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# Forward Planner

February	
1	Candlemas Family Communion Service, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 4.00
2	Clifton Forum, 30 New Road
4	WI, Church Hall, 7.30
14	Model Railway Exhibition, Stratton School, 10.30-5.00
	Pre-Lent Supper, Church Hall, 7 for 7.30
15	New Worship, 6.30, Church
16-20	Half Term
17	MU, Church Hall, Maureen Hind - <i>History of Stondon Museum</i>
18	Ash Wednesday: 10.00 am & 8.00 pm communion with ashing
22	Messy Church, Church Hall, 10.30
28	Lions Jumble Sale, Community Centre, 1.30
	Lottie's Fund-raising Quiz, 7 for 7.30, Church Hall
March	
1	Education Sunday, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 4.00
5	WI AGM, Church Hall, 7.30
6	Pamper Evening, Community Centre
15	Mothering Sunday Service, 10.30, Church
17	MU, Outing to Swiss Gardens - <i>Daffodils</i>
27	<b>End of Term</b>
29	Palm Sunday, 10.30 and 6.30, Church

## 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

11.00 am—1.00 pm – 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,

This month brings in the start of Lent. Some people use the 40 days before Easter to give up something that isn't helpful, or that involves an amount of sacrifice – chocolate, biscuits, sugar etc. I am not disciplined enough for that, but I do like to commit to deepen my spirituality. For me, this starts with the Ash Wednesday Services at Clifton, 10am and 8pm, on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Both these services will be in the beautiful style of Taize. If this isn't familiar to you, please do come along to see what it is like.

As I buzz around sorting cupboards, turning out drawers and visiting the tip with my usual gusto for spring cleaning, I also recognise that my many errors and failings also need sorting. I need to get rid of unwanted behaviour and attitudes. During Lent I ask God to bring to mind what I need to turf out in order to give space for the development of Christ like characteristics, then I can emerge from Lent at Easter refreshed and energised, filled with a fresh passion for Jesus.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *Mother Teresa of Calcutta.*

Whatever Lent means for you, I hope that it will be a time of sorting and reflection.

Every Blessing, *Rev'd Anne*



**All Saints' Church**  
From the Registers



Funeral:

16<sup>th</sup> January 2015      Violet Annie Chapman

Burial of Ashes:

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014      Maggie Jarvis & Alastair Jarvis

Baptisms:

7<sup>th</sup> December 2014      James Raymond Francis Kilby

4<sup>th</sup> January 2015      Suzanna Elizabeth Miller  
William Arthur Basden

# 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](mailto: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

Candlemas Service

1<sup>st</sup> February, 10.30pm



New Worship, 15<sup>th</sup> February

Refreshments from 6.00 pm

Informal service 6.30 pm

Ash Wednesday

18<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00 pm

Taizé communion service with Ashing



Messy Church, 22 February, See page 21

Education Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> March, 10.30 am



Mothering Sunday

15<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am

Flowers for Mums

Palm Sunday Service

29<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am





# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

## WARNING. SMOKE ALARMS FAILING

A few years ago we installed smoke alarms provided by the Luton & Bedfordshire Fire Service. These were fitted with non-replaceable batteries which were supposed to have a 10-year life. Our experience shows that a number of these have failed prematurely, so we are appealing to everyone with a smoke alarm to test theirs and if faulty report it either to the Fire Service or to the Care Scheme who will notify the Fire Service on your behalf.

## FREEVIEW TELEVISION INTERFERENCE

The new 4G mobile phone service is coming to this area and may cause interference for some viewers of the Freeview services. Anyone experiencing problems should call 03333 131800 or log onto [www.at800.tv](http://www.at800.tv) and you will be sent an at800 filter which simply plugs in between your aerial and your TV. If you need further help please call us.

## WANDERBUS NEW TIMETABLE

The Wanderbus has a new timetable as from November 2014 and covers the following destinations. Baldock, Bedford, Hitchin, Letchworth, Milton Keynes and Welwyn GC.

We are there if needed just phone . . . . .

07817 614654



. . . **and we'll do our best to help.**

## WHITBREAD WANDERBUS TIMETABLE

These times are extracted by Clifton Care Scheme from the full timetable and show only the times and stops in Clifton together with their start and destination (NOTE: the times within Clifton are not always in progressive sequence, depending on the pick-up route for each destination).

The bus can only seat 16 passengers, therefore it is advisable to pre-book and a pick-up point can be arranged anywhere on the route that is safe and legal. Return routes are optimised according to the passengers travelling that day.

For further information or to pre-book call **0300 123 3023**.

Full information can be found on the website <http://wanderbus.org.uk>

**NOTE:- A copy of the full timetable is held by the Care Scheme if you need help.**

Pick-up Point	W1-Bedford	W4-Welwyn GC	W5-Baldock	W7-Letchworth	W9-Stevenage	W10-Hitchin & Stevenage	W12-Hitchin & Letchworth	W13-Milton Keynes
Day of the Month	1st & 3rd Wed	4th Mon	Every Thurs	Every Thurs	2nd & 4th Tues	1st & 3rd Tues	2nd & 4th Tues	1st Mon
Shefford Health Centre	08.45	08.45	13.30	08.20	08.45	08.45	13.25	08.55
Clifton Park	09.04		13.48		08.54	08.48	13.28	09.04
One Stop	09.02	08.52	13.46	08.34	08.52	08.50	13.30	09.02
Church St	09.06	08.54						09.06
Newis Crescent				08.36				
Stockbridge Rd				08.37				
Arrive Destination	10.00	10.05	14.30	09.12	10.00	09.55	14.30	10.15
Return Departs	12.10	12.00	15.50	10.30	11.45	11.45	16.00	12.45

# Happy New Year from everyone at Henlow C.E Academy



## **HENLOW PUPILS RISE & SHINE WITH NEW BREAKFAST CLUB**

Henlow Church of England Academy pupils will have the opportunity to start their school day earlier in 2015, with a brand new Breakfast Club.

Initially free, until full uptake is ascertained, the club will be supervised by teaching assistant Mr McGee, who is looking forward to breakfasting with pupils, reading, listening to music, chatting and enjoying a bright start to the day. "Breakfast is such an important part of the day and sometimes parents need the opportunity and flexibility to drop off their children at school a little bit earlier. I work with lots of different children at Henlow, and they are all looking forward to coming into school that little bit earlier to prepare themselves for the school day."

Headteacher, Caren Earp is delighted that there is so much interest in a Breakfast Club. "With most of our pupils making use of public transport to come into school, we have not had much demand for a Breakfast Club thus far. However, in response to several parental requests for their children to come into school a little bit earlier, we felt that a Breakfast Club was the best and safest approach for our pupils."

### **Key events/dates:**

- Year 7 Subject Parents' Evening, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- End of Spring Half term, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January
- Happy Bags, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Family Quiz Night, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 8 Subject Parents' Evening, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Comic Relief Day, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Key Stage 3 Drama Production, Tues/Weds 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Talent Show, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Ski Trip to Italy Leaves, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March



## Letter from the Chair of Governors

Henlow C of E Academy  
permanent Headteacher



On behalf of the Governing Body, I am delighted to announce the permanent appointment of Mrs Caren Earp as Headteacher of Henlow Church of England Academy. This appointment follows a lengthy, rigorous and competitive selection process along with a period of Interim Headship for this high profile position.

Mrs Earp, who has been our Interim Head since September 2014, joins us from Samuel Whitbread Academy where she was Vice-Principal. Mrs Earp will take up this permanent position from January 2015.

This is a milestone appointment for the academy and one which the Governing Body believes will be of enormous significance in realising the highest aspirations of the school and students. Many of you will have already met Mrs Earp at numerous events and so I am sure you will join us in welcoming her fully into the Henlow C of E Academy community.

Yours sincerely

Perry Huntley | Chair of Governors



A sincere thank you to Clifton residents who gave tremendous support to the two Lions sleigh runs. Once again the total raised was the highest of any of the various villages visited.

And a reminder that the famous:

## Lions Jumble Sale

### 28th February

Community Centre, 1.30 pm



# LOTTIE'S FUNDRAISING

## QUIZ

28<sup>th</sup> February 2015

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, STANFORD ROAD

Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

A maximum of 8 brains per team

£5 per person

Come and enjoy a fabulous evening  
and bring plenty of change for fun  
table games and raffle

Please feel free to bring your own drink and nibbles

**For more information about Lottie's story please visit**

[uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/lottiemoss](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/lottiemoss)

All donations are gratefully received

For more information and to book tickets please call Pauline on  
07947 875997

## Dog poo alert!

Dog poo around the entrance to All Saints Academy on Newis Crescent is becoming a real health hazard. Please clear up after your dog and make going to school a more pleasant experience for our children.





# woodlands

pre-school

This term our topic is '**Through the Ages**'. Within this topic we will be learning about Britain's history whilst celebrating various events throughout the Spring term, and linking adult led and free play activities throughout each week.

We are delighted to welcome Sammy Freeman back from her maternity leave, Sammy actually returned to work just before Christmas.

We have spaces at our after school extended care club, if you are interested please phone Nichole, Emma or Rebecca or alternatively visit our website detailed below for a prospectus and forms.

We break up for half term on 13<sup>th</sup> February and return to preschool Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

A date for your diary next month, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March there is a pamper night being held at Clifton Community Centre, this is a joint event with the Clifton Toddler group. Everyone is welcome please come along and enjoy some of the luxurious treatments we have to offer.

A reminder for anyone shopping on the internet: please go via our easy fundraising link which is: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and you can raise valuable funds for Woodlands at the same time! It takes a couple of minutes to register, please remember to specify The Woodlands Pre-School Clifton so we receive the donations. 'Every little bit helps' and we really appreciate your support.

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

# Clifton All Saints' Academy



A very busy term came to close with two wonderful performances of The Angel Express by Robins and 3 fabulous performances of Countdown to Christmas by Years 1-4. The children worked very hard to learn all of their lines and the words for the songs and gave their all in both versions of the Christmas story, and made the staff and helpers feel very proud. All performances were very well attended and donations raised £170 for the Philip Veale Trust and the school. Additional sales of festive items at the performances raised further funds for the Philip Veale Trust. Christmas parties and a visit from Father Christmas rounded off the celebrations in school.

The New Year started with a visit from the Don Rae Academy, taking the different classes around the African continent through dance. Over one day, Don taught each class a specific dance routine to a variety of familiar tunes, and then brought it all together in a whole school performance for staff, parents and visitors. It was amazing to see what can be achieved in 45 minutes and how focussed the children were.

At the end of January, Woodpeckers class will be travelling to London and the O2 arena to perform as part of Young Voices, a 7000 strong childrens choir, accompanied by 4 members of staff and 2 Governors. They have been practising the 10 songs and their accompanying dance moves during the Autumn term and are very excited about the chance to visit and perform at such a wonderful venue. It will be a long and tiring day but an experience they will remember for a very long time!

The Performing Arts Club which meets after school on a Wednesday will be preparing to perform at the end of term, showing off their newly developed skills through acting, dance and singing. They will be presenting "Joe and his Wicked Waistcoat" on the evenings of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Clifton All Saints Academy are always looking for ways to extend and develop the children's knowledge and understanding. If you have a skill, talent or interesting knowledge you would like to share, then please contact the school and help the children benefit from a community which shares and supports.

The school breaks for half term on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and return on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Website address:

<http://cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>

You can contact the school on:

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[headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk)



## 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

**All proceeds to All Saints' Church**





# Clifton Open Gardens 20 & 21 June 2015

This is a call to  
all gardeners in Clifton!



Are you willing to open your garden to raise some funds for **All Saints' Church Clifton**? **We have found from previous open** gardens that garden visitors enjoy looking at all sorts of gardens; vegetable plots, flower beds, trees and shrubs, most of all they enjoy talking to you about your garden.

Please think about whether you can join in with this event which has been very enjoyable in the past. We will be organising teas to refresh visitors and the church will be open.

Get in touch in the first instance with  
Kathy Blackmore, 646371

## Clifton Garden Party

Clifton Rectory

4th July 2015 @ 4.00—6.00 pm

Teas, music, good company



More details next month but put the date in your diary!



Clifton All Saints' Academy PTA present:

# 'Red Diesel'

rock and covers band

Friday 8th May

7.30 - 11.30

Clifton Community Centre

All Saints Church Social Committee & All Saints Academy PTA would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the a Christmas Fayre a success and everyone who donated time, prizes and sweets.



Special thanks for raffle prizes go to:

Courtlands      Center Parcs      Woburn Forest  
Hayley Tilley Photography      Butterfly World      The Henlow Deli  
Leighton Buzzard Railway      Emma Bell - Jamie at Home      Jordans  
Nick Webb - Rising Stars      Gavin - Baxters Butchers  
Brian Pigram—Tapped Mobile Bars      360 Play Centre  
Abbey and Mark - The Golden Lion

## Personal Helper

**Personal helper required for disabled lady in Clifton.**

**Personal assistance and help with housework, ironing etc.**

**8 - 12 hrs per week Monday to Friday.**

**For more information call Cathy on 812343**

## Clifton W.I.



The December meeting was our annual Christmas Party attended by all members and invited guests.

A good evening enjoyed by all with food prepared by the committee and the entertainer was Billy

Keys. The meeting in January was attended by 41 members who were welcomed by Sally. Jerusalem was sung the minutes of the November and December meetings were read by Secretary, Iris Smyrk, then agreed and signed.

Katherine Edwards had written an email to Marilyn Hamilton of Queensland Country Women's Association in Clifton, Queensland, Australia, thanking her for the tea cloth and photographs she brought to Clifton. Katherine then read out a reply advising us of the activities in Queensland. She said she would like to keep in touch to hear all the news of our Institute so this we will do, 'twinning' with their Association. We are sending photographs of our birthday party and also a WI Recipe Book.

BCFWI have arranged the following outings: On February 19 and 23 and March 24, there will be trips by coach to the Poppy Factory in Richmond; on March 23 there is an International Afternoon Event at 2pm in Flitwick Cricket Club; on March 27 also at Flitwick Cricket Club there is a Shoe Sale and Lunch and the Spring Federation Meeting is on April 27 in Kings Hall, Bedford.

The Treasurer, Chris Byers, gave her monthly report and collected subscriptions for 2015. Sally read out the Resolutions for this year and after discussion these were voted upon.

Our speaker for the evening was Molly Berry 'Let your eyes help your ears' which was about the art of lip-reading, we had an exercise to do which showed that varying letters can look the same on the lips when spoken. She was a very good speaker and highly entertaining. Birthday cards were handed to ladies with birthdays in January and the raffle was drawn, followed by refreshments.

The next meeting on Wednesday February 4 when Lynda Maude will speak about 'Behind the Scenes at MK Theatre'. The tea ladies will be Jo Pond, Jennifer Ward Fletcher and Helen Chessum. Visitors are welcome.

*Katherine Edwards 816334*

## Clifton Street Watch



As we welcome in a New Year we are reminded to remain vigilant against those factions looking to exploit any lapse in our individual security. Christmas proved to be a relatively quiet time in our village but two separate burglaries occurred with similar “*modus operandi*”.

The first of these burglaries took place in Stocksbridge Road, 18<sup>th</sup> December, the offenders smashed a UPVC window at the rear of the property to gain entry and reached in to take money. You are reminded not to leave valuables on display and similarly ensure you remove all keys from the locks and keep them in a safe place out of view. Keep windows & hallways clear of valuables like keys, handbags and laptop where they may be seen.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of our Christmas attacks took place on the Clifton Park, New Road just two days before Christmas Day. Again the offenders force open a UPVC window to gain entry and a “messy” search took place with various items taken, including valuable and sentimental jewelry.

On an entirely new subject, we come back to Parking, a regular complaint in Clifton. It seems some inconsiderate parking has been effecting other motorists and pedestrians around the junction of Newis Crescent/Broad Street. Some vehicles are actually being left on the mini RAB, this has caused the Bedford to Hitchin bus service drivers, problems negotiating this area. An accident seems to be just waiting to happen, you can make a difference by parking responsibly!

You will all be pleased to know a further 255 Police Officers will soon be equipped with the latest technology to help be even more effective in the communities they serve. Local & community Policing Teams will be issued with tablets, enabling writing of victim & witness statements on the job, rather than needing to return to base. They will also be able to complete PNC checks, email, telephone & video calls or join meetings from any location.

New technology such as these tablets and body worn video are helping Bedfordshire Police to make the best use of its officers time, maximising the resource used to protect people and fight crime. This equipment means our hard-working officers will also be more visible and more accessible on our streets. This is good for the public, good for the police and bad news for criminals.”

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334

All Saints Clifton



**Sunday 22 February**

Church Hall Stanford Lane  
Clifton

**10:30am**

- \* 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

## Bridge Players

ANYONE INTERESTED IN PLAYING OR BEING  
INTRODUCED TO PLAYING BRIDGE IN A  
FRIENDLY MANNER on WEDNESDAY  
AFTERNOONS?

If so contact Pat on 811575



# Clifton Planning Applications update

## Central Beds decisions to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015



CB/14/04954/FULL – 24 December 2014 – 27 New Road, SG17 5JH Erection of a new dwelling – Consultation period.

CB/14/04662/FULL – 27 November 2014 – 35 Whiston Crescent, SG17 5HJ Two storey side/rear extension, single storey rear extension and new front porch following demolition of existing side extension and detached garage – Consultation period.

CB/14/04509/Full – 91 Broad Street, SG17 5RP Two storey rear extension and entrance porch to the front – Consultation period.

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. Application granted.

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

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

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' – Variation of condition granted.

### Clifton Forum (Discussion Group)

Our meeting on 1st December discussed "Green" and the only conclusion we came to was that it is a major challenge and the best we, as individuals, can do is to take responsibility for our own actions and try to influence others. Our next meeting will be on 2nd February 2015 when we shall be discussing "Numbers".

Bob Smith, 30 New Road, 01462812336



# Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone

Firstly, as I write this on January 8th, I would like to wish all our Clifton residents a happy prosperous, and safe New Year on behalf of the Residents Association. I may have said last issue that it was 'quiet at the moment'. Not any more !!

At our last committee meeting there was great debate about 1) the proposed New Road development. 2) the proposed travellers site down by the river, and 3) our Village Christmas lights. Numbers 1 & 2 are causing a lot of controversy and heart ache, especially when no one seems to want them. These items appear to roll on and on!

The Parish Council created an illuminated Christmas tree, which we thank them for. A lot of local villages had nothing at all!

The street lamp saga has returned with at least four lamps out in the pond area. If you have faulty street lamps down your road, they can be reported on the Central Bedfordshire Council website. Believe me, it does work. There has been some break ins this winter, so could everybody please check their outside sheds and make sure that they are securely locked.

On to better things. We have gained a new committee member, and a possibility of another. Any new blood is very welcome. We have an open meeting on the agenda for May, and we have a guest speaker from Healthwatch Central Beds who will tell us of the work being done to improve health, social care and wellbeing in our community. More updated information can be seen on their new website:

[www.healthwatch-centralbedfordshire.org.uk](http://www.healthwatch-centralbedfordshire.org.uk),  
or telephone 0300 303 8554 to speak to a staff member.

As an Association we feel that there should be more Youth Involvement in Clifton. With this in mind, we have contacted a Youth Involvement Officer to brief us on work that is being done successfully in other villages in Central Beds. We have a lovely village now it's time to let everyone know what is available to all. More to follow.....Let's enjoy 2015!

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

# 4 Legs and a Tale



Hello my name is Ozzy and I am a 2 year old Golden Labrador who met my partner Tony through Canine Partners, a registered charity started in 1990 to train dogs like me to help injured servicemen and women, veterans and civilians. Did you know that in our country over 1.2 million people use a wheelchair and a significant number of them would benefit from a canine partner? Currently there is an ever increasing demand, at any one time there are 120 puppies in training and Canine Partners has placed 70 dogs so far in 2014.

We dogs are carefully assessed to make sure we are suitable for our work and that we match the needs of our partner and lifestyle whatever they may be. We give more independence and greater confidence because before we arrive on the case many disabled people are reluctant to go out on their own.

Not only are we carefully checked, but so are our prospective human partners, they visit Canine Partners for the day. As well as chatting about why they need a dog, a dog is brought out to see how they react to each other and some basic tasks are gone through, such as feeding and grooming. Then comes a 2 week residential course, which is where I met Tony. This covers lots of different tasks we do together, including for example negotiating doors, wheelchair positions, picking up dropped items, feeding me and me getting my bowl from a stand. Also Tony got to choose a task for me to learn, which was taking off his shoes which I learnt very quickly. I got my bronze certificate but it doesn't stop there, I'm now working towards my silver award by learning new things – I'm now training to give Tony his phone and bring him his shoes. Our trainer now comes once a month, but if there is a problem will come more often, so we have that back-up and support. Tony and I are best friends - I listen and watch him and follow wherever he goes.

To fully train a dog and its partner costs £20,000, but Canine Partners receives no government funding and relies solely on public donations and gifts in wills. For more information visit [www.caninepartners.org.uk](http://www.caninepartners.org.uk) or call 0845 580 480.

Biggleswade Sandy Lions supports Canine Partners, to find out more about your local Lions visit

[www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk](http://www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk) or call 08458 833 9749

PS Ozzy loves gravy bones!!

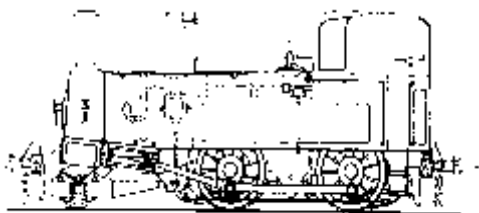


We wish you a Happy New Year



East Beds Model Railway Society

# MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION



**14th FEBRUARY 2015**

10.30am—5pm

**STRATTON SCHOOL**  
Eagle Farm Road, BIGGLESWADE  
For details visit [www.ebmrs.org.uk](http://www.ebmrs.org.uk)

## **Pamper Evening** **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Clifton Community Centre

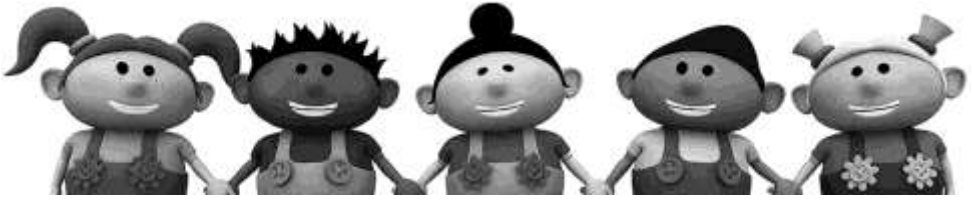
Come along and enjoy a luxurious evening of pampering  
whilst sipping on a glass of bubbly.

You can even treat your mum as its nearly Mothering Sunday!!

This will be a joint fundraising event with  
Clifton Toddlers and Woodlands Pre-School.

For more information please contact [clifontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:clifontoddlers@gmail.com)





## **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](mailto:clifontoddlers@gmail.com), search Clifton Toddlers on facebook, or call / text Sally Lawrence on 07876 238 108.

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](mailto: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](http://www.henlowtheatre.co.uk)



Henlow Theatre, Hitchin Road, Henlow Camp SG16 6DN



Lion Cubs

Mondays

6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Cub hut, Church Road, Henlow

Lion Cubs have a great time, playing games, making new friends and learn valuable life skills. Lion Cubs is open to boys and girls from 8 to 10 ½ years old.

We currently have some spaces available. If you are interested in having in having fun, then please contact Peter Winfield (Akela) for further details either by email or by mobile: [peter.winfield5@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.winfield5@ntlworld.com) or 07881 785030

## Shefford Town Band

Practices on Thursdays

7.45 pm—9.45 pm



Shefford Methodist Church Rooms, Ampthill Road, Shefford

Brass and woodwind players are being sought by the Shefford Band group which meets weekly to play music for pleasure. Members play a wide repertoire of music from films and TV to marches, classics and popular melodies.

The band are currently seeking a percussionist, trombone, cornet and clarinet players.

For more information:  
[www.sheffordtownband.org.uk](http://www.sheffordtownband.org.uk)  
Facebook or  
Mrs W Marriott 01462 850810

# Children's Society 2014 Donations

(also published on Clifton WebSite):

Box Collections (20 boxes)	£610.09
Christingle	£200.00
TOTAL for 2014	£810.09



On average, more than £800 every year is sent from the residents of Clifton to support the work of The Children's Society. Most of this money is from around 50 collecting boxes in homes in and around Clifton where small change is collected on a regular basis (it saves making holes in your pockets!). If you would like to be part of this very worthwhile work and have one of these boxes in your home please contact us below. We will deliver and collect.

For more information about the work of the Society visit:

<http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

Many thanks,

Peter & Kathy Blackmore

Children's Society Secretaries for Clifton

01462 646371, email: [hawarden@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:hawarden@clifton-beds.co.uk)

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## To the residents of Clifton Village

On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 our son went missing so we had to call in the police and a search of the area by them ensued.



We were told that when the people of Clifton noticed that a search for a toddler was going on that they stopped what they were doing and tried to help by searching as well.

As it turns out he was found sleeping under what appeared to be an undisturbed pile of folded washing. He had never done this before so we were baffled. We have thanked Beds police separately for their assistance on the day and would also like to thank the neighbours, passers-by, residents and especially the staff at Woodlands nursery for their help and assistance. We were very frightened there for a while and it did genuinely seem to us and the police like he had escaped the home and got lost. Needless to say extra eyes are put on him now since we know he likes to sleep under washing.

Thank You, The Sandilands Family, Church Street

## Church Services Rotas February

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
1 <sup>st</sup>	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		
8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mrs P Wisby Mrs S Collins	Mrs S Welsford Prov 8:1,22-31	Mr B Livesey	Mr K Gray Mrs R Gray	Mr J Gray
15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs A Sullivan Luke 8:22-35	Officiate		
	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Mrs K Blackmore 2 Kings 2:1-12		Mr K Pledger Mrs S Collins	Mr K Pledger
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mr R Watson 2 Peter 1:16-21	Mrs P Whittington		
18 <sup>th</sup> Ash Weds	8:00pm	Mrs F Kendall Mrs L Burton	Mr A Clarke Is 58:1-12	Mr B Livesey	Mr P Blackmore Mrs R Gray	-
	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30	Mr D Brace Mr C Brown	Mr D Killick Gen 9:8-17	Mrs J Pavey	-	Mr C Moncrieff
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs F Kendall Rom 5:12-19	Officiate		
1 <sup>st</sup> March	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mrs P Outen Prov 3:1-12	Mrs R Gray	Mr B Livesey Mr R Parker	Mrs H Moncrieff
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs P Whittington Heb 11:1-3,8-16	Officiate		

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 or amend the Vestry copy. This rota is also available at: [www.clifton-beds.co.uk](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk).

# ***ABOUT OUR FRIENDS***



## **St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford**

<b>Father</b>	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**

<b>Minister</b>	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](http://www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk)

## **Salvation Army, Stotfold**

Captain Alison Stone 01462-731072

**Sunday Services:** 10.30 am, 6 pm  
Sunday School 11.15