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Dear Fellow Residents

The news of the vaccine roll out is brilliant but the scientists and medical staff are imploring us to stay vigilant and keep wearing masks, keeping distant and sanitising hands. The message this month is:

**We are not there yet BUT
we are nearly there!**



Spring begins this month, enjoy!

Next edition April 2021

Keep Well, Keep Fit, Beat Covid 19!

Kathy Blackmore, on behalf of the Chronicles Team

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Who's Who in Clifton p1

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	Guides	www.girlguiding.org.uk	
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Dear Friends,

It is almost a year since the first lockdown began in March 2020. The world we now inhabit and the way we live is very different. The church building, like so many others, saw its first lockdown begin on Mother's Day. Right from the start we were denied a hug from the people we love but who did not live with us. The basic need to love and be held still grieves us and some have lost their loved ones and never had the chance to say 'goodbye'.

As we approach Mother's Day this year, I'm reminded of our tradition of giving daffodils to people in church as a symbol of 'the mothering church' being a source of care. This year daffodils remind me of the symbol for the end of life charity, Marie Curie, who are holding a National Conference on 23rd March for a National Day of reflection for the first anniversary of the UK going into lockdown. Our church will join with them on this day of reflection and take this opportunity to reflect back on this year.



Towards the end of the month as we approach Easter, I will put a large cross in the churchyard, which would normally be inside the church. On this cross we usually place flowers on and around it to remember people we have loved who have died.



This year I will post on FB when it is placed in the churchyard and if you would be welcome to come, safely distanced of course from others, to place a daffodil or other flower on or around the cross, where you can say a prayer for someone you want to remember.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

Every blessing Revd Caren

For all details of online church services see:

<https://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/>

FB and YouTube link also available:

<https://www.facebook.com/CofECliftonBeds>

All Saints' Church

From the Registers



Funeral at Crematorium

15th February Wendy Joy Onion



**Church currently closed
for public worship**

Funerals can still be held in church
contact Revd Caren for details

We will reopen for public worship as soon as we can safely do so.

The decision will be reviewed regularly

See website for updates:

<https://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/>

Toddler Church

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TODDLER
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9th & 23rd March, 2021

Remembering Don Killick



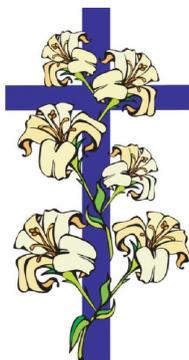
Don, who died at the end of December, was a key member of the Clifton Chronicles team and had diligently supported the Chronicles longer than anyone else on the team. Don was already involved in the Clifton Chronicles when I came to the village in late 1981 and, about a year later, I became his apprentice printer, we were then printing about 500 copies per month! I learned all my Gestetner skills from him as well as something of his commitment to, and belief in the importance of 'the magazine' in our village life.

Over the years 'the magazine' has developed into the amazing project that it is today with over 40 people involved in its production every month, at least in non-Covid times. Things of course have changed, desk top publishing and other hi-tech equipment has made the increased production to 1450 copies per month possible. Don relished the way the Chronicles adapted in line with technological changes; he might have liked to reminisce about the 'old days' but never with even a tinge of regret that things had moved on. His enjoyment of all things 'now' is one of the key attributes I will treasure of this lovely man.

Although Don had 'retired' as printer in the early 80's he continued his involvement and commitment; latterly he was one of our staplers at collation, he ordered the paper and remained a member of our committee. We will miss his wisdom, enthusiasm and encouragement for all things Chronicles, on the last Thursday of the month when we are able to resume.

Kathy Blackmore

Thank you to our friends in Clifton



Don and I were fortunate in having 65 years together. Many of those years were spent in Clifton where we found much happiness in the village and All Saints Church.

I have been moved to tears many times by the wonderfully kind and loving cards and flowers that have been given to me and my family. The love shown to us has been astonishing and we are all humbled and grateful for so much warmth and support. Many, many thanks and love to you all.

Chris

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Despite the recent very cold snap there are signs that Spring is not too far away. There are lots of snowdrops on show and a few daffodils beginning to appear. There is plenty of evidence to of birds pairing up in spite of them desperately trying to find food. Love conquers all! And with the advent of Spring lets hope that the next few months will see a gradual easing of the current lockdown restrictions and a return to some sort of normality. It looks like the roll out of the vaccine will help with this and the arrangements for this locally seem to have gone very smoothly indeed.



Hopefully at sometime in the not too distant future we will be able to start the Wednesday afternoon "Tea & Chat" sessions. Something to look forward too.

Remember we are still here to help if we can. Just call and ask.



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Stay safe and well

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Clifton Neighbourhood Plan



The following draft sections of the Clifton Neighbourhood Plan are now on our website, and comments from Clifton residents are vital to the successful inspection and subsequent adoption of our Plan.

Vision Statement	Community and Leisure Infrastructure
Housing	Travel, Transport and Parking
Business	Green Infrastructure
Heritage and Community	Character Assessment

A couple of small additions have been made. A notation about rural exception sites has been added to the Housing section and another about graveyards to the Heritage section

We are currently working on the Socio-economic section, (which is about as exciting as you would imagine!), together with a section on Protected Viewpoints. We will shortly start work on the Basic Condition statement, which sets out to legal conditions which our Plan has to meet.

We are also now reviewing all the previously completed sections and making improvements. This is being done with our expert consultant peering over our shoulder and who, you will be delighted to hear, quite properly points out when we are not doing things correctly. It is a little like being back at school!

Finally, it is not possible to exaggerate how important it is for as many people as possible to look at our plan and make comments and suggestions. A Neighbourhood Plan has to be something the Neighbourhood, (In this case Clifton), gets behind. So, please, if you haven't yet looked at the draft Plan on our web-site yet, please do and let us know what you think.

Our web-site is:

www.cliftonvillageplan.com

or you can call us on 07711 687456

Please email your thoughts to:

talbot.mike@gmail.com or cliftonvillagenp@gmail.com

Thank you from your Neighbourhood Plan team!

Clifton Planning Applications

Central Beds Decisions to 14 February 2021



CB/21/00162/FULL – 27 January 2021 – 58 Broad Street SG17 5RL. Loft conversion to rear.

Consultation Period

CB/21.00239/RM – 22 January 2021 – Land off Broad Street SG17. Reserved Matters; 80 dwellings including 35% affordable. **Consultation Period**

CB/21/00243/DOC – 22 January 2021 – Land off Broad Street SG17. Discharge of Condition 12. **Application Registered**

CB/21/00040/FULL – 8 January 2021 – 21 Miles Drive SG17 5HS. Single storey side extension. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/20/04642/OUT – 5 January 2021- Land to rear of 210/228 Shefford Road SG17 5QS. Demolition of 21- Shefford Road and erection of up to 29 dwellings. **Consultation Period**

CB/20/04778/FULL – 30 December 2020 – Hillcroft, 68 New Road SG17 5JL. New storey outbuilding for use as garage and dog grooming, with office above. **Application Withdrawn**

CB/20/04717/FULL – 23 December 2020 – 2 Stockbridge Road SG17 5HA. Conversion of detached garage to office/recreation space. **Granted**

CB/20/04588/FULL – 16 December 2020 – 10 Burrows Close SG17 5EG. Two storey front extension with gabled roof, two storey and first floor side extension. **Granted**

CB/20/0444/FULL – 8 December 2020 – 98 New Road SG217 5JJ. Conversion of existing stable to detached 3 bed dwelling. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/20/04393/VOC – 7 December 2020 – Land north of The Grange SG17 5EW. Minor dwellings – variation of condition number 11 of planning permission. **Variation Granted**

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CB/20/04362/FULL – 2 December 2020 – 204 Shefford Road SG17 5QS. Two storey side and rear extension, one storey rear extension, loft conversion, new double garage and new front wall with a new gate and new proposed access. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/20/03726/DOC – 16 October 2020 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Discharge of Conditions 6, 15, 17 from planning permission. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/20/03211/DOC – 10 September 2020 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Discharge of Condition 4. **Application Registered**

CB/20/03036/DOC – 27 August 2020 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Discharge of Conditions 2 & 3 also 12 & 16. **Discharge of Condition Granted**

CB/20/02436/VOC – 17 July 2020 – Clifton Farm, SG17 5EX. Variation to Condition 13 of Planning Permission. **Variation of Condition Granted**

CB/20/01762/NMA – 2 June 2020 – Land adjacent to 34 Hitchin Lane. Proposals to make a safer and attractive landscape. **Granted**

Permission CB/17/01630/FULL (Two storey and single storey extension to the house repair of barn store wall and conversion of space for inclusion in annex repair of collapsed roof to open barn/outbuilding). Discharge of Condition of Condition 3 from planning permission
CB/17/01631/LB (Listed Building, two storey and single storey extension to the house repair of barn store wall and conversion of space for inclusion of annex repair of collapsed roof to open barn/outbuilding). **Application Registered**

CB/20/00350/DOC – 4 Feb 2020 – Land adjacent to 34, Hitchin Lane. Discharge of conditions 2, 3, 4 and 5 against planning permission. **Application Registered**

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

Bob Smith, Clifton Residents' Association



National Day of Reflection

23 March 2021

The National Day of Reflection on 23 March 2021 marks the first anniversary of the date that the first lockdown started. Over 3 million people have been bereaved since the first lockdown began.

Behind the statistics and whatever the cause, every death has been devastating for their loved ones. Many of those bereaved have not been able to hold loved one's hands as they were dying, properly say goodbye, comfort or even hug each other. They have been unable to mourn as they would in 'normal' times and will be more likely to struggle with the long-term effects of grief.

The National Day of Reflection will give the nation and communities a moment to remember, grieve and celebrate everyone who has died during this time and show support for our families, friends and colleagues who are grieving. The day is being led by Marie Curie and has been developed in partnership with other organisations who will get involved as part of a movement to support each other.

The National Day of Reflection includes a minute's silence at midday to reflect on those who have died, daffodils (fresh, drawn or crafted) placed in windows, as a symbol of hope; and Online talks featuring people who are bereaved, celebrities and expert panellists sharing experiences and answering questions.



As night falls, the nation will appear on their doorsteps with candles, torches or simply lights from their mobile phones - for a minute of silence in the evening, sharing a beacon of support in these incredibly tough times.

To find out more about the National Day of Reflection:

www.mariecurie.org.uk/dayofreflection

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Clifton All Saints Academy

Governors

Clifton All Saints Academy has some challenging times ahead as we move to Primary status, appoint a new Headteacher and manage the buildings to enable us to provide a first class education to the children of the village.



We currently have a vacancy for a governor to join the Governing Body. Being a governor can be very rewarding and means being part of a team working to improve the life chances of children, who sometimes come from very challenging backgrounds. ... It is an opportunity to give something back to society and to help children at an important time in their lives.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Chair of Governors, Philippa Whittington, at:

chair@cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk.

Easter Cross 2021

Clifton All Saints Churchyard

Each year at Easter we have a cross in church on which people can place flowers to remember those we loved who have died.

This year the cross will be placed in the churchyard, to enable anyone to participate in this tradition.

Revd Caren will post on FB when it is placed in the churchyard and you would be welcome to come, safely distanced of course from others, to place a daffodil or other flower on or around the cross, where you can say a prayer for someone you want to remember.



Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



Like you we are getting frustrated with the forced inactivity due to Covid 19 but let me assure you that we are still here to serve the needs of our community. We have been assisting with the provision of computer equipment during lockdown plus other help where it falls within our remit. We pride ourselves that the majority of the money we raise is spent on local projects helping alleviate hardship where we can. If you know of any problem where we may be able to help please look at our website where you will find how to contact us. Every request for help is checked by our service committee and a decision made on what help, if any, we can provide. The Club's decision is final and we do not provide a reason why a particular project is accepted or rejected.

A few things which are ongoing throughout this time are the provision of Message in a Bottle, Message in a Wallet and Spectacle recycling. Over the coming months I will return to these subjects. Keep safe and we will get back to normal as soon as possible.

John Bennewith, Public Relations Officer

Crime Statistics JANUARY 2021

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY – COMMON ASSAULT AND BATTERY

03/01/2021 Whiston Crescent

14/01/2021 Herberts Meadow

OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE, OTHER (UNDER £5,000)

03/01/2021 Whiston Crescent

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

10/01/2021 Pedley Lane

ROBBERY (PERSONAL) (INDICTABLE)

12/01/2021 New Road

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26/01/2021 Undisclosed



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Shefford and surrounding areas

There are 8 walk leaflets available to download on the Shefford Town Council website on [Shefford Town Council](#). These were produced by Shefford P3 group with assistance from Shefford Town Council, Bedfordshire County Council, Mid Beds District Council and the Charity of Robert Lucas. These leaflets are also available free from Shefford Library.

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Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through Women's World Day of Prayer women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community.

The day of prayer is developed by Christian women from a different country and with a different theme each year. This year the wave of prayer begins with Vanuatu in the South Pacific and the theme is 'Build on a strong foundation'.

The Day of Prayer begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent until the last Services of this special day are held back in the Pacific on the islands of Samoa, circling the world in prayer for about 36 hours.



Why not make a note in YOUR diary as we would like YOU to join with us on the first Friday of March, with Christians from over 170 countries and islands, uniting together in praise, worship and in prayer. Women's World Day of Prayer includes Christian women from Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches.

Vanuatu—Country in Oceania

Vanuatu is a South Pacific Ocean nation made up of roughly 80 islands that stretch 1,300 kilometres. The islands offer scuba diving at coral reefs, underwater caverns and wrecks such as the WWII-era troopship SS President Coolidge. Harborside Port Vila, the nation's capital and economic centre, is on the island of Efate. The city is home to the Vanuatu National Museum, which explores the nation's Melanesian culture.

Clifton House

A Grade II Listed Building
Clifton, Central Bedfordshire



From the evidence of the Inclosure Map of 1832 [MA59] it is clear that Clifton House is the second rectory built in Clifton.

Clifton House was listed by the former Ministry of Public Buildings and Works in October 1966 as Grade II, of special interest. The department reckoned it to be late 18th or early 19th century though there is evidence from old church records that, part of it at least, probably dates to 1712. There are late 19th century additions and alterations. It is built of red brick and has clay tiled roofs. The original house has two storeys but there is a three storey extension to the north with additional two storey accommodation. This photograph above shows the original symmetrical building with central doorway on the right and the later extensions on the left.

Clifton, like most of Bedfordshire, was assessed in 1927 (following the Rating and Valuation Act of 1925) and the valuer visiting Clifton House noted that it was owned and occupied by Captain G. Dower. Downstairs accommodation comprised: a stone floored hall measuring 17 feet 6 inches by 20 feet 6 inches; a butler's pantry; a kitchen ("Light good"); a scullery ("poor"); a boiler room; a servants' hall; a larder; a cellar ("good"); a dining room measuring 15 feet 6 inches by 19 feet plus a bay of 8 feet by 5 feet and a lounge measuring 15 feet by 20 feet with a bay of 5 feet by 7 feet). Upstairs were two bedrooms, a bathroom ("very good"), two boxrooms, a further bathroom, a night nursery, two W. C.s, a day nursery and a house maid's closet. A double maids' bedroom and three single bedrooms lay on the second floor.

The kitchen garden was walled and contained an unheated peach house measuring 40 feet by 15 feet. There was also a brick and tile cow shed with a loft over, a four stall stable and garage. In the grounds stood a bungalow occupied by the (unnamed) gardener - it was brick and roughcast with asbestos tiles and contained living room, kitchen and bedroom. The valuer commented that the grounds were: "Well laid out. Nice lawn. Tennis. Rose garden". However the house was in a "bad social position" and was "not well arranged". It was lighted by gas and water was laid on.

In 1937 Clarice Joan Ward Gandar Dower conveyed Clifton House to Kathleen Ruthar Mary Fitz Roy, wife of Lord John Fitz Roy [PCClifton4/4]. By 1951 she had become Kathleen Carr and conveyed the house to Thomas Baker Raban of Knebworth [Hertfordshire], contractor [PCClifton4/4] and in 1975 he conveyed land to the parish council as an addition to the playing fields.

During the war Clifton House was used by the Fleet Air Arm from R.A.F. Henlow and then accommodated WAAFs and was called locally "The Waffery".

Between 1947 and 1949 it was a hostel for the Bedfordshire Women's Land Army.

More information about this hostel:

- Mrs Irskine was Warden.
- There was a Quiet Room and a Recreation Room with piano, wireless and radiogram.
- It had its own greenhouses and gardens.
- There were five bedrooms, each holding up to eight land girls.
- Each room of the house was decorated in a different colour.
- The hostel housed mainly land girls from London and some from Manchester and Liverpool.



Land Army girls October 1947

Clifton Churchyard

A place for peace and quiet reflection

We endeavour to make our churchyard a place of peace and quiet reflection for those who are coming to visit the graves of their loved ones. Each of us has individual needs as we work through grief and although the regulations covering this burial space do seem onerous they are there to provide a lovely place for all those who visit.

Responsibility for maintaining our churchyard in Clifton rests with the Parochial Church Council. We receive a grant from the Parish Council but most of the cost is met by members of the congregation. We have a contractor who regularly cuts the grass during the growing season and this is supplemented by people in the parish who volunteer to help with annual maintenance tasks in working parties.

Please help us by following the regulations in this article and by disposing of any flowers or other vegetation in the compost area (behind the holly hedge) Please put all wreaths, plastic, metal and paper in the wheelie bin.

All Saints' Clifton churchyard is part of our Christian heritage to provide for the reverent burial of those of who die in the parish. Ownership of all grave spaces remains vested in the Parish Priest; responsibility for management of the churchyard rests with the Parish Priest and the Parochial Church Council within the regulations of the Diocese of St Albans published in 2004. A full copy of the regulations is available from the parish priest or from the Diocesan website. Funeral directors can provide guidance on dimensions for memorials and we include some key points from the regulations below.

1. Regulations for Garden of Remembrance for burial of cremated remains

- Ashes after cremation must not be scattered or strewn but shall be buried loose, directly into the burial plot allocated
- Memorial plaques can be mounted on the wall within the dimensions allowed and to include a simple inscription with the person's name, relevant dates, and the grid reference to the burial plot
- Flowers or other floral tributes may be left near the plaques on the wall, but must not be placed on the grass

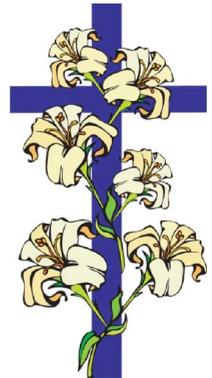
2. Churchyard regulations for burials

- No tombstone or other monument may be introduced, renewed, removed or altered without first obtaining permission
- Headstones and crosses must be within the dimensions allowed
- Monuments and memorials shall be of natural stone or oak and non-reflective and should not include any advertisement or trademark
- Only one memorial or monument is permitted on each grave
- Grave spaces must be level and grassed about a year after the interment
- Flower vases may be incorporated into the headstone but separate flower vases elsewhere in the grave space are not permitted.
- Fresh flowers are permitted within vases and bulbs may be planted in the grave space
- Other items are not permitted; these include but are not limited to: artificial flowers, perennials, shrubs or photographs
- Items not permitted within the regulations or dead flowers will be removed during regular maintenance of the churchyard

Thank you, Revd Caren

O Father of all, we pray to thee for those, whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN



CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

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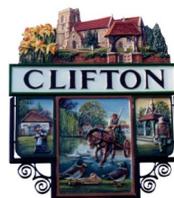
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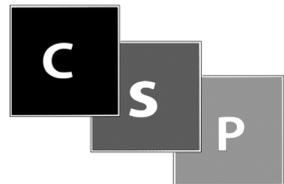
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