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November 2021

Dear Fellow Residents

This month we are going to be back on doormats right across the village. We are not out of the woods yet but we are trying to find ways to live with Covid. We will be talking steps to keep our team safe as we produce the Chronicles and I hope you also are taking sensible precautions as you enjoy the extra freedom.

November is the month for Remembrance and this year we are going to be as usual (with sensible social distancing) at the War Memorial and with minimal use of masks at church. It will be very meaningful to come together to mark this occasion.

Denise and her team are going to sell poppies outside the Tesco shop, please buy your poppies or just donate so our community can continue to support the Royal British Legion as we have done in the past.

As always the Chronicles is also available on line:
www.clifton-beds.co.uk

Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Who's Who in Clifton p1

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Dear Friends



One of my favourite subjects at school was History. We can learn so much from the past. It is so important not to forget those 'Big Events' and remember why they are significant. I'm sure no-one will forget the impact the Pandemic has had on our community and our general way of life. We won't forget those who have helped us through this time. When no-one else was there, whoever you were; carer, NHS, neighbour, friend you are remembered.



November is a month of remembering when we call to mind those who have died. At our War Memorial we will commemorate those who have died in conflicts around the world.

We will never forget the presence of those we love and have died, although we miss them, they will always be in our memories, treasured and never forgotten, always remembered.

When we feel at our lowest and most vulnerable, don't forget God is there for you. When all seems lost, God remembers you:

"If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up." Psalm 27:10 RSV

God remembers you.

Every Blessing, Revd Caren Topley

Act of Remembrance

War Memorial 10.45 am

14th November, 2021



Followed by a Service of Remembrance in church

Come and join us as we remember the fallen of this village.



Please follow sensible social distancing at the War Memorial and we respectfully ask those coming to church to wear masks during the hymns.

All Saints' Church

From the Registers



Christenings

10th October Paige Emily Spary

Wedding

1st October Samantha Huckle and Matthew Murphy

Funeral service at Crematorium

7th October Jennifer Robinson

Burial of Ashes

7th October David Wootton

All Saints' Church Services

Sundays:

10.30 am Parish Communion 1st, 3rd
All Age Worship, 2nd
Morning Prayer, 4th

10.30 am Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)

10.00 am 5th Sunday Joint Service with Southill and Haynes tbc



Tuesdays:

Toddler Church, 1st & 3rd, 9.00 am

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion

For details of church services see: <https://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/>

Grief, Loss & Worry at Christmas



Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas season and some people may even be dreading Christmas coming round. There has been so much loss during the long months of the pandemic and many are still worrying about what the future may hold and their ability to deal with it. Even in a good year winter can be a bleak time for many people, with short days and poor weather limiting our activities and the longest, darkest night looming of course on the shortest day.



It helps us to deal with grief to remember and name those we have lost, just as we remember those who died in the war at Remembrance Sunday. Last year, when we couldn't go into church, lots of people took the opportunity to put the names of loved ones on the leaves available on the church door which were placed on the Memory and Prayer Tree in church. People later tied ribbons to the church outer grill door to mark the first anniversary of the Lockdown in March.

So this year if you are dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or worrying for any reason that may make Christmas and its trimmings painful or difficult this service is for you:

The Darkest Night Service **Wednesday 22nd December at 4pm**

The Darkest Night Service is reflective and accepts where we are: our struggle with darkness and worry; loneliness and grief faced by those living with loss; but also holds out healing and hope.

You will have an opportunity to write the name of a loved one, your loss or struggle on a leaf and put it on the Prayer and Memory Tree in church, so your sadness and worry will be present at all our Christmas services.

Do come along to the service which will be followed by refreshments and chat.



CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



CHANGING TIMES

By the time you read this article the clocks will have gone back and you will have had an extra hour in bed but the daylight hours will have been severely reduced. The mornings will stay darker longer and by 4pm lights will be coming on. This can be a difficult time of year for many people. Folk not being able to get out in their gardens or meet friends for a gentle stroll can be very hard. And especially for those on their own. If you know a neighbour, a close friend or a relative that might need cheering up during this time why not give them a ring or even make an unexpected visit. That telephone call or visit might just be the tonic that was needed to bring some light relief and cheer to someone who is struggling with the winter blues. Give it a go!

A repetitive message is that we are still looking for volunteers. It can be very rewarding to help other members of your community so please give this request your serious consideration.

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Tea & Chat

Church Hall, 2.00—4.00

- * **Wednesday 10th November**
- * **Wednesday 24th November**
- * **Wednesday 8th December**



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Clifton Residents' Association



**WORKING TOGETHER FOR
THE COMMUNITY OF CLIFTON**

This year's Scarecrow Festival was a resounding success with even more scarecrows and visitors. Clifton Residents' Association would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Kerrie Cope and Jane French for organising the event in September. You did an amazing job! There was a real buzz in the air as people from the village and beyond walked around to view and judge the scarecrows.

Our thanks also go to all the families who took part, creating some really imaginative scarecrows; to local businesses for their generous sponsorship and to all those who donated straw, cakes and raffle prizes. The event created a great community feel in the village. Well done! Donations from the event will go to All Saints Academy PTA, Woodlands Pre-school and the Clifton Chronicles.

The CRA regrets that due to Covid 19 restrictions earlier in the year there will not be a Light Up Clifton event this year but there WILL be a Christmas tree for the whole village to enjoy from 3rd December.

If you would like to find out more about Clifton Residents' Association please contact the Secretary, Bob Smith, or email: dianatalbot27@gmail.com

With kind regards
Diana Talbot, Chairperson CRA



WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF CLIFTON

AGM & PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 - 7.00 pm- 8.00 pm
Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton

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A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Clifton Farm Run this year. It was great to be back with all the runners and helpers.

Thank you to Donald and Valerie Brace and John Wall for the venue and preparation, to Richard Harbon and North Herts Road Runners for the timing; to Clifton All Saints Academy for printing the numbers and to the Church Social Committee for the organisation. Not forgetting our sponsors: John R Ford and Country Properties

We were a bit concerned at the start of the day when the rain came, but it was an early shower and cleared to a fine, sunny day.

The 5k run set off at 12 after a slight delay as we had to pull Kathy (the starter) out of the ditch! Thankfully she was not hurt, just surprised/shocked! The 3k runners left 5 minutes later and they all returned to the refreshments of bacon rolls or hot dogs.

The provisional figures show a profit of around £600 which will be shared between the church and the school.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.



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5 K Race Results

	Surname	Fore-name	5km time
1	Hicks	Geoff	00:23:15
2	Bryant	Richard	00:24:06
3	Harvey	Neil	00:24:25
4	Bridges	Steve	00:26:43
5	Whybrow	Ben	00:26:50
6	Woodward	Don	00:27:44
7	Wischusen	Caroline	00:27:54
8	Stephens	James	00:28:16
9	Little	Ed	00:28:36
10	Harvey	David	00:28:37
11	Hayward	Oscar	00:28:50
12	Tupper	Daniel	00:28:52
13	Hawkins	Glen	00:28:58
14	Harvey	Ann	00:29:42
15	Harvey	Jessica	00:30:00
16	Leavy	Hannah	00:30:21
17	Fordham	Jake	00:30:40
18	Fordham	Nicola	00:32:14
19	Cakebread	Marjorie	00:32:16
20	Lancaster	Kay	00:32:41
21	Porter	Karen	00:33:29
22	Wischusen	Sam	00:37:57
23	Fordham	Caleb	00:39:05
24	Fordham	Stuart	00:39:05
25	Hardy	Jo	00:39:40
26	Lawrence	Arthur	00:41:07
27	Howe	Brenda	01:09:48
28	Howe	Peter	01:10:24

3 K Race Results

	Surname	Fore-name	3km time
1	Nolan-Neylan	Thomas	00:17:38
2	Ferguson	Jack	00:17:48
3	Dimelow	Richard	00:19:33
4	Dimelow	Jacob	00:19:34
5	Hayward	Paul	00:21:10
6	Griffiths	Richard	00:21:20
7	Griffiths	Jenny	00:21:49
8	Bristo	Sam	00:23:04
9	Bristo	John	00:23:04
10	Rivett	Frank	00:24:45
11	Stephens	Adam	00:25:10
12	Stephens	Caroline	00:25:11
13	Nolan-Neylan	Lydia	00:26:33
14	Nolan-Neylan	Daniel	00:26:34
15	Nolan-Neylan	Martha	00:26:34
16	Slingsby	Arti	00:29:22
17	Slingsby	Nina	00:30:47
18	Slingsby	Herbie	00:30:47
19	Slingsby	Tim	00:31:35
20	Slingsby	Arabelle	00:31:35
21	Glazzard	Karen	00:32:33
22	Glazzard	Jenson	00:32:33
23	Lawrence	Ellery	00:33:56
24	Lawrence	Sally	00:33:57



All Saints Church & Academy PTA

Christmas Fayre



Saturday 27th November

Community Centre

1.30 - 4.00 pm

Father Christmas



- Lots of stalls
- Refreshments
- Father Christmas Grotto
- Christmas Raffle

Profits shared between All Saints Academy and Church





Christmas Tree Festival

Let's light up Clifton this Christmas!

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giving your name, address and whether the tree has been
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Entries by 28th November please

If you represent a community group, you can register your
group to place a tree in the churchyard.

Trail maps and voting slips (£3) will be available from:
Church on 4/5 December between 2 and 6pm



Samuel Whitbread Academy



We have made a fantastic start to the Autumn term with the new students in Year 9 and Year 12 settling in incredibly well. The number of students in Year 12 this year is 250 and this means the Sixth Form is the largest it has been for some time.

The relaxation in Covid measures in schools all across the country has inevitably led to an increase in positive Covid cases at the academy this term, particularly in Year 9 and Public Health England (PHE) has asked us to request all of Year 9 to take a PCR test. Year 9 also now have their own eating area in the DT block, which is called the Pit Stop and will only be available to that year group. The advice from Public Health England (PHE) this week also included asking all staff and students to wear face coverings, when moving around the school buildings, as well as on public transport and to increase hand sanitising. The distinct lack of cases in Year 12 and 13 is no doubt linked to the availability of vaccinations for this age group and you will have undoubtedly seen on the news that schools have been asked to host the NHS vaccination of students aged 12 - 16 in the coming weeks.

So far this term we have had our Year 11 and Year 13 annual Awards Evenings, which were both wonderful nights of celebration with awards given for outstanding academic performance in each subject, as well as individual awards for areas such as the arts, sport, overcoming adversity and the governors' award for outstanding contribution to our community. These awards are often given in memory of ex-students or staff and awarded according to specific criteria. The Mayor of Shefford awarded two students a public service award for helping a young woman and her child in distress and waiting with them until the ambulance arrived. Also, in our community, an ex-Year 13 student, Lewis Beal has been part of the NHS vaccination programme and has vaccinated hundreds of people over the summer, including three of our staff!

Last week saw the return of performing arts celebrations and events and we held the RestART festival, which was the rescheduled Summer Arts Festival. The evening included performances in music, drama and dance, with all age groups represented, including pupils from Robert Bloomfield. It was a wonderful evening and a glimpse of things starting to get back to some sort of normal. We have so many talented students and I look forward to future events, including the return of our annual pantomime.

We have had some fantastic individual sporting highlights so far this term: Harley Gore dominated singles and doubles events to win at Dunstable Tennis Club and JJ Philip won the National U18 Championships for gymnastics. It is great to see fixtures returning this term, with games being played in football, netball and rugby, including an impressive win from Year 9 girls netball and Year 10 rugby.

Last week, over 40 students spent a night under canvas as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. On day one, students had a great day walking in the bright sunshine, however, on day two, the heavens opened and they spent the whole day walking in the pouring rain. Mr Edwards was incredibly impressed with all of the students, both their resilience and their determination. The Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition goes out shortly for 30 students to The Peak District - fingers crossed for good weather.

A few parents have approached me with concerns over Central Bedfordshire Council's recent pause in their plans for our cluster to move to two-tier. We understand that CBC is currently reviewing its Schools for the Future programme to ensure future demand for school places is still aligned to planned housing growth. Both Samuel Whitbread and BEST are supportive of the need by CBC to ensure the programme delivers the right outcomes. We understand a new Director of Children Services is coming on board and we look forward to working with them in the coming months. CBC have assured us that they will provide us greater clarity on the plans in October. We will, of course, share an update with you in due course.

Nick Martin, Principal

Toddler Church

Fortnightly on **Tuesdays**, 09.30-10.30

Back in church:

2nd and 16th October

Numbers are limited so please book with Revd Caren on 078851 76079 for a place.



Clifton All Saints Academy



It has been a very busy first half term at Clifton All Saints Academy. The children have settled well into their new classes and have adjusted to many of the Covid restrictions being lifted. Life in school feels 'normal' with children playing together in their key stages and activities such as whole school collective Worship and assemblies taking place. There is nothing quite as wholesome as hearing the whole school singing together.

We have been lucky enough to begin trips and visits.

- ◆ In early September we visited All Saints Church where Reverend Caren held a beautiful Harvest service for the children. For many of our children this was their first time inside the church despite being with us for two academic years.
- ◆ Our Year 4 class also visited Stanford Loch as part of their topic 'Beautiful Bedfordshire'. The children were able to complete a real life river study as well as explore their local environment.
- ◆ Our Year 5 children are looking forward to visiting the National Space Centre in Leicestershire next term.



Pentagon Play installed our Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at the end of September. This is an amazing space and will give the children a dedicated all weather surface for PE lessons and playtime even during the wettest winter months.

On the 25th of this month, our building work will begin. This is an exciting time for All Saints Academy as we embark on our journey as a primary school. As our new rooms are built we will see the demolition of the classrooms at the rear of the school and a two storey building in its place. An exciting element will be the living green roof reflecting our unique grounds and small woodland area. We look forward to holding an opening ceremony next year.

Miss Rebecca Byrne, Headteacher





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**3rd of November, Community Hall,
we will be celebrating our 99th Birthday.**

Of course there will be a Birthday Cake with tea and coffee, after our talk, on the subject of Wildlife. We also have a special surprise and the usual raffle. Entrance fee £2 for Members and £4 for Visitors. All welcome.

See you there.

Please note all future meetings will be at the Community Centre unless stated otherwise.



Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Local Group

Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Group events have restarted. Interested in nature? Come and hear interesting talks and learn more.

Our talks are held on:

1st Friday of the month, 7.30pm

The Settlement, Letchworth, SG6 4UB

Visitors £3. COVID safety measures in place.

Friday 5th November

Kevin Sawford is talking on 'Suffolk through the Seasons'. Kevin is an award winning photographer and he will give us a photographic journey showing the diverse flora and fauna he has captured throughout the year.

Coach Trip Sunday November 21st , RSPB Frampton Marsh

Coach cost £20 per adult.

Phone Malcolm Ingram 01462 451320 for more info and booking.

Clifton Planning Applications Update Central Beds Decisions to 11 October 2021



CB/21/04191/DOC – 16 September 2021 – Land south of Fairground Way SG17 5JN. Discharge of condition 14, 17. **Application Registered**

CB/21/04089/FULL – 9 September – 15 Whiston Crescent SG17 5HJ. Single storey rear extension. **Consultation Period**

CB/21/03903/FULL – 1 September 2021 – 43 Broad Street SG17 5RL. Proposed single storey rear extension and garage following the demolition of existing extension and garage. **Consultation Period**

CB/21/03976/DOC – 1 September 2021- Land south of Fairground Way SG17 5JN. Discharge of Condition 2. **Condition discharged**

CB/21/03744/DOC – 20 August 2021 – Land south of Fairground Way SG17 5RN. Discharge of Condition 10. **Condition discharged**

CB/21/03747/DOC – 20 August 2021 – Land south of Fairground Way SG17 5RN. Discharge of Condition 13. **Application Registered**

CB/21/03814/DOC – 19 August 2021 – Land rear of 81-111 Broad Street. Discharge of Condition 13. **Condition discharged**

CB/21/03818/FULL – 19 August 2021 – 18 Grange Steet SG17 5EW. Remove existing garage extension for replacement and enlarged single storey side and rear extension. **Granted**

CB/21/03477/OAC – 18 August 2021 – Broad Street SG17. Independent Water Networks Ltd enabling it to provide water and sewerage services to a site call Broad Steet. **Application Registered**

CB/21/03664/FULL – 9 August 2021 – 3a and 3b Earl Close SG17 5RS. Retention of 2 unattached dwellings previously approved as home offices. **Refused**

CB/21/03119/FULL – 30 July 2021 - Arnolds Close SG17 5SZ. Two storey side and single storey rear extension. Addition of basement habitable space extension. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/21/03525/FULL – 30 July 2021 – 11B Knolls Way SG17 5QZ. First floor side extension with Juliet balcony. **Granted**

CB/21/03467/FULL – 27 July 2021 – 31 Stockbridge Road SG17 5HA. Two storey rear extension. 5 Stockbridge Road SG17 5HA. Replace 1.4m high garden wall with a new one using reclaimed bricks from existing wall, part of the wall that overlooks the rear garden will be raised to 1.7m. **Granted**

CB/21/03070/FULL – 21 July 2021 - 5 Stockbridge Road SG17 5HA.

Replace 1.4m high garden wall with a new one using reclaimed bricks from existing wall, part of the wall that overlooks the rear garden will be raised to 1.7m. **Awaiting decision**

CB/21/03307/LDCP – 16 July 2021 – 43 Church Street SG17 5ET. New log cabin to rear garden, re-build of existing greenhouse, new pond to front and replacement of remaining dwelling timber windows with UPVC. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/21/03048/FULL – 30 June 2021 – Land between Glenmore and The Dairy, New Road SG17 5JL. **Awaiting Decision**

CB/21/02631/FULL – 10 June 2021 – Clifton All Saints Academy SG17 5ES. Demolition of single storey elements, construction of a two-storey extension with associated external and enabling works. Temporary siting of modular 2-classroom block to provide short term accommodation. **Granted**

CB/20/04642/OUT –5 January 2021–Land to rear of 210/228 Shefford Road SG17 5QS. Demolition of 210 Shefford Road and erection of 29 dwellings. **Awaiting Decision**

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

Bob Smith, Clifton Residents' Association

Clifton Care Scheme

Annual General Meeting



Wednesday, 10th November 2021

3.30 pm, Church Hall



following the 'Tea and Chat'

All welcome

Even better if you come and have a cuppa with us beforehand!

Clifton Neighbourhood Plan



Firstly, we must thank Kathy and her team for keeping The Clifton Chronicles going throughout the past eighteen months. The Chronicles are an integral part of our community and we are all the richer for it.

The (almost) final draft of the Clifton Neighbourhood Plan is now complete and as we write we are preparing to have it signed off by the Parish Council. The reason for the “almost” in the previous sentence is because the next draft will take your opinion into account due to something you have probably never heard of...

Regulation 14....

For those of you, (that is to say everyone!), who has no idea what the heck we are talking about, a brief explanation follows.

Neighbourhood Plans enable a community to have a real say in the future of where they live. The Clifton Neighbourhood Plan has been written to reflect the views of the majority of Clifton residents. We asked for and received those views at meetings, through our website and of course the survey that so many of you responded to in the autumn of 2019. It seems so long ago now doesn't it?

Regulation 14 is part of a legal framework designed to ensure everyone is consulted about the content and policies of the Plan by providing an opportunity to read it and express their opinion. Every response will be taken into account and, where appropriate, changes made. The Regulation 14 consultation will last for six weeks. Before it starts every household in Clifton will receive guidance notes on how to participate together with a copy of the Plan's policies and a response form.

We will be asking everyone to engage with this consultation and provide us with their views and suggestions. During the consultation we will hold an open day when members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee will be available to answer questions.

If you are interested in how Clifton develops over the next ten to fifteen years it is vital you participate.

When the consultation is complete, the Plan will be re-drafted to take the responses into account. It then goes to CBC for them to comment. Another re-draft follows after which it will be formally examined. If our Plan passes examination a referendum is held to confirm the village wishes to adopt the Plan.

As you can see, it is not possible to exaggerate how important it is for everyone 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, as soon as the consultation starts, join in and let us know what you think.

Our Plan has a Golden Thread running through it which is “Spirit of Community”.

Please tell us if you think we’ve got it right - or even if we haven’t.

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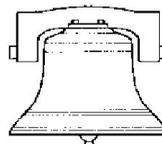
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Thank you from your Neighbourhood Plan team!

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If you would like to know more about this, please join us:.

Sunday 7th November 2.30pm in church

Would you like to find out more about the bells in church, how we ring them and what is involved in learning?

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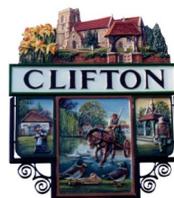
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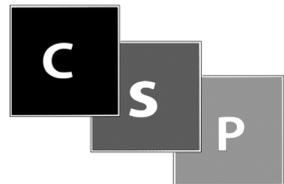
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