and we extend our gratitude to Sharon for her ongoing commitment to the Academy.



Preparations for the Alice in Wonderland Christmas Pantomime are well underway, with our Performing Arts students working tirelessly to deliver an exceptional show. Their collaboration with students from schools both within and outside of the BEST Trust is a testament to their dedication and teamwork.

Sports has seen some incredible success over the last few weeks. In football, our 1st XI successfully negotiated the 1st round of the national cup with a 5-3 victory at Roundwood Park. The U14 girls' Football team flew through their first fixture of the County Cup yesterday, winning 10-1 at home.



Additionally, our Netball U16 A team won their first game of the season against Henlow Academy and are through to the next round of Sisters N Sport.

Nick Martin, Principal

# Clifton All Saints Academy

are looking for new Trustees!

Our board of trustees is made up of individuals who want to utilise their professional skills and expertise to benefit the life outcomes of all young people our trust comes into contact with.



Trustees offer strategic guidance, rather than getting involved in the operational aspects of a school. This involves:

- Working with other board members to plan the school's strategic direction.
- Overseeing the school's financial performance, ensuring money is well-spent.
- Holding the headteacher to account.

A trustee's relationship with the school's leadership team involves challenging existing processes to drive school improvement. This voluntary position involves attending around six meetings per year. Although becoming a trustee requires drive and commitment, you'll enjoy many professional and personal rewards, including career development opportunities and the chance to support young people's futures.

We are particularly interested to hear from you if you have skills in finance (including estates management) or knowledge of current education. We invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and trustees are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

If you have any questions or are interested in this role, please email: [clerk@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk](mailto:clerk@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk)



# Clifton All Saints Academy

## Open Day

### Wednesday 27 November 2024



Is your child due to move into **Year 5** from **September 2025**?

Clifton All Saints Academy is a school for children aged 2yrs 6mths to 11yrs.

**“The pupils at Clifton are kind and caring.” Ofsted**

**Next open day: Wednesday 27 November 2024**

**6.30pm – 7.30pm Parents/Carers Only**



Please click on the link below or scan the QR code to book onto one of our tours: <https://forms.gle/TLbAqDDGrCconcMX8>

Alternatively contact the school office at Email: [school@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk](mailto:school@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk) / Tel: 01462 628444

## Clifton Planning Applications Update

### Central Beds Decisions at 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**CB/24/02729/DDC** - 19<sup>th</sup> September – Clifton House, Church Street, SG17 5ET. Listed Building alterations to walls and roofing. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/24/02573/FULL** – 12<sup>th</sup> September – 47, Harwood Lane SG17 5NW  
First floor extension with windows, Juliet balcony and rooflights. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/24/02531/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> September – 20, Herberts Meadow SG17 5FU. 2 storey rear extension. **Consultation Period**

**CB/24/01748/DOC** – 14<sup>th</sup> June – Land to rear of 210/218, Shefford Road. Discharge of various conditions. **Decided.**

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

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

Tony Hyde – Clifton Action Group





# CLIFTON COMMEMORATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR VE DAY 80

Last month we shared our little teaser of the blossoming plans for our village Commemorations and Celebrations of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, in May 2025. We are now able to share the times and dates for your diaries!:

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 7:30pm**  
VE Day 80 Commemorative Beacon Lighting on Grange Street.
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 4pm to 8pm** Clifton  
VE Day 80 StrEAT Party, on Clifton Playing Field.
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 2pm to 6pm**  
Family Fun Day, Clifton Playing Field and Community Centre.
- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 3pm** service at The War Memorial followed by refreshments and activities in the churchyard.



Now you know what is happening and when, we bet you are wondering how you can get involved? There are MANY ways! If you are associated with a local business or organisation you might like to sponsor these events; sponsorship is vital to keep these events free at point of entry and accessible for all members of our community. Or you, your business, or organisation might be able to donate a raffle prize. We will also be looking for a team of volunteers! Most importantly come along to as many of the events as you can!!



We are still recruiting poppy Knitters & Crocheters, & donations of red and black wool.



In the coming weeks and months we will be announcing many more details, please follow along on our social media accounts if you can! Facebook.com/CliftonSpecialEvents and Instagram.com/SpiritOfClifton.

If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact:  
[CliftonVE80@Gmail.com](mailto:CliftonVE80@Gmail.com)



## Church Floodlighting Sponsor: November

Sponsor	Dedication
Not published	Remembering our beloved son, Stephen Andrew Gurney, and the Copperwaite family of Clifton.
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# Clifton All Saints Academy

*Open Day*  
*Thursday 21 November 2024*



**Is your child due to start school in September 2025?**

Are you looking for a caring family school for your child?

Clifton All Saints Academy is a school for children aged 2yrs 6mths to 11yrs.

***“The pupils at Clifton are kind and caring.” Ofsted***

**Next open day: Thursday 21 November 2024**



Please click on the link below or scan the QR code to book onto one of our tours: [https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/CsQ3ogKnbgXPV9bR9)

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# Clifton Neighbourhood Plan



If you read our incredibly interesting submission in last month's Chronicles you will remember that the referendum to adopt your squeaky clean, brand new, Clifton Neighbourhood Plan was scheduled to be held in mid-November.

The date has now been confirmed and it will be (pause for drum roll...):

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Yes, we know that elections and referendums are always held on a Thursday, but it turns out that is simply a convention, and they can be held on almost any day of the week! Every day's a school day isn't it? The result will be determined by a simple majority of those who vote.

Now, for anyone who thinks this is unimportant we would argue it is more important to us than any other election because it directly affects Clifton and, if adopted, will become a small part of the law of the land. This ensures it will be taken into consideration before any decisions which affect our village are made. By Planning Officers, for example...

Obviously, it is important that you know what you are voting for, so you may like to peruse a copy of the Plan by visiting the Parish Council's website and following the link to "Neighbourhood Plan".

<https://cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk>

On the same page is the report from the Examiner who inspected the Plan. There are also a few printed copies to borrow from the Parish Office in the Community Centre on Whiston Crescent if that is more convenient.

If you haven't already done so, you will receive a voting card in the post and if registered for a postal vote you will receive the necessary voting forms in the usual way. If you would like to ask any questions, please send them to: [planforclifton@gmail.com](mailto:planforclifton@gmail.com)

Please, please take this opportunity to "have your say" on the future of Clifton. We need as many people as possible to take part in this referendum because it affects not just those of us who live here today, but also those who will live here tomorrow and for years to come.

Once again, thank you from your Clifton Neighbourhood Plan team!

## Clifton WI



The Turf Tappers proved to be an entertaining and fun start to our October Meeting. Lots of our members joined in with the singing etc. We did the usual reports and notices afterwards, this worked out well and was followed by tea and biscuits and a raffle.

### Meeting November the 6th

November the 6th is our 102nd Birthday Celebration. It seems impossible another year has gone by so quickly. There will be a taste test, Birthday Cake with Prosecco/orange juice and a table quiz. Lots to keep you entertained.

### Lunch 21st November

If you have not yet signed up for our lunch on the 21st November at The Five Bells, please let us know as soon as possible.

### Christmas Party 4th December

Our last Meeting of the year on the 4th December will be a Christmas Party. We will be having lots of food and cake (no lunch require beforehand). A music quiz and a Christmas Raffle. If you have any dietary requirements please let me know in advance.



Thank you for your support at our recent events. We hope to plan many more for next year.

Lesley Burton.

## Join us for Clifton's Act of Remembrance

War Memorial, 10.45 am



Post Office and War Memorial, Clifton, Bels.



# Crime Statistics for September 2024

## **ASSAULT WITH INJURY**

01/09/2024 Clifton Fields

## **TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS**

03/09/2024 Bilberry Road

## **POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS (Cannabis)**

05/09/2024 Harwood Lane

## **THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE**

08/09/2024 Church Street

09/09/2024 Yew Tree Walk

18/09/2024 Shefford Road

## **OTHER THEFT**

09/09/2024 Yew Tree Walk

## **STALKING**

09/09/2024 Undisclosed

## **HARASSMENT**

12/09/2024 Undisclosed

27/09/2024 Undisclosed

## **OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

14/09/2024 Harwood Lane

## **ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY**

18/09/2024 Bilberry Road

23/09/2024 Earl Close

24/09/2024 Chapel Close



**CLIFTON**  
PARISH COUNCIL



# GLGS

Our last meeting of our regular season took place on 15<sup>th</sup> October at Panshanger Golf Club. Following the recent wet weather the course was muddy in certain areas, and this was reflected in the scoring. Again, a meal was enjoyed back at the Admiral in the evening where the prize giving took place.

1 <sup>st</sup> with 35 pts	Jim Cameron
2 <sup>nd</sup> with 29 pts	Ian Saunders
3 <sup>rd</sup> with 28 pts	Brian Sapsed

Nearest the Pin – Ian Saunders  
Longest Drive – Alan Evans



Prior to this a group of members had visited the Bournemouth area in late September for the annual tour, three games were planned but the third game was washed out. The winner of the event was Ian Saunders, second place went to Brian Sapsed and third to Nick Masters.

Planning has already started for next year's games, if you are interested in joining us, please contact:

**John Wall - 01462 814097 or  
Brian Sapsed - 07399623543.**

## Calling all Knitters & Crocheters



**Can you help us to recreate a display like this on All Saints Church for VE Day?**

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.

# Scarecrow Festival



Thank you to everyone for entering and to everyone who came out over the weekend to vote for their favourite scarecrows.

A massive thank you to all our sponsors without them we wouldn't be able to put our programme together:



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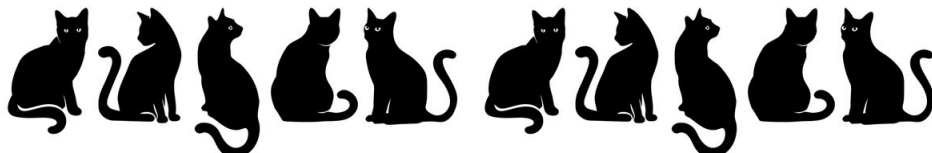
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\*The 10.30 a.m. Sunday morning service will continue to be held at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton.

### Mondays (term time)

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

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

### Wednesdays (term time)

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### **Saturday Service**

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### **Sunday Service**

9.30 am Worship for all, plus Junior Church, crèche facilities & refreshments afterwards.

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