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Forward Planner

May	
8	Red Diesel rock band, Community Centre
3	Church Open, 2.00 – 5.00
6	WI Meeting Church Hall 7.30pm
10	Bishop Richard, celebrating Communion, 10.30 am
12	Christian Aid Quiz, Church Hall, Supper 7.00, Quiz 7.30 prompt
14	Ascension Day Taizé worship, 8.00 pm
15,16,17	Henlow Theatre, 3 Funny Plays, 7 for 7.30 pm
16	Toddlers Family Photo Session, Community Centre, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
19	GLGS St Ives (Hunts) 14.00
	MU, Patricia Yates - <i>Places to visit in Herts & Beds</i>
20	Beer and Skittles, Cock at Broom, 7.00 pm
	Residents Open Meeting, Church Hall, 7.30 pm
23&24	Spring Art Exhibition, Parkside Hall, Ampthill
24	Messy Church, Church Hall, 10.30
	Living Well Healing Communion, 6.30 pm
25-29	Half Term
June	
3	WI Meeting Church Hall 7.30pm
7	Church Open, 2.00 – 5.00
13	Academy Summer Fayre, Playing Field
	5 th Annual Craft and Produce Show
	Log Cabin Quilters Exhibition, Church Hall, Langford, 11.00-4.00
16	GLGS Panshanger 14.00
	MU, Social – <i>Poems, Stories, etc</i>
20-21	Open Gardens, 2.00 – 5.00

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 for hire/CommunityCentre

To check availability and make a booking please email:

parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk or phone

Sharon Kingham on 07547 129038 or

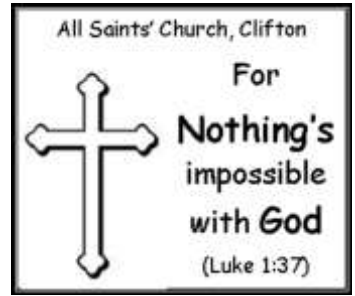
Bob Anderson on 07546 239784.

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



Dear Friends,

This is the last letter I will write to you for a few months, as the Bishop has awarded me time for Extended Study Leave from 1st May—1st August.



This is a really appreciated gift, which I intend to use to maximum benefit. During this time I shall be undergoing a **project entitled: "The beauty of words; the beauty of Wordsworth."** The intention is that I draw out of **Wordsworth's poetry the spirituality which I shall tie in with** the Ignatian Spiritual exercises. I will also express the impact it has on me, by creating works of calligraphy. **The project isn't simply an academic exercise, but a real** opportunity to engage with Jesus, and allow space and time for me to listen to him. This should be very transformative and refreshing. I can return fired up with the exciting things I have gained from the encounter, which will be useful as I minister to others.

Naturally I will miss parish life, but the Wardens will manage any enquiries, and all services are covered by our own Revd Paul Lanham, our Reader Robin Welsford, and a selection of guest ministers. Our Bishops will be paying a visit to take some services too. I will miss out on such a wealth of excellence, but I look forward to hearing how much you have enjoyed such varied participation.

Every Blessing, *Rev'd Anne*

All Saints Church Services

(for dates see siderspersons' 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



Wedding:

11th April 2015 Patrick E Sinclair and Sophie E L Puritz

Marriage Blessing:

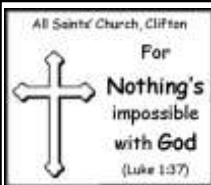
12th April 2015 Andrew and Janine Good

Funerals:

- 7th April 2015 Iris Maud Burrows aged 87years
13th April 2015 Basil Gorringe aged 82years
14th April 2015 Colin Ernest Sheppard aged 63years
15th April 2015 Lilian Esther Eales aged 71years

Baptisms:

5th April 2015 Alexandra Skye Donnelly
Michael Stafford



All Saints' Church

Special services
in the next few weeks

Sunday 10th May

Communion Service 10.30 am



Come and meet the Bishop
who is presiding at our this week's worship while
the Rector is on Extended Study Leave

Thursday 14th May

Ascension Day

NEW WORSHIP



Taizé Communion Service
8.00 pm

Sunday 24th May

Living Well



Healing Communion Service 6.30 pm

Messy Church 24 May,
10.30 see p 19



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



THE REAL VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

In the recent political debates it has been suggested that volunteering is worth twenty-four billion pounds to the economy. I have no idea if that figure is accurate, nor do we wish to be involved in any political stance, but it is clear that volunteers in their various forms do make a significant contribution to our society.

It's not just the economic contribution that's important, there is a real social benefit in communities working together to build a more caring and friendly society. We are fortunate that in Clifton we have so many groups and individuals trying to make things better for all of us, but these groups constantly need to be refreshed by new members joining in from following generations.

Just take a few moments to consider if you can do something: **whether it's for schools, youth activities, church, community projects or whatever; just ask yourself if you could "do something"**

IF YOU NEED OUR HELP

We are here to serve everyone so if you or someone you know needs a helping hand, just call us on

07817 614654

. and we'll do our best to help.

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 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



Christian Aid Quiz Night

Tuesday 12 May

Church Hall, Stanford Lane

£7.50 pp

Cheese and ham ploughman's supper from 7.00

Quiz begins 7.30 prompt

Teams of maximum of eight players

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles

All profits from ticket sales to Christian Aid

For tickets:

Sue Welsford 811303 or Kevin Gray 812820

There will also be a door to door collection during
Christian Aid week

10–16 May

Please give generously!



Clifton Street Watch



Our village community had just 3 recorded crimes during March, all involving vehicle crimes. A set of number plates were stolen from a vehicle in Broad St; Rear tyres were slashed on a vehicle in Bilberry Rd and a vehicle parked in the communal parking area in Manor CI was “keyed”, intentionally scratched, causing many £’s of damage. Anyone having any information regarding these incidents could they please contact our Police colleagues on 101.

It seems vehicle crime appears to have been on the increase recently in Bedfordshire, other local villages have seen a considerable rise in theft from motor vehicles. In most cases owners have been somewhat at fault by leaving valuable articles on show. You are reminded to stow all valued items, such as satellite navigation products, brief cases, tools, coats & packages in the boot or better still take them into your property. Even the most small and insignificant wrap parcel can encourage a speculative thief a chance to cause major damage to your vehicle.

On Saturday 28th March, together with others from our village, I attended a very interesting “Volunteer Day” at the Rufus Centre in Flitwick. The day was involving volunteers throughout all parts of the county and how they were helping keep Bedfordshire safe in conjunction with our Police colleagues. Street, Speed & Neighbourhood Watch volunteers were all in attendance, together with our Police Cadets, Specials & Road Victims Trust personnel.

Presentations by various senior personnel from some of these groups, including Superintendent Paul Schoon & Mark Turner, Chief Executive of RVT, provided a wonderful insight into how volunteers are helping our Police cope with the ever demanding ways to reduce cost and help our communities. Should any of you be interested in learning more about these groups and activities please feel free to contact me or check out the Bedfordshire Police website.

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334

CLIFTON SPEED WATCH GROUP



To the 25th March this year your Speed Watch Group has been out on 15 separate occasions; visiting Broad Street, Church Street, New Road, Shefford Road and Stockbridge Road. Of the 1427 vehicles passing during those visits we have had to report 59. Using the new Stardome letter generating system letters were sent out to the offending motorists within two days.

Having recently been asked by one resident for further information on the group, I am hoping that we might be gaining another recruit, If there is anybody else interested in helping out in traffic calming in our village please get in touch.

The Neighbourhood, Speed and Street Watch County Coordinators have been meeting, as a working group, for well over a year to ensure that groups do not work in isolation. In recognition of the contribution of the various voluntary groups across the county to the goal of a safer Bedfordshire, a meeting of representatives of the groups was held at the end of March. The meeting was titled "Celebrating Volunteer Day" and held at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick. The Police and Crime Commissioner, and senior police officers each gave a presentation. Superintendent Paul Schoon in speaking on how volunteers contribute highlighted the work of Speed Watch, with its 609 volunteers, in traffic calming education and its contribution to the significant reductions in casualty rates, and associated costs to the rate payer. Each slight injury collision costs in the region of £16,300.

Mark Turner, the Chief Executive of the Road Victims Trust, also spoke of the contribution of Speed Watch in reducing accidents.

A Speed Watch demonstration was given out side the venue, in the Steppingley Road.

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 Cobb – 01462 815281

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

Friends of Clifton Parish Church



The 5th Annual All Saints' Craft & Produce Show

with a seaside theme!

Schedules and entry forms will be available to collect from
either Jane 811967, Julie-Anne 851400, or the school
reception from 1st May.



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:

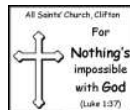
- ★ grand prize draw
- ★ arena events
- ★ chocolate tombola
- ★ fantastic inflatables
- ★ bbq
- ★ licensed bar



This year the Fayre will feature:

The 5th Annual
All Saints' Craft and Produce Show
See opposite

Baptisms in Clifton Church



It is lovely to conduct so many baptisms of adults and children. We have a wonderful happy service of celebration. Families tend to ask me very similar questions, so I thought I would bring some clarity for you and your children.

The minimum number of godparents is 3, and they must all be Baptised (Christened). In many cases the prospective **godparents haven't been baptised, so it is usual for me to** baptise them before the baby in the same service. Everyone enjoys those fabulous occasions.

Another matter is choosing the date and time. In Clifton and Southill we offer the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2.00 pm. We ask the families if they would like to choose a hymn from the selection in the booklet.

There is no cost for baptisms, however, we take a collection during the second hymn to help towards the upkeep of the church, heating and lighting costs. We offer families special time at the end of the service to take photographs around the font or in front of the altar.

Anyone can be baptised at any age, from birth upwards. There is no set protocol for that. Please contact the wardens or myself should you wish to book a baptism.



Rev'd Anne

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. Gardens open 2.00-5.00 on one or both afternoons.

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



Henlow Amateur Theatrical Society presents

Henlow Amateur Theatrical Society presents

Three Funny plays

★ Nudes in Waning Light

★ The Extraordinary Revelations Of Orca The Goldfish

★ In Room Five Hundred And Four

14, 15 & 16 May

Box Office 01462 700785 or 07876 353677 or on line at

www.henlowtheatre.co.uk

Tickets £8, concessions £6.

Doors open 7 pm, curtain 7.30 pm

Henlow Theatre, Hitchin Rd, Henlow Camp, SG16 6DN

GREAT theatre on your door step

All Saints Clifton



Sunday 24 May

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 PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Parish Council are pleased to announce that they have installed a Defibrillator in the Car Park of the Admiral public house. This is available for Public use in emergencies. This Defibrillator is part of the Community Heartbeat Trust's ambition to place Defibrillators in rural locations where Ambulances or Paramedics will take longer to arrive.

**The machine is only of
use to people in
Cardiac Arrest**

(when your heart stops pumping)



COMMUNITY
HEARTBEAT
The Community HeartBeat Trust

When this happens time is short.

On phoning 999 for the Ambulance you will be given the Key Code for the Defibrillator case. Emergency services will also be despatched.

If the pub is open they have the code behind the bar

On opening the Defibrillator it will tell you exactly what to do.

We hope you will never have to use the Defibrillator but if you do need one its in The Admiral car park.

Our thanks to the Landlord John Goodhew.

Clifton Parish Council

Clifton Planning Applications update Central Beds decisions to 9th April 2015



CB/15/00845/FULL – 19th March 2015 – 79 & 81 Broad Street, SG17 5RP. Erection of two detached bungalows with parking and access – Consultation period.

CB/15/00992/FULL – 17th March 2015 – Land at Chapel Close, SG17 5YG. Retention of existing low level emergency lighting column and hard surfacing associated with existing pumping station (in addition to the provision of a new permitted development 1 m high close boarded fence, gate and bollard and the planting of a new hornbeam hedge to screen enclosure) (Resubmission of planning application CB/14/02134/FULL) – Consultation period.

CB/15/00614/FULL – 13th March 2015 – 100 New Road, SG17 5JJ. Single storey rear extension. – Consultation period.

CB/15/00871/FULL – 5th March 2015 – 23 Manor Close, SG17 5EJ. 1st floor front extension & new window to front elevation – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/00671/RM – 26th February 2015 – Land for plot 6 off Godfrey Lane, SG17 5RQ. Reserved Matters: Erection of a two bedroom bungalow following outline approval Ref: CB/12/01892/OUT dated 08/10/2012 – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/00350/FULL – 5th 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) – Granted

CB/15/00198/FULL – 20th January 2015 – 26a Stockbridge Road, SG17 5HA. Garage conversion to family room – Granted.

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

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

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

Family Photo Session

Saturday 16th May

9:00 am – 3.00 pm

Clifton Community Centre

£5 booking fee for a 15 minute photo session, payable at time of booking.

A wide range of great value photo packages starting from £30.

To book your session please contact Julie Wilmot on 07795 458052 or cliftontoddlers@gmail.com for a booking form.



A fundraising event for Clifton Parent & Toddler Group



Warning!



Conmen in Clifton target elderly

Last week when people were leaving the Clifton Community Centre having attended the Elder **People's Club they were approached by** two men with a white van about doing some gardening work.

Having looked at the work which needed to be done they agreed the price, took the money and didn't come back. The police have been informed. Apart from the financial loss this has left an elderly person in our community feeling vulnerable.

Always get a written quotation for any work which you need to have done. If in any doubt seek advice from family or a helpful neighbour first. And finally please make sure a satisfactory job has been done **BEFORE** parting with your hard earned money.

Spring Exhibition

Featuring over 50 Artists

Parkside Hall, Ampthill

Saturday 23 May 10.00—5.30

Sunday 24 May 10.00—4.00

Local artists selling a diverse & exciting range of work

Clifton W.I.



President Pat Wisby opened the April meeting by inviting the 36 members present to have a moment's silence to remember Bas Gorringer, who was the husband of long-standing member Margaret. This was followed by the singing of Jerusalem.

The minutes of the March meeting were read, agreed and signed, as were the minutes of the AGM. Our representative at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 2nd June will be Mary Newman. Our coffee morning raised £300 and a letter of thanks from the Church Hall Committee was read out. Pat then told everyone the new responsibilities of the committee.

Open days at NFWI HQ in London November 25 & 26; Centennial Fair in Harrogate September 3 – 6; Walking Tour of Spitalfields June 16; International Wine Testing with meal Westoning Village Hall July 10; Centenary Baton in WI House May 2 & 3; Discussion on mental health issues Flitwick Village Hall June 25.

Treasure Hunt around Henlow July 3 & 17; Fashion Show at Beales, June 30; Sponsored walk Marston Vale Forest May 31; Cake stall at Young Farmers' Rally May 16 – cakes to Mary Newman May 15. The 2016 WI Diaries need to be ordered by May 18 at the latest.

We are to hold two Games Afternoons 1.30-3.30pm, alternative months to our lunches, the first on May 12 which will commence with a Beetle Drive, the second on July 14. Ascot Ladies Day lunch will be at Mount Pleasant Golf Club on June 18 – cost £10.

Birthday cards for April were handed out and the next committee meeting arranged for Monday April 20.

Our speaker for the evening was Nick Masters who spoke about 'Police Matters'. Nick is a Community Inspector in Bedford and gave us a very interesting talk as well as showing us various parts of his uniform, radio, phone, etc. He was very well received.

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 6 in the Church Hall at 7.30pm will include Resolutions and a speaker who will be Lynda Maude 'Behind the Scenes at MK Theatre'. Visitors welcome £4.

Katherine Edwards 816334



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

As I write, the weather is on a high and we have calm sunny weather. Oh Joy! Hope it stays like this, so much gardening to do.

We had our committee meeting on 7th April (the day after Easter Monday), that is after we had sought out the keys to the big gates and the community hall! This only made us 15 minutes late. We had a very lively meeting and the big news was that the street lamps around the pond are now working! As I mentioned last month, the school placement saga has been sorted, but what happens when more properties are built in the area? We mused over where to donate money in the community, and we agreed to donate a sum to Clifton Care Scheme to help them in the valuable work that they do.

Unfortunately we have lost two of our active members, and we thank them for their service to the association, and they have stated that we can call on them for help if required. Have you noticed how many buses are breaking down recently? We would love to know if you have any experience of this.

Ideas were banded about for a community garden. Do you have any knowledge or feedback about this? Healthwatch Central Beds are doing a survey about patient hospital services, including getting there for appointments etc. The survey can be found on their web page, so if you have any experience of this, good or bad, they would be very pleased to hear from you. All this helps to improve services for every patient.

There seems to be a lot of questions this month. If you need to get in touch contact me on 07776 157 690 or e-mail denfensome@yahoo.co.uk Also if you feel that you would make a good committee member, get in touch and have a chat.

Our open meeting is on 20th May, 7.30 at the church hall. We have guest speakers from Healthwatch central beds and there will be refreshments and a raffle.

Time to get in the garden, stay lucky,

Den Fensome

Clifton Residents Association

OPEN MEETING

Wednesday 20th May 7.30 pm

CHURCH HALL

Guest speakers from HEALTHWATCH Central Beds

Refreshments & Raffle



**'Developments on
'NEW ROAD DEVELOPMENT'**

Did you know that the VERY SAME DAY as four men were assigned to remove the hedge for access onto the site the Principal Highways Officer ASSURED the Parish Council that NO DEVELOPMENT was imminent?

The Planning Officer was e-mailed about the said work but to date I have not been privileged to find out what his response was. So I beg the question as to who arranged for the men to REMOVE the hedge! Was it Wimpeys own decision to go ahead or had they got permission to organise the work and if so from whom?

Meanwhile we now are left with a WIDE easy access for anyone to go onto that field for long term or short term residence ie travellers could easily set up site at any time now unless the opening is cordoned off until such times as the work begins, but who knows that may well be starting very soon!

(Name and address supplied)

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



WHY NOT HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

Have you ever thought that things need to be done in the community, or that young, older people and others need help and why aren't they getting that help? Then maybe you've wondered whether you couldn't help them but haven't known quite where to start or needed a bit of encouragement and support to get started? Then, why are you not a Lion? Everyone can be a Lion – ordinary people taking on ordinary tasks to help others but achieving amazing results and much happiness. Lions give their time and help and support. 100% of the money raised from the public goes to help those in need.

We take great pride in our involvement within the local community. Towards the end of March we congratulated two young girls and presented them with certificates to celebrate their achieving the Lions Young Leaders in Service Silver Certificate, marking well over 50 hours each of them had spent undertaking voluntary work visiting Residents in an old people's Home as well as helping restore and maintain grounds of a historic house.

Then, we ran a highly successful Race Night with Clifton Youth Football Club. We shared the profit 50:50, resulting with a significant donation to the Club's funds to help them through the year ahead with their activities. We would be pleased to hear from other local groups who might be interested in us working with them to help them fund raise with similar events. Do call the number at the end of this article and we should be happy to discuss.

We've also helped put together a couple of displays in Biggleswade. The first to support HealthWatch Central Bedfordshire's Just Ask campaign and the second in Biggleswade library to support Cavell Nurses. Cavell nurses work with and support people, families and carers affected with Dementia within our community.

Also ahead of us now is a lengthy list of community fetes, fayres and fun days that we plan to attend to raise funds, and then comes the month of December when our diary bulges with sleigh runs, tin collections and associated Christmas activities!

So, now you know what you can do to make a difference and help your community. Join us! We'll be delighted to hear from you and help you help others alongside us as we work together in Lions.

For more information about Biggleswade Sandy Lions,
call Dave or Judith Hagger or visit
www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk



Advertisers in the Clifton Chronicles

This Month Clifton Chronicles begins its new 'advertising year' and we are delighted to say that many local businesses continue to find our pages helpful in successfully running their businesses.

There are a few new faces so do have a look at our advertising pages just to make sure you have not missed just what you are looking for!

THE END OF AN ERA AT SHILLINGTON SERVICES



Just a note to say that after running Shillington Services for 24 years, we have decided retire. It has been a pleasure to run our business from Shillington and help out so many of our loyal customers who we will miss very much.

It is our pleasure to announce that Mr Martin Brogan has purchased Shillington Services and can still be contacted on the usual telephone numbers, (01462 711636 – 07850 876280) plus his new mobile number of 07975 944394. He will be operating from new business premises, not in Shillington.

We have a few people to thank, firstly to our customers, a massive thank you for your custom over the years. Thanks also must go to the Village and Parish magazines for there help in advertising our business and supporting us over the years. Special thanks must go to Bowles Garage, the family have helped us by taking our deliveries when we were not in and repairing our van quickly so we could be back on the road, doing our business.

It is however time to start the next exciting times in our lives and that is retirement. We have lots of plans i.e. holidays and catching up with old friends that we have not had the time to visit as we have been tied to the business, continuing our sports waterskiing and golf. And spending more time with our lovely family and dear friends.

Once again a big thank you to everyone that has helped and supported us over the years.

With sadness its time to say farewell.
Fondest wishes from both of us, John and Rita Carter

Chicksands Priory



Chicksands Priory is a grade 1 Listed Building, a Scheduled Ancient Monument and now an Officers Mess situated in the middle of a MoD base, the Joint Intelligence Training Group, just west of Shefford.

Originally it was founded as the third largest of the Gilbertine Priors in the late 12th century. The Gilbertine order was unique insofar that on several sites there was a double house with accommodation for both nuns, who followed the Cistercian Rule and canons who were ordained priests and who followed the Augustinian Rule. The land at Chicksands was given to the order by Payne de Beauchamp, feudal lord of Bedford and whose widow Rohese later became a prioress there. It is the only house to be founded during the lifetime of St Gilbert (1083?-1189) outside his own county of Lincolnshire.

After the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII in 1538, Chicksands came into the possession of the Osborn family in 1576 and remained so until 1936, when Sir Algernon Osborn, 7th Baronet sold it to the Commissioners of Crown Lands.

The first owner, Peter Osborn was a lawyer and an MP who later **procured the hereditary post of Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer** in 1552. After his death in 1592, his elder son Sir John is thought to have been the first Osborn to have lived at Chicksands. It is believed that by this time both the monastic church and one cloister had been completely demolished. His third son, John, was created a baronet by Charles II in 1662 in recognition of all the suffering the family had suffered in the Royalist name during the Civil War.

In the 1740s Sir Danvers Osborn, 3rd Bt, employed Isaac Ware to

remodel the interior of the priory. General Sir George Osborn, 4th Bt, from 1813 to 1816 made extensive alterations to the priory adding an entrance porch, cantilevered staircase and gothic arches in the south cloister, designed by the architect James Wyatt. This is how we see the priory today.

After the sale in 1936, RAF Chicksands was set up in 1939 and from 1941 it served as a communications centre and an intercept **facility, home to some 'Y' Service personnel, whose intercepted** messages were sent to Bletchley Park for deciphering. Messages intercepted at Chicksands contributed to the sinking of the battleship Bismark. In 1950 RAF forces were joined by USAF personnel who remained until 1995. Since that time, the base has been home to the UK intelligence forces and is now the Joint Intelligence Training Centre.

Chicksands Priory is open to the public, by prior arrangement, on the first and third Sunday afternoons from April to October. As well as individuals and families, groups of up to 40 are also welcome. For further information, please visit our website: www.chicksandspriory.co.uk. To book your tour, please e-mail: tours@chicksandspriory.co.uk

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Church Services Rotas May

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
3rd	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		
	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
10th	10:30	Mrs K Blackmore Mrs S Collins	Mrs J Dutton-Steinfeld Acts 10:44-48	Mr R Welsford	Mr K Pledger Mrs S Collins	Mr J Gray
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs F Kendall Rev 3:14-end	Officiate		
	8:00 pm	Mr D Killick	Mrs M Cakebread Acts 1:1-11	Officiate		
17th	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Mrs S Ward Acts 1:15-17	Mrs J Pavey	Mr B Livesey Mr R Parker	Mrs K Blackmore
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Luke 4:14-21	Mrs P Whittington		
	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
24th	10:30	Mr D Brace Mr C Brown	Mr D Brace Acts 2:1-21	Mr R Parker	-	Mr P Blackmore
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mr R Watson Acts 2:22-38	Officiate		
	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mrs S Collins Isaiah 6:1-8	Mrs A Sullivan	Mrs A Sullivan Mrs J Glenister	Mr A Good
31st	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mrs P Whittington John 3:1-17	Officiate		
	10:30	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Wyer		Mrs R Gray	Mrs K Blackmore Mr C Brown	Mr C Moncreff
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs J Pavey Romans 9:1-13	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

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