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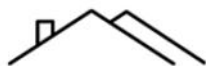
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Wishing you health and good times in the new year, there are lots of activities to look forward to, join in!

Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Dear Friends,

It's wonderful when Christians can agree with each other. This month we celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325 soon after the Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity.



This key moment in the history of Christian faith aids our ecumenical journey today. The Nicene Creed defined the divinity of Christ, resolving a heresy, and established a date for Easter independent of the Jewish calendar.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Look out for our course on the Nicæan Creed later in the year and come and find out for yourself how we can continue to work together for peace.

**There is no I in the Nicæan Creed, WE are working together!**

Every Blessing, Revd Canon Caren



## **All Saints' Church, Clifton From the Registers**

### **Burial of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance**

23rd April Alice Foster  
29th April John Onion  
9th May Gloria Davey

### **Funeral service in church followed by North Herts Crem**

6th May Betty Richardson

### **Baptism**

4th May Vienna  
11th May Freddie

### **Weddings**

13th April Lucy Gray & Jack Potter  
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## **Church is closed ....**

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### **Wednesdays 4th & 11th June**

11.00 am, Morning Prayer in the Church Hall

### **Sunday 1st June**

11.00 am, Morning Prayer in the Church Hall

### **Sunday 8th June Benefice Service for Pentecost**

10.00 am, All Saints Southill (SG18 9LL)

Family Worship with Holy Communion

### **Sunday 15th June—Church Re-opens**

11.00 am, Holy Communion, taken by the Bishop of Bedfordshire who will bless the work done.

### **Sunday 22nd June**

11.00 am, Morning Prayer in the Church.



# CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

## HERE COMES SUMMER

This was the title of a song by Jerry Keller that topped the hit parade in the UK for 1 week in 1959(that's a long time ago). Looking out the window it looks and feels like summer might have arrived. Hopefully with it will come the opportunity to spend time outdoors enjoying the company of family and friends.



It is tempting to leave doors and windows open, especially when it is hot, to let in whatever fresh air maybe around. However this scenario can prove equally tempting to those wishing to take advantage of the situation and relieve you of some of your possessions. Home security is important whatever the time so when all your guests have arrived check that the front door is locked and any vulnerable windows are closed. Make it difficult for those who might wish to spoil your fun.

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- 25th June
- 9th July



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We are incredibly proud of the 1st XI Boys Football Team, who have reached the ESFA Schools National Cup Final for the third consecutive year, an amazing feat in a competition with over 350 schools entering from all across the country.

Our Spring Dance Showcase was another highlight, featuring fantastic performances from students across all year groups. Their creativity, confidence, and teamwork lit up the stage and reminded us of the power of the arts in our school community.

We also celebrated three Year 11 students, who qualified for the Pink Kangaroo mathematics challenge. James H received a Bronze award, and both Henry S and William K achieved Gold. This is the first time that we have ever had students reach this stage of the competition in the school's history, so to come back with three medals is a fantastic achievement. I would like to thank Mr Fernandes for leading on this and for supporting all the students who entered.

Year 10 students have now finished their mock exams, and their conduct throughout was excellent. Several of the invigilators commented on their mature approach to the exams and their behaviour during the mocks. This bodes well for the future and means the feedback we get from these exams will be really useful for the students and the staff.



We are also very proud to share that Pearson Qualifications has recognised Samuel Whitbread Academy for our involvement in the Black History HPQ pilot project. It is a privilege to play a leading part in this important work.

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Nick Martin, Principal



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# Clifton Village Events 2025

Month	Date	Event
June	4	WI Members Cream Tea
	6,7&8	HATS Drama—Flying Feathers
	11	Tea & Chat
	14	Churchyard Clear-up
	15	Church Re-opens, Bishop Richard, HC
	17	Nature Walk 4 Women, The Lodge GLGS
July	2	WI Community Centre, 2.00
	11	Duck Race, Cricket Club, 5.00 pm
	12	Churchyard Clear-up
	12&13	Clifton in Bloom
	15	GLGS
August	3,10,17,24,31	Sunday Afternoon Teas, Church Hall
	19	GLGS <sup>15</sup>

# HATS DRAMA GROUP

Present:

# Flying Feathers

**A farce by Derek  
Benfield**

**Friday 6 June**

**Saturday 7 June**

**Sunday 8 June**



Curtain 7.30 pm (Doors open 7.00 pm)

## Tickets

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# Churchyard Clear-up

## Saturday 14th June



To help keep the churchyard and graveyard tidy we organise regular Saturday sessions between March and October.

**You are welcome you to join us:**

**9:30am - 12:30pm**

**Bring your own tools—Refreshments provided**



## The Clifton Poppy Cascade

Over 3000 poppies were knitted and crocheted for our poppy cascade. We don't know how many people contributed but well over 100. Some people donated wool so others could keep knitting and some enlisted the help of friends and family outside of the village. The Craft and Chat Group and the Clifton WI produced hundreds of the poppies and their efforts were thankfully reinforced by others when it came to tying them on the camouflage netting! Thank you to everyone, including the team who put the cascade up for us to enjoy.

By the time this is published the cascade will have been taken down and stored ready for putting back up for VJ Day in August and then again for Remembrance Sunday in November.

The photograph doesn't do it justice, I do hope you managed to see it and marvel at the skills and talents in this lovely village which produced it.

Kathy blackmore



## CLIFTON VE DAY RAFFLE PRIZE LIST

<b>DRAW NUMBER</b>	<b>PRIZE</b>	<b>TICKET NUMBER</b>
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17	COFFEE MUG	00705
18	WINE	00605
19	HAIR ORNAMENTS	00316
20	FUNKY GIBBON	00576
21	GOODY BAG	01050

# Bygone Bakes Competition

Category	Winner
Ration Book Bakes	Tessa Chiswell
Children's Choice	Imogen Lenk
WI VE 80 Cake	Amelia Brown
Victoria Sponge	Amelia Brown
Biscuits Traybakes etc	Neil Blannin

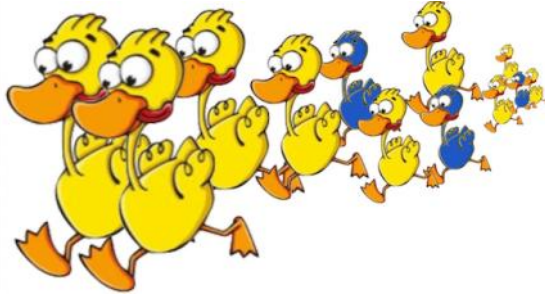
Thank you to all the entrants and to all those who baked the delicious goodies we all enjoyed at the VE Cafe on the Saturday of our VE weekend.



Well done to all those who organised and helped—a brilliant weekend.

# Clifton Cricket Club

# Duck Race



**Friday 11 July—from 5.00 pm**

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- Soft Play with Ball Pit
- BBQ
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# Sunday Afternoon Teas

Every Sunday in August

2.30 pm—4.30 pm

## Church Hall

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# Clifton in Bloom

12th & 13th July



<https://Cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk>

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## Clifton In Bloom Rules

Entry is free

Maps and voting forms will be free and made available throughout the weekend

The event will be held on the 12th and 13th of July 2025

Entry closes on the 4th of July 2025

Entries must be visible from the road or pathway

Sunflowers will be measured on the 13/07/25 by the Clifton in Bloom team

You may enter more than one category

Please be creative as you like with your flowerpot men

Prizes will be in the form of Tesco vouchers. who have kindly sponsored this years event

Have fun!

CLIFTON  
PARISH COUNCIL





# Clifton in Bloom

12th & 13th July



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- ☐ D - Flowerpot Men (NEW)

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# Iris Smyrk



It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Iris Smyrk last month.



Iris was part of the Clifton Chronicles team for many years and we have missed her very much on the last Thursday of each month during her recent illness. Iris was a lady full of fun and good humour and was always ready to help in whatever way she could. She was generous and kind to other people and always ready with good ideas and suggestions.

Iris was also busy in other aspects of village life. For over 20 years she was a collector for the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal, and she was presented with a certificate of achievement by Denise Panton on behalf of the RBL at her 20th anniversary. Iris was an enthusiastic member of the WI and served as the secretary of the Clifton Branch for over 17 years! Iris has also been the front-woman of the informal keep-fit group which meets on Mondays in the Community Centre.

In short, Iris was a talented woman who gave so much in so many ways to her family, her friends and her neighbours. She will be very much missed by us all.

Kathy Blackmore



## The Clifton



## Clifton WI



Sadly, my first duty is to acknowledge the recent passing of Iris Smyrk, on the 7th May. Iris was our W I Secretary for many years (at least 17).

She was also a Volunteer on the Clifton Chronicles and a prolific Poppy Seller, raising lots of money for the British Legion. Iris has been sadly missed by the Monday Leisure class , which combines exercise with friendship, during her stay in hospital. We are determined to carry this group on to honour her memory. May she rest in peace.

At our May meeting, we were entertained by the wonderful Biddenham Hand Bell Ringers. Their director outlined the origins of this form of music. They demonstrated with great skill the variety of notes and tones they can achieve. They played lots of different styles of music, including Aaron Copeland, The Beatles, Film Scores and ended with a Lullaby. It was such a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon and much appreciated by everyone. Reminders we're given for our cream tea on the 4th June in Gill Brown's Garden, 2 - 4 p.m. Help on the day with serving would be appreciated. The other reminder was for our Social Evening in August, more details to come.



We were also delighted to be part of the Clifton VE Celebrations during May. Our hardworking tea ladies provided refreshments on the Saturday in the Community Centre with of course a superb selection of cakes. We also contributed to the thousands of poppies on the Poppy Cascade which looked so fabulous on the church—well done everyone!

July 2nd brings Caroline Coster, updating us with her latest achievements and she will be introducing her assistance dog Daisy and talking about their training together.

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Lesley Burton 07722357542





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<b>July 24th</b>	<b>Old Warden, Shuttleworth &amp; Swiss Gardens.</b> £16.00	£6.50 10.15/10.30
Explore the world's oldest flying aeroplane and other vintage aircraft, cars, buses and motorbikes at Shuttleworth. Walk through ornate ironwork gates into the Swiss Gardens, a delightful Regency and Victorian layered garden and discover		
<b>August 28th</b>	<b>Althorp House, Northants.</b> £23.00 House & Gardens	£15.00 10.00/10.15
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<b>September 25th</b>	<b>Whipsnade Zoo, Dunstable</b> Concession £26.50.	£10.00 09.45/10.15
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<b>October 23rd</b>	<b>Milton Keynes Museum.</b> Entry £17.50	£10.00 09.45/10.15
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# Volunteers Needed

## Clifton Good Neighbours

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## Clifton Walking Group



The Clifton Walking Group is a friendly bunch of local people who like to walk in the local area and chat along the way.

We go out most days for about an hour, and once a month do a longer route of about 6 to 8 miles. We also arrange social events over the year.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Suzanne on:  
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05/04/2025	Shefford Road
06/04/2025	Stockbridge Road
25/04/2025	Harwood Lane

### PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS

06/04/2025	Broad Street
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### STALKING

18/04/2025	Undisclosed
28/04/2025	Undisclosed

### SEXUAL

25/04/2025	Undisclosed
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### THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

28/04/2025	Manor Close
28/04/2025	Spring Road



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# Calling all organists/pianists!

**NEEDED:**

## **An organist/pianist for All Saints Church, Clifton**

We are very keen to engage a new organist/pianist due to our much-loved organist at Clifton is retiring in August 2025.

**All Saints Clifton**, has a service every Sunday at 11.00 am and the organist plays on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at an Evensong on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6.30 pm each month.

There are other occasional services, which would require the successful applicant to play at if available such as weddings and funerals. We have two relief organists who can assist from time to time.

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Revd Canon Caren Topley



# Clifton Planning Applications Update

## 14h May 2025

**CB/25/01185/FULL** – 15<sup>th</sup> April – 51, Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ  
Demolition of existing building and erection of new dwelling.

**Consultation Period.**

**NB A site notice is now on show from Clifton Action Group confirming that the notification in the April Chronicles edition was incorrect (see below).**

**CB/25/01260/LB and 00721/FULL** – 8/9<sup>th</sup> April – 3, Clifton Barns, Church Street, SG17 5EX. Listed Building – various alterations to windows and doors. Installation of roof lights. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/25/00776/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> March – 3, Burrows Close, SG17 5EG.  
Garage conversion to study/wet room. **Granted.**

**CB/25/00775/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> March – Land at 1 – 7, Arnolds Close SG1 5SJ. Extended land. **Application Registered.**

**CB/25/00771/FULL** – 11<sup>th</sup> March – 5, Arnolds Close, SG17 5SJ  
Erection of outbuilding. **Granted.**

**CB/25/00495/FULL** 6<sup>th</sup> March – 26, Haycock Gardens, SG17 5QN  
Erection of single storey side extension etc. **Granted.**

**CB/24/00921/FULL** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Clifton Cricket Club, Stanford Road SG17 5EW. Erection of new club pavilion. **Awaiting Decision.**

**Tony Hyde – Clifton Action Group**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

On page 35 of the May edition of The Clifton Chronicles, the Planning Applications Update incorrectly states that CBC application reference 25/00134 refers to 51, Shefford Road, Clifton and that this application has been refused.

The CBC reference for 51, Shefford Road is 25/00139, which has not been refused.

Clifton Action Group unreservedly apologise for this error and regrets any misunderstanding or inconvenience it has caused.

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