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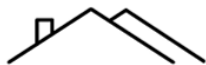
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All contributions and information from clubs, societies and general community interest items are welcome, the editor reserves the right to make decisions on content. Please e-mail contributions to: chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

Wishing you health and good times in the new year, there are lots of activities to look forward to, join in!

Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Dear Friends

The Church of England's Christmas theme is:

Follow the Star: Calm and Bright

drawing on the carol, Silent Night:

"Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright..."

This carol invites us into the still centre of the Christmas story, contemplating Mary holding the new-born Jesus, the Light of the World, showing that peace can be found. As we prepare throughout Advent, for Christmas, may we find some **Calm** during this busy period, although 'calm' doesn't seem to be the right word to describe what is going on at the moment in parts of the world. Bethlehem certainly isn't calm this Christmas.

Let us remember that the star that guided the wise men to Bethlehem, offers more than just light; it points the way to something greater than the chaos of the world.

Perhaps, this Christmas and coming year, more than ever, we need to recapture that sense of calm. To allow ourselves time to reflect, to remember that the Christmas story speaks of hope and renewal. In a world so often marked by uncertainty and unrest, these quiet moments may offer a sense of peace that can't be found in the noise. We can't change the circumstances of the world overnight, but we can choose how we respond.

Wishing you every blessing in this season, let us calmly follow the star — a symbol of hope, shining brightly in the darkness and guiding us through to the New Year.

Rev'd Canon Caren



Messy Church

26th January 2025

Church Hall, 10:30 am

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4th Sunday of the month



All Saints' Church, Clifton
From the Registers

Funeral North Herts Crematorium

28th October

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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

FESTIVE GREETINGS

Its been a lively year for the Good Neighbour Scheme. Thankfully we've recruited some new volunteers recently which helps enormously in ensuring we can spread the volunteering around. But we can always do with more help, especially drivers. So if you are looking to fill a gap in your busy diary why not volunteer. Details on how to do that can be found on our "Volunteers Needed" advertisement in this magazine.

The Tea & Chat sessions remain a constant source of fun and laughter. If you know anyone who needs company or cheering up get them to come to one of the sessions. The programme is very varied and they are bound to find something to smile or laugh about and make new friends.

If you know of anyone who is applying for Pension Credit and is struggling with the application form AGE UK on 01767 317645 and the Citizens Advice Bureau on 01767 601368 both based in Biggleswade have staff who can help. Please give them a call if required.

At this time of the year our usual reminder to make sure Christmas presents are kept out of sight as they can prove tempting to some. And please do make sure that any electrical decorations are still safe before using them and remember to switch them off before leaving home or going to bed.

Our volunteers have done a marvellous job throughout the year and we'd like to say "Thank You" to all of them

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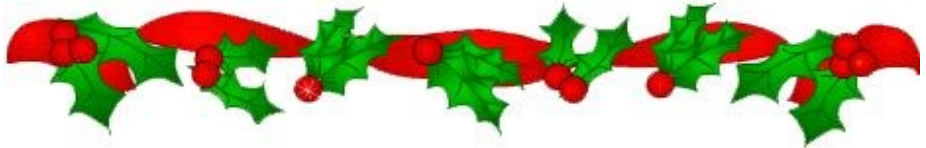
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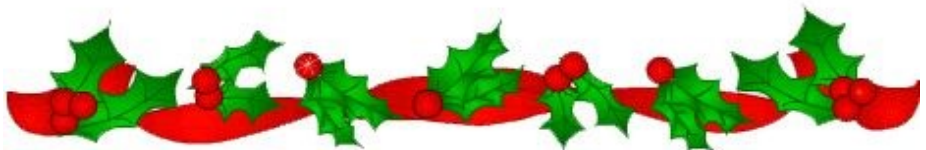


Eileen Tobitt

together with Felicity and Hilary

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A peaceful Christmas & a happy New Year





Samuel Whitbread Academy

OPPORTUNITY • ACHIEVEMENT • EXCELLENCE

As we approach the end of this term, I am delighted to share with you many of the student's achievements and experiences. Despite the challenging weather, the spirit of our community remains strong and vibrant. It's remarkable to witness the dedication and resilience of both our students and staff.

Recently we celebrated cultural heritage through Black History Month, focusing on the theme of "reclaiming Narratives". We've seen continued collaboration between schools and students across the BEST Trust, with Rudo and Kiera delivering a fantastic assembly at Robert Bloomfield. They brought attention to the many black inventors, pioneers and trailblazers of their time by telling their stories and sharing their contributions to the world. Our student equality and diversity team, led by Dr Haynes and Mrs Brown, along with Sharon De Leonardis, have worked tirelessly to deliver educational and exciting content for our students. They held a conference this half-term for primary pupils and a similar conference in the summer term for secondary students from across our cluster. We're immensely grateful for their hard work and the difference it has made to our community.



Our students have also participated in various educational trips, representing the academy with exemplary conduct. From a Politics trip to the House of Parliament for Year 12 students to Year 10 Art trips for coursework, and a STEM Careers event in London for Year 11 students, our students have engaged in a wide range of learning experiences outside the classroom.

In Sport, we have had several good results in the first half-term. The boys 1st XI team embarked on an important trip to SGS College, and our Netball U16A's achieved a splendid victory in the National Shield against St Joseph's College. The team recorded a notable victory of 40-21 during their home game, demonstrating exemplary performance throughout the match.



Year 11 and Year 13 students will soon be undertaking their mock examinations, a valuable opportunity for self-assessment and improvement. I wish them the best of luck with their preparations for this important time of the year.

Nick Martin, Principal



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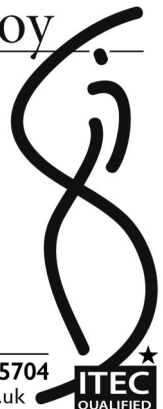
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Thank you all so much for your kind donations to this worthwhile cause. A huge thank you also to everyone who has helped with this year's appeal:

-  To all the wonderful volunteers who helped on the stall
-  To Tesco who kindly allow us to have our stall outside their shop
-  To Clifton All Saints Academy To the Admiral, the Golden Lion, Baxters, Clifton Cuisine, Clifton Garage, and Tesco for all your help with selling poppies.

If anyone would like to consider helping with next year's Poppy Appeal please call me on 07778429766.

Thank you all so much, Denise Panton



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Tuesday 17th December

Saturday 17th January

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Henlow Church of England Academy



The new school year at Henlow Academy began with enthusiasm, energy, and, as always, a deep sense of community. As we approach the end of the Autumn term, we're excited by the foundation we've set for what promises to be an engaging and successful year ahead.

September is always a busy month at Henlow Academy. New students settle in, Year 10 students embark on their GCSE journey and Year 11 students enter their final year. It's a time of change and growth for all. One of the highlights of the term is our open evening, which provides prospective students and their families a chance to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and discover the wide range of subjects and extracurricular activities we offer including psychology, illustration, gymnastics, business and drama to name just a few. It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase the best of what Henlow Academy has to offer and to welcome new faces into our vibrant school community.

This term has already been filled with memorable moments. One of the first highlights was our vibrant Harvest Festival, where the whole school came together to celebrate the season's abundance. Pupils, staff, and parents participated in our challenge to collect 750 tins for The Need Project, a testament to our school's commitment to giving back to the community. Our harvest celebrations not only marked the change of the season but also reinforced the importance of generosity and care for others.



November brought us together for a series of meaningful Remembrance services. Some of our prefects joined local villagers at the War Memorial, Year 8 attended a special church service, and our forces students visited RAF Henlow to take part in their Remembrance Service. The rest of the school gathered to reflect on the importance of peace, unity, and the sacrifices made by so many for our freedom. These services were a poignant reminder of the values that unite us as a community.



As we head into December, excitement is building for the festive season. Our school is preparing for a jam-packed month filled with holiday activities, including a Christmas Fayre, Christmas concert, Christmas dinner, and Christmas Jumper Day. It's always a highlight of the school year, and we can't wait to celebrate together!



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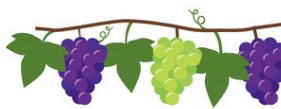
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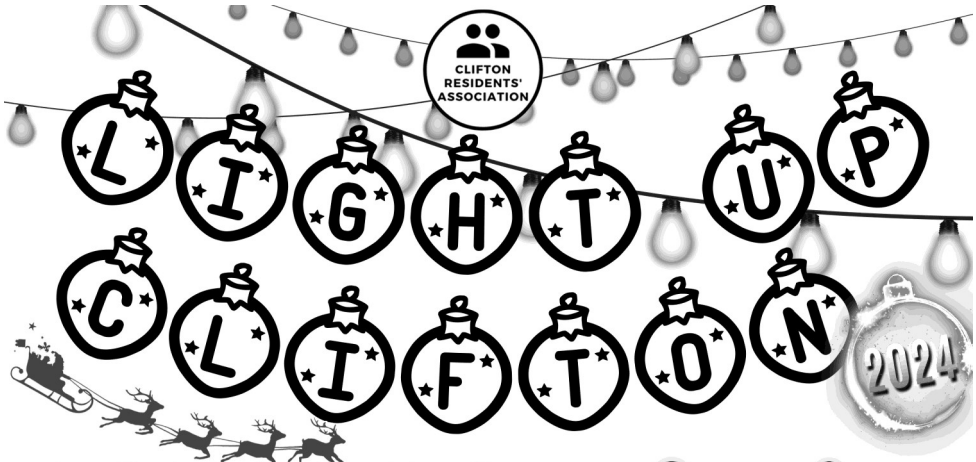


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All Saints Church

Refreshments & Raffle



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All Saints Church, Clifton

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A reminder of the dates for your 2025 diaries:

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VE Day 80 Commemorative Beacon
Lighting on Grange Street.

■ **Friday 9th May 2025 4pm to 8pm**

Clifton VE Day 80 **StrEAT Party**, on
Clifton Playing Field.

■ **Saturday 10th May 2025 2pm to 6pm** Family Fun Day,
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■ **Sunday 11th May 2025 3pm** service at The War Memorial
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there are over 60 of us!!

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Clifton Planning Applications Update Decisions at 14th November 2024



CB/24/03159/OUT – NEW SITE in CLIFTON PARISH. 7th November – Land between 96 and 117, Hitchin Road SG17 5JD. Erection of up to 60 new dwellings. **Consultation Period.**

CB/24/02293/FULL – 7th November – 9, Clifton House Close SG17 5EQ Demolition of conservatory and replace with single storey extension. **Consultation Period.**

CB/24/03082/4/NMA – 28th October – 28, Church Street SG17 5ET. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of single storey dwelling. **Application Registered,**

CB/24/02888/FULL – 14th October – 12/13, Earl Close SG17 5RS. Detached 1 bed single storey dwelling. **Consultation Period.**

CB/24/02573/FULL – 12th September – 47, Harwood Lane SG17 5NW First floor extension with windows, Juliet balcony and rooflights. **Application Withdrawn**

CB/24/02531/FULL – 11th September – 20, Herberts Meadow SG17 5FU. 2 storey rear extension. **Granted.**

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

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

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Clifton WI



Our Charity Coffee Morning was a great success and a total of £560 will be donated to our Local Hospice. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in any way especially those who donated cakes, raffle prizes and cash. A fitting tribute in memory of Mary Morgan and Linda Patch.

November Meeting

We had a lovely afternoon. Glasses of Prosecco/Orange juice were handed out to members on entry. After the usual business, mince pies and chocolate rolls were distributed to each table. The plates had a corresponding number to a form. After testing, debating and scoring the 3 varieties of each type of cake, from best to worst. Scores were given. Sainsbury came out on top of the Gluten/Free From. A fun activity. Birthday cake and tea followed by a raffle concluded a busy afternoon.

December Meeting

We will be entertaining members and a few guests from local WI's with a proper afternoon tea (no lunch required). This will be followed by a Music Quiz and a Christmas Raffle.

January 8th Meeting

Our first Meeting of the New Year 2026!! We will be deciding which of the Current Resolutions goes forward to County. After which our President Sue Hyde will be hosting Call My Bluff, which she has also compiled.

I wish you all, on behalf of The Committee, a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Lesley Burton 07722357542



Clifton Neighbourhood Plan

On Wednesday 20th November, residents of Clifton voted either “yes” or “no” to this question:

‘Do you want Central Bedfordshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Clifton Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’



There were 678 votes cast, and the result was clearcut. “Yes” received 648 votes, (95.6%), and “No” received 30 votes, (4.4%). No matter where you put your cross - thank you for taking the time to vote.

We now have a Neighbourhood Plan. It will be used by CBC alongside planning law and the National Planning Policy Framework, (issued by HM Government), when development decisions for Clifton are being made.

This will make speculative planning applications less likely to succeed.

It is important that the Plan remains relevant and up to date, so written into it is a requirement that the Parish Council review it every three years.

Since this is almost certainly our very last Neighbourhood Plan update, we would like to take this final opportunity to thank everyone who helped to produce it. It wasn't easy – many other villages have failed, whilst others consider it too difficult and time consuming to even attempt.

The names of everyone who contributed time, effort and resources to pulling it all together are printed on page 117 of the Plan.

Finally, you may be interested in how much all this has cost you, (via your Parish Council). Many Neighbourhood Plans have cost their communities tens of thousands of pounds, (we've even heard, anecdotally, of one costing £100,000!)

Your Clifton Neighbourhood Plan cost £51.35. We hope you don't mind...

Thank you.
Your Clifton Neighbourhood Plan Team



Crime Statistics for September 2024

CRIMINAL DAMAGE – RESIDENTIAL

02/10/2024 Herberts Meadow

HARASSMENT

03/10/2024 Undisclosed

STATE OR PUBLIC ORDER

05/10/2024 Herberts Meadow

12/10/2024 New Road

BURGLARY – BUSINESS OR COMMUNITY

06/10/2024 Shefford Road

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A BUILDING – BUSINESS

06/10/2024 Hitchin Road

THEFT OR UNAUTH TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

31/10/2024 Fairground Way

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY – HOME

06/10/2024 Whiston Crescent

12/10/2024 Kits Close

18/10/2024 Broad Street

OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE

09/10/2024 Stanford Lane

PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS

10/10/2024 Broad Street

12/10/2024 Shefford Road

17/10/2024 Shefford Road

SHOPLIFTING

11/10/2024 Shefford Road

17/10/2024 Shefford Road

31/10/2024 Shefford Road

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY

14/10/2024 Harwood Lane

18/10/2024 Harwood Lane

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE

14/10/2024 Church Street

TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS

25/10/2024 West Close

POSSESSION OF OTHER WEAPONS

25/10/2024 West Close

SEXUAL

25/10/2024 Undisclosed



OTHER THEFT

31/10/2024 Shefford Road



RSPB Local Group

Hitchin & Letchworth

Friday December 6th

'The Birds of Hertfordshire 10 years on'

A talk by Mike Ilett who is an expert on birds of Hertfordshire. He will tell us about changes since the book 'Birds of Hertfordshire' was published in 2015.

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

Sunday December 15th

An own transport trip to Fishers Green in the Lee Valley.

Meet 10am at Stubbins Hall Lane car park EN9 2EF 10am.

All our events can be found on our web page:
<https://group.rspb.org.uk/hitchinandletchworth>



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Friday 3rd January

Birds of Costa Rica—James Walsh

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

Saturday 18 January

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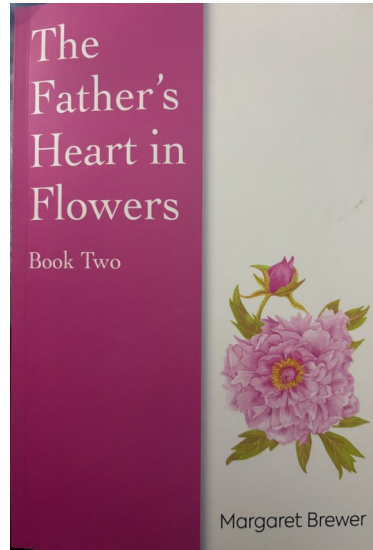
Margaret Brewer

local author and illustrator

Margaret Brewer has lived her whole life in Bedfordshire, "John Bunyan's County" as she calls it. Margaret's faith is central to her life, alongside her other passions of family and flowers. Since retiring from work as a nursing assistant she studied with The Society of Botanic Artists and passed with credit, achieved a City and Guilds in Flower Arranging and won a silver medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.

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