

December 2014 & January 2015

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Forward Planner

December	
1	Clifton Forum, 30 New Road, 7.00, 'Green'
7	Family Communion Service, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 5.00
9	Craft Evening, Providence Baptist Church starting, 7.30 pm
10	Carols in the Churchyard, 6.00
	Wildlife Trust, Priory Country Park Visitor Centre, 7.30 pm.
13	A Dynamic Christmas, 6.00 All Saints Academy
16	Mothers' Union, 2 pm, Church Hall, Christmas Celebration
19	End of term
21	Carol Service, 6.30, Church
	Providence Nativity Service, 10.30 am Clifton Community Centre.
22	Providence Carol Service, Clifton Community Centre, 8 pm
24	Crib Service, 4.00 pm, Church
24	Christmas Eve Communion, 11.45 pm, Church
25	Christmas Family Communion, 10.30, Church
January	
4	Family Communion Service, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 4.00
6	New Term begins
7	WI, Church Hall
	Wildlife Trust, Priory Country Park Visitor Centre, 7.30pm.
25	Messy Church, Church Hall, 10.30
31	PTA Family Quiz with fish and chips,
February	
1	Candlemas Family Communion Service, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 4.00
4	WI, Church Hall
14	Pre-Lent Supper, Church Hall, 7 for 7.30

Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

Sunday Services

10.30 am and 6.00 pm. A warm welcome is assured to all.
Communion following the service 3rd Sunday in the month

Mondays (term time)

Mums and Tots – 10.00 am
5 Up Club – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Wednesdays

Weekly bible study and prayer meetings – ring for details.

Thursday's

10.30 am – coffee pot at the church, feel free to drop in for a drink.

Fridays (term time)

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

Secretary: Ron Cook 01462 850643

All Saints Church Services

(for dates see sidespersons' rota at back of magazine)

Sundays:

8.00 Communion, 2nd & 4th Sundays (2nd BCP)
10.30 Family Communion 1st Sunday
Parish Communion 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Morning Worship (non-communion) 4th Sunday
Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)
6.30 Evensong

Wednesdays: 10.00 am—Communion

Church Open every Monday 10.00-12.00
And 1st Sunday of the month 2.00-5.00

Nothing's impossible with God



Dear Friends,

Advent is here! Advent is a time of preparation for meeting Jesus. We so often use it to write and send cards, to buy and wrap pressies, and think of ordering the turkey. In amongst all this preparation **Advent** is a season observed in many Western Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is an anglicized version of the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. It offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming. Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before December 25, which is the Sunday between November 27 and December 3 inclusive.

The celebration originally began as a period of fasting, similar to Lent. Although the practice of abstinence was later relaxed, Advent retains the spirit of atonement and penitence, reflected by the use of the purple colour in the church's vestments, and absence of flowers, during this time

The St Albans Diocesan Advent Challenge this year is called **Connections for Life**, and begins on 30th November

It has a bit of an Advent shape: Week 1, Living, a brief trip through Genesis. Week 2, Loving, a look at Ruth and Hannah, Samuel and David. Week 3, Seeing, a reflection on the visions of the prophets. Week 4, Meeting, the journey to Bethlehem. Receive brief email: a bible verse, a short reflection, and image and a challenge for each day; or get texts to your phone, or follow@live_challenge

You will find up to date information on the Challenge website www.livethechallenge.co.uk

Many people have appreciated the Lent and Advent Challenges over the last few years. Not least those who wouldn't otherwise be finding time to stop, reflect and pray.

Every Blessing, *Reu'd Anne*

All Saints' Church
From the Registers



Funerals:

19th November Alastair Jarvis aged 89years

Baptisms:

26th October Sofia Aurelia Betty Redfearn Tarallo
Leonardo George Redfearn Tarallo
Ronan David Brinkler
Michael Stock
Tracy Ann Stock

2nd November Imogen Grace Lenk

CLIFTON

PARISH COUNCIL

For information on the facilities available in the Community Centre and to see details of the hire rates and ongoing weekly activities see:

[www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls for hire/CommunityCentre](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls%20for%20hire/CommunityCentre)

To check availability and make a booking please email parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk or phone Sharon Kingham on 07547 129038 or Bob Anderson on 07546 239784.



Booking Forms & conditions of hire can be downloaded from the website.



All Saints' Church

Special services in the next few weeks

Carols in the Churchyard
Wednesday 10 December
6.00 pm



Carol Service
21 December, 6.30 pm
With mince pies and mulled wine

Christmas Eve Crib Service
24 December, 4.00 pm
Bring your nativity sets to be blessed.
Bring back sheep to Knitivity



Christmas Eve Communion
24 December, 11.45 pm

Christmas Day Communion
25 December, 10.30 am



25 January, 2015

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Clifton All Saints' Academy



Little Princess Trust

We would like to say a HUGE well done to one of our pupils Cara Nocera who had her lovely long dark locks cut off professionally on the 25th October for the Little Princess Trust. This trust makes real hair wigs for children who have suffered hair loss. Cara has raised approximately £1,000 from donations received. We are all very proud of her and think her new short bob makes her look very grown up! Well done Cara.

Children In Need

On 10th November we had a visit from Pudsey Bear all donations received were taken away by Pudsey on the day to go towards all of the fund raising for Children In Need. Thank you to everyone that donated.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre held jointly with the Church was held on 29th November. Thank you to everyone that is involved in organising, setting up and clearing away. It is the hard work from all the volunteers that makes this such a successful fundraising event.

Uniform ordering

We are going back to our traditional way of ordering school uniform. The PTA have actively sort a local company where the quality is just as good and the prices competitive with the additional advantage of being able to place smaller orders. The PTA will keep a small stock of uniform as well as selling it on a regular basis at school on a Monday between 3-3.30pm. There will also be a uniform order form available on the website to download.

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December Christmas performance dates for your Diary

Our Christmas performances are always very popular with all of our parents, relatives and local community. This year Robin's children will be doing a separate performance on two afternoons and the rest of the school will be performing over two evenings and one afternoon. We request that you do not attend more than one performance and the dress rehearsal is aimed at grandparents, relatives, members of the community and any parents that are unable to attend any of the performances.

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 4 th Dec	Robins Christmas performance	2.15pm
Friday 5 th Dec	Robins Christmas performance	2.15pm
Friday 12 th Dec	Dress rehearsal (For parents/relatives whom are unable to attend the actual Christmas performances) (Tickets only)	2.00pm
Monday 15 th Dec	Christmas Performances (Tickets only) No younger siblings	2.00pm & 6.00pm
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Christmas Performance (Tickets only) No younger siblings	6.00pm

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please drive carefully and keep yourselves warm and safe over the festive period. The children return to school on Tuesday 6th January.

Our website address is:

<http://cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>.

The school email addresses are:

school@clifton-beds.co.uk and
headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . .

Once again we approach the festive season, as we look around we see a whole mixture of emotions and reactions to Christmas; from downright cynicism to absolute joy. How many times do we hear complaints about crass commercialism, yet we create it by our own insatiable demands and we enjoy the end products. How often are **children's anticipations countered by parents feeling pressured; or** by others wondering what they can get for that friend/brother/sister who seems to have everything.

Somehow almost all of us manage to enjoy the season each in our own way, but (without wishing to spoil the party) please spare a thought for anyone on their own who might welcome a kind gesture.

On a more sober note, please keep safe and secure. All those shiny new presents are a magnet for thieves and fraudsters; whilst old electrical decorations and similar items which are hauled out year after year need to be thoroughly checked before use.

We are there if needed: -

All our volunteers would also like to relax and enjoy Christmas, but **if you need any of our services then I'm certain that we will (as always) be there to help.**

If you need us just phone:

07817 614654



MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE



woodlands

pre-school

Our Christmas concert will be held this month on Thursday 18th December at the Church Hall. We will be holding two concerts - one in the morning and one in the afternoon to accommodate all the children.

This year the Christmas party for the children will be held on Friday 19th December at the Community Centre. We have hired soft play equipment for the children to play on and would recommend that the children wear suitable clothing including socks. We have planned a visit by Father Christmas and will be asking all parents and carers to come back at a set time so that you can visit Father Christmas with your child. We will be sending a letter out after half term giving more information regarding this and the allocated time slots.

We would like to remind parents and carers that once your child has settled you are very welcome to come in for a session at Woodlands. This is an excellent opportunity to find out what your child gets up to while they are with us. We have now put up a parent / carer rota, so if you are interested in coming in please put your name down on the rota which can be found in the cloakroom to avoid double booking. We hope to see lots of helpers in the New Year.

We close for Christmas on Friday 19th December and would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas. We return to preschool on Tuesday 6th January and will be welcoming some new children to the setting. Our theme next year will be historic periods!

If you would like further information on Woodlands Pre-school please visit our website www.thewoodlands.uk.org/ or call us on 01462 811486.

CLIFTON SPEED WATCH GROUP

In previous articles I have given you the number of vehicles that have been reported to the police for exceeding the speed limit in our village. I have not mentioned the total number of passing vehicles out of which the speedsters have been reported. However, I have been asked if I could give both numbers, as that would help in showing how successful Speed Watch is in traffic calming during the important school arrival and departure times in Clifton.



From the 13th January to the 31st October, out of at least 4,533 vehicles there have been 224 vehicles reported to the police for speeding. I quote “at least” because there were five visits where vehicles speeding were recorded but not the total number passing.

January saw 15 vehicles reported out of at least 187 passing; February - 9 out of 572; March - 30 out of at least 305; April - 14 out of 284; May - 45 out of 703; June - 13 out of 590; July - 25 out of 841; August - 7 out of 94; September - 14 out of 353, and October saw 52 reported out of 604.

Between 7th January and 16th September visits by the Mobile Camera Van, and other police units, have resulted in a further 226 vehicles being reported.

The Bedfordshire Community Speed Watch Group continues to grow, with 36 groups in Central Bedfordshire with nearly 400 volunteers. Locally, Arlesey, Broom, Campton, Langford, Meppershall, Shefford, Southill, Stanford and Upper Caldecote are, like our Clifton volunteers, out regularly; each group on different days and at different times.

If there is anybody interested in joining our local group, to ensure that we can continue to keep up our traffic calming results, please get in touch by emailing speedwatch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.org or contacting me direct.

Thank you for driving within the speed limits through Clifton, and our neighbouring communities, because if we want others to drive safely through Clifton we need to drive responsibly through theirs.

Clifton All Saints Academy PTA Events



First week of term in January - Copper Challenge

- which class will collect the most 1p and 2p coins?

Check the back of the sofa and every pocket! The class who collect the most keep 20% to buy something special for their class. Last year Puffins collected over £300 and bought a camera

Saturday 31st January Family quiz with fish & chips - an early evening quiz for all the family based on subjects recently covered in school. Time and details to be confirmed in Parentmail and notes in book bags.

Christmas Stamps- please cut the stamps off the Christmas cards you receive this festive season and bring them to school. We recycle them and raise valuable funds for school equipment especially from Christmas themed and foreign stamps

Calling all members of the community- would you like to get involved in helping organise events, contribute fundraising ideas to our meetings or take a turn at taking minutes. Volunteers always needed so please come to our next meeting to share your ideas: January PTA meeting Wednesday 14th January 7.30 in school staff room.



Thank you!

Clifton is a lovely village to live in, pretty and tidy, well looked after, but it doesn't just happen, as a lot of **people are at work all day. You don't see how hard the**

Parish Council and helpers work during the day, the tubs and planters, planted up and looked after, the garden of rest tidied and a lot of work has gone on this year cleaning and maintaining the village pond. If it wasn't for these people working so hard we wouldn't have such a lovely place to live in.



PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH – CLIFTON

Services and change of venue during December 2014 In addition to normal programme

Tuesday 9th December

Christmas Craft evening at Providence Baptist Church starting, 7.30 pm

Sunday 21st December

Nativity Service starting at 10.30 am at Clifton Community Centre.

Monday 22nd December

Traditional Christmas Carol Service at Clifton Community Centre starting at 8 pm

Please note that during December 2014 and January 2015 the Sunday morning service will be held at Clifton Community Centre starting at 10.30 am

Christmas gifts for children

Gifts for children will again be placed under the Christmas tree in church during December. If you would like to donate a toy for a child through a local charity please bring the toy to church, wrapped up and with an indication of the age for which the toy is appropriate.



Alternatively you can ring
Gladys Dawson for more details: 629822

Pre-lent supper 14 February 2015



3 course supper with an
Italian inspired theme

£12.50 pp

Guest Speaker: Rev'd Richard Winslade

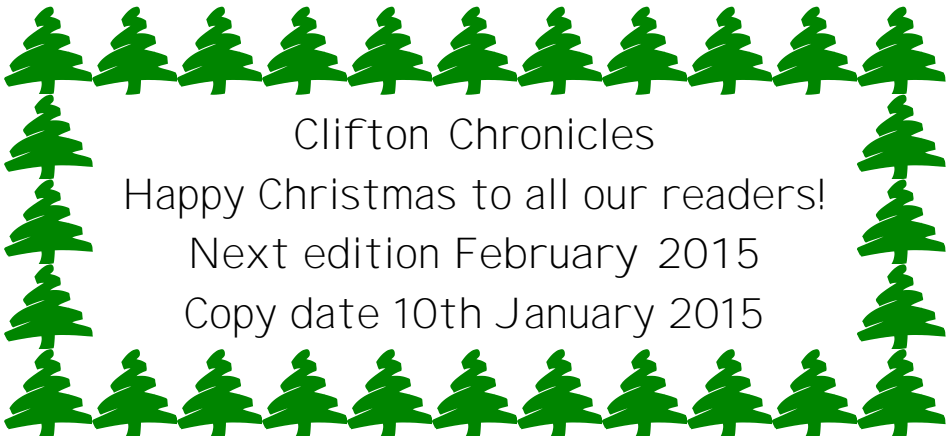
Shillington and Stondon

Light-hearted look at his present and past lives!

7.00 for 7.30

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

Tickets from Kathy: 646371



Clifton Chronicles

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

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Carols in the Churchyard

10 December, 6.00 pm



All Saints' Academy Sing Up

group will be leading carol singing, come along and enjoy this really festive occasion.

The All Saints' Academy PTA will provide refreshments—come along!



All Saints' Clifton

Carol Service

21 December, 6.30 pm

Carols and readings for everyone to enjoy



Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Come and join in the festivities!



All Saints Clifton



Sunday 25 January

10:30 am

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

- * **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) for more info if required**



Help our Lottie to health in the USA



Many of you have already put in a good word for Lottie Moss, in prayers at All Saints. Following 12 years of struggle with a brain tumour, a ground breaking drugs trial in the USA gives Lottie the real prospect of a cure. Treatment **in the USA isn't free, as it is here, with our wonderful NHS,** and we are all rallying round to chip in for the medical bills.

Please visit this web site to follow Lottie's progress and pledge what you can to help;
<http://www.gofundme.com/h6odn8>
or Google Lottie Moss gofundme.

My eternal thanks, Lottie's dad, Angus

AKA The Altar alterer, the maker of church gates, the uplifter of festive bunting...

A Dynamic Christmas

Saturday 13th December

All Saints Academy – 6.00 to 7.30 pm

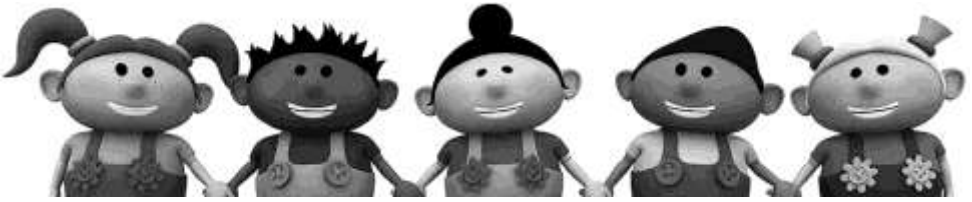


Dynamic Theatre Dance School are excited to bring you the talents of their own dance students and additional local organisations in a Christmas showcase to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Come along and get in the Christmas Spirit for only £4 a ticket/£3 for concessions.

All proceeds will go directly to Cancer Research UK
Please contact Klarissa on 07791 756908 to book tickets. We look forward to seeing you!



Dynamic Theatre Dance School, dtdance.co.uk



Clifton Parents and Toddlers Group

Wednesday mornings 9.15-11.15 am

Community Centre, Whiston Crescent

There's a warm welcome for everyone who comes along and joins in the fun. You'll meet new friends, have a drink and a chat while your children socialise with other toddlers and play with our large range of toys and activities.

Our craft activities and singing sessions are always popular, as well as our new story time session. Local sellers sometimes have a stall at Toddlers, look at our facebook page for details of who's coming up or email us if you'd like to have a stall!

- ★ For children from birth to four years old
- ★ Runs 9.15-11.15am every Wednesday during term time
- ★ £2 per adult and child, 50p each for additional children
- ★ Refreshments for adults and a healthy snack for children included
- ★ Ride on toys, climbing frame and slide and outdoor toys (weather permitting)
- ★ Craft table with a different craft each week

Contact us at clifontoddlers@gmail.com, search Clifton Toddlers on facebook, or call / text Sally Lawrence on 07876 238 108.

Clifton WI



The November meeting was attended by 43 members and one visitor. This was our 92nd Birthday, we had a glass of wine or soft drink and a cake was cut by Joanne Pond.

The minutes from October were read, agreed and signed and the following notices read out: November 24 Resolutions Meeting at Barton-le-Clay; February 24 BCFWI Quiz, Addison Centre; February 26 BCFWI Outing to Poppy Factory, Richmond; Stotfold have invited 6 members to their Christmas Party on December 10 and Stondon have invited 2 members to attend their party on December 17; A luncheon is being arranged at Clifton Cuisine on January 15. Subscriptions of £36 for 2015 will be required at the January meeting.

Early October a lady from Queensland Country Womens Association in Clifton, Queensland, visited Clifton looking for someone from Clifton WI. The president and press secretary were on holiday so fortunately she was able to see Joyce Tiney from Clifton Residents Association. She gave her a package to give to us. Apparently during the 2nd World War, Clifton ladies in Queensland sent parcels to Bedfordshire for Clifton Children. The WI then responded and thanked them by sending a tray cloth edged in lace. This was framed and hangs in the meeting room in Australia. Photographs of their room and the framed cloth were given to us and we will respond to the lady with an email, a WI Recipe Book and photographs taken at our party where the small package was opened. This contained a tea cloth with embroidery of their building in Queensland. Our thanks to Joyce Tiney for seeing the lady on our behalf.

Our speaker for the evening was Caroline Clark and her subject 'Happiness Matters'.

Birthday cards were handed to ladies with birthdays in November and the raffle was drawn. This was followed by birthday cake and tea/coffee.

The next meeting on Wednesday December 3, is the Christmas party for members and invited guests. The entertainer is Billy Keys. Please arrive not before 6.30pm but in time to sit down at 7pm.

Katherine Edwards 816334

Clifton Street Watch



Recorded crime figures for Clifton during September was just 6 incidents, of which 3 relate to vehicle crime, two of these were the theft of number plates. Our Police offer FOC packs of non-tamper screws to secure your number plates, preventing fraudulent use. Check out any “Crime Prevention” event or contact your local PCSO.

Residents owning dogs are advised to take extra precautions to keep their dogs safe. Recently there has been a rise in the numbers of dogs – particularly gun dogs – being stolen from around the county and in neighbouring force areas. Bedfordshire has reported half a dozen dogs being stolen from gardens and kennels, this included an attempted snatch from a lady walking her dog at 9.15 am along West Drive in Arlesey. She was approached by two men and a woman, who attempted to steal the pet. The victim was able to blow a whistle to gain attention and the would-be thieves fled. You are recommended to carry alarm devise and to have your dog chipped for added protection.

Recently, ten departments from Bedfordshire Police took part in the first “Schools Road Show” trial which proved to be an instant hit with pupils and teachers alike. The project, aimed at 11 to 15 year olds, reached 3000 young people. Local Police Teams were be joined by Roads Policing, Scenes of Crime Officers, Recruitment and other specialised departments from the force. The aim of the initiative was to allow young people an insight in to the daily work of the police service, dispel any rumours or myths about how officers work, introduce young people to different areas of policing including specialist teams, and importantly, give an opportunity for members of Bedfordshire Police to learn from our young people.

Finally, can I warn our residents to remain on their guard against a national scam known as the “**courier scam**”, fraudsters will suggest their cards have been cloned or a fraudulent payment has been made.. If you have older friends or relatives, please do make them aware of this sort of scam. Please let them know that banks and police officers will never ask you to withdraw cash or hand over cards and they must not go along with any suggestion of this kind. Should they be targeted, they must ring the police asap using an alternative phone.

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334



Clifton Residents Association

Hi everyone

As I write this it is two days after Guy Fawkes night, and there are still fireworks going off! I suppose this will now be happening right up to the new year. Personally, I fear for all the animals, especially the ones in the wild. Who knows what they are going through?

'Business' wise with the Residents Association it's very quiet at the moment. We have the usual niggling complaints, bad street lighting, litter, dog fouling etc. Not really anything to 'get our teeth into'. I know it's coming up to the festive season, but if you do have any concerns that we might be able to help with, please get in touch. As I have expressed before, we are here for all Clifton residents.

One of our committee members, Molly, has decided to retire from the committee after many years. We will miss her input and banter, not forgetting of course her impromptu wit, which always left us laughing! Thank you Molly for your unlimited dedication to our cause. You will be greatly missed!

On behalf of Clifton Residents Association we would like to wish all our Village residents a very merry and safe Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

As a post script, we are still keen to hear of anybody who would like to be a committee member. Why not make it a New Year's resolution to come along and see how easy it is to help your community?

**Season's Greetings, stay lucky
Den Fensome**

Clifton Planning Applications

Central Beds decisions to 7th November



CB/14/04317/FULL – 4 November 2014 – Riveroaks (formerly Silver Lake Farm) Stanford Lane, SG17 5EU. Change of use and provision of 5 pitch travellers site. Consultation period.

CB/14/03929/FULL – 7 October 2014 – 80 Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ. 2 Storey and single storey rear extensions. – Awaiting decision.

CB/14/03895/PAAD – 2 October 2014 – The Lakes Farm, Pedley Lane, SG17 5EH. Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling – Awaiting decision.

CB/14/03366/LDCP – 19 August 2014 - 27 Rookery Walk, SG17 5HW
Application registered: Single story side extension – Application Granted

CB/14/02399/OUT – 29 July 2014 – Clifton Farm Barns, Church Street, SG17 5EX Outline application: Erection of 3 dwellings – Application withdrawn

CB/14/02071/FULL – 23 June 2014 - 79 & 81 Broad Street, SG17 5RP
Erection of two detached bungalows with parking and access – Application granted.

CB/14/02134/FULL – 03 June 2014 – Land at Chapel Close, SG17 5YG. Retrospective: Retention of post and rail fence and gate, hardstanding and low level emergency lighting column associated with existing pumping station. – Application refused.

CB/13/02635/VOC – 01/08/2013 – 61 Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ, Variation of Condition: on Application CB/12/03957/FULL dated 07/03/2013 Condition No. 23 to be varied to - Substitution of approved floor plan and elevational drawings '114292-12/04A', '114292-12/05' and '114292-12-06A' with '114292-12/04-B', '114292-12/05-A' and '114292-12/06-B' – awaiting decision

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

FREE



Biggleswade Sandy Lions are proud to support CAFFE (Computers Are Free For Everyone), a registered charity in this country providing free computer education to underprivileged young people in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Without computer skills, they would be consigned to menial jobs because of their background, so this charity leads them to better jobs and a better life. The students come from the local area. Large families live in one cramped room with a tin roof, no electricity or running water and with primitive sanitation. It is extremely hot in the summer and the dwellings flood in the monsoon. The parents cannot afford to send their children for costly training so welcome the free training that CAFFE provides.

This charity runs 23 classes for 200 students. Luke Doyle is their inspiration and co-ordinator. In addition, they have 5 paid teachers, 3 of whom are students but teach part time. One of these full time teachers is Kobir, who came to them from the slums as their first student. As well as training in keyboard skills, and developing maths and language skills, they also, teach business skills, because many are better off running their own small business than working for someone else. Computer art and how to design and make computer games are part of the CAFFE syllabus.

The monthly expenses are only £4 per student. The national government only gives grants to large charities so that small ones such as this have to fend for themselves. CAFFE has a charity shop in Clair Court, Bedford, run by Luke's parents. In addition, they receive support through donations and from people signing monthly standing orders. More information can be found by going to www.caffebd.org

Whilst Biggleswade Sandy Lions primarily give help to those in need in our local area, we also support overseas projects like this one, as we are an International organisation. You too could be part of our fundraising team and help us give to our local community. All we ask is for just some of your time. How do we do what we do? Just go to our website www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk. Or ring 0845 833 9749 and chat to Dave or Judith Hagger. You are very welcome to meet us first hand on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Biggleswade Conservative Club. Come and be part of a pride of Lions.

PROUD TO SERVE



GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our October and final competition was played at **Abbey Hill GC**, competing for the **Martin-Swain Trophy**, the weather was very windy with heavy blustery showers. The testing conditions were reflected in the modest scoring. Our winners were:

1st with 34 pts – **Fred Dibley**
2nd with 33 pts – **John Bray**
3rd with 31 pts – **Brian Sapsed**
Longest Drive – **Brian Sapsed**
Nearest the Pin – **John Bray**



Next season will commence in March. If you are interested in joining us please contact **Harvey Price** on **01462 812781**.

Wildlife Trust **Bedford Local Group**



Wednesday 10th December

Priory Country Park Visitor Centre, 7.30pm.
An illustrated talk by Marion Hession, entitled
"Wild about Cuba".

Wednesday 7th January

Priory Country Park Visitor Centre, 7.30pm.
An illustrated talk by Rebecca Pitman, entitled
"Houghton Regis Chalk Pit"

All welcome, Free, but a voluntary contribution would be appreciated (£2 suggested).

Further details from 01234 266057 or see under events on:
<http://www.wildlifebcn.org/>

Good Quality, upright piano
(formerly a pianola)
requires a new home

It has an excellent tone and has been
regularly played and tuned.



The new owner would need to arrange transport from
All Saints' Church, Clifton.

A donation to the Church would be appreciated.

For further information please phone
Jean Peacock 01462 812514

CLIFTON CHURCH CHOIR

Affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music

*Do you or your children enjoy singing?
Could you or your children be an All Saints
Chorister?*



Who can join?

- * Boys and girls aged seven years and upwards and adults

What are the commitments?

- * Choir practices on THURSDAY evenings (term time)
- * 10.30am and 6.30pm services on SUNDAYS
- * Occasional weddings and other special services

How do I find out more?

- * Visit our web page:
<http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/choirPB/choir1.htm>

Contact Susan, our Organist and Choirmaster:
choir@clifton-beds.co.uk or **01525 404264**



Henlow Amateur Theatrical Society presents:



a pantomime by David Tristram

Friday 30 January 2015 (7.30pm)

Saturday 31 January 2015 (2.00pm & 7.30pm)

Sunday 1 February 2015 (2.00pm)

Friday 6 February 2015 (7.30pm)

Saturday 7 February 2015 (2.00pm & 7.30pm)

Doors open 30 minutes before curtain up

By kind permission of the Station Commander

BOX OFFICE: 01462 700785 or 07876 353677

Alternatively book on-line at

www.henlowtheatre.co.uk



Henlow Theatre, Hitchin Road, Henlow Camp SG16 6DN

The Biggleswade Talking Newspaper

Local news, for Local Listeners by Local volunteers
supported and funded by Local organisations

- **The Biggleswade Talking Newspaper is only way that the Blind and partially sighted person can independently access Local news.**
- If you know anyone who you feel would like to have a “talking newspaper” on a memory stick each week, **free** to the listener, **please contact us 07840 504940 or visit our web site.**
- We are the official “talking newspaper” for East Bedfordshire, **Biggleswade, Arlesey, Potton, Sandy, Shefford, Stotfold** and the surrounding villages.
- **The Biggleswade Talking Newspaper Day our Listener numbers have increased by 50%.in the last 18 months.**

[www. biggleswadetalkingnewspaper.org.uk](http://www.biggleswadetalkingnewspaper.org.uk)

We are a registered charity No 281316 established in 1981

Thank you



Grateful thanks to all those who contributed to a moving and dignified service at the Clifton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, Minister, bugler, choir, uniformed services and Parish Council all served us\ proud.



It was a wonderful occasion resulting from planning and attention to detail including the person who cleared litter and swept the area the day before.

Hopefully we can find someone to conduct the door to door selling of poppies next year. Contact Kathy if you can help on 646371.



Church Services Rotas December

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
7 th	10:30	Mr & Mrs R Welford		Mrs R Gray	Mr K Pledger Mr K Gray	Mr P Blackmore
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs J Pavey Romans 15:4-13	Officiate		
	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
14 th	10:30	Mr D Brace Mrs J Wyer	Mrs F Kendall 1 Thess 5:16-24	Mrs M Cole	Mr A Good Mr B Livesey	Mr J Gray
	6.30	Mrs F Kendall	Mr A Grant Phil 4:4-7	Officiate		
21 st	10:30	Mr C Brown Mr B Livesey	Mr B Livesey Romans 16:25-27	Mr R Parker	Mr J Gray Mrs S Collins	Mr K Pledger
	6:30	Mrs J Peacock Mrs J Cooper Mr & Mrs D Killick	Special Carol Service			
	4:00	Mrs R Gray Mr & Mrs P Blackmore	Crib Service			
24 th	11:45 pm	Mrs L Dawes Mr & Mrs P Blackmore	Hebrews 1:1-4 Mrs P Whittington	Mrs K Blackmore	Mr P Blackmore Mrs A Sullivan	Miss F Kendall
	10:30	Mrs R Gray Mrs P Wisby	Mrs P Wisby Isaiah 52:7-10	Officiate	Mrs S Collins Mrs K Blackmore	
28 th	10:00	Joint Holy Communion Service at Southill				
	6:30	No service				

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. This rota is also available at: www.clifton-beds.co.uk.

Church Services Rotas January

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
4 th	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs J Peacock		Mrs A Sullivan	Mr C Brown Mrs A Sullivan	Mr C Moncrieff
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Col 4:2-end	Officiate		
11 th	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mr J Good Gen 1:1-5	Mrs R Wagner	Mrs J Glenister Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs H Moncrieff
18 th	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore Eph 2:1-10	Officiate		
	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mr K Pledger 1 Sam 3:1-10	Mr A Clarke	Mr P Blackmore Mrs J Pavey	Mrs K Blackmore
25 th	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mr B Padgett John 1:43-51	Mrs P Whittington		
	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
1 st Feb	10:30	Mrs L Burton Mrs L Patch	Mrs L Dawes Acts 9:1-22	Mrs K Blackmore	-	Mr P Blackmore
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mr K Pledger Col 1:24-2:7	Officiate		
1 st Feb	10:30	Mrs J Dann Mrs K Blackmore		Mr R Welsford	Mr R Welsford Mr A Good	Mr A Good
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mr P Blackmore John 2:18-22	Officiate		

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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
	Sr Margaret	814079

Sunday Services

St Francis 9.00 am 5.15 pm

Saturday Service

St Andrew's RAF Henlow 6.00 pm

Shefford Methodist Church

Minister	Dave Haseldine	813284
Steward	Elsbeth	817199
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 Alison Stone 01462-731072

Sunday Services: 10.30 am, 6 pm
Sunday School 11.15