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Forward Planner

March	
1	Education Sunday, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 4.00
5	WI AGM, Church Hall, 7.30
6	Toddlers Pamper Evening, Community Centre
11	Wildlife Trust, Priory Park, The Greensand Ridge, 7.30
15	Mothering Sunday Service, 10.30, Church
17	GLGS, Essendon, 13.00
	MU, Outing to Swiss Gardens - <i>Daffodils</i>
20	WI Coffee Corning, Chjurch Hall, 10.00-12.00
21	80s fancy dress disco, Cricket Club, 7.30
22	Messy Church, 10.30 am
27	End of Term
29	Palm Sunday, 10.30 and 6.30, Church
April	
1	WI, Church Hall, 7.30 pm
5	Easter Communion Service, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 4.00
11&12	Art Exhibition, Northill, 10.00-4.00
13	Non-contact/Inset day for Academy
	Clifton Forum, 7.00, 30 New Road
14	Summer Term Begins
15	Mothering Sunday Service, 10.30 am
18	Churchyard Working Party 9.30 am – 1.00 pm
21	GLGS Wyboston Lakes 14.00
	MU, Kate Slavin - <i>Nursery School in Scotland</i>
26	Toddlers Table Top Sale, 9.30-12.30

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

*The Sunday morning service for Providence Baptist Church,
starting at 10.30 am will continue to be held at the
Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, until further notice.

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

11.30 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

From the Registers



Funeral:

25th February 2015 Jessie Goodes, aged 81 years

Wedding:

14th February 2015 Liam Hay & Lauren Pratchett

Nothing's impossible with God



Dear Friends,

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times" so penned Charles Dickens at the start of 'A Tale of Two Cities'. So it is today as we approach Mothering Sunday – Refreshment Sunday (15th March). Traditionally a family time when we show our appreciation for our Mums. I always give a card to my Mum and also to a lovely lady who has no family at all, but who has given me a precious amount of 'mothering'.

However, I spent some time working in the Women's Hospital in Liverpool, where we had women undergoing termination on one ward, and next door were those receiving attention for infertility. How Christ-like the atmosphere was there, in which each woman was held in the utmost respect with no blame, no shame, no criticism, just loving care & compassion. These women were ones for whom the prospect of, or denial of motherhood posed a challenge and turmoil too difficult at times for them to reconcile. For many it remains a secret ache, hidden for years. Then of course we have those who's Mums are no longer with us, and those who've been traumatised by the loss of a child.

Maybe it helps when we look to Mary (Lady Day 25th March) who also knew such personal tragedy, and ever lives to offer us consolation and point us to Jesus, who himself exercises the gift of Mothering when he said, *"Jerusalem, Jerusalem.... How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings...."* (Matthew 23:37)

Blessings *Rev'd Anne*

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

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

Education Sunday
1st March, 10.30 am



8th March

Deanery Evensong, Silsoe, 6.00 pm
No evensong in Clifton



Mothering Sunday
15th March 10.30 am
Non-communion Service
Flowers for Mums

22nd March, See page 18



Palm Sunday Services
29th March 10.30 am
Evensong 6.30 pm

Holy Week Services
Monday—Wednesday 8.00 pm

Maundy Thursday
Stripping the Altar, 8.00 pm

Good Friday
Watch at the cross 2.00 pm

Clifton All Saints' Academy



At the end of January, Woodpeckers class travelled to London and the O2 arena to perform as part of Young Voices, a 7000 strong childrens choir, accompanied by 7 willing adults. They had been practising the 10 songs and their accompanying dance moves during the Autumn term and were very excited about the chance to visit and perform at such a wonderful venue. The day was very long but the children behaved brilliantly and represented the school with respect and kindness. The arena was packed with excited children, parents, grandparents and friends for the concert, and it will be something the children and their families will remember for a long time. Swallows class are already excited about their turn next year!!

The Performing Arts Club is continuing to meet after school on a Wednesday, getting ready to present “Joe and his Wicked Waistcoat” on the evenings of 24th and 25th March. This is their opportunity to show off their acting, singing and dancing skills in a musical play written specially for children. Further details will be available nearer the time.

On 3rd February the whole school took part in a Maths and ICT day, working together in different groupings to learn about the application of numbers, fractions, measuring and algorithms in a variety of contexts. The weather was relatively kind, enough to allow the children to take part in a Maths Trail in the grounds, which created a lot of discussion. Displays of the activities and the items the children made to wear on the day will be up in the ICT Suite very soon.

Parents Evenings will be taking place on the evenings of 3,4,5 March, where parents have the opportunity to find out how their children are progressing and have a look at their work. These

evenings will be very busy, and the staff will be supported by the Governors, encouraging parents to have their say about the school through the Parent Survey. However, views can also be shared by parents through ParentView online: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

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.

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

You can contact the school on:

school@clifton-beds.co.uk

headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk

Clifton All Saints' Academy PTA present:

'Red Diesel'

rock and covers band

Friday 8th May

7.30 - 11.30



Tickets £5 in advance from
Jane French 07976 273297

Clifton Community Centre

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

ANDROID PROGRAMMER WANTED!

We urgently need help from someone who can programme a simple Android App which would help us to manage the use of our team of volunteers more efficiently and fairly.

If you have the necessary skills and are willing to devote **a few hours of your time to help us we'd love to hear** from you, just call the number below and I will get back to you to explain what we need.

IT ISN'T A CLUB

The Clifton Care Scheme is not some sort of exclusive club designed for the benefit of its members. It is a community wide project to allow those who are able to help, to come to the aid of those who can benefit from a bit of help. It is a simple concept designed to foster community spirit, set an example to our younger generations as they grow up and (as a rural community) makes us less dependent on outside support. Maybe you have something to offer, have you really thought about it?

IF YOU NEED OUR HELP

We are there, just phone

07817 614654

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





Woodlands Pre School in Clifton

Welcome to Woodlands.

We are an outstanding Pre School that nestles in woods to the rear of Clifton All Saints Academy.

We are a purpose built Pre School that supports children in developing their potential, at their pace. Children are encouraged to learn through play and this helps them develop confidence and a positive attitude.

Our highly trained staff support and nurture your child whilst keeping you updated with their own individual ILP's.

We currently have a few spaces available, so why not give your child the best start.

Contact us at: 01462 811 486

or email us at: thewoodlands1@btconnect.com
www.thewoodlands.uk.org



Henlow Church of England Academy



New Staff

Kam Parmar - Finance Team

I am delighted to be part of the school finance team, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at Henlow Academy. Before coming to Henlow, I worked at Shephalbury Park Primary School, Hertfordshire. I live in Bedfordshire where I enjoy walking in the lovely countryside. My interest includes travelling, dancing and reading.

Kelly Jando - Admin

I am very excited to be working at Henlow Academy in the Admin department. I used to work at Derwent Lower School as a TA and it's lovely to see some of the children I used to look after again - some of them are taller than me now! When I'm not at work I love to bake cakes and spend time walking my lovely dog Molly.

Adriana's Taste of Success

Henlow Church of England Academy is nurturing new culinary talent in the form of Adriana di Bernardo. The 13 year old Year 8 pupil from Stotfold was Runner



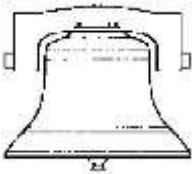
Up in the regional Future Chef competition, held at Bedford College on the 12th January. Competing against GCSE Food Technology students from around the county, Adriana and fellow Henlow pupil Caitlin Saunders prepared and cooked a delicious two-course meal for two for under £7.

Set up by industry celebrities, such as Brian Turner, to encourage students to take up cooking in a professional capacity, Springboard's Future Chef encourages pupils to create interesting, healthy and cost-effective meals in just one hour.

Adriana produced a delicious chicken curry with rice, naan and homemade mango chutney, followed by fruit samosas, which wowed the judges and gave her second place.

England Ladies Football Captain at Henlow

England Ladies Football Captain at Henlow Casey Stoney, Arsenal Ladies player, England Women's National Football Team Captain and Captain of the Team GB squad at the 2012 Olympics, was welcomed to Henlow Church of England Academy for a day of team building, exercise, training and fun as part of the SKY SPORTS FOR LIVING programme. Twenty Year 7 and Year 8 pupils participated in the day, which was extremely well received by all the pupils.



On Saturday 14th February 2015

A quarter peal of

1250 Pudsey Surprise Major

Was rung as a wedding compliment to

Liam and Lauren Hay

In 46 minutes



By: Alice Scott 1
Christine Williams 2
Susan Silver 3
Linda Garton 4
Anthony Smith 5
Russell Brown 6
Philippa Whittington 7
Frank Rivett Tenor

Conducted by Frank Rivett

CLIFTON SPEED WATCH GROUP



During school entry or departure times your Speed Watch volunteers were out on 60 occasions between 13th January and 12th December last year. Out of well in excess of 5,000 passing vehicles we had to report 254. In addition to our traffic calming visits, between 7th January and 29th December visits by the Mobile Camera Van, and other police units, resulted in a further 441 vehicles being reported.

Our local groups of Arlesey, Broom, Campton, Langford, Meppershall, Shefford, Southill, Stanford and Upper Caldecote will, from the 24th February, be joined by the newly formed Henlow group. The current number of Speed Watch Groups in Bedfordshire now stands at 77, with a total of 572 volunteers. With the new StarDome letter generating system now available to us, letters to owners of recorded vehicles, are now being sent out within two days.

To help cope with the growing interest in local Speed Watch Groups, more meetings are being held to allow Coordinators across the County to meet and discuss local issues; as well as the introduction of a Speed Watch News and the launch of an on-line forum. Regular training events are also being held. At the last Coordinators meeting Mark Turner, the Chief Executive of the Road Victims Trust, came along to make volunteers aware of the work of that charity. He was very supportive of the traffic calming work carried out by the growing number of Speed Watch Groups in the County. More information about the Trust can be found on www.rvtrust.org.uk.

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.

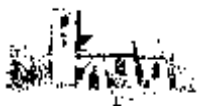
Thank you for driving within the speed limits through Clifton, and our neighbouring communities; because if we want others to drive safely through Clifton, we need to drive responsibly through theirs.

Terry – 01462 815281

Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 18th April

9.30 am – 1.00 pm



All Saints Church, Churchyard & Graveyard
Refreshments provided all morning

We are planning a working party to tidy and care for this valued village resource. If you are able to spare some time during the morning to help, please let one of the church wardens know or just turn up on the day. If you can bring tools and equipment even better.

Come for fun and fellowship and help us to get our Church to look at its very best.

Sue: 811303 susie@thewellies.plus.com
Ann: 817491 as181610@googlemail.com

CLIFTON CHRONICLES 2015

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our happy band of volunteers who meet on the last Thursday in the month to assemble the Clifton Chronicles and also those that ensure that every house in Clifton receives a copy. The collation team numbers around 17 and distribution 30. Chronicles assembly takes place between 9am and 12 noon. Distribution is done by the first of the month and the average 'bag' contains 40 copies.

To cover illness and holidays it is ideal that we have more folks than required at any given time and our reserve backup is falling mainly due to people moving away. So if you would like to join us for some light exercise with a heavy social content please call John Good on 812596 and find out more.

From the Clifton Chronicles Team

Clifton 
Chronicles

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!

All Saints Clifton



**Sunday 22 March
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**



Clifton Parents and Toddlers Group

- Clifton Parent and Toddler Group runs every Wednesday morning 9.15-11.15am during term time at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent.
- For children from birth to four years old
- £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 clifrontoddlers@gmail.com, search Clifton Toddlers on Facebook

Pamper Evening Friday 6th 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 clifrontoddlers@gmail.com



Table Top Sale

Sunday 26th April

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Clifton Community Centre

It's time for a spot of Spring Cleaning!!!

Clifton Toddlers and Woodlands Pre-School are holding a fundraising table top sale. Anyone interested in setting up a stall to sell their items please contact Clifton Toddlers on the below email/phone number to book a place.

Tables cost £8 and entry will be a donation to the charities. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be on sale.

For more information please contact Phil Lawrence 07801 969432 or cliflontoddlers@gmail.com



Dog Sitter Needed

Would someone be able to look after a well behaved Jack Russell about once a week from approximately 6pm to 6pm the following day?

Please contact Nick on 07831438238.



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 Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our page. We have various subjects to mull over this month, so here goes;- on last months page I mentioned that there had been a series of break-ins in the village. At our last committee meeting we were told about a break-in/robbery in Bilberry Road. It happened on 13th January at 10.30 am when two men broke into a garden shed and stole tools etc. They were disturbed halfway through by someone, and they made off in a blue Transit van. If anyone saw this, and has information, please get in touch with Bedfordshire Police.

Now I know it's hard to get volunteers, but we had an appeal from the Patients Participation Group at the Shefford Health Centre stating that they were desperate for volunteers to keep the group going. Details are on the surgery website.

We've had a fresh appeal for floodlights on the park to help the football training in the dark evenings. Apparently a lot of local villages are now providing this amenity. On the subject of lighting, as I write this, we still have various street lamps out in our village. Nothing seems to be happening!

Now one of my pet hates is motorists driving with only one headlamp on. I was driving back from the other side of Luton a couple of weeks ago, and we counted 11 cars with only one headlamp on by the time we got to Clifton! It takes less than a minute to check your lights before driving off. Surely a vehicle in this condition is classed as unroad-worthy. Sorry I rant !

Let's talk about dangerous parking on our roads around the village. One example brought to us was in Whiston Crescent. on a sharp bend. Also what about the old chestnut where cars park 2 wheels on the pavement? This is a hazard to pedestrians. All these cars can be reported with photos to the Central Bedfordshire Council website.

At our last committee meeting we were informed that Jessie Goodes had passed away. She was very active in the community, and we send our sincere condolences to her family and best friends.

With this in mind, stay lucky, Den Fensome

Clifton W.I.



Sally Noon welcomed 38 members and 2 visitors to our February meeting. Jerusalem was sung and the minutes of the January meeting were read by secretary Iris Smyrk, these were agreed and then signed.

Some of the outings/events being arranged by BCFWI were, Burghley House & Stamford on Thursday 14th May. Three dates when the Centenary Baton will be in Bedfordshire, Wednesday 29th April in Keysoe Village Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Thursday 30th April in Biggleswade Baptist Church 7.30pm - 9.30pm and Friday 1st May at Flitwick Cricket Club 10.00am - 12.00pm, anyone that cannot make any of these dates W.I. House will be open on Saturday 2nd May. The Margaret Smart Memorial Trophy, being a Craft Competition. The Centenary Baker of the Year competition 2015.

Our treasurer Chris Byers gave her monthly report and to date we have 55 full members and 1 dual member.

There was a programme change this evening, we had a quiz instead, the reason being our speaker for the evening, Lynda Maude, with a fair way to travel and the weather conditions it was agreed she cancel her visit, however she will be our speaker in May. Birthday cards were handed to the ladies with birthdays in February, the raffle was drawn and refreshments served.

Next month will be our AGM followed by Crazy Bag Whist. The tea ladies will be Stephanie Britten, Mary Newman and Audrey Steeds.

Iris Smyrk 812164

Clifton Planning Applications Central Beds decisions to 6th February 2015



CB/15/00198/FULL – 20th January 015 – 26a Stockbridge Road, SG17 5HA Garage conversion to family room - Consultation period.

CB/15/00121/PAAD – 14th January 2015 – The Lakes Farm, Pedley Lane, SG17 5EH Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling – Consultation period.

CB/14/04963/FULL – 9th January 2015 – 3 Lime Tree Road, SG17 5EP Rear extension; replacement of existing conservatory to be demolished.

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

CB/14/04577/NMA – 15th December 2014 – The Dairy, New Road, SG17 5JL Non-material amendment to CB/10/02979/REN – changes to chimney stack - Granted

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 – Granted.

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

CB/14/04180/FULL – 79 Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ Balcony area with safety barrier onto the flat roof of existing single storey addition to the rear of the dwelling (retrospective) and cedar cladding to the front and rear at first floor level – Granted.

CB/14/04338/FULL – Land adjacent to 1A Whiston Crescent, SG17 5HJ Erection of detached dwelling and detached garage - Granted

Clifton Street Watch



I recently received a report from our Chief Constable, Collette Paul, reminding us all of the need to “Protect People & Fight Crime Together” in Bedfordshire and of course throughout the UK in general. This especially relevant following the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, Belgium and around the world, senior counter-terror officers have warned of a ‘heightened’ concern around the potential risk to certain groups including those working in policing and members of the Jewish and Israeli community.

Bedfordshire Police will be working with our communities and with our law enforcement partners across local, regional, national and international boundaries to work together to protect people and keep Bedfordshire safe. Any suspected hate crime incidents should be reported to the police on 101, along with any concerns around individuals or groups suspected of wanting to cause harm to our communities.

On a more local front, crime in Central Bedfordshire has generally fallen year on year substantially over the last 12 months, and in Clifton we have witnessed a huge reduction from a high point 12 months ago of 20 incidents to a low in this quarter of just 3 crimes reported, namely a burglary, a vehicle crime and one incident of criminal damage. Compare those statistics in our village today, with those highs of 2005/08, our crime stats have dropped by more than 80%. To retain these figures we must continue to be vigilant in the protection of residents.

Our Street Watch teams across Bedfordshire disappointedly lost a dedicated SW volunteer and community champion, when our good friend and hardworking colleague, John Plummer, the County Co-ordinator for Bedfordshire, moved home back to Norfolk. John, from his home in Ampthill, took charge of the Street Watch scheme back in 2009. At the time it looked likely to collapse but since then he has provided the back bone and support to develop SW in a number of villages, helping protect residents and making Central Beds a great place to live. We all wish him and his family happiness in their new life.

Our new leader PCSO Juliet, will we believe have a much wider roll, with control over the three main “Watch” schemes in the County, namely Street, Speed & Neighbourhood Watches. Hopefully this amalgamation and joint coordination will enhance & strengthen the protection of the Bedfordshire community.

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334



80's fancy dress disco
Friday 27th March @ 7:30pm

Clifton Cricket Club

Tickets £5 in advance, £7 on the night

Buffet included in the price

Reasonably priced bar

(please call Jackie on 01462 813854 to pre book tickets)



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Wildlife Trust
Bedford Local Group

Wednesday 11th March

Priory Country Park Visitor Centre @ 7.30 pm

"The Greensand Ridge"

An illustrated talk by Gwen Hitchcock

All welcome—Free event

but a voluntary contribution would be appreciated

Further details from 01234 266057 or see under events at:

<http://www.wildlifebcn.org/>

Calling all Clifton Artists

Do you:

draw; paint (water colours; oils; gouache); print fabric; print with lino; print with wood cuts; make hats; knit; create with clay; create with metal; create with wood; build sculptures; create graphic designs; take and print photographs?

Do you:

build musical instruments; make furniture; embroider; make quilts; weave; carve stone? Are you a calligrapher; an aquatinter, a fashion designer or, maybe, a flower arranger, **and do you live in the 'Clifton Chronicles' area?**

If so, why not show the other Clifton Residents what you do? I am toying with the idea of holding a show of work in Clifton later this year and I would be pleased to hear from persons interested in taking part.

For further details please contact:

Peter Warren: 01462 621946 E: peterwarren@nasuwt.net

Biggleswade & District Art Society

16th Spring Art Exhibition

Northhill Village Hall (opposite the church)

Saturday 11th April (10.00–4.00)

Sunday 12th April (10.00-4.00)

Free Admission Original Paintings for sale Refreshments



GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY



Are you interested in playing golf? Are you interested in joining an established, local and friendly golf society?

The Golden Lion Golf Society is now into it's 23rd year, and still going strong! We have around 25 members, ladies and gentlemen, of all abilities from single figure handicaps to beginners. We are always on the lookout to welcome new members. The more the merrier.

Membership is £10 per annum, and, typically our competitions cost £30 which includes 18 holes and a two course meal in the evening, either at the venue or back at our base, the Golden Lion.

Competitions take place, monthly, from March to October, always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month see the Forward Planner for details.

March 17th, Essendon, 13.00

We are also on tour in Norwich between Sept 19th and Sept 21st the venues have, as yet, not been finalized.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact, **Harvey Price** on **01462 812781** or **John Wall** on **01462 814097**.

Central Bedfordshire Council
have added a page to their website:

[http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/
community-safety/volunteering.aspx](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/community-safety/volunteering.aspx)

They are anxious that as many people as possible examine the possibility of volunteering to work for the community. This covers work, for instance, with Streetwatch and Speedwatch, but there is much more.

Please take a look and see
what you think.

(And please spread the
word).

CLIFTON
PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton W.I. are hosting a

COFFEE MORNING



Friday 20th March

10:00 am until 12:00 noon

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

Refreshments: Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

Raffle, Cake Stall, Bring & Buy
(No jumble please)

Clifton Forum meeting, Monday 2nd February 2015



Four of us met to discuss the subject of "Numbers" - what a wide range of issues we covered: historic production price of milk (PPL); strange numbers in mathematics; how reliable are statistics; value of Pi - to 20 decimal places; and teaching children by rote. Our next meeting is on:

**Monday 13th April starting at 7pm, 30 New Road.
The subject this time is "inequalities"!**

Bob Smith 01462812336

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

A member of Lions International, the largest voluntary service organisation in the world.

FIRSTLY OUR THANKS TO YOU

Biggleswade Sandy Lions would like to say a huge thank you to all who generously supported our dance, tin shakes and sleigh runs. Thanks to your wonderful support our Christmas parcels were given out and we have funds left over to continue our help to others this year.



AND NOW ABOUT MELVIN, the Founder of Lions

Melvin Jones was born in 1879 at Fort Thames, Arizona and the family moved to Chicago in 1913, where he formed his own insurance agency. As a 38 years old business man he asked what if successful business men put their talents to work improving their communities. At his invitation delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the ground work of such an organisation and on June 17th 1917 Lions Clubs International was born. Eventually he abandoned his agency to devote himself fulltime to Lions. In 1945 he represented Lions Clubs at the organisation of the United Nations and we have representatives on WHO, UNICEF and UNESCO.

His personal code was – you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else. This is what Lions do – giving their time to raise money to serve those less fortunate than ourselves in our local community particularly. Why not come and help us to help others? We welcome men and women of all ages and from all walks of life. All we ask for is some of your time.

For more information on Biggleswade Sandy Lions visit our website www.biggeswadessandyions.org.uk.

Or call Dave or Judith Hagger on 01462 814693.



WE SERVE

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

This is a Parish Council election year in Clifton. If you wish to stand or know anyone who does, note that you or they will have to submit Nomination Papers.

These will be available from the Democratic Services department of Central Bedfordshire Council from the 2nd of March onwards.

Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ
0300 300 4049

These must be returned before the 9th April, but preferably as soon after 17 March as possible.

For guidance on standing as a Parish Councillor, see:

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

There is a supply of road salt at the community centre, situated just inside the gates. If you need some, bring along a suitable container and take what you need.

Note that the car park is not always open, apologies if you arrive and are unable to get at the salt. We're working on it!



Church Services Rotas March

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
1 st	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mrs P Outen Prov 3:1-12	Mrs R Gray	Mr B Livesey Mr R Parker	Mrs H Moncreiff
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs P Whittington Heb 11:1-3,8-16	Officiate		
	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
8 th	10:30	Mrs J Wyer Mr B Livesey	Mr A Clarke 1 Cor 1:18-25	Mr R Parker	Mrs J Glenister Mrs A Sullivan	Mrs K Blackmore
	6:00	Deanery Evensong, Silsoe				
15 th Mothering Sunday	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Grant	Mrs M Cole Ex 2:1-10	Mrs M Cole	-	Mr J Gray
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs J Pavey Rom 5:1-11	Mrs P Whittington		
22 nd	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs S Welsford	Mrs M Wilson Heb 5:5-10	Mrs A Sullivan	-	Mr P Blackmore
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mr A Grant Rom 5:12-21	Officiate		
29 th Palm Sunday	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs J Peacock	Mrs A Sullivan Zech 9:9-12	Mrs R Wagner	Mrs K Blackmore Mr C Brown	Mr A Good
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs M Cakebread Mark 12:1-12	Officiate		
	8:00pm	Mrs J Cooper Mr B Padgett	Mrs P Wisby Ex 12:1-4,11-14	Officiate	Mr A Good Mr R Parker	
3 rd April Good Friday	2:00pm	Mr & Mrs A Grant	Watch at the Cross			
5 th April Easter Day	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Gray	Mr R Watson Acts 10:34-43	Mrs A Sullivan	Mrs S Collins Mrs R Gray	Miss F Kendall
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Luke 24:13-35	Officiate		

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