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in Clifton

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Forward Planner

August	
5	WI Annual BBQ at Clifton Cricket Club
18	GLGS Wavendon 14.00
23	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
28	CIPS AGM and Wine and Cheese, 6.45, The Grange
29	Music Festival, Golden Lion, 12.00-11.00 pm, For Cancer Research
September	
2	W.I. Centenary Party - Church Hall 7pm
7	New Term begins
15	GLGS Harpenden Common 14.00
	MU, Terry Sullivan - <i>Holiday in Alaska</i>
18	Happy School Bags, 9.00 am Academy Car Park
	Marie Curie Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10.00 am
October	
10	Woodlands Fashion Show
20	GLGS Mowsbury 13.00
	MU Social
23	Family Disco, 6.00 – 9.30, Community Centre
31	Ceremony of the Keys, 5.30 leave Golden Lion

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
Chronicles



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 by
emailing: chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

The Clifton Chronicles is produced each month entirely by
volunteers, it drops free on each of the 1300 doormats in Clifton
11 times each year—magic!

Ministry Team Letter

Before departing for her extended study leave Revd. Anne worked hard to ensure that our pattern of worship and the occasional offices (baptisms, weddings, funerals) could continue in her absence. Over the last three months we have welcomed to the church two Bishops, a Canon, eight priests and eight lay readers who led our worship and services with varying styles and offered a rich variety of insight into God's work. We offer our grateful thanks to all of them and to Revd. Anne for her thorough preparation.

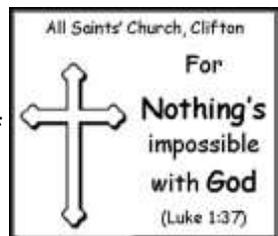
At the end of July we said goodbye to our organist and choir mistress, Susan Sims. Susan first played at All Saints as a deputy organist in 1998; in recent years she developed the community choir and over the last two years has taken our church choir to a very high standard showing great enthusiasm and commitment in everything she has done. We wish her well in her new post at St. Marys, Maulden.

Revd. Anne returns to the parish this month rested and inspired by her travels in the Lake District studying spirituality and the poet Wordsworth. We welcome her back and look forward to sharing in her inspiration.

August will see a change in the pattern of services at All Saints. Evensong will now take place on the 1st Sunday of the month only, New Worship and Living Well (Healing) services will alternate on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Baptisms will take place (by arrangement with the Rector) at 2pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. This change has been put in place by Revd. Anne after discussion with the Bishop to ensure a sustainable and realistic pattern of services.

Another change is that at 8:30am on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of each week Revd. Anne invites you to join her in the church for a short (15 minutes) said litany (prayer) of Morning Celtic Worship.

Anne Sullivan, Church Warden



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 1st Sunday, Evening Worship 3rd Sunday

Wednesdays: 10.00 am—Communion

Church Open every Monday 10.00-12.00
And 1st Sunday of the month 2.00-5.00

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

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:

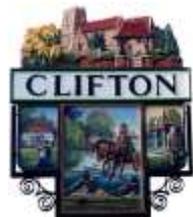
parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

or phone:

Sharon Kingham 07547 129038 or

Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

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



Clifton Open Gardens 2015



A wonderfully successful weekend. The atmosphere around the churchyard was just lovely and lots of people reported that seeing so many people strolling round the village evoked images of days gone by before cars were the 'normal' mode of transport even around the village.

We sold at 150 programmes over the two days, which is amazing, we did wonderfully well on teas and of course there was advertising in the programme which got us off to a good start. In summary it looks as if we made over £1400 for much needed church funds! In addition the Plant and Produce stall raised £261.60 for St John's Moggerhanger, please see below.

An enormous 'Thank you' to all those who opened gardens and I hope they enjoyed the opportunity to speak to other keen gardeners about their efforts. Thanks to Jim Peacock for selling advertising ; thanks to Gavin for selling programmes in the Butchers; to the Tombola Team; to bell-ringers for opening the tower on Saturday; to our marvellous teas team and to Suzanne and all our talented flower arrangers.

The Plant and Produce Stall

The Plant and Produce stall raised £261.60p for St John's Moggerhanger. We had no difficulty selling out thanks to the generous contributions from:

Clifton Bury Farm * G & M Growers
Hilltop Farm Shop Langford * Langford Garden Centre,
Parkside Farm Shop Broom * Riverford Organic Farms
Nigel Mann, Vegetable Stall, Shefford Road, and mobile van
and other individuals

Thank you to those who gave and to those who bought.

All Saints' Church Mission Committee

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE



It is becoming increasingly difficult to know where to go for the correct advice on all the many aspects of modern living. Now Age UK, Citizens Advice Bureaus and The Disability Resource Centre with the aid of lottery funding have created ADVICECENTRAL a free one-stop gateway to confidential and informed advice on almost every subject affecting our daily lives.

AdviceCentral can arrange for you to speak to a specialist advisor on any of the following subjects:- Benefits, Communities, Consumer Rights, Debt, Disabilities, Education, Health & Care, Housing, Immigration, Jobs & Legal Issues.

They can be contacted Monday to Thursday 10.am to 3pm at:- AdviceCentral, Poynters House, Poynters Road, Dunstable, Beds, LU5 4TP

Phone: 0300 303 66 66

Email: info@AdviceCentral.org.uk

Website: www.AdviceCentral.org.uk

IF YOU NEED CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

Just call us on

07817 614654

. and we'll do our best to help.

We are here to serve everyone, so if you need us please let us know.



woodlands

pre-school

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Fun Day we would like to thank the Golden Lion for holding the event. We would also like to thank the following for their donation towards our raffle prizes:

Co-operative Funeral Care * 360 * Willow Farm
Paradise Park * Jungle Jims * Rising Stars
The Hive * Jane French for Phoenix Cards selection

Date for diary we have arranged another ladies fashion show on Saturday 10th October.

SAVE THE DATE

FAMILY HALLOWEEN DISCO



Licensed bar, snacks, great disco, optional fancy dress.....

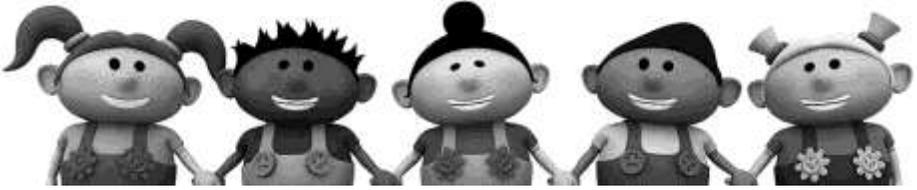
Clifton Community Centre

Friday 23rd October 6pm - 9.30pm

More details to follow next month

Tickets: £3.00 for Adults, £1.50 for children available from:
Julie Willmott cliflontoddlers@gmail.com or 07795 458052

This is a fundraising event for Clifton Parent and Toddler group but is open to all and we welcome families with children of all ages.



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, search Clifton Toddlers on Facebook.

Stagecoach Bus Service in Clifton

Over the past few months there has been an increase in the number of breakdowns in the 71/72 bus service. There is a web site where such incidences can be recorded:

<http://babus.org.uk/>.

BABUS stands for Bedford Area Bus Users Society. On the web site under Bulletin Board there is a thread 'Stagecoach Bus Breakdowns'. Please report issues in order to help improve the service.

Bob Smith 01462812336

Burglaries in Clifton

Bedfordshire Police, in the form of safer-beds.org have reported three burglaries in Clifton this month.

One took place in Church Street, where the offenders were disturbed by the owner's dog. (I **like** that - I hope the dog was big and bad-tempered.) Outbuildings in Grange Street and Broad Street were broken into. In addition over one night a caravan was broken into, a garage entered and also a house broken into, all in or around Church Street.

The advice from Bedfordshire police is:

- 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 fanlight windows.
- Secure gates, keep fences and walls in good repair and consider defensive planting or trellis.
- Keep sheds in good repair. Make sure that hinges and hasps are correctly fitted.
- Use a good quality padlock to secure the door.
- Ensure that you have good lighting that covers all areas of the property.
- Consider fitting a shed alarm.
- A security cage can be installed inside the shed to secure tools and valuables.
- Report any suspicious activity in neighbouring gardens.

Keep Safe and look out for your neighbours.

Clifton Street Watch



Unfortunately, Clifton has had a slight increase, compared with this period last year. Thirteen crimes were registered, an increase of three compared with 2014. Most of these were not what we would normally consider a danger to the public, however all crimes are a major upset for the persons affected.

Very recently, 3rd July a burglary took place in Shefford Rd, a messy search resulted in the thieves stealing items including jewellery. Another burglary happened only yesterday between 8pm and 8am, the thieves force entry into an out building by cutting the padlock to remove valuable power tools.

We also experienced three vehicle offences this month, the first of which happened in Whiston Crescent 29th June, a person by unknown means, entered the vehicle damaging both steering wheel and lock. Then just a couple of days later, a side window of a vehicle in Church St was smashed to enable a bag to be stolen. Only yesterday, as I write this report, an unsecured vehicle in Pedley Lane was entered and a laptop stolen.

Our community residents are reminded to ensure your vehicles are **securely locked** at all times. You should remove all items from your vehicles, put them out of sight in the boot or better still take them into your property for safe storage. Another tip is to clean from marks made by Sat Navs, thieves look for this as an easy target which might encourage a break-in.

We also had a couple of incidents in June of Criminal Damage. In Broad St, a known offender was caught throwing stones at the windows of a property and later in the month unknown offenders damaged fencing panels in Yew Tree Walk. There was also a reported sexual incident at Stanford Woods on the 2nd June.

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334

WITNESS THE CEREMONY OF THE KEYS

The Ceremony of the Keys dates back Centuries, and is held every night at H.M. Tower of London, featuring the Yeoman Warders and a contingent of soldiers. It is the ceremonial locking up of the Tower. It is one of the shortest military ceremonies, but is still full of pageant and history, and never fails to stir the senses when witnessed. There is now an opportunity for Chronicle readers to see this unique ceremony.



The Friends of Clifton Parish Church have been allocated 50 places to witness the Keys Ceremony on **Saturday 31st October**. The visit will include a short private tour of the Tower of London, a two course cold buffet supper in the Yeoman's Mess, the ceremony itself, and a chance to sample some beverages from the bar in the Mess, which is the private club of the Yeoman Warders.

A coach will be laid on to take us from Clifton to the Tower, for a 7.30pm tour start. About three-quarters of an hour later we should be in the Mess, where the buffet (provided by the wives of the Yeoman) will be served, though you will have to go down into the dungeon to make your choice, before enjoying the hospitality of the Mess. The ceremony is at 10pm, and a little later the coach will pick up us for the return.

The cost is £25 per head for signed up Friends, and £30 per head for anyone else. Attendees must be 16 years old, and there is a dress code. Booking will be on a first come, first served basis, to me at the e-mail address shown below, though telephone bookings can be made.

It should be a great outing. Onwards and upwards after our great success at skittles in Broom. This is event two in our programme, aimed at providing great social events whilst raising funds for the fabric of our magnificent village church.

Graham Seaby, A Friend of Clifton Parish Church.
gseaby@btinternet.com, 01462-813991

CLIFTON IMPROVEMENT & PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Notice of the combined:

Annual General Meeting & A Wine & Cheese Evening Friday 28th August 2015

The Annual General Meeting will be held in
The Orangery, The Grange, Grange Street, Clifton
By kind permission of Mrs J Taylor & Mrs Victoria Wolfe-Brown

Registration from 6.45pm for 7.00pm AGM Meeting

Non-members may attend the meeting and are
also welcome to join the Society.

For further information please telephone
Stuart Laing (Secretary) on 01462 851819

The Wine and Cheese Evening

will commence at the conclusion of the AGM

7.45pm (approx.) **until 9.15pm**

Wine & Cheese Tickets £5.00 each

To assist with catering tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance,
the price will include a selection of fine wine and cheeses
plus an opportunity to tour the lovely gardens of The Grange

Tickets available from:

Jim Peacock, 61 Shefford Road, Clifton. Tel: 812514
or Don Killick. 116 Shefford Road, Clifton. Tel: 647669

Proceeds towards Society funds

Clifton Planning Applications - CB decisions to 9 July



CB/15/02387/FULL – 1st July 2015 – 17 Fairground Way, SG17 5JN. Side and rear single storey extension and garage extension – Consultation period

CB/15/01974/LDCP – 12th June 2015 – 21 Miles Drive, SG17 5HS. Single storey rear extension – Application registered

CB/15/02089/FULL – 8th June 2015 – 47 Pedley Lane, SH17 5QT. Two story rear extension and adjoining garage. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/01947/FULL – 4th June 2015 – 16 Hitchin Lane, SG17 5RS. Proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extensions. – Awaiting decision.

CB/15/01657/OUT – 19th May 2015 - Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road, SG17 5QS. Outline Application: enhancement of sporting facilities including new '4G' floodlit pitch, tennis courts, improved grass pitches and new changing rooms. Construction of up to 64 new homes on land south west of the main school buildings and new access from Hitchin Road. – Consultation period.

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. – Granted.

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

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. – Granted.

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. Granted.

The land in planning application 15/00832 is essentially the same as in the proposed development by Gladman Developments details of which have been circulated in the village and can be seen at www.your-views.co.uk/clifton however no formal planning application has been made.

Clifton W.I.



President Pat welcomed 33 members and 3 visitors to the July meeting. Jerusalem was sung and the minutes of the last meeting read, agreed and signed. Pat read out correspondence and showed photographs we have received from Clifton QCWA (Queensland Country Womens Association) in Australia, there being lots of information of their latest activities.

Sally Noon gave a talk about her visit to the Royal Albert Hall where she attended the 100th AGM of the W.I. in the presence of HM The Queen, Princess Anne and Sophie Wessex, then it was Mary Newman's turn to speak about her visit to Buckingham Palace where she attended the Garden Party where Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall and Princess Alexandra were in attendance. Both Sally & Mary really enjoyed their days out representing Clifton WI members.

Pat read out dates of future events commencing with a WI activity afternoon in the Church Hall on July 14. Our September meeting to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the WI will commence at 7pm instead of 7.30pm and will be a buffet and entertainment by Ray Spiller. Various County activities include a WI Day Mystery Outing on September 16; WI Centennial Fair at Harrogate on September 6; and Centenary Flower Festival Concert with Dunstable Ladies Choir at Priory Church, Dunstable on September 12. The Marie Curie Coffee Morning will be held on Friday September 18 in the Church Hall.

Birthday cards for July were handed out and the speaker Mark Steinhardt was introduced. Mark tells stories, not from books but from memory. He told three stories about several 'characters' and said people could make up their own stories using his as a basis on which to begin. He goes into great detail about his characters and their situations.

The raffle was drawn and refreshments served by Sonia Pugh and Susan Whiffen.

Our next meeting is the Annual BBQ for members and their guests which takes place on Wednesday August 5 at Clifton Cricket Club, 7 for 7.30pm. Please remember to bring a dinner plate, knife, fork and spoon.

Katherine Edwards 816334



The 5th Annual All Saints' Craft & Produce Show

Many thanks to everyone who entered this years Craft and Produce Show. We had lots of entries across all the classes and in particular some great vases of garden flowers, herbs and roses; the apple pie class was well supported by the men of our village; and well done to Josie Lenk who won the Committee Shield for the second year running.

Results:	All Saints Cup	Oscar Hayward, age 6
	The Committee Shield	Josie Lenk, age 9
	The Diamond Jubilee Cup	Denise Price
	Polka Dots & Daisies Cup	Tracey Norman
	Langford Garden Centre Shield	Richard Marriott
	The Courtland Cup	Justine McCarthy
	The Tisdale Family Cup	The Hayward Family

Bereaved Three Counties Families To Benefit From Extra Funding



Bereaved children and their families across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes are to benefit from new funding. For the first time, Keech Hospice Care based in Luton, has received £84,994 from Children in Need for a new Family Support Worker and the hospice's Bereavement Pathway service.

Keech Hospice Care's Children's Service Bereavement Pathway service offers support to children, their siblings and other family members including one-to-one meetings with a bereavement care worker, a volunteer befriending service, group sessions, working with peer groups in schools and the creation of memory boxes through art and music therapies.

To request an interview contact Lorna Milton, PR Officer at Keech Hospice Care on 01582 497874 or at lmilton@keech.org.uk.

CLIFTON SPEED WATCH GROUP



I have left writing this round-up of traffic calming visits to the last possible moment, in order to include to-day's (10th July) visit to Church Street.

Between 22nd January and the 10th July there have been 42 visits to village roads, resulting in 4081 vehicles being monitored, and 142 reported for exceeding the speed limit.

To date, Church Street has shown the best results, with 8 vehicles reported over 7 visits; 2 of the 7 visits showing no vehicles being reported. Pedley Lane has had 5 visits, with 16 vehicles reported. Shefford Road, 21 reported over 8 visits. Stockbridge Road, 7 visits with 25 reported. New Road, 7 visits with 33 reported. Broad Street, 8 visits with 36 reported.

We had the Smiley Sam and publicity material at the Clifton All Saints Academy Fete in June, with a goodly number of the younger visitors racing the equipment. We also had information on the work of the Road Victims Trust, a Bedfordshire non-profit making charitable organisation providing support to those affected by death or life changing injuries resulting from road collisions. Donations made on the day, totalling £17.15, have been passed to the Trust.

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

Terry – 815281

Music Festival - Golden Lion
29th August - 12.00 noon until 11.00 pm

in Aid of Cancer Research

There will be some great bands playing, some of which are local, all for free for the charity.

We have a bbq and raffle.

A £5 entrance fee on the gate children under 16 go free



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone

It's Summer! busy gardens full of colour for all to enjoy. Talking of flowers, at our last committee meeting, the subject of the two planters at the entrance to Bilberry Rd was mentioned, and it gives me great pleasure to say that Joyce & Trevor would like to continue with the planting for as long as they can. We all wish you well Joyce for the future!!

It was brought to my attention that there is a kind gentleman who does a regular litter pick from the One Stop Shop up to the park in New Rd, and also a kind lady litter picks Shefford Road regularly!! We would like to sincerely thank you both for your deeds and we are very grateful for your efforts. On the subject of litter, I would like to personally thank the resident who put the article in last month's Chronicles re. picking up litter rather than walking past it. Cheers for doing 'your bit'!

On a completely different subject, a member of BABUS (Bedfordshire Area Bus Users Society) would like to find a regular bus traveller to keep a log on any problems with the buses, eg: lateness, broken down, or not even turning up!!

Have you lost anything of value in your garden ? We now have a contact who is a metal detector enthusiast who is willing to try and locate your lost treasures for you.

And finally, at our last meeting our Chairperson has decided to stand down because of work commitments, and a new Chairperson will take the reins at our AGM on 18th November.

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

All Saints Clifton



Sunday 23 August

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



Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

This is the aim of Biggleswade Sandy Lions. It is our purpose in life and the more we learn about what goes on in our community, the better placed we are to help. We are lucky to be fit and healthy, but what about the less fortunate – those with autism, for example?

Autism is a lifelong development disability, bringing with it the frustrations of wanting to communicate but not knowing how. They fear loud sounds, bright lights and touch. They are stuck in a world of their own and so love routines. It leads to family stress. There are over 700,000 sufferers in the UK with in excess of 6,000 in Bedfordshire. Autism Bedfordshire gives much needed support to young and older autistics and their families. Adult sufferers are taught the necessary skills of managing money, and how to get a job, and Autism Bedfordshire works with companies to create autism awareness. For young people there are youth activity schemes including swimming in the summer to enable them to have fun and socialise. Biggleswade Sandy Lions happily gave this charity a donation. To find out more about Autism Bedfordshire call Claire Thompson on 01234 214871 or email Claire.thompson@autismbeds.org.

Do you have a Message in a Bottle – has your medical condition or medication changed? Biggleswade Sandy Lions has a stock of leaflets for the Bottle so you can put in an up to date form. We also have plenty of Message in a Wallet if your old one is out of date. To obtain these just call Dave or Judi Hagger on 01462 814693.

We are looking for new members, so why not come and meet us, when you will be assured of a warm welcome. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 8pm in the Biggleswade Conservative Club, because of their excellent facilities, whilst we are strictly non-political. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. Fundraising events provide us with the money we need for our community service work – it doesn't come out of your pocket. Visit our website www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk to find out more. It's not all work and no play – we have an active social side as well.

WE SERVE



All Saints' Clifton Bell-ringers

Sunday, 17 May 2015 in 44 mins (10-0-6 in Ab)
1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Sheila Ashton
- 2 Stanley Ashton
- 3 Teresa Brown
- 4 Philippa Whittington
- 5 Russell Brown
- 6 Frank Rivett (C)



70th birthday compliment to Frank Rivett

Sunday, 14 June 2015 in 27mins (10-0-6 in Ab)
800 Minor (2 Methods)
80 Little Bob; 720 Plain Bob

- 1 Sheila Ashton
- 2 Stan Ashton
- 3 Teresa Brown
- 4 Russell Brown
- 5 Philippa Whittington
- 6 Frank Rivett (C)



To mark the
800th anniversary
of the sealing of the
Magna Carta

Henlow Clifton Scout Group



Henlow Clifton Scout Group offer challenges and adventures to nearly 90 young people.

We are looking for new Leaders, otherwise Tiger Cubs (for Cubs aged 8 – 10 1/2 years) will have to close in September.

We also need Leaders to open a second Scout troop (for Scouts aged 10-14 years).

You don't have to any experience of scouting to become a Cub or Scout leader. Henlow Clifton has a number of good and experienced adult helpers to support and training is provided by the Scout association.

Please contact Gerry Pope, District Commissioner, via email:
scoutgerbil@yahoo.co.uk

Health and Fitness Classes in Clifton

NEW Fitness PILATES classes in September

Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am
Fridays 6.15-7.15pm
Clifton Community Centre
Pre-book essential
A course of 8 wks costs £36.

Be flexible, be strong,
be relaxed.

www.getfitwithtessa.com
tessa.chiswell@ntlworld.com

Vinyasa flow style YOGA

Mondays 8.15 pm for one hour
Church Hall, Clifton
Beginners to intermediate level
£7.50 per class or £40 for 6.

Great for flexibility, strength, cardio
fitness, and peace of mind!
Rick Nunn, 07535 676319

GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our **June** competition was played at **Panshanger GC**, competing for the **Anniversary Cup**. The weather was warm and calm. The benign conditions are reflected in the high scoring. Unusually, all our leaders had the same score, so all the places had to be determined on count back. Our winners were:

- 1st with 39 pts OCB – **Trevor Freer**
- 2nd with 39 pts OCB – **Roger Manning**
- 3rd with 39 pts OCB – **Les Small**
- Longest Drive – **Roger Manning**
- Nearest the Pin – **Brian Sapsed**



Our **July** competition was played at **Bourn GC**, competing for the **Open Trophy**, which is our oldest and most prestigious trophy. The weather was hot and sunny but with a stiff breeze, which made scoring difficult for the majority of the field. We had a clear winner but all the minor placings were determined on count back. The results were:

- 1st with 34 pts – **John Wall**
- 2nd with 28 pts OCB – **John Whitbread**
- 3rd with 28 pts OCB – **Trevor Freer**
- 4th with 28 pts OCB – **Harvey Price**
- Longest Drive – **John Whitbread**
- Nearest the Pin – **John Wall**



See diary for our next competition.

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



RSPB The Lodge

nature reserve & gardens

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

Children's summer activities continue with:



Mini-beast Safaris &

Walk on the WildSide

(designed with older children in mind, 8-12 years)

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Ring to book and for more details

Mini beast safari - Monday 3 August, 2.00 – 3.30pm
Mini beast safari - Thursday 6 August, 10.30 – 12.00pm
Mini beast safari - Tuesday 11 August, 10.30 – 12.00pm
A Walk on the Wild Side - Friday 14 August, 10.30 – 12.30pm
Mini beast safari - Wednesday 19 August, 2.00 – 3.30pm
A Walk on the Wild Side - Tuesday 25 August, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Mini beast safari - Thursday 27 August, 10.30 – 12.00pm
Mini beast safari - Wednesday 2 September, 10.30 – 12.00pm

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 for all of the latest news and wildlife sightings.

Church Services Rotas August

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
2 nd	10:30	Mr & Mrs R Welsford		Mrs J Pavay	Mrs K Blackmore Mr C Brown	
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore 2 Peter 1:1-15	Officiate		
9 th	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Mr J Good 1 Kings 19:4-8	Mr R Parker	Mr A Good Mr R Welsford	Mr A Good
	6:30	No Service				
16 th	10:30	Mr D Brace Mr C Brown	Mr K Pledger Ephesians 5:15-21	Mrs A Sullivan	Mr P Blackmore Mrs J Pavay	Mrs K Blackmore
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mr B Padgett 2 Peter 3:14-end	Officiate		
23 rd	8:00	Mrs K Whitcher				
	10:30	Mrs J Peacock Mrs J Weyer	Mrs F Kendall Ephesians 6:10-20	Officiate	-	
	6:30	No Service				
30 th	10:00	Joint Holy Communion Service at Southill				
	6:30	No Service				
6 th Sept	10:30	Mr & Mrs J Good	Mr A Clarke	Mrs R Gray	Mr K Gray Mrs S Collins	
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mr R Watson Rev 8:1-5	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