

# April 2015

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# Who's Who

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# Forward Planner

April	
1	WI, Church Hall, 7.30 pm
3	Messy Easter, 10.30, Church Hall
	2.00 Reflective Good Friday Service, Church
5	Easter Communion Service, 10.30 am, Church
	Church Open, 2.00 – 5.00
8	Wildlife Trust, 7.30 pm, Priory Country Park Visitor Centre
11&12	Art Exhibition, Northill, 10.00-4.00
13	Non-contact/Inset day for Academy
	Clifton Forum, 7.00, 30 New Road
14	<b>Summer Term Begins</b>
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
	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
	Walk and Talk, Deanery Event
28	Happy School Bags, 9.00 am Academy Car Park
May	
8	Red Diesel rock band, Community Centre
3	Church Open, 2.00 – 5.00
19	GLGS St Ives (Hunts) 14.00
	MU, Patricia Yates - <i>Places to visit in Herts &amp; Beds</i>
20	Beer and Skittles, Cock at Broom, 7.00 pm
25-29	<b>Half Term</b>

# 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

# 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](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls) for hire/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.



# Nothing's impossible with God



Dear Friends,

This letter will reach you just before Easter, and for many it is another opportunity to have time out with the family, and time away from work, in a very welcome Bank Holiday. The word 'holiday' actually comes from the old English word 'haligdaeg', meaning holy day - and referred only to special religious days. Of course Good Friday and Easter Day are probably the most holy days in the calendar. During Good Friday we reflect upon the way Jesus was so unfairly and brutally killed. He stands as a sign that all evil can be conquered ultimately by love. The bleakest of times, in God's hands, can be transformed for good - which we celebrate on Easter Day, with the miraculous way Jesus rose from the dead.

These days we are only too aware of the atrocities suffered by so many innocent people. While we might feel inclined to retaliate, the death and resurrection of Jesus reminds us of the overwhelming power of love to bring about remarkable change. Of course despicable acts of violence must never ever be condoned, but the manner in which those appalling crimes are tackled shouldn't cause us to stoop to responding in vindictive ways, but to rise above in a manner which honours God and maintains our own integrity.

For me Lent and Easter involve extra acts of worship to prepare and conduct, the doing of which actually helps my own faith to develop. Having said that, I am looking forward to a holiday later on when I know that the God I worship is present in the beautiful natural world which Bob and I will be enjoying.

Every Blessing, *Reu'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

## All Saints' Church From the Registers



### Funeral:

4th March Donald Eric Wakefield

### Baptisms:

1st March Emily Grace Comer  
8th March Ria Elizabeth Murphy  
Lylah Faith Underwood  
Drew Alamgir  
Isabella Sage  
Frances Nicholls  
15th March Sophie Olivia Chambers



# All Saints' Church

Special services in the next few weeks

## Holy Week Services

Monday—Wednesday 8.00 pm each evening  
A series of quiet reflective services

## Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

8.00 pm, Holy Communion with  
Stripping the Altar

## Good Friday, 3rd April, 10.30 am

Messy Easter in the Church Hall



## Good Friday, 3rd April, 2.00 pm

a reflective service in Church



## Easter Day, 5th April

+ Communion, 10.30 am

+ 6.30 pm Songs of Praise Service

if you cherish a hymn which has made a special impact on you, please let Revd Anne know, and she will aim to include it in the service

## Easter Monday, 6th April

Our very popular Easter Pilgrimage begins with breakfast in the church hall at 9.00 am. Contact Ruth Gray for details: 812620

Messy Church 26 April see page 30





# Henlow Church of England Academy



## E-Safety

E-Safety is an increasing concern for schools and parents alike. We all want and need to keep our children safe when they are online. Sometimes this can be difficult to monitor and regulate at home, but Vodafone have created a series of very useful resources for parents to use, in order to help set up parental controls, give advice about cyber bullying and fact files on different types of social media. Please refer to this very detailed and useful website if you can. Links to additional e-safety resources can also be found via the Henlow CE Academy website.



## Lewis Pitcairn—Duathlon Success

Lewis Pitcairn in Year 8 completed a sponsored Duathlon at the Velopark in London for his Year 8 Challenge. He raised £200 on his Just Giving page for the Down's Syndrome Association. This is the first Duathlon in which Lewis has competed and, despite the bitterly cold weather, he finished in 3rd position in his age group.

Congratulations Lewis!

## Proposed Year 7 Trip to Paris

Thursday 18th June- Sunday 21st June 2015

Four day trip to Paris including:

River Seine Cruise, Eiffel Tower, Tour Montparnasse, Palais de Versailles, Arc de Triomphe, Sacre Coeur, Notre Dame, Cite des Sciences



All for £285!

## Great British Bake Off - Henlow Style

Henlow CE Academy had its own Great British Bake Off with pupils creating amazing cakes and cupcakes for charity. School Council members ran the event to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation. Cake-lovers paid to get their hands on the delicious creations and were given a judging sheet to rate their chosen produce. Once the marks for taste, appearance and overall quality had been added up, the winners were as follows:

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Year 5/6 Cake- Lily Rothwell-Trickett  
Year 5/6 Cupcake- Reece Delaney  
Year 7/8 Cake- Daisy Jeeves  
Year 7/8 Cupcake- Franky Maza



Pictures show Lily Rothwell-Trickett with her cake (Bottom) and Daisy Jeeves, the KS3 Cake Winner, pictured BEFORE her victory, showing her Rainbow cake to Head teacher, Caren Earp (Top).



## **DIARY DATES**

Friday 15th May	FUN RUN 4.00pm-6.00pm
Monday 1st June	Year 6 and Year 8 Residential Trips leave
Friday 26th June	Summer Fayre 6.30pm-8.30pm



## **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 [clifontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:clifontoddlers@gmail.com), search Clifton Toddlers on Facebook

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

## Table Top Sale

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015

2:00pm to 4:00pm

(Please note the new time!)

Clifton Community Centre



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are holding a fundraising table top sale.

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Tea, coffee and refreshments will be on sale.

For more information please contact:

Phil Lawrence 07801 969432 or [clifontoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:clifontoddlers@gmail.com)



# A CHALLENGE

When asked where I live, I say “Clifton” and add “ a village with a duck pond, a very old church, two shops, two pubs, and a lot of very nice people”. That usually makes the enquirer jealous. Now, a centre piece of our village faces a challenge. One brought about by the ravages of time. The fabric of our lovely church building, which dates back to about 1320, though the present structure owes much to re-modelling in 1862, needs repair, and quite costly repair at that.

Twenty odd years ago, a Charitable Trust was formed to create a restoration & repair fund for the church building. It became dormant, but has now been re-activated as the “Friends of Clifton Parish Church”. I am one of those Friends because I think our church building is a landmark structure which gives an identity to our village.

There are not that many Friends at the moment, but we hope to raise some money for the Trust by having fun, probably involving eating and drinking, at some social events, and we may well stray outside the village to do so. The idea is four events a year, and the first one has been pencilled in for 20<sup>th</sup> May, and will probably involve hurling wooden balls at wooden pegs.

Now, no way is what the Friends can raise going to solve the problems that have been caused to the church by wind, water, and wear. There is a good chance that some grants may be available to cover major expenditure, but such grants will not allow work to be done which maintains the beauty and identity of the church as a village landmark. A landmark which, I think, gives the village a visual focus.

So, why not join me in helping to preserve a little bit of the village, and have some fun whilst doing so.

Graham Seaby  
[gseaby@btinternet.com](mailto:gseaby@btinternet.com)

# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



WHAT COSTS LESS FROM APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>?

From 1<sup>st</sup> April we are lowering the charge for transport from 45p/mile to 40p/mile. This is a result of the lower price of fuel at the pumps which looks to be with us for some time yet, despite daily minor fluctuations on forecourts around the region.

Our mileage charge is constantly monitored and of course it has to allow for much more than the cost of fuel. We allow for any costs which are directly attributable to miles driven (such as increased depreciation, maintenance and wear-and-tear all of which are constantly rising). We do not apportion the standing cost which drivers would bear if they were not volunteers.

We do not make a profit from these activities and our guiding principle is that the users should receive a service at the lowest possible cost while ensuring that volunteers (who donate their services without charge) are not left out-of-pocket.

A new schedule of charges will now be with each driver which shows the effect of the reduction; for example a return trip to Shefford Health Centre will be reduced from £1.60 to £1.40 while journeys to Bedford Hospital South Wing will be down from £10.40 to £9.20.

IF YOU NEED OUR HELP

We are there, just phone . . . . .

07817 614654

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

Join the Clifton Friends in  
A beer and skittles evening at  
The Cock at Broom



Wednesday 20th May from 7pm

A social evening with a bit of competition!

Including a supper of sandwiches & chips

Tickets: Members £8, non-members £10 available from:

Keith (01462 629 020), Graham (01462 813 991)

or Frank (01462 851 816)

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

Friends of Clifton Parish Church



## Happy School Bags



Please bag up your unwanted  
clothes, shoes and fabrics  
and bring to:

Clifton All Saints Academy  
car park before 9.00 am  
28th April & 18th September

Happy School Bags pay the school by weight and this is a  
great fundraiser for school



# Clifton All Saints' Academy Summer Fayre 13th June

Clifton All Saints Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on the school field on June 13th 2015. There will be fun and games for all the family, including:

- ★ grand prize draw
- ★ arena events
- ★ chocolate tombola
- ★ fantastic inflatables
- ★ bbq
- ★ licensed bar



This year the Fayre will feature:



The 5th Annual  
All Saints' Craft and  
Produce Show

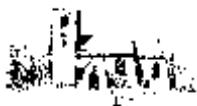
with a seaside theme!

Look out for more information  
**in next month's magazine.**

# Churchyard Working Party

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Thank you!

To the regular contributors who have already made a donation towards the cost of producing the Clifton Chronicles this year:

- ★ Woodlands Pre-School
- ★ Clifton All Saints Academy
- ★ Henlow Church of England Academy
- ★ Henlow Theatre

If your local organisations regularly submits entries to the Chronicles please consider making a donation—it is a wonderful village facility please support it financially.

From the Clifton Chronicles Team

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# Clifton Open Gardens 20 & 21 June 2015

This is a call to  
all gardeners in Clifton!



**It's not too late you can still enter your garden!**

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



# Barn Dance Friday July 17

**"Bricks and Brussels"**

Hog Roast

Full details next month

Clifton Bury Farm

By very kind permission of Mr and Mrs D A Brace and Mr J Wall  
Clifton All Saints Academy and All Saints Church

# Clifton Street Watch



Clifton has had a relatively quiet time during the past month, crime stats tell us we had just three incidents of crime, Burglary - from a rear garden in Bilberry Rd, several vehicle batteries stolen. Criminal Damage – windows smashed on a vehicle in Pedley Lane. Drugs offence – cannabis seized from a Sam Whitbread pupil.

Unfortunately, towards the end of the month, we had 4 additional Burglary (other) attacks, involving thefts from gardens, garages and outbuildings. Three of these incidents happened on 12th February, with Church St, New Rd & Shefford Rd being affected. 10 days later the 4<sup>th</sup> offence occurred in Stanford Lane. Items stolen included cash, tools and spirits. These offences are a timely reminder to pay attention to the security of both your exterior and interior premises.

Clifton remains a very safe environment in which to live, our crime statistics show crime has reduced year on year, with your help as our community is more aware and help our neighbours, we can maintain this downward trend.

One burglary incident that occurred over the Christmas period on Clifton Park encouraged our Police colleagues to hold a mini surgery for their residents. Despite the bitterly cold weather it was very well attended. Police plus Lynne Arch from PCC/Neighbourhood Watch were on hand to offer advice and provide anti-crime products. Purse bells, anti-tamper screw packs, light timers were issued & smart water was purchased by at least 6 residents. Police also provided more than a dozen crime-prevention packs and a further 20 or more packs were left in reception for those residents who didn't attend.

Bedfordshire Police is seeking potential new recruits after recently welcoming 33 new officers. Emphasis will be on attracting experienced officers from across the country as well as those looking to embark on a new career in policing. The force is particularly interested in attracting those who live locally, have local knowledge and reflect the diverse communities the force serves. Could this interest you?

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334

## Clifton Planning Applications update Central Beds decisions to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015



CB/15/00350/FULL – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – Silverhaze, New Road, SG17 5JL Modification to planning permission 13/03682 (to increase height of roof above approved linked garage with addition of rooflights to north facing roof-slope, addition of window to south facing elevation and addition of solar panels to south roofslope of garage) – Consultation period.

CB/15/00198/FULL – 20<sup>th</sup> January 015 – 26a Stockbridge Road, SG17 5HA Garage conversion to family room – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/00121/PAAD – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – The Lakes Farm, SG17 5EH Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling – Awaiting decision.

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

CB/14/04954/FULL – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 – 27 New Road, SG17 5JH Erection of a new dwelling – Awaiting decision.

### Log Cabin Quilters, Langford



10th Anniversary Exhibition  
Patchwork Quilting and Flowers  
Saturday 13th June 2015  
11.00 am to 4.00 pm

St Andrews Church, Langford, Bedfordshire, SG18 9QE

Free admission

Refreshments, Sales table and Trader, the. Secret Garden.  
Details: 01462 700079 or [chrisaburt@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisaburt@btinternet.com)

# Table Top Sale

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Clifton Community Centre

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## Wildlife Trust Bedford Local Group



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

Wednesday 8th April, at 7.30 pm  
Priory Country Park Visitor Centre



A short AGM, followed by

"The Natural History of Bumblebees"  
an illustrated talk by Colin Carpenter

All welcome

Free, but a voluntary contribution would be appreciated.  
Further details from 01234 266057 or see under events at

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

All Saints Clifton



Friday 3 April

Church Hall

10:30 am

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!**

Contact Ruth Gray (812820) or Suzanne Stapleton (811929)

All children must be accompanied by an adult



## Clifton W.I.

At the meeting in March, President Sally welcomed 45 members and County Visitors Bex Chamberlain and Ruth Gill. Jerusalem was sung and the minutes of the February meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Members were reminded of the coffee morning on Friday, March 20; Swiss Gardens with M.U. on Tuesday, March 17; Centenary Batton Event at Biggleswade Baptist Church Thursday, April 30; Royal Garden Party for W.I. members on Tuesday, June 2; AGM at Albert Hall Screening in Cineworld Bedford Thursday, June 4; Group Meeting at Stotfold on Wednesday, April 8 and Spring Federation Meeting Monday, April 27 at Kings House, Bedford. There will be a luncheon on Thursday, April 23, venue to be arranged.

Birthday cards for March were handed out and the next committee meeting arranged for Thursday, March 19.

The meeting closed and the AGM commenced starting with the appointment of the auditor. Treasurer Chris Byers went through the financial statement for year ended 2014 which was approved. Iris Smyrk, Secretary then read her report on activities. Speakers and outings throughout the past year and Sally Noon read her report and thanked all members of the committee for their work over the past year. The present committee agreed to continue as no members volunteered to join. Sally resigned as President having stood for three years and Pat Wisby was unanimously elected President for the next three years.

Pat presented Sally with a gift on her retirement, the raffle was drawn followed by several games of crazy bag whist and refreshments.

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 1 in the Church Hall at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Police Inspector Nick Marsden.

Visitors Welcome.

*Katherine Edwards 816334*

# Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to spring!

We had a full committee meeting on 3rd March and some different, useful, subjects came up, apart from dog fouling, and trouble with contractors on the lamp posts by the village pond!

A long discussion took place about the lack of school places for year 9 students in this area, going on from that, we have had enquiries about the possibility of a youth club in the village. there has also been a lot of talk about the chances of getting a Multi Use Games Unit in the community. A lot of villages are now providing this amenity. A suggestion was put to us regarding street parking, and this involved the question of turning grass verges into solid parking areas!! Any comments?

We received a donation from Aragon Housing Association to help with the financial running of our group. This also allows us to give donations to village causes throughout the year.

Finally, next time you are on the internet why not take a look at our website [www.cliftonbedsresidents.org](http://www.cliftonbedsresidents.org) your views would be welcome, and there is another useful site [www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com) that is also worth a look for the Clifton area.

Enjoy Spring, stay lucky

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## **GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY**

Our March competition was played at the **Essendon Country Club** in Hertfordshire, competing for the **Parmar Shield**. The weather was cool, cloudy but dry, the course in good condition for this time of the year. Our winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> with 34 pts – **Derrick Swain**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> with 30pts OCB – **John Bray**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> with 30 pts OCB – **David Lincoln**
- Longest Drive – **David Lincoln**
- Nearest the Pin – **Fred Dibley**



Our next competition is at St Ives GC on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

For information on joining us call:

Harvey Price on 01462 812781 or John Wall on 01462 814097.

On : Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015

A quarter peal of 1280 Cheltenham Surprise Major

Was rung in 45 minutes



Alistair Donaldson	Treble
Ann Evans	2
Liz Griffiths-Jones	3
John Rank	4
Vicky Lefevre	5
Clare C Nicholson	6
Richard Sales	7
Stephen Wood (Cond)	Tenor

Rung to mark the induction of Rev Anne Hindle as Rector of Clifton and Southill which took place one week earlier.

## 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**



# Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

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

## JUMBLE AND THEN BACK TO THE 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

At the end of February Biggleswade Sandy Lions held their annual Grand Jumble Sale in Clifton. We really wish to thank everyone who donated jumble and the 'regulars' as well as the first timers who came along and supported us. The money we raised will, in turn, support individuals, families and groups in the local community.

## NOW BACK TO THE 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY.....

Ickwell May Day Festival was first documented in the Churchwarden's accounts of c1565 and has continued ever since, apart from a break at the time of the Puritans. A permanent Maypole was first erected in 1872.

The Festival this year will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Biggleswade Sandy Lions will be there as usual and plan to have their skittles, golf and duck games as well as a lucky dip, books and bric a brac. Come and have fun. The money we raise will help us help the local community.

Originally, Maypoles were young trees cut down and stuck in the ground. People danced around to celebrate the end of winter with the start of the fine weather to allow planting to begin. Maypoles were once common all over England and the tallest is said to have been erected on The Strand in London in 1661 standing over 143 feet high. It was felled in 1771 when Sir Isaac Newton sent it to a friend in Wanstead to support the then largest telescope in Europe. The name of St Andrew Undershaft in Cornhill derives from a large Maypole set up in front of it.

To find out even more you can also visit our website: -

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

or call Dave or Judith on 01462 814693.



**LIONS SERVE**



## 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](mailto:peterwarren@nasuwt.net)

## Biggleswade & District Art Society

### 16<sup>th</sup> Spring Art Exhibition

Northill 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



# **ADULT ADHD AND AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP OPENS IN CLIFTON**

Most of us are aware that many children and young people have Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Autism. In fact ADHD is now the most commonly diagnosed mental health condition for young people. What is less well known is that these conditions are genetic and so many adults may also have one or both of these conditions.

Autism and ADHD are hidden conditions which can have a dramatic effect on how those who have them interact with others and see the world and manage their lives.

Outside-In is a social enterprise based in Clifton which offers training and support to parents who have children with these conditions and professionals who work with them. As a further strand of support, Outside-In have now started a support group for adults who have one or both of these conditions or who feel they may have, and want to know more.

The group is professionally facilitated and meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. Each meeting starts at 6.30pm and goes on until 8.30pm. The venue is BEST House, on the main driveway to Samuel Whitbread Academy on the Shefford Road in Clifton. The postcode is SG17 5QS.

It's a relaxing atmosphere in a friendly environment.

Join us for a coffee and a chat or for more details:  
call us on 01462 813282 or visit our website at:

[www.outsidein-solutions.co.uk](http://www.outsidein-solutions.co.uk)

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## 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](mailto:thewoodlands1@btconnect.com)  
[www.thewoodlands.uk.org](http://www.thewoodlands.uk.org)





**With Family & Friends**

**Sunday, 26 April, 2015**

**In The Afternoon**

**START-** From any Parish in the area - distances to suit all walkers  
(details phone 01525 403139)

**TO ARRIVE -** at Ampthill Church by 5:00pm

From 5.00 pm - *Food and Drink*      *Free of charge*

Baked Jackets with various fillings

Beer, cider, fruit juice

6.00 pm - *'Cobwebs, Burnt-out Cars and Tigers'*

*The Bishop of Bedford tells his story*

**ALL WELCOME**

All Saints Clifton



**Sunday 26 April**

**Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton**

**10:30 am**

**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**

## Church Services Rotas April

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
<b>5th</b>	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		
<b>12th</b>	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mr C Brown Acts 4:32-35	Mrs S Welsford	Mr A Good Mr R Welsford	Mr P Blackmore
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs K Blackmore Luke 24:1-12	Officiate		
<b>19th</b>	10:30	Mr & Mrs K Pledger	Mrs P Wisby Acts 3:12-19	Mr A Clarke	Mr P Blackmore Mrs J Pavey	Mr C Moncrieff
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mr K Pledger Rev 2:1-11	Mrs P Whittington		
<b>26th</b>	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
	10:30	Mrs L Patch Mrs L Burton	Mrs J Pavey Acts 4:5-12	Mrs K Blackmore		Mrs H Moncrieff
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mr P Blackmore Rev 2:12-17	Officiate		
<b>3rd May</b>	10:30	Mrs P Wisby Mrs J Dann		Mr B Livesey	Mr K Gray Mrs R Gray	Mr K Pledger
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs A Sullivan Rev 3:1-13	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