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The Clifton Chronicles

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Forward Planner

May	
1	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
	WI Clifton Church hall – 7.30pm - Fish and Chip supper
3	RSPB Local Group, 7.30, The Settlement, Letchworth
8	Copy Date June Chronicles
10	Cricket Club Race Night
12	All Age Worship, 10.15 coffee
15	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
17	Shefford Health Centre, Public Meeting, 7.00, Ch. Hall
17-18	Clifton Cricket Club, Beer Festival Weekend
21	GLGS, Bedford and County, 14.00
25	Warden Abbey Community Vineyard Tours 10.30 & 2.30
26	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
27	Half term begins
29	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
June	
5	WI, Church Hall, 7.30pm, How to stay fit, Tessa Chiswell
7	Toddler Church, 9.00-10.30
	Neigh'hood Policing Surgery 2—4 pm. Council offices
12	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
15-16	Clifton Scarecrow Weekend
15	Kingfisher Players, 2.30, Church
16	Songs of Praise, 6.30
18	GLGS, Bourn, 14.00
21	Toddler Church, 9.00-10.30
22	Biggleswade Choral Summer Concert, 7.30, Church
28	Friends Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10.30



All Saints' Church Services

See also:
Church Services and Rotas,
(at back of magazine for dates)

Sundays:

8.00 am 4th Sunday Communion Book of Common Prayer

10.30 am Parish Communion 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday

10.15 am All Age Worship (Non-communion) 2nd Sunday

10.30 am Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)

10.00 am Joint Service with Southill every 5th Sunday
alternating between the churches.

6.30pm Evensong: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Sundays

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

Following the repair and restoration work on the
East Window the church is now
open during daylight hours.



All Saints' Church From the Registers



Baptism

24th March 2019 Ralph Remmington Murphy

Burial of Ashes

18th March 2019 Edna Mary Ames

Clifton Mothers' Union Group

Tuesday 21st May

2.00 pm at 18 Hitchin Lane



Dear Friends,

April showers bring forth May flowers. The spring blossom has already been delightful, may it continue and not be overshadowed by Brexit. Whatever the outcome as I write this our Archbishop's ask to pray that soon we'll have a future where all may prosper and share.



A lot is going on in May and you are warmly invited to come and join me during 13th -17th May for Christian Aid week. Evening prayers will be said daily in the church at 5pm. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Every Blessing, Revd Caren



THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Music Sunday—16th June 2019

Songs of Praise

All Saints Church, 6.30 pm

Come and join us!



The Royal School of Church Music is an educational charity committed to promoting the study, practice and improvement of music in Christian worship. The RSCM supports a world-wide membership of churches, schools and individuals, and is sustained by thousands of donors and volunteers worldwide and is a diverse international context, the RSCM's work is far broader and more varied, and we aim to make all our work ecumenical in purpose, nature and content.

Toddler Church 1st & 3rd Tuesdays (term time)

7th & 21st May

All Saints Church Clifton

9:00-10:30am

Toddlers bring your adult.

Parents come and chat

With refreshments!

Come and join the fun!



All Age Worship

Come and join us on

12th May

Starting with refreshments from

10.15am onwards

Our theme: **Care & Consolation**

Interactive worship with songs
and short talks

All Saints Clifton

Sunday 26th May

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)



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



THANK YOU

It doesn't seem possible that the Tea & Chat afternoons have been running for just over 2 years and have proved to be very popular. Indeed numbers have increased recently and there are usually 20 or more folk enjoying the convivial atmosphere. It was very much a local initiative, primarily for the elderly who by virtue of their circumstances found it difficult to maintain contact with others in the community. The Care Scheme provides transport, the refreshments and a helping hand with any mobility issues.

However none of this would be possible without help and its about time to say "**Thank you**". Firstly to All Saints Church for the use of their lovely building, furniture and equipment. Secondly to the volunteers who turn up every fortnight to make the teas, coffees and the splendid cakes and who transport folk to and from the Church. And finally a big "**Thank you**" to those of you who regularly support the fortnightly event. It is lovely to see people relaxed and enjoying the company and having a chance to catch up with friends. Long may it continue!

NEED OUR HELP?

Remember we are here if you need us

..... Just call **07817 614654**

Tea & Chat



- ☆ Wednesday 1st May
- ☆ Wednesday 15th May
- ☆ Wednesday 29th May
- ☆ Wednesday 12th June



Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm

Ring Care Scheme for transport: **07817 614654**

Samuel Whitbread Academy



Samuel Whitbread has had a number of amazing sporting highlights over the years, including a National Cup Final in football and winning the Schools Equestrian National Championships. However, this year we went one stage further and made history by managing to get two teams to the finals of the RFU Schools Rugby National Vase at Twickenham and came away with both trophies. This is an incredible achievement and represents the culmination of years of hard work by the PE department. We have had lots of coverage across Twitter, radio and in the press, and have been contacted by schools as far away as Leeds, congratulating the boys and asking if they can visit the school. I would like to personally thank all of the staff, parents and rugby clubs who have helped the students realise their dream to play at Twickenham – something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

This month we had our annual Spring Concert, which is always an amazing evening and a true celebration of the arts. There were performances from Rock Band, choirs, chamber choirs, percussion groups, orchestras, solos and closing with our school band Retro Play. Last week we have had a poignant and hard hitting Y9 drama production, tackling the serious issue of healthy eating in a climate of fast food and food retailers maximising their profits. Then on Thursday evening we hosted a fantastic dance show with Etonbury - where students from Y9 performed alongside stunning performances from our GCSE and A Level students. The talent on display was breath-taking, with students both choreographing and performing their own pieces. The evening including several performances from our cheerleading team which is going from strength to strength. We've also had performances by students in drama and dance this month for their exams this month, as well as food, art and textiles as part of their practical exams, so we can confidently say the exam season is now in full swing!

Other highlights include: U16 boys becoming district champions in a nail-biting final against our arch-rivals St Thomas More. Despite having 90% of the possession, they equalised with a penalty 5mins from full time – but the lads kept their nerve and scored the winning goal in the dying minutes of the game. And finally, the U15 girls had their own

success this month by reaching the Futzal semi-finals of the national cup in Birmingham. This is an incredible achievement and I have no doubt they will do one better next year. And if all that is not enough - we have some really exciting netball news to announce after Easter – so watch this space!

Nick Martin, Principal

Clifton Walking Group

Hi, we are friendly group of all ages and abilities who like stride out for an hour Monday to Friday. We walk (and chat) for an hour around the Clifton area, meeting at either 4.15 or 6.30 pm. If you'd like more details please contact Sue Cross on 07768 105570 or susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk



RSPB Hitchin & Letchworth Local Group



Friday 3rd May

**'The search for the Bengal tiger,
& other wildlife'**
by Martin Johnson

The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB

Visitors very welcome £3

Sunday May 19th

All day coach trip to Frensham Common and Ponds.

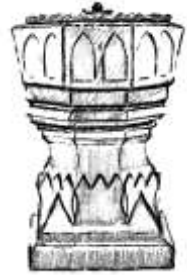
This beautiful Surrey area of heathland, woodland and lakes is host to some special wildlife.

Local pick ups, coach fare £15.50, phone Malcolm Ingram on 01462 451320 for more info and booking

See rspb.org.uk/groups/hitchinandletchworth for more information and programme.

Christenings

at All Saints Church, Clifton



It is lovely to conduct many Christenings each year in a service of Baptism and we look forward to welcoming you and your family for a happy service of celebration in this church. Christenings can take place in the main service or they are offered:

- ◆ Clifton on the 2nd Sunday at 12 noon
- ◆ Southill on the 1st Sunday at 12 noon

To begin your journey of faith, come along to any service and collect your Christening Information pack.

Before you choose your service of Baptism, we invite you to attend at least three services with us so that we can get to know you and welcome you into the Christian Faith. Two services which are particularly suitable for families are:

- ◆ All Age Worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month (in church), which tends to be more informal
- ◆ Messy Church on the 4th Sunday of each month, which involves a story, singing and activities for the children, helped by parents and finishing with lunch, in the Church Hall.

We then invite you to a Christening Morning, where you will have the opportunity to meet other families making similar enquiries and to book your Christening time and date. This morning will take place in All Saints Church, Clifton, starting with coffee at 9.30 am and finishing at 11am. Choose from one of the following dates and RSVP rector@clifton-beds.co.uk . All the family/Godparents are welcome to come along:

15th June, 6th July, 7th September

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

Anyone can be baptised/christened at any age, from birth upwards. The usual number of Godparents is 3, and all must be Christened. More information is available from the Church of England website. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Rev Caren

Clifton WI



Iris began the evening by welcoming 37 members and 4 visitors to the meeting. She introduced Gill as our new Treasurer to the members. We sang Jerusalem and the minutes of the March meeting and the AGM were read, agreed and signed.

A reminder was given for the coffee morning on April 12th and members were asked to look for books or items for the Bring and Buy stall and for donations of cakes. Members were given their 2019/2020 programmes and were reminded to check the Tea Rota. County news was outlined including upcoming events were shared with members Birthday cards were handed out by Jackie.

Tonight's speaker was Anne Lawrence with "The Life of a Terrorist Detective." Anne told us that she had joined the police as a cadet at the age of 17, moving to Hendon Police College when she was 18. She served for 33 years rising to the rank of Detective Inspector. She was a terrorist inspector for the last 12 and a half years of her service travelling to terrorist attack sites all over the world. She was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for "Counter Terrorist Policing in the 2011 birthday honours list, receiving her medal from the Queen herself. A brilliant speaker and a most interesting evening. Thank you.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 1st. Visitors are welcome at meetings for a £4 fee.

Speakers/ Events

May 1st– Fish and Chip Supper

June 5th – How to stay fit – Tessa Chiswell

July 3rd – Midlands Search and Rescue – Elaine Murphy

Ruth (01462815482)

SHEFFORD CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 31st August 2019

Our free schedules are now available in the library and other outlets around Shefford or by emailing the address below.

If you have any questions we are happy to help. Come and see us at the fete, email sheffordcps@gmail.com or use one of the contact numbers in the schedule.

Biggleswade Sandy Lions in a Jumble ...

... but coming up smiling

Last year we hosted the beast from the east which kept our customers mostly at home. This year we held our Jumble Sale on the last Saturday in March. WE believe our forward planning team thought it would give the snow time to melt and the daffodils time to show their faces. Little did we know that we would have a heat wave in February, cherry blossom in mid-March and Mad March Hares eclipsed by a shower in Westminster!



Back to our Jumble Sale, Saturday 30th March dawned as a beautiful day for a trip to the coast and as we laid out all our wares, that morning; we hoped our regular customers would know that there should be more fine Saturdays this year. Our bargains that day would be too good to miss.

We believe they did; because at 1:30 PM when the doors opened, we greeted an eager queue of bargain seekers and for the next hour and a half experienced brisk trade in every department. By 4:00pm Clifton Community Centre had returned to normality, the left-overs were sorted, packed and removed with our Jumble Team heading home.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us by donating or gathering the jumble, sorting it, setting up the hall, serving our customers and putting it all away afterwards. You were a brilliant team; we couldn't have done it without you. What are you doing next year? Thank you too, to everyone who didn't go to the coast for the day but came to Clifton Community Centre instead and made it all worthwhile. We really appreciate your participation.



We're now focused on our Easter Egg Draws and the forthcoming Fete season.

Finally, our long-term planning team would appreciate an accurate weather forecast for Spring 2020.

The Kingfisher Players Present
Sketches & Songs from the Shows

All Saints Church, Clifton

Saturday 15th June

at 2.30 pm

Tickets £5

Lower school children £2.50



Kingfisher Players

Tickets available from school
Includes tea and cake in the interval



Biggleswade District

Choral Society



Summer Concert

All Saints' Church, Clifton

Saturday 22nd June 2019

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 concert

Tickets from:

Peter and Kathy 646371

Profits to All Saints Church

Clifton Fun Run

29 September 2019

Put the date in your diary Now!

5k & 3k routes

Off-road (tracks/grass), Clifton Bury Farm

Start Times: 5k—11.00 / 3k - 11.15

£10 adult / £5 junior / £25 family ticket

www.clifton-beds.co.uk

Profits: Clifton All Saints' Church & All Saints' PTA



Friends of Clifton Church

Events for 2019 (so far)



June 28th @ 10.30 am

Coffee Morning, Church Hall

Usual stalls: cakes, bring and buy, paperback books and a Raffle.

£2 entrance includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Saturday July 20th

Garden Party for members only



September 14th

Visit to Old Warden Vineyard

Tour of the vineyard 2-3 pm; a talk and tasting session 3-4 pm and then tea and snacks.



£15 per person.

November 25th

Christmas Curry at Clifton Cuisine

Further details will be available nearer the time



As usual, contact Keith Pledger to book your place on

01462 629020 or keith.w.pledger@gmail.com.

The Clifton Chronicles

Copy date for June

8th May



SHEFFORD BAND

We are seeking new brass or woodwind players to join our group of amateur musicians who meet weekly to play for pleasure.

We play a wide repertoire of music from films, TV, hymns, marches, classics and popular melodies.

Where: Shefford Methodist Church Hall

When: Thursday Evenings

Time: 7:45pm – 9:45pm



Contacts:

Conductor: Victor Parker 01525 713202

Secretary: Jayne Steinfeld 01462 339703

Engagements: Wendy Marriott 01462 850810

Come
and join
us!

www.sheffordtownband.org

Neighbourhood Watch



A very worrying and ugly trend suddenly appears to have started in our peaceful village with various assault incidents happening with some regularity, can anyone explain this? In March these incidents were much more frequent than of late and is obviously a real concern to our residents. There

were two assault cases, occasioning actual bodily harm, ABH, these being in Shefford Road on 1st March, and another in Clifton Park, New Road on 7th March, In addition to these vicious attacks we had four cases of common assault & battery, these happening in Church Street, Legate Place, Stockbridge Close and Brickle Place.

The more serious crime of a burglary to a residential dwelling happened in Shefford Road on 19th March, maybe someone witnessed this crime and could come forward with information that might lead to catching these thieves. There was also some incidents of theft in Herberts Meadow and Broad Street together with an incident involving letters being sent with intent to cause distress.

I am also aware of an ever growing problem in our village of dog fouling, with some dog owners failing to pick up their offending dog mess. Even more distressing for a well-loved senior resident of our village in Manor Close, someone decided to use his garden hedge as a waste disposal area to deposit their poo bags. Fortunately he received some valued support from a member of our Parish Council.

I'm advised our Police colleagues have been focused on **Operation Meteor** which is the force's response to the issue of anti-social riding, nuisance bikes and related criminality.

I've also been made aware of a "**Scam**" warning in respect of fake email from **Virgin Media** threatening automatic disconnection due to invalided billing information. The links in these emails are designed to steal your account log-in details. **Don't click on any links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to requests for personal or financial details.**

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Terry Whiffen 07482 790269

Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 9th May 2019

CB/19/00642/FULL – 18 March 2019 – Rear of Clifton House, SG17 5ET. Erection of three detached dwellings, with associated parking and amenities. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/00801/FULL – 12 March 2019 – 19 Fairground Way, SG17 5JN. Single storey rear extension. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/00579/FULL – 25 February 2019 – Cliftonville, SG17 5EU. Remove existing single storey rear extension and garage, and replace with side/rear extension/integrated covered area. **Consultation Period**

CB/19/00542/FULL – 21 February 2019 – Land between 5 and 6 Chapel Close, SG17 5YG. Erection of one, single-storey infill dwelling. **Refused**

CB/19/00173/FULL – 20th February 2019 – Land at Stockbridge Close SG17 5FG. Construction of new reinforced concrete retaining wall to replace failing wall built using timber logs. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/04767/FULL – 19th February 2019 – 4 Clifton House Close SG17 5EQ. Single storey rear extension. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/19/00235/FULL – 8th February 2019 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Internal and external alterations to existing House in connection with its conversion into nine self-contained flats (2 no. one-bedroom, 3 no. two-bedroom and 4 no. three bedroom apartments), including: External alterations: removal of small lean; formation of a front porch extension to unit 8; insertion of glazing to in-filled Coach House openings; and insertion of conservation roof lights to Coach House; Closure and infill of the existing access drive and creation of new access drive and pedestrian access in the boundary wall; Provision of no. 20 car parking spaces and secure cycle storage; and Provision of refuse storage, together with a collection day bin storage point. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/19/00236/FULL – 8th February 2019 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Listed Building - Internal and external alterations to Existing House in connection with its conversion into nine self-contained flats (2 no. one-bedroom, 3 no. two-bedroom and 4 no. three bedroom apartments), including: . External alterations: removal of small lean; formation of a front porch extension to unit 8; insertion of glazing to in-filled Coach House openings; and insertion of conservation roof lights to Coach House. Closure and infill of the existing access drive and creation of new access drive and pedestrian access in the boundary wall. Provision of no. 20 car parking spaces and secure cycle storage. Provision of refuse storage, together with a collection day bin storage point. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/19/00408/FULL – 8th February 2019 – 39 Manor Close SG17 5EJ. First floor extension. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/04720/FULL – 10 January 2019 – Land off Pedley Lane SG17 5EN. Erection of 45 dwellings. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/04067/FULL – 2 November 2018 – Land south of Fairground Way SG17 5JN. Proposed 20 new dwellings. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/02820/OUT – 19 July 2018 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Erection of up to 130 dwellings. **Appeal**

CB/18/01518/OUT – 8 May 2018 – Land off New Road SG17 5JH. Proposed 25 dwellings. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/1628/OUT – 17 April 2018 – Land off Hitchin Lane SG17. Proposed 22 dwellings. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/18/1099/OUT – 16 March 2018 – Land rear of 81-111 Broad Street SG17. Proposed 80 dwellings. **Appeal**

CB/18/00192/OUT – 19 January 2018 – Clifton Farm SG17 5EX. Proposed 7 houses and 7 semi-detached houses. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/17/05967/OUT – 27 December 2017 – Land west of New Road SG17 5JH. Proposed 130 dwellings. **Appeal**

Bs09/04/2019 Clifton Residents' Association

Welcome to Warden Abbey

Bedfordshire's award winning Community Vineyard

Warden Abbey Community Vineyard

English Wine Week

Tours Saturday 25th May 10.30 & 2.30

Advance booking only

Did you know Bedfordshire's medieval vineyard is now an exciting community project? This beautiful field near Old Warden was first planted by monks at Warden Abbey. Centuries later, the "Lyttel Vineyard" was re-planted and now produces award-winning wines. Today, it's an army of volunteers who tend the vines all year round as well as run tours, school visits, social & therapeutic horticulture, wildlife and heritage projects.

OPEN FOR TOURS MAY TO SEPTEMBER
**See website for tour dates & booking, vouchers,
gifts, outlets**

www.wardenvineyard.org.uk 07981 113714



Clifton Cricket Club



We are now underway for the 2019 Season! Youth Training started on Friday 12th April. If any children are still interested, they are more than welcome to come along – it's never too late to join us! All Children of all abilities can come along for trial sessions to see if they enjoy it before committing become a member. Sessions run every Friday throughout the Summer from 6-7pm and we will have the bar open all evening every week for supportive parents to enjoy. All coaches are CRB checked and ECB trained. U9, U11, U13 & U15 teams available with matches played mid-week or on Sunday mornings. To find out more please contact Ian on 07766917645.

The Club's annual Beer Festival is on Friday 17th May from 6pm and Saturday 18th May from 1pm. The Happy Plaice Fish & Chip Van will be at the Ground from 7.30pm on Friday evening. On Saturday our 1XI will play at home and there will be a BBQ. We also will have bouncy castles available throughout the weekend.



The legendary **Duck Race** will take place on Friday 12th July from 6pm, bouncy castles, BBQ and the bar will be open - come along for your chance to win £££ prizes and raise money for the club.

if you just want to get involved to support the Club, we would love to hear from new enthusiastic people. If you are interested in playing - are a dab hand at Cricket or have never picked up a bat in your life – we'd also love to hear from you!

Please direct all enquiries to Sian - cliftonbedscc@gmail.com/ 07852997259 or find us on Facebook

What's on @ Clifton Cricket Club:

- x 10th May – Race Night
- x Friday 17th & Saturday 18th May – Beer Festival!!
- x Saturday 1st Team Cricket Match - BBQ – Bouncy Castles – Stalls – Real Ales – Ciders
- x Friday 12th July – Annual Duck Race, BBQ – Bouncy Castles – Bar – Prizes To Be Won!
- x Friday 9th August – Poker & Curry Night
- x Friday 13th September – Annual Youth Awards Evening
- x Saturday 12th October - Annual Dinner & Dance Awards Evening

See you there!

Clifton Residents Association

Hi everyone, May is a wonderful month. We are in one of our quiet patches at the moment. I know there is a lot of development plans going on, but our CAG committee has this well in hand.

Next month, June 15th, is the start of Clifton scarecrow festival week. Last year we had about 15 entries, I wonder if we can increase that, to say, double it? If you have ever attended any other village scarecrow festivals you will remember that there are various themes and ideas being transformed into superb scarecrows. Why not have a go and come up with an original idea that catches the judges' eyes. There will be a first prize of £50 for the most outstanding creative idea, and a back up prize of £25 for the runner up! I think we have to get the judges to struggle a bit on this, don't you? So I think it's time to start creating ideas now, ready to put them in action in June. Remember, it's your village, your community, and your chance to get involved and have some fun. If you have any other fantastic village ideas that you think might be worth a try, contact us. It's your Residents' Association, and we are here for you. Would you like to be a committee member? need more information? contact denfensome@yahoo.co.uk

Clifton Scarecrow Weekend

15th & 16th June

We had a fair response last year, but we hope this year even more of you will join us to make this a special event.

The more original ideas the better to give the judges a hard time choosing a winner.

First prize of £50

£25 for the runner-up



GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our opening competition of the season was played at **Colmwoth & North Beds GC**, competing for the **Parmar Shield**. The weather was grey, with little wind, and basically quite pleasant. The benign conditions and a not too difficult course led to some high scores. Our winners were:

1st with 40 pts – **Colin Paine**
2nd with 38 pts – **Brian Sapsed**
3rd with 36 pts – **Harvey Price**
Longest Drive – **Alan Mason**
Nearest the Pin – **John Wall**



Our **April** competition was played at **Girton GC**, competing for the **Chuckles Masters Trophy**. The weather was warm and sunny, with little wind, very pleasant indeed. The calm conditions led to some high scores. Unusually, nobody managed to find the green for the nearest the pin! Our winners were:

1st with 38 pts – **Roger Manning**
2nd with 37 pts OCB – **Ian Martin**
3rd with 37 pts OCB – **Gordon Ward**
Longest Drive – **Paul Williams**
Nearest the Pin – **not won**



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**.

Henlow Theatre
Henlow Theatre
Henlow Amateur Theatrical Society

HATS presents: **'An Evening Of Comedy'**

(Two short plays and comedy sketches)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 16, 17, 18th May

7.30 pm (doors open 6.45)

Henlow Theatre, Hitchin Rd, Henlow Camp SG16 6DN Tickets £9
(conc. £7) Box Office: www.henlowtheatre.org.uk or 01462 7000785



2019 EXCURSIONS 4th THURSDAY

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27th June, Burghley House & Gardens, Fare £15.00
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25th July, Waddesdon Manor, Bucks Fare £12.00
National Trust House & Gardens - Aviary, - Stables Café. Entry fee
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Updated Timetable 6th May 2019

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CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a modern, 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 contact:

parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

Kerri Kilby 07547 129038 or

Bob Anderson on 07546 239784

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



Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

Sunday Services

*10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. A warm welcome is assured to all. Communion is held during the 6.00 p.m. service on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

*The 10.30 a.m. Sunday morning service will continue to held at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton.

Mondays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

5-Up Club 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. at All Saints Academy

Explorers 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (for Reception to Year 4) at Church

Thursdays (term time)

Coffeepot 11.30am - 1pm at the Church

Fridays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

Website: www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk

Contact: cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com

Church Services Rotas May

Date	Time	Welcomers	Readers	Intercessors	Chalice Ass's	Sound
5 th	10:30	Mrs J Cooper Mrs P Wisby	Mr K Pledger Acts 9:1-20	Rev Paul	Mr B Livesey Mr R Welsford	Mrs P Wisby
	6:30	Mrs K Blackmore	Mrs K Blackmore John 11:27-44	Officiate		
12 th	10:15 All Age	Mr B Livesey Mrs J Wyer	Mrs S Welsford Acts 9:36-end	Ministry Team		Mr K Gray
	6:30	Mrs C Killick	Mr B Padgett Luke 24:36-49	Officiate		
19 th	10:30	Mr & Mrs A Clarke	Mr J Good Acts 11:1-18	Mrs S Welsford	Mrs R Gray Mr A Good	Mr P Topley
	6:30	Mr B Padgett	Mrs F Kendall Mark 15:46-16:8	Officiate		
26 th	10:30	Mrs J Peacock Mr C Brown	Mrs K Blackmore Acts 16:9-15	Officiate	Mr P Topley	Mr P Blackmore
30 th Ascension	20:00	Mrs C Killick	Mrs K Blackmore Acts 1:1-11	Officiate	Mrs K Blackmore	
2 nd June	10:30	Mrs S Welsford Mr D Brace	Mrs J Pavay Acts 16:16-34	Mr R Welsford	Mr K Pledger Mr K Gray	Mrs P Wisby
	6:30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs P Whittington Ephesians 4:7-16	Officiate		

If you are unable to participate on the date given, please swap with someone else and inform the Churchwardens (Peter Blackmore 01462 646371 or pb008@cliffon-beds.co.uk & Linda Dawes 01462 816074 or linda.dawes@ntlworld.com) of the swap. Also inform Peter Blackmore (as webmaster) so that he can change the online Rota which ensures that the correct people receive the automated reminders on Saturdays, along with the duty warden. If possible, also amend the copy of the Rota in the Vestry.

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