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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

As always the Chronicles is available on line: www.clifton-beds.co.uk

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Dear friends,

As the bright lights of Christmas seem dim behind us, candles are set alight during the service in churches on 1st February for the feast of Candlemas, otherwise known as the 'presentation of Christ in the temple'. As related in the gospel of Luke (chapter 2:22-40) the baby Jesus is presented to a priest called Simeon; nowadays parents bring their children to a priest to be christened.

Simeon the priest recognised Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ child, and exclaimed that Jesus is 'the light to lighten the gentiles'. The lights of Christmas, although they have now been set aside, remain bright in our hearts in the knowledge, as Christians believe that Jesus is the Light of the World.

May that light continue to flicker, grow and give us hope as we move through the rest of the year. We pray that the light of Christ will continue to bring hope to those places in our world where there is darkness and despair.



With every blessing, Revd. Canon Caren.

Candlemas Service 2nd February—11.00 am

Snowdrops are associated with Candlemas because they bloom around the time of the festival and symbolize hope for spring. Snowdrops are also known as "Candlemas bells"



Messy Church 23rd February 2025

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

4th Sunday of the month



All Saints' Church, Clifton From the Registers

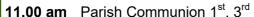
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All Saints' Church Clifton Services

Sundays:



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/

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

'Out with the old, in with the new' is an expression often said around New Year and often refers to making resolutions to improve life styles and health, generally to make a better fist of what we do.

At CGNS we will continue to strive to provide the best support we can for local folk who may need help getting to an appointment, seeing loved ones or collecting a prescription or shopping. And, of course, making sure that those who attend the fortnightly Tea & Chat sessions have a good time and make new friends. As well as the usual fun and games we also try to engage speakers for some of these sessions on topics that would be of use and interest to the attendees.

If you are interested in helping out with our activities or if you need our help just call....

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- 12th February
- 26th February
- 12th March



2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month For help with transport ring: **07817 614654**



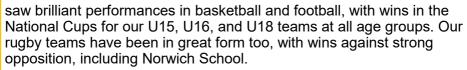
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It's wonderful to reflect on the many achievements of our students and the vibrant events that have taken place over the past term. One of the highlights was our fantastic Christmas pantomime, Alice in Wonderland. What an extraordinary performance it was! The cast and crew truly dazzled, and the evening was met with a well-deserved standing ovation. It was heart-warming to see our students shine in such a creative and collaborative effort, bringing this magical story to life in the most wonderful way.

Another unforgettable event was our Performing Arts
Evening. This spectacular showcase of talent included everything from
drama and dance to our incredible choirs, orchestra, and two fantastic
bands. The evening demonstrated the depth and
diversity of our student's creativity, and we are
so proud of every performer.

In sports news, our U19 Netball team secured an impressive victory against Bedford Girls School, earning themselves a place in the regional competition alongside the U14 team in the New Year. What an incredible achievement! We also



And finally, I am absolutely delighted to be able to announce to you that Mrs Linehan has been appointed as the new Principal of Pix Brook Academy. Mrs Linehan has been Vice Principal at SWA for five years and started working at the school straight after Covid hit the UK - which was a blessing for us, as she led on all aspects of communication during that difficult time. She has had a big impact on the school, not least her work on improving teaching & learning and working with the High Attainers. She will be sorely missed at the academy, but I couldn't be prouder of her as she embarks on this new journey.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Nick Martin, Principal

Clifton All Saints Academy—CASA Cup

This year's **CASA Cup** was held two weeks later than usual on 11th October due to the torrential rain which fell in September. The weather on the day of the event was super, with blue skies and sunshine overhead.





13 teams played Florida Scramble on the Manor Course and enjoyed a BBQ lunch after playing their round. The winning team was Daniel Jenkins, Taylor Hagger, Towan Mott and Jordan Hagger who scored a very impressive net 55.

The longest drive and nearest the pin competitions were won by Julie Davies, Graham Evans, Spencer Pepper and Brendan Sugrue.

There were a variety of auction lots, including a Cainhoe Wood GC membership, a lesson with club professional Elliot Appleby, various 4 ball vouchers and "The Greenkeeper's Challenge". Mark Abbas was the highest bidder for "The Greenkeeper's Challenge" and we look forward to hearing the results of the match from him once it has been played.

The whole day was greatly enjoyed by all. The total amount raised for Clifton All Saints Academy's library refurbishment project was £2,326. In addition to this, we raised £258 for the MND Association, which we know is a charity close to the hearts of the Cainhoe Wood members.

Clifton All Saints Academy would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported this event by taking part. Thanks must also go to Cainhoe Wood Golf Club, club professional Elliot Appleby, everyone else who donated auction lots and prizes and Clifton All Saints Academy's fantastic PTA who did an amazing job putting together the team and individual prizes as well as some of the raffle prizes. Without everyone's generosity and support of this event, it would not have been the huge success that it was.



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Clifton Poppy Appeal 2024

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I must say a special thank you to the Golden Lion for their wonderful donation of £250. This money was raised when they kindly cooked us breakfast and served tea and coffee at the memorial service.

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

Clifton WI

On this cold but sunny day, it seems like a long time has passed since our December Meeting. Our Christmas Party was a great success. Excellent Food and Service, which was much appreciated. This was followed by a a Musical Quiz and Raffle. The afternoon enjoyed by members and guests alike.



January was also a fun afternoon. We had our vote on the NFWI Resolutions for the next campaign. Our Resolution going forward was for 'Let's Talk About Incontinence'. A difficult subject for many.

This was followed by Call My Bluff. We were trying to assess the meaning of six words, with some very bizarre clues. Only one team got all six right. A lucky guess? You decide.

February the 5th we will be playing Crazy Bag Whist. You will need to purchase 3 items, £2, £1.50 and £1. Anything you choose is fine, please put in a roomy paper bag. The rest will be provided. It's good fun and not necessary to know how to play Whist.

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- Front Garden / flower beds
- Planters and Hanging Baskets
- Tallest sunflower (seeds available free for children)
- Celebration of Garden Flowers

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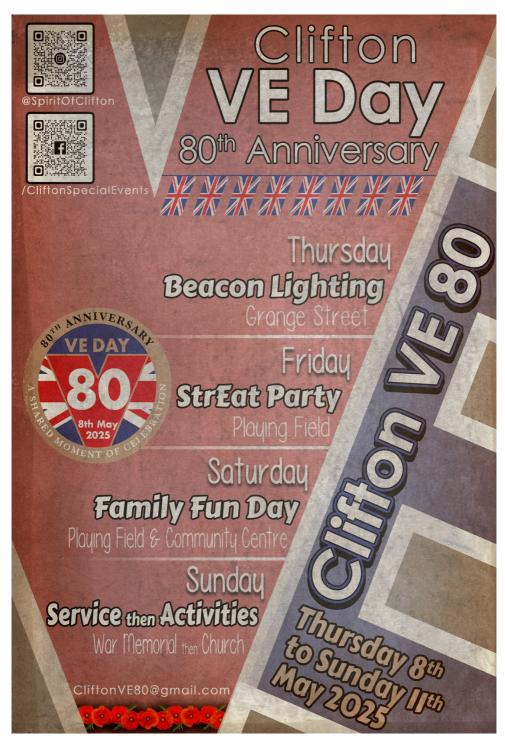
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Many knitting patterns were given away free, while wool was also sent to schools so that children could knit gloves, scarves and balaclava helmets for the forces. Wool was also supplied to organisations such as the Women's Institutes of England and Wales, who made over 22 million knitted garments for the Red Cross (an average of 67 garments per member). Parcels of their knitwear were sent to prisoners of war, as well as to troops.

Clifton Expects—Knit Your Bit

Can you help us to recreate a display like this on
All Saints Church for our
VE Day celebrations in Clifton on
Thursday 8th—Sunday 11th May



Our Craft & Chat Group are already knitting and our WI have risen to the challenge and have their needles and hooks deployed.

Everyone can join in, if you can't knit you can donate wool! Double knitting or chunky wool can be left in the church porch.

All shades of red, different sizes and wonky shapes of poppies are all welcome!

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Henlow Clifton Scout Group





Henlow Clifton Scout Group have had the great pleasure of formally opening The Brooker, an additional Scout HQ, to accommodate the growing number of young people and adult volunteers who want to be part of the fun, friendship and adventure that is Scouts.

In December, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Leaders, Trustees, parents and guests gathered together for drinks and nibbles. The

Brooker has been a long time in the planning and involved lots of fundraising over a number of years.

The Brooker was opened by Mrs Jan Brooker, who together with her husband Ken, were part of Henlow Clifton Scout Group for over 35 years, supporting young people and leaders alike and sharing their skills. Ken's favourite skill to share was tying knots, but he also made a dustbin oven to cook roast dinners in and had Scouts sleep up a tree!



Henlow Clifton Scout Groop would like to thank the following in particular for their support with The Brooker. Henlow Parish Council for their continued financial support, Central Bedfordshire Council for their match funding grant and Ashe Roofing of Hitchin for the supply and fit of the roof. We would also like to thank Ken and Jan Brooker for so many years of dedication to Henlow Clifton Scout Group – you made such a difference.

There are currently a few places available in the Scout section on a Thursday evening, youngsters are aged between 10 years and 6 months – 14 years in Scouts, if you are interested in joining, please email gsl@henlowcliftonscoutgroup.co.uk

If you are too old for Scouts, why not volunteer to be a leader, it's great fun, you make new friends and it looks good on a CV! To volunteer please also email gsl@henlowcliftonscoutgroup.co.uk As well as needing more volunteers, we are looking for a treasurer, also someone to record subs payments each month and other trustees to join our trustee board who meet every couple of months.

The Clifton Chronicles

The Clifton Chronicles is produced entirely by a band of happy and dedicated volunteers from across the village who variously, edit, print, collate, staple, fold, count, bag and eventually deliver the magazine through letterboxes throughout the village

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

Kathy Blackmore, Email: chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

Clifton Walking Group



The Clifton Walking Group is a friendly bunch of local people who like to walk in the local area and chat along the way.

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Tuesday 18th February Saturday 15th March

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Friday 7th February The Highs & Lows of the Nene Washes

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

Sunday 15th February

Coach trip to Blashford Lakes (HIWWT)

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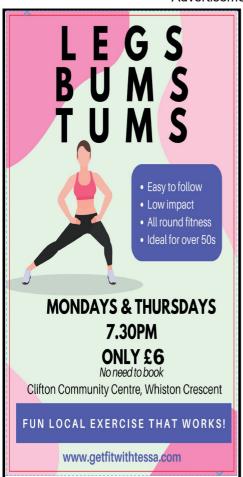
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Decisions at 13th January 2025

CB/24/0323/Voc – 6th December – 174,Clifton Road, SG17 5AH. Erection of 2 single storey dwellings. **Consultation Period.**



CB/24/03245/Full – 20th November – 22,Spring Road SG7 5RE. Erection of a 2 storey rear extension, new garage & front porch. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/24/03127/Full – 13th November – 26, Whiston Crescent, SG175HY Rear extension with roof lights and windows. **Granted.**

CB/24/03253/Full – 12th November – Land rear of 210 to 218 Shefford Road. Various Reserved Matters. **Awaiting Decision.**

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. **Granted.**

 $\text{CB/24/03082/4/Nma} - 28^{\text{th}}$ 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/24/00921/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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SWA News from November

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Following our successful Year 8 Open Evenings last term, we hosted over 400 prospective students at our Sixth Form Open Evening this term. This provided an invaluable opportunity for students to engage with our staff and gain insights into our Sixth Form. On the same evening, we also held our Careers Fair, where local businesses and organisations interacted with both internal and external students across all year groups, discussing future opportunities, pathways, and career options. I would like to thank everyone who contributed, from universities, colleges, police, army and a host of different local companies, who gave their time and expertise to enhance the students' understanding of their potential futures.

Nick Martin, Principal

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The Winter Garden, by Donna Cameron

I have recently planted the last of my bulbs. As I did I tidied as I went. Clearing dead leaves and cutting back. You tend to think of this time of year as dormant in the garden and seem to wish the winter away, longing for the garden to be teaming with vibrant colour again. But as I progressed, signs of life were quietly but surely there. The soil quietly stirring from its slumber.

I cut back some leaves of the Hellebores and to my amazement numerous buds were waiting to burst open. Little shoots of green were just emerging of daffodil bulbs I had planted from a previous year. When I had first gone out bundled up in boots, coat and scarf I thought how dreary everything looked but after being out and looking more closely Mother Nature was working hard and building our anticipation of spring.





I love it when I find things I had forgotten I had planted begin to emerge. Some Snowdrops in a pot under a Rose in bud had totally slipped my mind and yet here they were their white petals nodding in the breeze. Its isn't as quiet as I had initially thought in the garden!

The winter Honeysuckle, Amelankier and Sarcocca are budding up and the winter flowering Clematis Wisley Cream which I had bought from a local supermarket as a tiny plant, to my delight was now flowering. Its cream pretty bell like flowers trailing over some trellis by my back door for me to enjoy. I think at this time of year you appreciate and study even more the flowers that are bravely flowering in adversity and bringing such joy.

I can't wait to see all the Spring flowers I have planted in gardens come up soon. As I plant them I use my imagination to visualise how the bed will look come spring. It really is only a short time before warmer, longer days will be back.

In the meantime use this season to plan out your garden, any changes you are going to make be it hard landscaping, new plants, seeing where gaps are. Perhaps making a new bed or having an area with a theme eg Gravel Garden or a raised bed for veg. Your garden doesn't have to stay the same year in year out. Just ensure you make it your haven to enjoy and have what you like in it and gives you interest and pleasure.

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