

September 2015

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chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

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Who's Who

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All Saints' Academy	Head-teacher	Mrs Carol Ward	628444
	School Governors	Chair: Philippa Whittington Vice-chair: Peter Blackmore	851816 646371
	School Bookings	Justine McCarthy,	628444

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in Clifton

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	Langford Tennis Club	www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk Contact; Paul Metcalfe	700991
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	Providence Baptist Church	Ron Cook	850643
	Rainbows	girlguiding.org.uk	
	Residents Association	BobSmith , Secretary 30 New Road	812336
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WI	Pat Wisby	814022	
Woodlands	Pre-School, Breakfast & After School Clubs www.thewoodlands.ik.org	811486	

Forward Planner

September	
2	W.I. Centenary Party - Church Hall 7pm
7	New Term begins
9	Wildlife Trust, 7.30, Priory Park
11	Defibrillator Training, Community Centre, 7.30 pm
12	Bike 'n Hike, Church
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
27	Messy Church, Church Hall, 10.30
October	
5	Clifton Forum, 7.00, 30 New Road
7	WI Meeting 7.30pm
10	Vauxhall Male Voice Choir, Church, 7 for 7.30
	Woodlands Fashion Show
13	WI Social 1.30 pm
17&18	Art Exhibition,
20	GLGS Mowsbury 13.00
	MU Social
22	WI Annual Dinner - The Green Man
23	Family Disco, 6.00 – 9.30, Community Centre
26	Half Term
31	Ceremony of the Keys, 5.30 leave Golden Lion

All Saints' Church—From the Registers

Weddings:

22nd May Mark Read and Leane Hildich
6th June Oliver Groom and Sarah Graham



Burial of Ashes:

17th August Iris Maud Burrows aged 87yrs

Baptisms:

31st May Eleanor Helen Marie Churms
16th August Amelie Rose Peacock

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

Dear Friends,

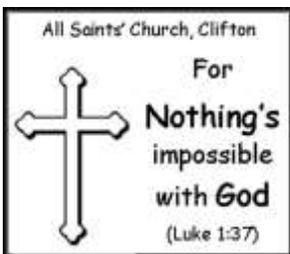
I return from my 3 months' Study Leave with gratitude to all who have worked so hard to manage the mission and ministry of the parishes I left behind. I left much behind as I ventured up Lake District mountains to engage with God.



Climbing up the mountains, one feels drawn there by an invitation to 'come'. Yet I have discovered that we never conquer the mountains – they demonstrate how the sudden descent of swirling mist can unexpectedly disorientate; the wind, which is so gentle in the valley can easily sweep you off the summit so you must crawl and cling to keep safe; the rain can cause surfaces to become slippery and treacherous; and the sheep create their own pathways leading to dead-ends and ways off the beaten track, causing confusion for the walker; the maps often don't refer to these other pathways and so it becomes difficult to judge which is the correct way; the sheer climb can be exhausting with the temptation to give up.

As the mountains let us climb, however, you notice the clarity of the air; the insignificance of all the materialistic dross; the value of friendship and companions en route as they greet you in passing with "ow do?"; camaraderie as they offer helpful tips, directions and encouragement; respect for the weather; and awesome panoramic views which take your breath away in praise of the Creator.

Many Biblical formative moments occur on the top of mountains. To have a 'mountain top type experience' with the Lord we have to listen to the Call of God to come up to a higher plain. *James 4:8* "Come near to God and he will come near to you." If we are satisfied with where we are, we will never hear the call.



I look forward very much to arranging a Benefice Away Day to introduce the spirituality I appreciated whilst engaging with God in a lovely focused way.

Blessings, Rev'd Anne

All Saints Church Services

(for dates see sidespersons' rota at back of magazine)

Sundays:

- 8.00 Communion, 2nd & 4th Sundays (2nd BCP)
10.30 Family Communion 1st Sunday
Parish Communion 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Morning Worship (non-communion) 4th Sunday
Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)
6.30 Evensong 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:

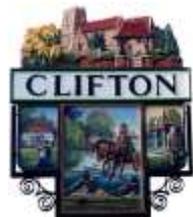
parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

or phone:

Sharon Kingham 07547 129038 or

Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

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





Advertising is crucial to the Clifton Chronicles, local businesses provide most of our income which enables us to deliver the Chronicles free to every home in the village 11 times a year. As an organisation we also want to support local businesses and we hope you, our readers, will use our advertising pages as a first port of call whenever you want to find a local service or craftsman.

This month we have added an index of advertisers which we intend to include opposite the back cover on a regular basis. We hope this will enable our readers to find goods or services they are looking for more easily. Our advertising all appears on the coloured pages and these have letters rather than page numbers at the bottom, all advertisers are included on an alphabetic basis. If you have other suggestions about layout do get in touch .

Covers

Over four months we are using some pencil drawings of local **buildings produced by the children of Clifton All Saints' Academy. These talented young artists attend the school's Art Phoenix** Group. They have produced a variety of work including some colourful tile printing based on Clifton.

September: Church, Ruby Southwell, Age 8

October: Hawarden Cottage, Evie Hayward, Age 8

November: War Memorial, Emily Waterman, Age 7

Phoenix groups are run in various subject areas. Teachers nominate **their 'more able' children to attend. These groups enable the** children to work beyond the curriculum and set themselves some additional challenges. This year the Humanities Phoenix group made a time capsule.

CLIFTON ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

(A Values Academy)



Welcome back to school we hope you all enjoyed the summer; many staff have been busy over the holidays getting their classrooms ready for the start of the new term. We have a few staff changes and would like to welcome Miss Sharma, Mrs Watson, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Bell. Miss Sharma will be teaching full time in Year one. Miss Sharma had a placement at Clifton all Saints Academy during her teacher training and we are thrilled to be able to offer her a position to complete her NQT year. Miss Sharma will be covering for Mrs Undrells maternity leave as Mr & Mrs Undrell are expecting their first baby in December – many congratulations to you both! Mrs Watson will be job sharing with Mrs Hepburn in year 3 to cover Miss Cheqwyns maternity leave. Mrs Watson has been a supply teacher at the school during the summer term. Mrs Lines will be the full time teacher in Reception she has been very busy over the summer getting the classroom ready. Mrs Lines has many years previous experience in Reception and is very excited to be teaching our youngest children. Mrs Jackson will be giving additional teaching assistant support in KS1 and Mrs Bell who has been a supply midday supervisor will be joining us three days a week on a permanent basis. We look forward to working together as a team.

We welcomed 30 children into our Foundation Stage class this term and one child in year 1 and one child in year 2. We hope they will settle in quickly and be very happy here.

There are often times when grandparents or childminders collect children from the school. Therefore here is some information/reminders below for those that do not receive our newsletters:

- If your child/grandchild is not going to be in school please call the school office before 9.15am on 01462 628444
- Please do not drive or park in school unless you are registered disabled and have informed the school office. Parking is

limited to staff and official visitors only. Woodlands staff has two car parking spaces for their use. The car park is in constant use with deliveries etc throughout the day.

- Please do not **park or drop off on the zigzag lines** and avoid parking opposite the school gates at all times as this makes it very difficult for daily traffic entering and exiting the car park. It also makes it difficult for parents crossing the road with their children. Please be considerate of driveways and double parking, emergency vehicles need to be able to get through Church Street and into the school at all times.
- Park so that the children alight on the kerb side
- Whether you are leaving by the front or rear gates please make sure you **close all of the gates** behind you. This is for the safety and security of your child.
- If your child is using a bike or scooter to get to school please dismount at the school gates and walk through the playground to the bike and scooter rack at the rear of the school.

Woodlands Parents Only

Please make sure you use the back gate at all times during school hours please do not walk through the school playground or car park. Parents dropping off children **before 8.30am** and collecting **after 4.30pm** may use the school car park but please drive slowly as vehicles are in and out constantly.

Prospective Parents Visits

It's that time of year when many parents are looking around schools to decide on their first preference school for their child. Clifton All Saints Academy will have an open morning on **TUESDAY 3rd November at 9.15am** and an afternoon on **FRIDAY 6th November at 2pm** where you will have a tour of the school, meet some of the school council and have the opportunity to ask any questions. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be on offer! Each visit will last approximately one hour. If you would like to attend please call the school office on 01462 628444 before 2th November to give us an idea of numbers. We look forward to meeting you.

Term Dates for Schools in Bedfordshire
Academic Year 2015/2016

Autumn Term 2015

Monday 7th September—Friday 18th December
(half term – week commencing Monday 26th October)

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5th January—Thursday 24th March 2016
(half term – week commencing Monday 15th February)

Summer Term 2016

Tuesday 12th April—Wednesday 23rd July 2014
(half term – week commencing Monday 30th May)

Non Contact/Inset Days for 2015/2016

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September 2015,
Monday 2nd November 2015,

Please check our website for term dates, newsletters and other information before phoning the school office. We do try to update the website regularly with the latest newsletters, dates and details which you can access on:

<http://cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>

School e- mail addresses are as follows:

Head teacher: headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk (Mrs C Ward)

General: school@clifton-beds.co.uk (general school office)

Business Manager: schoolbusinessmanager@clifton-beds.co.uk (Mrs J McCarthy)

CLIFTON MOTHERS' UNION GROUP

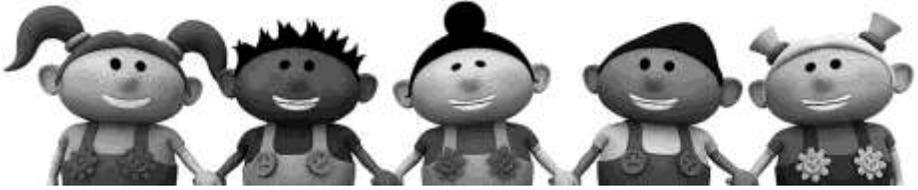


We had an outing to The Lavender Fields in July, we were blessed with perfect weather. This was instead of the proposed visit to Stondon Museum which has now closed.

Terry Sullivan will be our speaker on September 15th talking about his 'Holiday in Alaska'. The October meeting will be a social afternoon. Jeanette Glenister will be our speaker for November 17th on 'Christmas Flower Arrangements'.

On October 24th we will be holding a Coffee Morning, the money raised will be donated to the Church Hall.

We meet in the Church Hall at 2 pm on the third Tuesday of the month and everyone is welcome to join us.



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.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN DISCO



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

Clifton Community Centre

Friday 23rd October 6pm - 9.30pm

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 CARE SCHEME CHANGE OF STAFF



We recently said 'goodbye' to one of our volunteers who was a regular phoneholder/coordinator and also contributed a lot of admin support to the Care Scheme. We thank her most sincerely for her service and we wish her every success in her new job.

As a result, we are very, very much in need of a phone holder. The role is to hold the phone for a week - your turn on the **rota coming round about once in every 8 weeks. It's a fairly** straight forward job - taking incoming calls from clients and matching them to an appropriate, available volunteer. You **don't have to be tied to the phone so long as you reply to any** missed calls.

All necessary information is in the phone holder's 'kit' and with plenty of support from other phone holders it can be quite a sociable activity. As a task that can be carried out at **home it would suit either a 'stay at home mum' or a retiree.**

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.

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 10 pm, 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

VAUXHALL MALE
VOICE CHOIR
CONCERT



All Saints' Church, Clifton

Saturday 10th October, 2015

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets £10.00

which will include a glass of wine during the interval

This event was extremely popular in 2013, so to avoid disappointment please order your tickets as quickly as possible from:

Jim Peacock Tel: 812514 or
Kathy Blackmore Tel: 646371

Proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to
All Saints' Church Clifton



Christmas Concert
Saturday 12 December 2015
All Saints' Church, Clifton

Put the date in your diary this excellent Choir will be performing a varied programme including some audience participation on well known Christmas carols and songs.

More details next month.

Wildlife Trust, Bedford Local Group

Wednesday 9th September @ 7.30 pm
Priory Country Park Visitor Centre

An illustrated talk by Nick Hammond entitled:
"Carl Linnaeus: the man who put order into Nature".

All welcome. Free, but a voluntary contribution would be appreciated.
Further details from 01462 851954 or see under events at:



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

[Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org)

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



CB/15/02733/OUT – 23 July 2015 – Land off Hitchin Lane. Outline planning permission for up to 97 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing), demolition of existing outbuildings, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation and attenuation, vehicular access point from Hitchin Lane and New Road and associated ancillary works. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site accesses. – Consultation period.

"The residents of Hitchin Lane have formed a group consisting of virtually all residents: 'CAGED' (Clifton Against Gladman Engineered Development). They are inviting anyone in New Road who might like to join the residents of Hitchin Lane in opposing this application. And of course anyone in Clifton who opposes this development (and that's probably all of us) is encouraged to get involved. The Group can be contacted at CliftonAgainstGladmanDevelopment@yahoo.co.uk

CB/15/02781/FULL – 28 July 2015 - 6 Clifton Fields, SG17 5QA
Single story rear extension – Consultation period.

CB/15/02510/LB – 7 July 2015 – The Manor House, Stanford Lane, SG17 5EU. Listed Building: Remove internal wall, alter door/windows to side elevation & internal alterations

CB/15/02517 – 7 July 2015 – The Golden Lion, 22 Church Street, SG17 5ES. New patio area formed within existing external drinking area including new brick built BBQ area, traditionally constructed pergola and amenity lighting. New fencing with gate to close off yard area. New door way created from lounge to new patio area – Awaiting decision.

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

CB/15/01974/LDCP – 12th June 2015 – 21 Miles Drive, SG17 5HS

Single storey rear extension – Granted

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

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. – Awaiting decision.

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.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers are National Striking Competition Champions

Over the past year, the Bedfordshire Young Ringers (ringers up to 19 years) have come to Clifton a couple of times to ring together and practice for this national competition. This year the competition was held in Oxford and there were 19 teams entered. Our young ringers did us proud by winning their section of the competition (call changes) and also being named overall winners. Striking competitions are held all over the country and help improve the quality of the ringing.

On 19th September, the Bedfordshire Association will be holding their Striking competition in Clifton. This will involve 4 youth teams and 6 adult teams from all over the county. Ringing will be between 3.30 and 7.00 pm but will not be continuous.



Philippa Whittington

Clifton W.I.



The annual barbecue of Clifton WI was held on Wednesday August 5 at Clifton Cricket Club where 69 members and guests enjoyed a lovely evening despite the rain appearing just as people were arriving.

Fortunately there was enough under-cover space for everyone to sit and enjoy their food.

Chicken and sausages were barbecued by three husbands of members and a good variety of salads were prepared and served by the committee, followed by a delicious spread of desserts.

President Pat Wisby reminded people of a few diary dates and thanked everyone involved in making the evening a success, especially the chefs, committee and a member's son who ran the bar and did washing up.

The ladies who did the sponsored walk made a total of £295 which was a brilliant effort. Two members have been invited to attend Stotfold WI's birthday party on Wednesday September 9.

The next afternoon social event is at 1.30 pm on Tuesday October 20 in the Church Hall. Clifton WI annual dinner has been arranged for Thursday October 22 at The Green Man, 7 for 7.30pm.

The Marie Curie Coffee Morning will be held on Friday September 18 in the Church Hall commencing 10am.

There was a large raffle with a variety of prizes the tickets being drawn prior to the end of a very enjoyable social gathering.

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 in the Church Hall. Money will be collected at this meeting for the theatre trip to Last Tango (Vincent & Flavia - £25 per person) also for the WI diaries which have been pre-ordered.

Katherine Edwards 816334

Clifton Street Watch



There have been 8 recorded crimes in Clifton since my last report, 4 of which were Burglary types with two separate burglaries occurring in Church Street. On the 15th July, whilst the owners were away on holiday, a vehicle was stolen from the property and was subsequently found in Shefford. 17th July potential thieves gained access through a rear wooden door at 1.00 am, but it seems the owner's dog disturbed these offenders and they appear to have left in a hurry 15 minutes later, leaving a pot of keys and money jars outside the location.

Another Two offences, classified as "Burglary Other", were related to break-ins outside of the home. 2 sheds being broken into at a home in Broad St on 9th July, padlocks removed, a messy search was made but nothing appears to of been stolen. The other similar offence, occurred in Pedley Lane between 11 pm & 8.25 am on 24th/ 25th July, when fishing tackle was stolen from a garage.

I understand that some plants have been stolen from a garden in the Stockbridge Close area, it has also been recorded, problems associated with graffiti around the Yew Tree Walk area of the recreational ground, near the youth shelter. In the same area, rubbish bins have also been tipped over. This is not the first offence of this type of anti-social behaviour taking place in this area, we had similar problems mentioned last month, please feel free to contact me should you notice any additional problems of this nature. In the meantime we will make a concerted effort with our Street Watch patrols to discourage and reassure local residents.

Again in the Newis Crescent locality, a local resident was concerned for the safety of fellow residents, especially children, with the local ice-cream van seemingly speeding between stops. Maybe a gentle word with the driver, if you can catch him, could help the situation!

As always residents are encouraged to contact our police colleagues via the 101 number if they see or hear anything suspicious. Alternatively, you can contact our local PCSO Gill Richardson directly on 01234 842515, or Mb 07931 294 618

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334



Community Defibrillator Seminar

7.30pm, FRIDAY 11th September
Clifton Community Centre, Whiston Crescent

The community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators, explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, at the Admiral Car Park, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.



Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

We are now in August and with it comes a spate of building development in our village. Looking at the planning applications in last month's Chronicles it seems to be open day in Clifton!! Don't get me wrong, I have no problem with residents putting in extensions to their family home, but we have all these housing estates proposed, to add extra burden on our resources. Where or when will it stop? Hitchin lane residents, power to your elbow for forming a group to fight the latest onslaught !! I know we are not the only village to be swamped in Central Beds, it's happening everywhere. However this IS CLIFTON, and our residents need to make their voice heard! This is my personal view, and not necessarily the view of Clifton Residents Association members. It's all a bit heavy this month, but it does affect a lot of our residents and our infrastructure. Still it makes a change from going on about dog poo and litter on our roads!! As usual, any comments would be appreciated, my e-mail is denfensome@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you for not skipping past this page,

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

All Saints Clifton



Sunday 27 September

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**



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Bike 'n Hike

Saturday 12 September 2015

10am to 6pm



For more information please contact:

Linda Dawes, 816074
or from Church

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Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



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

SPECTACLES AND SPECTACULAR FLYING CHICKENS

Biggleswade Sandy Lions have drop off collection bins in Sandy Health Centre, Alders Opticians and Clear Vision Direct, both in Biggleswade and in Clifton Church for your old, used spectacles and hearing aids. Throughout the year we gather together around 1200 pairs of glasses and send regular parcels to Chichester Lions Club. Chichester store the parcels and twice a year, they take a large Transit van load and cross the Channel to Le Havre. Lions of Le Havre take the specs on to a small charity, Medico de France. Nuns and a number of disabled people run Medico de France, and they grade the specs and prepare them for the last leg of the journey to sight projects in Africa and Asia. In these days of recycling, this project brings hope to many families in the developing world who have been affected by reduced sight.

Should you have any specs that you no longer have any use for, please do remember this worthwhile effort of ours, and either drop them off at one of the collection points above or give us a call.

Ps – we also collect used postage stamps and pass them on to help Canine Partners!

Now – we can confirm that some chickens really do fly. We have a super new game, pumping up the pressure in ‘chickens’ and launching them so that they jet through the air, in the hope of landing in the target basket. There’s water and a bit of energy needed, but it’s tremendous fun! Next taking to the air at Old Warden Fete on Sunday 30th August and again, we’re flying the chickens at Upper Caldecote Village Show on Sunday 6th September. Why not come along and try your skill?

LIONS SERVE AND HAVE FUN



To find out even more you can also visit our website - www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk. or call Dave or Judith on 01462 814693.

Biggleswade and District Art Society

Autumn Art Exhibition

17th & 18th October • 10am - 4pm



Northhill Village Hall (opposite the church)

Free Admission • Original Paintings for Sale
Tea & Home-made Cakes • Raffle

For more information please call Karen on 07957 539594 or
visit www.biggleswade-art-society.co.uk

Garden Waste

Garden Waste can be taken to the Central Bedfordshire Offices at Priory House, Chicksands, during the time that the Tidy Tip in Biggleswade is being redeveloped.



Every weekend until early October you can take any excess garden (green) waste to the Council Offices at Priory House. If you are using a Sat Nav to get there, please use post code SG17 5XY.

Opening times: We will be open Saturdays and Sundays only from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. The permit system relating to vehicles and trailers at the recycling centres will still be in operation at this site.

Clifton Forum—5th October 2015

We will meet on this date at 7pm at 30 New Road as usual when the subject will be "Religion Today".

Our last meeting on 3rd August on the subject of "IT" was most successful.

Bob Smith 01462 812336



Church Services Rotas September

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Crucifer
6th	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Clarke		Mrs R Gray	Mr K Gray Mrs S Collins	
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mr R Watson Rev 8:1-5	Officiate		
13th	8:00	Mrs P Heath				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Grant	Mrs S Welsford James 3:1-12	Mrs R Wagner	Mrs R Gray Mr B Livesey	Mr K Pledger
20th	10:30	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Cooper	Mrs M Cole James 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mrs S Welsford	Mrs A Sullivan Mr R Parker	Mr A Good
	6:30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs M Cakebread Matthew 8:23-end	Officiate		
27th	8:00	Mr M Richardson				
	10:30	Mr & Mrs D Killick	Mrs M Wilson James 5:13-end	Officiate		
4th Oct Harvest	10:30	Mrs L Burton Mrs L Patch		Mr B Livesey		
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mr K Pledger Matthew 6:25-33	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
	Sister Margaret	814079

Sunday Services

St Francis 9.00 am 5.15 pm

Saturday Service

St Francis 11.00 am

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

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