

June 2015

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Forward Planner

June	
1	The Forum, 30 New Road, 7.00
3	WI Meeting Church Hall 7.30pm
7	Church Open, 2.00 – 5.00
13	Academy Summer Fayre, Playing Field, Maypole 12 noon
	5 th Annual Craft and Produce Show
	Log Cabin Quilters Exhibition, Church Hall, Langford, 11.00-4.00
14	RSPB Wild History-Time Explorers, 11.00-5.00, The Lodge, Sandy
16	GLGS Panshanger 14.00
	MU, Social – <i>Poems, Stories, etc</i>
20-21	Open Gardens, 2.00 – 5.00
28	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
	Woodlands Funday Sunday, 12.00-2.00 Golden Lion
July	
1	WI Meeting Church Hall 7.30pm
5	Church Open, 2.00 – 5.00
14	WI Social 1.30pm Church Hall
17	End of Term
	Barn Dance, Clifton Bury Farm
21	GLGS Bourn 14.00
	MU, Outing to Museum at Stondon

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

New Advertisers

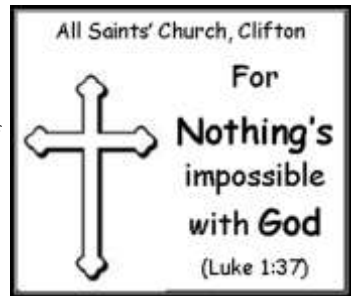
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Please look for our new advertisers in the Clifton Chronicles and if you use one of our local businesses and you found their details in the Chronicles please tell them!

We need the advertisers to fund the Chronicles so it can drop free on your mat each month and we know that residents find the advertising pages a real help when looking for tradesmen and services and we know that businesses find the Chronicles a really good way of getting in touch with customers, new, old and prospective. Benefits all round!

Ministry Team Letter

15th June will be the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta by King John at a location close to the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede in Surrey. In effect, it was a peace treaty between King John and his subjects, and was designed to end the more tyrannical tendencies John was inflicting during his reign without deposing him of his throne. At its core was the demand that everyone had to obey the law; including the king. In so doing it set limits on the power of the monarchy and established human rights for everyone in England.



But why celebrate something that happened 800 years ago? Not least, because it has a lasting influence today. Three of the 63 original clauses are still upheld in English law. The most notable is the right to trial by jury – trial by our peers or our equals. The core principle of equitable justice, first set down as a tenet in Magna Carta, underpins the life of our **society today. It's good to use the opportunity of this** anniversary to celebrate that we live in a just society, and reflect on what we might need to do to ensure we allow future generations to continue to benefit from that.

Another of the three of the original 63 clauses of Magna Carta **that remain in law today is the English Church's right to freedom. This means it's your Church – not the State's.** On the evening of Sunday 14th June at All Saint's Church there will be an informal service focused on celebrating Magna Carta. After sharing in coffee, tea and biscuits between 6 and 6:30 we will thank God in some modern and old favourite hymns, reflect on what Magna Carta meant and means, and offer prayers for our future. Why not come along to your Church and celebrate this great anniversary.

God Bless, Robin
Robin Welsford, Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)

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

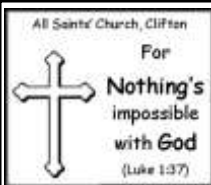


HELP ! HELP! We Need More Volunteer Drivers!!

Wanderbus, the Shefford-based service operated entirely by volunteers, is seeking anyone who can give us 1 morning or afternoon per month (or more of course) to drive the Wanderbus.

The Wanderbus, that celebrated 25 years of service last year, is based from the Shefford Health Centre, covers all surrounding villages with current services to Baldock, Bedford, Hitchin, Letchworth, Milton Keynes, Stevenage & Welwyn Garden City. Jenny Gilbert, who oversees all operations, says "As we operate purely with volunteers, we are desperately seeking additional drivers to complement our current team. This can be driving just once a month or more and you only need a full and clean car driving licence".

If you can help this special community bus service please get in touch as below. Contact details can be found on their web site – <http://wanderbus.org.uk>, by calling 0300-123-3023 or e mail thewanderbus@gmail.com



All Saints' Church

Special services
in the next few weeks

14th June

NEW WORSHIP

Informal worship

800 years MAGNA CARTA

6.30 pm



Messy Church 28 June,
10.30 see p 29

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**Advertising your
business in the
Clifton Chronicles**

We run our advertising year from May to April and run advertisements for a whole year. If you would like to enquire about advertising your business please get in touch and we will be pleased to send you a FAQ sheet: chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

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**Submitting local
organisation news to
the Clifton Chronicles**

We are pleased to include news and information from local organisations. Please ask for a FAQ sheet about how to submit information: chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

Clifton All Saints' Academy



Welcome to the summer term Clifton All Saints Academy has been as busy as ever with lots going on and lots to look forward to! We would like to congratulate Miss Chegwyn who gave birth to a little girl 9 days early after a very difficult pregnancy. We are pleased to say Miss Chegwyn is feeling much better and baby Eden Mae is doing well.

Over the spring term we have:

- Celebrated World Book Day
- Watched the Solar Eclipse (amongst the clouds!)
- Some of our key stage one children attended a multi skills festival where we came 1st out of approximately 12 teams
- Held our key stage 1 talent show, enjoyed by parents, relatives and of course the children
- Had an Easter Raffle donated by staff and the PTA organised a very successful Easter Party which is an annual event and raises funds for the school
- Purple team gained the most posi-points across the school and chose a mufti day as their treat

Robins Class enjoyed their trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park on 6th May we were very lucky with the weather and managed to avoid the showers. More girls than boys seemed to like the bugs and were very keen to hold and touch them, the staff were not so keen though! The children behaved very well and a fun day was had by all.

The local fireman and engine came into school and Robins and Kingfishers Class had a wonderful time trying out the fireman's hose and getting all the staff cars very wet, their faces were a picture.

Over the summer term we are looking forward to:

- Our year 3 class attending the Faith Tour which is a fantastic educational trip which has been enjoyed by children and staff for several years now
- A Circus Skills workshop
- Year 4 start their swimming lessons over a course of 6 weeks

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- Summer Fayre and Maypole Dancing – Saturday 13th June, this is the PTA's biggest fund raiser so please come along and support us
- Year 4 transition events
- Sports Day – Friday 19th June weather permitting. (Monday June 22nd reserve sports day)
- Meeting our new parents and children who will be starting with us in September

...and much more so please look out for parent mails, the school website and notice boards for up to date information on dates, times and events over the term. Especially at the end of term where all of the leavers events take place. Every term is busy in school but the summer term does always seem the busiest for all the staff and children.

There will be some staff changes in September 2015 which will be confirmed to all parents once everything is in place. It has been a challenging year and we would like to thank all of our staff and parents for your continued support. The children have all been brilliant and adapted very quickly to any changes that have been put upon them which is a credit to you all.

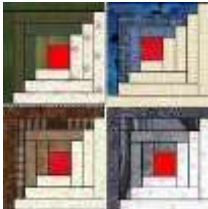
Website address: <http://cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>

You can contact the school on:

school@clifton-beds.co.uk

headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk

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

Clifton Street Watch



Once more our village has seen few crime problems during the month of April, with both Anti-Social problems and burglary reduced to just one incident. This involved a potential burglary on Saturday 11th April around 10pm when an offender entered a building via an insecure, side door, it is unknown if a search was made or if anything was taken.

Our Clifton community are reminded the best way to reduce possibilities of attacks of this nature are:

- Make your boundaries difficult or impossible to climb over.
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Remove all keys from the locks and keep them in a safe place out of view.
- Keep hallways clear of valuables like keys, handbags and laptop where they may be seen.
- Check that side gates are locked.
- Keep bins, ladders and garden furniture locked away.
- Fit Window Restrictors to fan light windows.

Just because our village has seen very few problems this year, we must not become complacent and should all remain vigilant. Other local villages around us have suffered substantial crime figures over the past few months. In March, Henlow, Langford, Mepershall between them suffered 15 incidents, with Shefford and Arlesey together amounting to more than 100 such attacks.

Should you wish to learn more, Bedfordshire Police offers a team of trained Crime Reduction Officers, who provide advice on home security and crime prevention. They can provide crime prevention advice on a range of topics or you can download our interactive their [crime reduction guide booklet](#).

For our older generation and vulnerable people FREE help is available to improve the home security. To find out more about this scheme, contact me or Janet Heinsen/Geoff Coomb Tel: 01234 842 619 ask for info Bobby Van or go online www.bedspolicepartnership.org

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334



Clifton Speedwatch Group

To the 8th May your Speed Watch Group made 25 traffic calming visits. Broad Street – 4 occasions; Church Street – 3; New Road – 5; Pedley Lane – 2; Shefford Road – 5; and Stockbridge Road – 6. Of the 2496 vehicles passing during those visits, I have reported 90. Using the new Stardome letter generating system letters were sent out to the offending motorists within two days.

The visits this year have, with one exception, been very successful in reducing the percentage of speeding vehicles to below 6%. On four occasions we have not had to make any reports. Unfortunately a visit to Pedley Lane produced a return of 20%. However the second visit did produce a lower percentage return of 6%. Hopefully, further visits will reduce the numbers of vehicles speeding down this road, which appears to be used as a “rat run”.

In addition to the Group's visits, up to the 31st March, the Police Camera Van made 10 visits to the A507 (33 vehicles recorded); 2 to Broad Street (2); 4 to Shefford Road (14) and 4 to New Road (17). Regular meetings continue to take place with the Police. Traffic calming visits continue to be made by Arlesey, Campton, Henlow, Langford, Shefford and Upper Caldecote.

If you need a “kill your speed” refuse bin sticker, please let me know.

Thank you for observing the Clifton speed limits, and those in our neighbouring communities.

Terry Cobb – 815281

The Clifton Forum

The Clifton Forum (discussion group) met on 13th April and covered the subject of equality/inequality. Wide ranging chat in this very complex world by the six attendees. As you would expect there was no consensus within the wide range of issues such as health, social care and economics.

Our next session is on **1st June** when the subject will be: **"Democracy"**. Please come and join us at 7.00 pm.

Bob Smith, 30 New Road (01462 812336)





woodlands

pre-school

Woodlands Funday Sunday

28th June 12.00—2.00

The Golden Lion Pub

Stalls * Face painting * Raffle * bbq

.....and much more

Come for a fun afternoon bring the whole family

If anyone is able to help on the day please contact
Tracy on 07876787266



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 cliflontoddlers@gmail.com,
search Clifton Toddlers on Facebook



The 5th Annual
All Saints'
Craft & Produce
Show

with a seaside theme!

Saturday 13th June

1.00 pm—3.30 pm

Clifton All Saints' Academy playing field

Schedules and entry forms available from:

Jane 811967

Julie-Anne 851400

School reception or

www.clifton-beds.co.uk.

Closing date for entries 8th June

Clifton All Saints' Academy



Summer Fayre
& Maypole Dancing
13th June



Maypole dancing
12 noon

Followed by the Fayre on the
school playing field

There will be fun and games for
all the family, including:

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



Clifton
Open Gardens
Weekend



20 & 21 June 2015
2.00—5.00 each day

- ★ The Grange Gardens, Saturday
- ★ Different gardens each day
- ★ Floral Celebration in Church
Commemorating Magna Carta 800th anniversary
- ★ Church Tower Open (time tbc)
- ★ Teas in the Churchyard
- ★ Missions plant and produce stall
- ★ Famous Tombola (Saturday only)

Entry by Programme: £3.50 per person
Accompanied children under 13 free

Programmes available in advance:

J W Baxters, Jim Peacock 812514, Kathy Blackmore 646371
on the day from Clifton Church or any open garden

Proceeds to All Saints' Church

Clifton



Barn Dance

The Grain Barn
Clifton Bury Farm

Friday 17 July 2015
7.30pm - 11.30 pm

Dancing to The Live Band

“BRICKS AND BRUSSELS”

Hog Roast / Licensed bar

£20.00 Incl Hog Roast

Admission By Ticket Only

Price includes a voluntary Donation of £10
available from Jim Peacock Tel : 812514
or Julie-Anne Clark Tel : 851400

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs D A Brace & Mr J Wall

PROCEEDS TO ALL SAINTS' ACADEMY & ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CLIFTON

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a new, spacious, well-equipped community centre with floodlit parking for 60 cars.

For information on the facilities available, and to see just how easy and inexpensive it is to use this hall see:

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

To check availability and make a booking, please email:

parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

or phone:

Sharon Kingham 07547 129038 or

Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

Booking forms and conditions of hire can be downloaded from the website.



GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our April competition was played at Wyboston Lakes GC, competing for the Chuckles Masters. The weather was warm and sunny, the course in good condition apart from the greens, which were very slow and very bumpy. Our winners were:

- 1st with 44 pts – Colin Paine
- 2nd with 32pts – Jim Peacock
- 3rd with 30 pts OCB – Derrick Swain
- Longest Drive – Ian Martin
- Nearest the Pin – Brian Sapsed



See Forward Planner for our next competition.

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

Clifton W.I.



President Pat Wisby welcomed to the May meeting 37 members and 2 visitors and Jerusalem was sung. The minutes of the April meeting were read, agreed and signed. Jackie was thanked for organising last month's lunch. We received a thank you card from Audrey Steeds for the flowers and gifts she received on her retirement as Group Conveyor of the Arlesey Group of WIs. An invitation was received from Arlesey WI for two members to join them at their 97th birthday party on Tuesday May 12.

Walking Tour of Spitalfields June 16; International Wine Testing with meal Westoning Village Hall July 10; Discussion on mental health issues Flitwick Village Hall June 25; End of Season Ladies Clothes Sale at Flitwick Village Hall July 4; Petanque at The Greyhound, Haynes Wed July 8 & Tues July 14; Treasure Hunt around Henlow July 3 and 17; Fashion Show at Beales, June 30; Sponsored walk at Marston Vale Forest May 31; Afternoon Boat Trip August 7; Ascot Ladies Day lunch at Mount Pleasant Golf Club June 18; Kathy Brown's Garden July 10:

Discussions were then held on the Resolution for 2015 which will be discussed fully at the Centenary Annual Meeting in the Albert Hall on Thursday June 4. Birthday cards for May were handed out, the raffle was drawn and the next committee meeting arranged for Monday May 18. Afternoon WI on May 12 will commence at 1.30pm with a Beetle Drive, the second afternoon WI will be on July 14 both in the Church Hall. £2 to include refreshments.

Our speaker for the evening was Nicola Rathbone a Group Sales Representative for Milton Keynes Theatre. Formerly a dresser in the West End, recently appointed as a GSR this was her first talk. She was very interesting explaining how the theatre was designed and built and where the donations came from, also she mentioned they do talks on Pantomime around Christmas and also can arrange backstage tours. She can arrange discounts for groups

Next Meeting Wednesday June 3, the speaker Geoff Lambert on 'Dog Detectives'. Visitors welcome £4.

Katherine Edwards 816334



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone

Our big subject for this month is ...LITTER!

This one particular item must come up at meetings more than any other. Our constant problem is the discarded litter between Samuel Whitbread Academy and the One Stop shop.

Some of our committee members have witnessed students just throwing litter down as and when, even NEXT to the litter bin!! A group of girls were asked why they didn't use the bin, and their reply was words to the effect of 'it makes us look soft in front of the boys'!...WHAT!!

It's very obvious that they have no respect for their community, their village and especially themselves. To be fair, it's not just students. I bet we have all witnessed 'grown ups' chucking litter down on to the ground.

Any ideas how we can stop this?

Now I travel weekly on the A505 **between Hitchin and Luton**, and the verges were like a tip. Everything was dumped there including a car front bumper! I sent one of my 'strong e-mails' to North Herts District Council stating that this area was a total disgrace to our Country! I received a reply almost immediately, and the whole section of verges were clear of all rubbish within One Month! It's now a pleasure to drive that journey.

So can it be done? OR, is it that our village is so GROSS that it deserves to be smothered with litter?

Your thoughts would be appreciated, meanwhile,

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

Clifton Planning Applications update Central Beds decisions to 8th May 2015



CB/15/01563/FULL – 27th April 2015 – 21 Fairground Way, SG17 5JN. The erection of a single story rear and side extension and alterations to the existing house. – Consultation period.

CB/15/01543/FULL – 23rd April 2015 – 53 Broad Street, SG17 5RL
Two story side an single story rear extension – Consultation period.

CB/15/01302/FULL – 16th April 2015 – The Cottage, 1 Pedley Lane, SG17 5EN Change of use from joinery workshop to residential annex - replace garage doors with window & door to front elevation & insert roof light to side elevation roof slope & internal alterations. Change of use from joinery workshop to residential annex - replace garage doors with window & door to front elevation & insert roof light to side elevation roof slope & internal alterations. – Consultation period.

CB/15/01186/FULL – 2nd April 2015 – 91 Broad Street, SG17 5RP
Two storey rear extension and entrance porch to the front. – Consultation period.

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

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) – Awaiting decision

CB/15/00832/FULL – 11th March 2015 – Land off Hitchin Lane,
Land use for grazing, the erection of a stable block with associated hard standing and fencing. Consultation period which expires 20 May 2015. But also says ‘Full application granted.’

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

CB/15/00871/FULL – 5th March 2015 – 23 Manor Close, SG17 5EJ
First floor front extension and new window to front elevation - Granted.

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 – Granted.

On Saturday 2 May, 2015

A peal of

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Was rung in 2 hours 53 minutes

Composed by C Middleton

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Linda M Garton
- 3 Dean De-Matteis
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 James K Eggleston
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 David Kemp
- 8 John P Loveless (Conductor)



First peal at first attempt (aged 15) - 3

Rung to mark the 300th anniversary of the first ever peal, rung on 2nd May 1715.

Also to celebrate the birth
this morning of a daughter to the
Duke and Duchess of Cambridge





Gardening Service

Our Gardening service is available to over 50s living in Bedfordshire and Luton, providing local gardeners to keep your garden neat and tidy all year round.

All of our gardeners are strictly vetted and fully insured. They are all equipped with a lawn mower, hedge trimmer and strimmer, and can carry out work in your garden all year round.

We can arrange fortnightly visits during the main season, and monthly visits during the winter period.

This is a very popular service; we will try our very best to supply you with a gardener at the earliest opportunity. The gardening service is available throughout Bedfordshire.

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Gardening service

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Email: enquiries@ageukbedfordshire.org.uk

Keep Safe

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Don't be prey to men in white vans touting for business at your door.



Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

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

THANKS CHARLES

Charles Wicksteed was born in Leeds in 1847, the son of a clergyman. After an engineering apprenticeship he set up a steam plough contracting business in Norfolk at the age of 21. In 1871 he moved to Kettering and went on to set up an engineering workshop.

In 1913 he bought an area of land near Kettering. He wanted to create an open space for local families, many of whom lived in houses with no gardens, so that their children had to play in the streets. With his engineering company he provided both seats and playground equipment. Wicksteed Park was born, one of the first leisure parks in Great Britain. Indeed, he provided equipment for many such parks in Europe.

Besides the fun of the roller coasters, flume and pirate ship and rides there is also a nature reserve and 147 acres of restful parkland. He designed the railway but sadly he died before it opened in Easter 1931. "Cheyenne" one of the engines was built in Bedford.

In June this year, as in previous years, we will be taking a full coach of disadvantaged families, who wouldn't normally have such a day out, to Wicksteed Park. In addition, we also invite Bedfordshire Young Carers and give them a much needed break. We pay for not only the coach, but also for admission and access to all the rides and attractions, as well as providing a picnic lunch. It is thanks to you and your kind and generous support at our fundraising events that we can do this, one of our key events of the year.

Would you like to help raise money for events like this, take part in running them and enjoy our social life as well? To find out more, visit www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk. or speak Dave or Judi on 01462 814693. Quite simply, our motto is:

WE SERVE



Henlow Church of England Academy



Made in Henlow!

Josh Shadbolt, in Year 5, attended the Olivier Awards as one of the cast members for the musical “Made in Dagenham”. Gemma Arterton had been nominated for ‘Best Actress in a Musical’ and the show had received a nomination for Best Set Design. Unfortunately there were other winners on the night, but Josh had a great time and is seen here on the red carpet.



The Anne Frank Trust’s flagship ‘Take a stand’ exhibition

The Anne Frank Trust UK took its flagship educational programme *Take a Stand* to Henlow CE Academy. The programme drew on the life of Anne Frank to empower young people to challenge prejudice and discrimination, promoting responsibility and respect for others. The exhibition showcased inspirational people such as Rosa Parks, Mandela and Gandhi who showed moral courage against injustice and prejudice.

The programme provided leadership development for Year 8 pupils who acted as exhibition guides, encouraging them to teach others about the legacy of Anne’s diary and helping them to understand the damage caused by hatred and prejudice.

Val Ross, Eastern Regional Manager for the Anne Frank Trust, commented: “In our experience, Anne Frank’s diary continues to inspire young people, providing opportunities to learn and reflect on the consequences of prejudice and discrimination. *Take a Stand* exhibition prompts us to think and question what our responsibilities are to make a real and lasting difference to our communities.

Mrs Earp said, “We have been delighted to work with the Diocese of St Albans and SACRE to promote active citizenship, community engagement and positive attitudes. The Year 8 pupils have benefitted enormously from the opportunity to present information about a range of inspirational people to their peers.” Head of RE & Deputy Headteacher, Caroline Hinitt said, “Pupils are becoming increasingly

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more aware of the issues of racism, prejudice and discrimination in our world. It was important for us, to enable our pupils to learn about courageous and principled people. As Rosa Parks said, 'Racism is still with us, but it is up to us to prepare our children for what they have to meet and, hopefully, we shall overcome.'" Community open evenings were well attended and pupils from local lower and upper schools visited the exhibition with teachers.

Devastation in Nepal - Henlow Helps!

Fresh from her trip to Nepal over the Easter holidays, Henlow CE Academy teacher Mrs Albert has been instrumental in ensuring that Henlow pupils are fully alert and ready to respond to the disaster. In order to provide practical help for the people of Nepal, Henlow supported an initiative called AQUABOX, run by Rotary. A box of basic equipment is provided to a family, including tarpaulin, hammer, nails, basic hygiene items, some clothes, cooking utensils and a pot. The final item in the box is a microfilter, which, when attached to the box, can turn polluted water into



clean drinking water via a small hand pump. The filters used are so fine, that no known bacteria are able to pass through it. They also prevent the spread of polio. Last week, Henlow pupils wore red, white, blue, green and yellow clothes; the colours of the famous Nepalese prayer flags. Pupils also held cake sales after lunch and staff held an auction of promises to raise more money. After 2 days of fundraising, Henlow had raised over £2000 for Aquabox, with some pupils raising well over £100 individually.

"I have been overwhelmed with the support for Nepal," enthused Mrs Albert. "I feel so fortunate to be here, having only just got back from Nepal myself. It is fabulous to work in a school where community action is so prevalent and every member of the school has played a part in raising this tremendous sum of money for AQUABOX. We shall be able to buy 12 boxes and some community boxes, which provide water for a whole village."

Further information can be found on the AQUABOX website
<http://www.aquabox.org/whats-in-a-box/#boxtabs1>



Henlow CE Academy



Summer Fayre



Friday 26th June

5.30 - 7.30pm

Stalls include:

Face painting, BBQ, Skittles, Tombola, Sweets, Refreshments, Ice Cream, Plants, Hoopla, Gifts, Glitter Tattoos, the Grand Raffle and many more.

Meppershall Summer Fair
Saturday 27th June, 1-5pm



RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Flypast

ALL THREE – The Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane

FREE ENTRY

Foster's Field, behind Meppershall Village hall, SG17 5LX



On Sunday 10th May 2015
576 changes of
Cambridge Surprise Minor
were rung to commemorate the
70th anniversary of VE day

The ringers were:

Sheila Ashton	Treble
Stan Ashton	2
Susan Silver	3
Russell Brown	4
Philippa Whittington	5
Frank Rivett	Tenor



Conducted by Frank Rivett

WANTED!

Shefford Band needs new players...



If you play the drums or a wind/brass instrument, please get in touch!

We meet on Thursdays, 19:45–21:45, at Shefford Methodist Church.

The band plays a wide range of music and welcomes players of all ages.

Contact: Vic Parker (Conductor) – 01525 713202 – or find us on Facebook.



All Saints Clifton



Sunday 28 June

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



giving
nature
a home

News from RSPB

The Lodge nature reserve & gardens

The RSPB Lodge reserve is open every day of the week, from dawn to dusk, for everyone to enjoy and there are plenty of organised events: just ring to book. Entry is included in the car-parking fee - £5 a car for non-members, free if you are members or just visiting the shop. The shop (01767 680541) is open every day (9.00-5.00 weekdays and 10.00-5.00 weekends and Bank Holidays) and has everything for people who love nature.

Our website; www.rspb.org.uk/thelodge is the place to look for all of the events you can enjoy here at RSPB The Lodge this year. Check our Facebook page, [facebook.com/RSPBthreecounties](https://www.facebook.com/RSPBthreecounties) for all of the latest news and wildlife sightings.

**RSPB The Lodge nature reserve and gardens,
Potton Road, Sandy, SG192DL, 01767 680541**

Next big event at The Lodge:

Wild History—Time explorers Sunday 14 June, 11 am – 5 pm



Become a Wild History Time Explorer at The RSPB headquarters, at a fun and informative family event, highlighting the history and archaeology of The Lodge, and discover how ancient people shaped the natural world through their crafts.

We will be running a series of great activities and demonstrations which you can take part in and enjoy. Watch as a Bronze dagger is smelted; get mucky hands making pottery, paint some rock art and grind some grain just as the ancient bakers would have done. There'll be amazing artefacts and bones on display and a sand pit for the youngsters to delve in and search for hidden finds.

Costs; Adults £3, children £1, Family £5

Church Services Rotas June

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
7 th	10:30	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Weyer		Mrs R Gray	Mrs K Blackmore Mr C Brown	Mr C Moncrieff
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs J Pavey Romans 9:1-13	Officiate		
14 th	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Grant	Mr R Watson Ezekiel 17:22-24	Mrs M Cole	Mr A Good Mr R Welsford	Mr A Good
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs F Kendall Romans 9:14-26	Officiate		
21 st	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs J Peacock	Mr R Parker Job 38:1-11	Mrs R Wagner	Mr P Blackmore Mrs J Pavey	
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore Romans 11:25-36	Officiate		
28 th	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mr B Livesey 2 Cor 8:7-15	Mrs S Welsford	-	
	6:30	Mrs N Gifford	Mr K Pledger Romans 13:1-10	Officiate		
5 th July	10:30	Mrs L Burton Mrs L Patch		Mr B Livesey	Mr K Gray Mrs R Gray	
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Romans 14:1-17	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.

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	Elspeth	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