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The Clifton Chronicles

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Who's Who

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Forward Planner

June	
4	Toddler Church, 9.00-10.30
5	WI, Church Hall, 7.30pm, How to stay fit, Tessa Chiswell
7	Neigh'hood Policing Surgery 2—4 pm. Council offices
9	All Age Worship, 10.15 coffee
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	Toddler Church, 9.00-10.30
	GLGS, Bourn, 14.00
21	Toddler Church, 9.00-10.30
22	Biggleswade Choral Summer Concert, 7.30, Church
23	Messy Church, 10.30, Church Hall
26	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
28	Friends Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10.30
July	
3	WI, Clifton Church Hall, 7.30pm, Midshires search & rescue
10	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm
12	Cricket Club Annual Duck Race
16	GLGS, Cambridge Meridian, 14.00
20	Friends Garden Party
24	Tea & Chat, Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm



All Saints' Church Services

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

Sundays:

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)

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

10.30 Clifton, 9.15 Southill

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



Funeral at Crematorium

24th April Roy Douglas Everist

Funeral in church followed by a burial in the graveyard

7th May Terence William Hay

Clifton Mothers' Union Group

Tuesday 18th June

2.00 pm at 18 Hitchin Lane



Dear Friends,

Such a lot of fruit in the shops, it's that time of year and the summer is here! There's also a lot of fruit in the Bible it is talked about as the 'fruit' in our lives.



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". (Galatians 5).

Can we help grow these fruits in our lives? Which do you think are the most important? If you like strawberries why not match it to the gift of love? Strawberries (they look like hearts) and when eating a strawberry, you pray: "Dear God, thank you for this yummy strawberry, and help me to be more loving, Amen."

Fruit takes a long time to grow. Just as the fruits of the spirit takes time to grow. Godparents and parents can over time help their children develop fruits of the spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Some may not fully develop until they are grown up. There's no rush! God's Kingdom takes time to grow.

Come and find out more about these fruits on 9th June. The day when the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is called Pentecost, or it used to be known as Whitsun.

We will also be joining in with the Archbishop's global wave of prayer, Thy Kingdom Come, now in its fourth year. If you have time look it up and find out more. <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/thy-kingdom-come/>

Every blessing Revd Caren

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

4th & 18th June

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

9th June

Starting with refreshments from

10.15am onwards

Our theme: **Starting with the Spirit**

Interactive worship with songs
and short talks

All Saints Clifton

Sunday 23rd June

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

10:30 am

- ★ Craft activities for all the family
- ★ Stories and songs
- ★ Hot lunch
- ★ No fixed cost- donations welcome
- ★ No need to book

Come and join the fun!

Ruth Gray (01462 812820) or Suzanne Stapleton (01462 811929)



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



CAR PARKING AT BEDFORD HOSPITAL (South Wing)

The free car parking concession, which your Care Scheme has benefitted from for over 15 years may now to be replaced by another arrangement as part of a wider review by the hospital. We are not yet certain how this is going to affect us. Early discussions suggest that this will be more limited and more difficult to apply and could result in users having to pay the full parking fee in addition to the cost of transport. At the time of writing, we are currently trying to resolve difficulties and looking for ways to reduce the potential impact on our users, but we will try to keep you informed.

Please be aware that although transport is the help that is most often required, we are here to help and support in any way we can; so if you have a problem please ask.

NEED OUR HELP?

We are here to serve everyone so if you or someone you know needs a helping hand, just call us on

07817 614654

. and one of our co-ordinators will do their best to help.

Tea & Chat



- ☆ Wednesday 12th June
- ☆ Wednesday 26th June
- ☆ Wednesday 10th July
- ☆ Wednesday 24th July



Church, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm

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

Clifton Scarecrow Weekend

15th & 16th June

Have you made your scarecrow yet?

Last date for registering is the 15th/16th.

£5 secures your entry at the Admiral and remember to let them know the location of your scarecrow so the judges don't miss you out.

Straw is available at the gate way to the horse centre in Pedley Lane. Go on, have a go!

First prize of £50

£25 for the runner-up



Clifton Residents' Association

Our committee meeting on the 7th May generated some fantastic ideas for the future, making our Residents' Association even stronger.

The healthcare open meeting with managers from Shefford Health Centre, on the 17th April, was well attended, approximately 40 residents came to find out what it was all about. A very positive meeting with concerns about health care, but also compliments were voiced towards the Managers. In all, a brilliant evening and very informative'. It was suggested at committee that we make this meeting an annual event, and also include meetings for after care and schooling.

Have you made your scarecrow yet? Last date for registering is the 15th/16th. £5 secures your entry at the Admiral and remember to let them know the location of your scarecrow so the judges don't miss you out. Straw is available at the gate way to the horse centre in Pedley Lane. Go on, have a go, £50 prize for the best entry!

Finally, a big thank you for all who helped with the litter pick weekend.

Den Fensome

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 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

Includes tea and cake in the interval

Tickets available from school

Profits for Christian Aid



Kingfisher Players



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.

Hymns will be chosen by the congregation, there will be a sheet in church.

9th Clifton All Saints
Craft & Produce Show
Saturday 21st September 2019

An opportunity to showcase our many talents in the village at this year's Craft & Produce Show with a:

Wild West Theme



The closing date for entry forms is 14th September. Entries must be delivered to the Church between 9:30am and 10:30am on Saturday 21st September.

Doors open at 2:00 pm, with presentation of prizes at 4:00 pm.
at Clifton All Saints Church

Children's Classes

PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, all entries **MUST BE THE WORK OF THE COMPETITOR ONLY**, as the judges will be looking for the children's own work.

Age Under 5

1. Decorate a paper plate as a cowboy/cowgirl

Ages 5, 6 & 7

2. Decorate a horseshoe
3. Make a Sheriff's badge – any medium

Ages 8, 9 & 10

4. Make a cowboy hat – any medium
5. Decorate a wooden spoon as a cowboy/cowgirl

Ages 11 & above

6. 4 pieces of rocky road on a paper plate
7. Design a wanted poster – maximum size A4

OPEN CLASSES (for all children, age at time of entry to be stated)

8. A photograph of a horse or a Wild West theme – photo to be 6" x 4" (15cm x 10cm), entrant's name/age to be written on the back
9. Make a Ranch on a plate

Adult Classes (no child aged 16 or under to enter adult classes)

Handicrafts

10. Make a cactus in a terracotta pot – any medium
11. Make a tepee – maximum height 30cm, any medium
12. Make a dream catcher – maximum 20cm diameter, any medium
13. Make a hobbyhorse – any medium

Cookery

14. A homemade swiss roll
15. 4 Cowboy kisses (Please see recipe on the village website)
16. 4 cupcakes on a Wild West theme
17. MEN ONLY CLASS – 4 mini Yorkshire puddings with sausages

Preserves

18. A bottle of homemade barbeque sauce
19. A jar of soft fruit jam with a twist of your choice
20. A jar of chunky “cowboy” salsa.

Photography

21. A photograph using the inspiration “The good, the bad, and the ugly”
22. A photograph using the inspiration “True Grit”

Garden Produce

23. 3 long runner beans – will be measured end-to-end
24. 5 tomatoes on a paper plate – to include at least two varieties
25. 3 onions on a paper plate
26. A maximum of 5 different kinds of vegetables in a seed tray.

Flowers and Plants

27. A vase of mixed garden flowers
28. A collection of herbs in water
29. A chilli plant
30. A cactus in a pot
31. **SHOW SPECIAL:** 5 stems of sweet peas in a vase.

For Craft & Produce Show Rules, entry forms, hints and tips:

Please see the village website:
www.clifton-beds.co.uk, or contact
Julie-Anne Clark (01462 851400) or
Jane French (01462 811967)





Biggleswade District

Choral Society



Summer Concert

All Saints' Church, Clifton

Saturday 22nd June 2019

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 concert

Performing choruses from
The Armed Man, by Karl Jenkins

Biggleswade & District Choral Society will be joined by:

Samuel Whitbread Academy Chamber Choir

Choruses from Faure Requiem

Cantique de Jean Racine - Faure

Calme de Nuits - Saint - Saens

Everytime I feel the Spirit - Chilcott

Tickets £10

including a glass of wine in the interval

Tickets from:

Jean and Jim Peacock 812514

Peter and Kathy 646371

Profits to All Saints Church

Clifton Farm 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



Clifton WI



Linda began the evening by welcoming 47 members and 1 visitor to the meeting. We sang Jerusalem and the minutes of the April meeting were read, agreed and signed. Chris was presented with flowers and a voucher from the WI with grateful thanks for her many years of service as Treasurer.

- County news was outlined including upcoming events were shared with members
- The Litter picking around the village was very successful. Thank you to all the volunteers who took part.
- Hats for the premature baby unit are doing well. Thank you to all our knitters.
- Birthday cards were handed out by Jackie.

We then had a quiz based on favourite sweets while Sally and Chris went to get our Fish and Chip Supper. This was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Sally and Chris for the organisation and collection.

The next meeting will be Wednesday June 5th.

Visitors are welcome at meetings for a £4 fee.

Speakers/ Events

- ☆ June 5th – How to stay fit – Tessa Chiswell
- ☆ July 3rd – Midshires search and rescue – Elaine Murphy
- ☆ August 7th – Annual BBQ
Ruth (01462815482)



Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 8th May 2019

CB/19/01095/FULL – 29 April 2019 – 22 Grange Street, SG17 5EW.
Proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.

Consultation Period

CB/19/1078?FULL – 17 April 2019 – 220 Shefford Road, SG17 5QS.
Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and demolition of garage. **Consultation Period**

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

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

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. **Granted**

CB/19/00542/FULL – 21 February 2019 – Land between 5 and 5 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. **Granted**

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/LB – 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. **Refused**

CB/19/00138/VOC – 16 January 2019 – Land at Clifton Farm Barns, SG17 5EX. Variation of Condition No. 13 on application Ref: CB/16/03954/RM by superseding the approved drawing (Site Layout) No.L4N with new drawing No. L4P (the change relates to the treatment of the south easterly and south westerly site boundaries). **Granted**

CB/19/00109/FULL – 15 January 2019 – 5 Rookery Walk, SG17 5HW.
Single storey side extension. **Granted**

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. **Consultation Period**

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. **Consultation Period**

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**

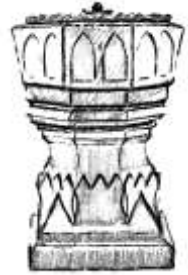
CB/18/00192/OUT – 19 January 2018 – Clifton Farm SG17 5EX.
Proposed 7 houses and 7 semi-detached houses. **Awaiting Decision**

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

Bs08/05/2019 Clifton Residents' Association

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

HELP REQUIRED



The flower planters throughout the village have been admired and enjoyed by many passers-by over many years and will continue to do so thanks to Pauline and Barry Livesey who are so often seen replanting them.

However one cannot guarantee that the plants so carefully planted will regularly be watered from on high especially if there is a dry hot summer like last year's!

A number of kind souls do water them (and the Parish Council is very grateful to them) but these people are not always available to use a watering can whenever necessary so more help is needed.

Please would other residents who live near any of the planters keep an eye on the plants growing in them and be prepared to water them if need be?

Also if you have an outside tap or water butt let others fill watering cans in order to water thirsty plants.

Many thanks. Judy Lanham, on behalf of the Parish Council



Clifton Walking Group

We are a group who meet every week day at 4.15 and walk around the Clifton area for an hour. We enjoy the exercise and the banter.

If you think you might like to join us please contact:

Sue Cross 07768 105570 or
susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk

Samuel Whitbread Academy



Two weeks into the summer term and the exam season is now fully underway with practical exams in PE, graphics, art and speaking and listening exams in modern foreign languages.

We made a number of important changes to the site over the Easter break including knocking down a wall in the ASD provision to join the three rooms into one big space. The bigger space is required because of the excellent reputation of our ASD provision, which now takes 18 students - up from only six students a few years ago. Mrs Swift and her team have built a fantastic provision for ASD students and its reputation throughout the county and beyond is well deserved.

I'm pleased to say that the extra outdoor seating for students arrived on Thursday and is now in place around the site. We're also expecting the final few pieces of equipment for the new gym any day soon, which looks fantastic.

Last Friday I spent an enjoyable evening watching 50 lower and middle school pupils in the 'Celebration of Disney' production. The youngest pupil was only 4 and the eldest was 12. The talent on display was amazing and I'd like to thank all those involved for all their hard work in putting on such an amazing evening of song and dance. The pupils looked like they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great for us to have the younger pupils on site last term for rehearsals, as their boundless energy and enthusiasm was contagious and wonderful to see.

This year we entered the Bedfordshire Coding competition for the first time, run by Lockheed Martin, and I'm delighted to say Toby, Tom and Rachel in Year 11 came away with the trophy!



The competition is only in its second year and this year had eight teams from SWA, Harlington and Bedford Girls school. Mr Scullion said 'Students were given a number of different unseen programming tasks and needed to work together to work out both a strategy on which tasks to complete, and how best to solve the computational

problems. The winning team worked well together, dividing up the tasks efficiently to maximise their points total and brought home the silverware.'

The DofE season is now also underway and we've already had our first night under canvass with over 80 students spending a night at Ivinghoe for their Bronze DofE.

In sport, the Year 10 rugby boys probably unsurprisingly won the County Cup last week against a very strong Cedars side. They got a bit of a wake up call at halftime, going in 19-5 behind, but pulled it back in the second half with a convincing performance to finish off an amazing year for rugby at SWA, with Year 9, 10 and 11 all county champions and two national trophies. The girls started the term with a strong performance in rugby on Wednesday, sporting their brand-new kit at the 7s competition at Northampton and coming joint first on points - but unfortunately missing out on the trophy on tries scored - despite actually beating the eventual winners.



We also had strong performances in rounders, with three wins. Athletics is also underway for girls and boys with the first meet at Bedford. Nathan in Year 13 posted a stunning second place in the men's transitional 200m breaststroke final at the National Championships and Nathan in Y9 came 9th in cycling at the Geluveld Koerce in Belgium. Finally, as I alluded to before the Easter break, we have an amazing announcement to make in PE. I am delighted to say that Jo Trip, the New Zealand and Mavericks goal defence, has joined the PE staff at SWA as our new netball coach.



Nick Martin,
Principal



Clifton Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately the Clifton Neighbourhood Watch website is no more, due to the free hosting arrangements that we had with Bedfordshire Police coming to an end.



Crime statistics for Clifton: none have been received as yet – possibly down to the several public holidays we have been enjoying lately. In the last set of statistics was included an incident in Clifton Park. This is a tightly-knit community and several residents were surprised about this, as they had not heard about it. We receive these stats on the basis of absolute confidentiality and were assured by our Police contact that an incident did indeed occur and that it was reported correctly.

Concerning the activities (such as they are) of Neighbourhood Watch in Clifton - Please see below for the official purpose for NHW. But how does that relate to us? Let us know what problems in Clifton NHW should be addressing, and how we (you / us) can make a difference. Reply to this on "Nextdoor", leave a voicemail on 07484796093 or email CliftonBedsNW@gmail.com if you prefer..

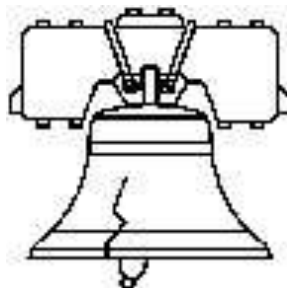
"Traditional crimes such as burglary and car theft are now much less prevalent than they once were. But new types of criminal activity have sprung up to replace them, and these new crimes require new solutions if they are to be tackled effectively. Prevention is key, and strong communities where people know and look out for their neighbours is an excellent route to crime prevention. Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes are an excellent way of preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, reducing the fear of crime, and building stronger and safer communities. In a NW scheme, people come together to make their neighbourhoods better places to live. NW helps people protect themselves and their properties and reduces the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and each other and by fostering a community spirit."

Gary Edwards 01462 816334

Terry Whiffen 07482 790269

On Sunday, 5 May 2019
A peal of 5090 Cambridge Surprise Major
Was rung in 2 hours 55 minutes
Composed by Robert D S Brown

- 1 Christopher M J Spencer
- 2 Jane C Spencer
- 3 Andrew J Spencer
- 4 Richard A Horne
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Michael R Spencer
- 7 Jonathan A Spencer (C)
- 8 Stephen H Stanford



Rung to congratulate Hazel Spencer on her 90th birthday (3rd May) and fondly remembering Roy Spencer, by a band including their sons (3 and 6), daughter-in-law (2) and grandsons (1 and 7).

First peal as conductor.

(Hazel Spencer is a ringer from Goldington.)

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Thanks to everyone who submitted copy early for this edition, normal service will be resumed next month!

If your organisation makes regular contributions to the Clifton Chronicles then we will be asking you to make a donation to help fund this totally volunteer produced magazine which goes to every home in Clifton 11 times a year. Thanks to our amazing team of volunteers.

Please note that we have some new advertisers, all adverts on the yellow pages as usual and do look at the index on page 28 to help you find the one you are looking for.

Kathy Blackmore, Editor



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[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.



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*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

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St Francis 9.00 am 5.15 pm

Saturday Service

St Francis 11.00 am

Shefford Methodist Church

Minister: Revd Lorna Valentine 813284

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 Nicola Brooksbank 01462-731072

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