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# April 2022

Dear Fellow Residents

So much to be concerned about, Covid rates going up in our area and lots of people out of circulation hoping to keep others safe. The war in Ukraine is causing unimaginable hardship to so many people, those killed, bereaved, injured or finding themselves homeless as they flee the fighting. People in our community are finding out how they can support families and individuals arriving at Luton airport who do not have family or friends in the UK.

There is also much to be glad about, spring is sprung, the clocks have gone forward and trees and plants are growing and flowering. There is also the Jubilee celebration in June very much to look forward to, free activities and rides for Clifton Children. Do get involved, help if you can but join in during the weekend, there is something for everyone.

If you enjoy reading the Chronicles perhaps you would like to join our production team either at collation on the last Thursday of each month in the church hall or by joining our dedicated team of distributors. Please get in touch with me if you would like to help in any way. We are all volunteers!

As always the Chronicles is available on line: [www.clifton-beds.co.uk](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk)

Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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# Who's Who in Clifton p1

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Dear Friends,

Are you ready for Easter? Some of you may be getting ready for a holiday as well.



The school holidays have just begun and hopefully the warm weather will continue through April, so that the children and teachers can have a well-earned rest before they return to school just after Easter Sunday, which is the 17<sup>th</sup> April this year.

The war in the Ukraine has probably taken the wind out of our sails as we hoped that life would be back to normal after the Pandemic, no-one expected to be affected by a war in the Ukraine. We have seen so much suffering these last two years it's almost as if we can't believe that there is more. We might not be in the middle of a battle but we will all feel the consequences one way or other.

As you enjoy your Easter Eggs and taste the sweet chocolate, may it remind you that Jesus understands suffering and endured much to give us hope? Hope of eternal life and hope through forgiveness of our sins. It is with this hope that we cling to for the suffering to end where there is war and pain. May we be given opportunities to forgive and start again?

All Saints Messy Church warmly invites you back to church on Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April and All Saints Church on Easter Day. Welcome back and be refreshed with the living hope of Jesus.

**Every Blessing, Revd Caren Topley**



## All Saints' Church

# From the Registers



### Funeral at the Crematorium

25th February 2022      Grace Jones

### Burial of Ashes

17th February 2022      Terence Williams

9th March 2022          David Greenwood

## All Saints' Church Clifton Services

### Sundays:

11.00 am    Parish Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
All Age Worship, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Morning Prayer, 4<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am    Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Church Hall)

6.30 pm      Evensong, 3rd Sunday

10.00 am    Benefice Service 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Clifton, Haynes or Southill  
(see website for details)



### 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/>



## Celebrate this Easter!

**Messy Easter – Friday 15th April - 10:30am**  
**All Saints Clifton Church Hall**

Come and join us for hot cross buns, Easter craft and other activities, Songs, Celebration and a hot Easter themed lunch.  
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For more information: [messychurch@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:messychurch@clifton-beds.co.uk)

**Easter Sunday – Sunday 17th April - 11:00am**  
**All Saints Clifton Parish Church**

Come and join us for hot cross buns, an Easter Communion Service and a chocolate egg treasure hunt afterwards.

For more information: [rector4clifton@gmail.com](mailto:rector4clifton@gmail.com)



# CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

We urgently need your help as a volunteer to join the Clifton Good Neighbour Scheme (CGNS). We need drivers to take local Clifton people to hospital and medical appointments as well as more local journeys. On average we get approximately 2 requests a week for lifts to local hospitals, GP surgeries, hairdressers, shopping etc. Wherever possible we spread the requests to ensure volunteers are not called on too frequently.

We are required to undertake DBS screening of volunteers and volunteers are insured by the Scheme whilst on CGNS activities. Please consider helping us as we are currently unable to meet all requests for help.

A vital cog in the Scheme's operations is that of 'phone holder. We need another 2 volunteers to take on this role which means being responsible for the Scheme's mobile 'phone for a week once every 6-8 weeks. The job involves taking requests for help and finding a volunteer driver willing to undertake the journey.

For more information on either of these roles please phone Judith on 01462 814693.

Despite the current difficulties we are still operating so if you need our help just call.....

**07817 614654**

The last Tea & Chat session was a lovely occasion. There were more "customers" than helpers and the atmosphere was relaxed and happy. Long may it continue!

### Tea & Chat

- \* Wednesday 13th April
- \* Wednesday 27th April
- \* Wednesday 11th May

**Church Hall, 2.00—4.00**

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# Friends of Clifton Church

## Ten Pin Bowling in Stevenage **Postponed** ☹️



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**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Meet 1.45 pm**

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You may have visited Cambridge many times but you're sure to learn something new whilst enjoying a leisurely stroll.

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We are CQC registered and have closely worked with Bedford Borough Council, NHS and CCG for over 6 years. It is an exciting opportunity to branch out and with the right support team we can not only grow a viable business but give the right support to those in our community that desperately need it.

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## Clifton Walking Group



The Clifton Walking Group is a friendly bunch of local people who like to walk in the local area and chat along the way. We go out most days for about an hour, and once a month do a longer route of about 6 to 8 miles. We also arrange social events over the year which has been rather limited of late, but as restrictions are lifted we will organise more of these.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Suzanne on: [ions Suzanne@gmail.com](mailto:ions Suzanne@gmail.com) or 07933 709006

## Toddler Church

Fortnightly Tuesdays, 09.15-10.30

**19th April**

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



# Samuel Whitbread Academy



I hope you had a restful half term break and your property and gardens survived the storms.

At the start of term, we recorded zero student absences due to COVID19; for the first time in over two years. Whilst this is a sign of improving times, we want to continue to adopt a cautious and sensible approach to the reduction of preventative measures. Following the Prime Minister's recent announcements, we have communicated changes to our COVID19 guidance: confirmed positive cases should continue to self-isolate for 10 days or until they receive two negative LFD tests, 24 hours apart, from day five onwards. As per Public Health's guidance, we continue to encourage face coverings when travelling around our buildings, on school transport and in communal areas.



It's been an exciting two weeks for our sports teams. The U14 girls' football team played in the England School Football Association (ESFA) Cup quarter-final on Friday, narrowly losing out to a very strong side from Manchester City. They went one goal down early on and went into half time at 3-1. But after a change in tactics, they took control in the second half, but unfortunately couldn't get that equaliser and finished the game 3-2. On

Monday the U14 boys travelled to Beechen Clift, to play in their quarter-final of the ESFA cup. The boys also put in a sterling performance against a really good side, but unfortunately it wasn't their day. To reach the final eight in the National Cup is an incredible achievement for two sides that have only started playing together in September, and I have no doubt that they will be back next year, even stronger. On Thursday, our U18s boys' football team played in the semi-final of the Schools' Football National Cup and despite a perfect start, taking a 2-0 lead, they lost 3-2 in extra time. This has definitely been our best ever year for football, with 6 teams reaching the last 32, 16, 8 and even 4 in the country, and next year I have no doubt that we will be back even stronger!



It is a busy half term with our Year 11 and 13 students starting their mock examinations. They have approached these exams with resilience and maturity and we wish them the best of luck. In addition, we have a

number of key parental events over the next few weeks including the Year 9 options deadline and Year 10 and 12 virtual Parents' Evening.

After the KS4 drama production 'DNA' last half term, it was the turn of KS5 this week, who performed the play '100'. Both productions were exceptional. We have some truly talented students and we look forward to the Spring Concert and Dance Production at the end of term.

Many of you will be shocked by the current situation in Ukraine. In situations like this it is often difficult to know how you can help, and many of our students have asked us if we can do something as a school to support those families who have been, and potentially will be, displaced from their homes. To that end, we have decided to support the Red Cross appeal, as this is a nationally recognised charity with an excellent reputation. If you would like to make a donation to the appeal through the school then please contact us.

Nick Martin, Principal



## CLIFTON PETANQUE CLUB

Season starts:

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.00 am**



### **When?**

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### **Where?**

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### **Who can join in?**

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### **Why?**

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# Churchyard Working Parties

This year we are trying a new approach! We are going to have regular Working Parties on the morning of the second Saturday of each month between March and October.



The first one is on:

**Saturday 9th April**  
**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Can you spare a little time to help us prepare the churchyards for the summer? We will be tidying undergrowth, weeding flower beds, edging paths and laying shingle.

**Refreshments will be available throughout.**

**Come and enjoy the company of other villagers in making our lovely churchyard even more beautiful for all the people who visit and come to services.**

If you are able to join us please meet at the church, bringing with you any tools (wheel barrows, rakes, hoes etc) although tools are available. Someone will be there to show you the ropes and give you a guided tour of the Shed! You might even find that you want to join our dedicated band of grass mowers who contribute throughout the growing season.

The churchyard is managed to encourage bio-diversity with guidance from the local Wildlife Trust, The Diocese and Bedfordshire Natural History Society.





# Clifton's Platinum Jubilee Event

## **Friday 3rd June (evening)**

Children's Fancy Dress Event  
Decorated bicycle competition

## **Saturday 4th June (11am - 5pm)**

Fun fair rides and games (free to all Clifton residents)  
Children's drawing competition  
Performances (dance, maypole, martial arts)  
Craft stalls  
Afternoon tea  
BBQ & Bar  
Classic vehicles  
Exhibition of Clifton through the decades  
Bell Ringing  
Flower Display Competition  
Dog Show  
Queen's Pudding Competition  
and lots more to be announced

## **Sunday 5th June (12pm - 4:30pm)**

Street parties  
Church Street Pageant  
Church Service (in the Churchyard)



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Classic Vehicle Display

Clifton Community Recreation Field

Saturday 4th June 2022

11am - 5pm

We are holding a display of classic vehicles through the seven decades of the Queens reign (1952-2022), at our Queens Platinum Jubilee event, in Clifton.

**Do you have a classic vehicle  
that you would like to display?**



To register your classic vehicle, please email [cliftonclassicvehicles@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonclassicvehicles@gmail.com) and let us know the year of your vehicle as well as any other details. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Flower Display

All Saints Church

Saturday 4th June 2022 11am -5pm

& Sunday 5th June 2pm-4pm

**Theme:** Celebrating the 7 decades of the Queen's reign

**Categories:**

Best adult

Best child - under 18 years

Best village group/organisation



Voting slips will be available at the church over the weekend to vote for your favourite.

The winners in each category will win a prize.

To register your flower display please email [cliftonflowercomp@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonflowercomp@gmail.com).

Just supply your name & category you wish to enter.

(you can enter more than one category)



# Queen's Platinum Jubilee Children's Art Competition

Saturday 4th June 2022  
Clifton Community Centre 11am - 5pm

**The Challenge:** To make a picture on the 70 years of the Queen's reign

**Media:** Collage, Drawing or Painting

**Size:** Minimum A4, Maximum A3

**Three Age Groups:** 3-7, 8-12, 13-18

**Who can Enter:** All Clifton children and those who are educated in the village - All Saints Academy and Samuel Whitbread Academy)

**Closing Date:** 1st June 2022

**Winner notified by:** 5th June 5pm

**Entries:** will be displayed in the Community Centre on Saturday 4th June 2022

**The Winner and two runner ups:** from each category will win a prize



**How to Enter:** Once your masterpiece has been designed add your name, address and age on the back, put it in an envelope and either drop it off in the office of Clifton All Saints Academy School, an Art Teacher at Samuel Whitbread Academy or post through 111 Broad Street's letterbox.



# Queen's Platinum Jubilee Dog Show

Saturday 4th June 2022  
Clifton Community Centre Car Park  
11am - 12pm

11:00 - Best Pup (under 12 months)

11:10 - Golden Oldie (over 7 years)

11:20 - Waggiest Tail

11:30 - Best Rescue

11:40 - Prettiest Bitch

11:50 - Handsomest Hound

12:00 - Judges Favourite



To register your dog please email  
[cliftondogshow@gmail.com](mailto:cliftondogshow@gmail.com).

Just supply your name, your dogs name and the category you wish to enter. (you can enter more than one category)

**Please note this is only open to dogs who live in Clifton.**

## Clifton Cameo Number 6

# “The Conservator and the magic finger”

My previous Cameo pieces have been based upon people who were born in Clifton or who died here or who had moved here with a special history behind them.

Number 6 is different and concerns a very brilliant young lady who spent over 360 hours in Clifton spread over 4 years much of it working on scaffolding peering at barely visible medieval paintings through a stereoscopic microscope and removing over-painting with carefully selected solvents on selected swabs held in tweezers. Brilliant is a barely adequate adjective to describe her or her work.

Her name was Anna Carson Hulbert born in 1944 and she lived in Wantage. She took a BA in the History of Art at the world famous Courtauld Institute and received conservation training there. She soon became internationally renowned especially after undertaking a huge project in Exeter Cathedral and another on the painted ceiling of The Lady Chapel in St Helens, Abingdon.



In 1862 when Clifton church was rebuilt there were two “oak screens” holding sixteen panels with paintings virtually invisible due to coverings of red lead and or whitewash. It was not clear what sort of screen they were from, but they were thought “to be “significant” and were hung out of the way on the internal walls of the tower.

In 1972 it was decided to create a new ringing floor and the screen panels were installed in their present position by Joe Dawes a skilled woodworker. There was no consensus on their age or condition but in 1988 a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee was invited by the Rector Canon Peter Pavey to inspect them and judged them “to be full of interest!



So in 1989 Anna Hulbert, a specialist in medieval ecclesiastical paintings, visited Clifton and firstly cleaned just a finger and then the face of St Mary Magdelene. They gradually reappeared as if by magic and Anna was excited by what she found.

The original paintings dating to about 1390 were **not** faded, they were still there, but masked by the over painting (done in the mid 1550s when religious icons were frowned upon). **She quickly believed them to be among**

**the earliest English screen panel paintings and therefore nationally important.**

At that point things began to move. Firstly the adjoining paintings of St Mary and St Martha were fully restored with amazing results, then the Church set up a fundraising committee which was well supported by villagers and others and the sum of £10,000 was raised so that all the panels could be properly restored.

Anna began work in 1988 and a colleague, Dianne Britton, cleaned the tracery around each panel. The completed panels were rededicated at a special service on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1992. Tragically Anna died on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2000 after a 4 year struggle with cancer. She was only 55.

When I selected this topic my line of thought was “if you live in Blackpool you know about the Tower and are proud of it. If you live in Chesterfield you know about the twisted spire etc etc. I feel strongly that all our Clifton residents should know about “the Hulbert Panels” and should be proud of them. And finally I should like to see an appropriately worded “Anna Hulbert blue plaque” located close to the screen to commemorate this “better than brilliant” lady and her work in Clifton.

**Barry Livesey**

**Wintershall—The Life of Christ**  
**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-3.30pm**

All Saints Church are planning to arrange a day out to see the amazing “Life of Christ” set the Wintershall Estate in Bramley, Surrey, GU5OLR. The Greatest Story of all time is movingly recreated with authentic detail, quality sound and music. Hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in the Surrey countryside.

The event is suitable for children aged 8 and upwards and adults. The cost is £25 per adult, £12 per child or £60 for a family ticket. Mobility vehicles are available for those who need any assistance. You will need to bring a packed lunch and transport will be arranged by car share or coach depending on numbers and availability.



Our powerful biblical outdoor drama takes you back in time to when Jesus lived on earth.

If you are interested please phone:

Jean Peacock 01462 812514 or

Ruth Gray 07717 746505

... as soon as possible so we can make a booking by Easter.

All Saints' Church, Clifton

## **AFTERNOON CONCERT**



**Saturday 2nd April at 3 00 pm**

Hilary Drinkall - 'cello    Peter Maundrell - piano

To include music by, amongst others,  
Couperin, Max Bruch and Beethoven

Refreshments will be served

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& All Saints' Church.

Admission by programme from Peter Maundrell,  
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All Saints' Church, Clifton

**Sunday 10th April, at 6 30**

## **A devotional service for Palm Sunday**

**“God So Loved the World”**

A devotional service for Palm Sunday and Holy Week which includes readings and hymns for Passiontide, and items sung by the choir, including music by Mendelssohn, Palestrina and John Goss.

Worship with us as we mark the beginning of Holy Week.

(This service is in place of Evensong on 3rd Sunday of this month)

# **PALM SUNDAY**



# Clifton Planning Applications Update

## Central Beds Decisions to 10th March 2022



**CB/22/00678/LDCP** – 1 March 2022 – 10, Spring Road SG17 5RE. Garage conversion. Awaiting Decision.

**CB/22/00678/FULL** – 24 February 2022 – 24, Lychmead SG17 5EZ. 2 storey side extension after demolition of garage. Consultation Period.

**CB/22/00595/FULL** – 18 February 2022 – 89, Clifton Road SG17 5AG. Single storey rear extension & loft conversion. Consultation Period.

**CB/22/00019/FULL** – 27 January 2022- 63 Stockbridge Road SG17 5HH. Conversion of detached residential garage for use as Hair Saloon. Consultation Period.

**CB/22/00209/FULL** – 27 January 2022 – 52 Newis Crescent SG17 5HU. Change of use of land to residential amenity and erection of fence. Awaiting Decision.

**CB/22/00146/FULL** – 24 January 2022 – 18 Herberts Meadow SG17 5FU. Conversion of existing car port to provide garden room/office. Consultation Period.

**CB/21/05084/FULL** – 16 November 2021 – Clifton Bury, 55 Church Street SG17 5EX. Demolition of the existing front entrance porch and construction of a new porch. Awaiting Decision.

**CB/21/05020/FULL** – 11 November 2021 – Land at Arnolds Close SG17 5SZ. Change of use from agricultural to residential garden, boundary treatment and minor levelling groundworks. Awaiting Decision.

**CB/21/04812/LB** – 27 October 2021 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Removal of 3 storey 18<sup>th</sup> century original structure. Awaiting Decision.

**CB/21/04590/FULL** – 26 October 2021 – 84 Broad Street SG17 5RP. Part single and part two storey rear extension. Awaiting Decision.

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

**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.

**Tony Hyde - Clifton Residents Association**

# CLIFTON WI



We meet in Clifton Community Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, 2.00 pm—4.00 pm. (Except for August!) We would love to meet new members and visitors. If you arrive on your own we will pair you up with a Committee Member. Tea and coffee and biscuits and raffle are included in the entry price.

Our AGM went well and we had fun once the business of the day was finished, Card Bingo followed by a Quiz and Raffle. A great afternoon.

Spring is on its way finally and we are able to think about and plan for our forthcoming activities including a Cream Tea, Flower Demonstration in May and our Annual Barbecue. Our next Meeting in the Hall is 6th April. An afternoon with Dot Wigg, who has lots of amusing as well as interesting stories to share. Entrance is Members £2, Guests £4. 2p.m.-4p.m. Our tea ladies are, Joyce Gray, Sandra Spavins and Val Day.

Hope to see you there, if you have any ideas for future events, please let me know.

Lesley 231657

## WI Coffee Morning Friday 1st April, 10-12 noon Community Hall, Whiston Crescent



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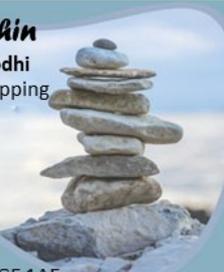
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The Parish of All Saints, Clifton

**NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF  
CHURCHWARDENS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2022 at 12:15**

Held in church

This meeting may be attended by:

- ✓ All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
- ✓ All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2022 at 12.20**

The APCM will be held in church

- 1) For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:
  - To the Parochial Church Council 3 representatives
  - For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor
- 2) For the consideration of:
  - A Report on changes in the Electoral Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting;
  - An Annual Report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally;
  - The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting, audited or independently examined;
  - A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
  - A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
  - and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of this parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

# Crime Statistics for FEBRUARY 2022

## THREATS TO KILL

01/02/2022 Bilberry Road  
02/02/2022 Herbets Meadow

## THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

02/02/2022 Broad Street  
18/02/2022 Grange Street

## BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL

11/02/2022 Fairfax Close  
15/02/2022 Fairfax Close

## ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY

12/02/2022 Stockbridge Road

## PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS

19/02/2022 Grange Street

## SEXUAL

22/02/2022 Undisclosed

## THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

24/02/2022 Miles Drive  
24/02/2022 Rookery Walk

## OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE

28/02/2022 Church Street



**Clifton  
Police  
Contact**

Our senior community officer:  
**PS Adam Sugden**  
Based in Biggleswade

**01234  
842531**

## 2022 Excursion Programme

DATE	DESTINATION	Bus Fare
<b>Thurs 28 April</b>	<b>AUDLEY ENDDHOUSE &amp; GARDENS, nr Saffron Walden:</b> £16.50 House & Gardens. Free to English Heritage	£13.50 p.p. Pick up 10.00/10.30 Depart 15.00
<b>Sat 28 May</b>	<b>NORTH WEALD MARKET, Epping.</b> Free Entry	£16.50 p.p. Pick up 10.00/10.30 Depart 14.00
<b>Thurs 23 June</b>	<b>GOTHNA GARDENS, Ashwell.</b> Private tour of the gardens with tea. £12.50 including tea.	£7.50 p.p. Pick up 13.00/13.30 Depart 17.00
<b>Thurs 28 July</b>	<b>CASTLE ASHBY GARDEN, Northants.</b> £10.00 entry.	£12.00 p.p. Pick up 10.00/10.30 Depart 15.00
<b>Sun 14 Aug</b>	<b>PITSTONE GREEN MUSEUM/ HERTIAGE PARK, nr Tring.</b> £9.00 p.p.	£12.00 p.p. Pick up 11.30/12.00 Depart 16.15
<b>Thurs 29 Sept</b>	<b>ASCOTT HOUSE &amp; GARDENS, nr Leighton Buzzard.</b> £13.00 p.p. House & Gdns £8.00 Gdns only. Free to National Trust	£12.00 p.p. Pick up 11.30/12.00 Depart 15.30
<b>Thurs 28 Oct</b>	<b>BICESTER VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE, Oxon.</b> Free Entry	£20.00 p.p. Pick Up 10.00/10.30 Depart 15.15.
<b>Thurs 24 Nov</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS MARKET - TBA</b>	

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# Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Local Group

Interested in nature? Come and hear interesting talks and learn more.

## Friday 1st April

### Idle Days in Patagonia and the Home Counties

**A talk by Conor Jameson, conservationist and author.**

Hear how W H Hudson, from unpromising beginnings, helped found the RSPB and the modern conservation movement.

7.30 pm, The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB

Visitors very welcome £3. COVID safety measures in place.

## Sunday 24th April

All day coach trip to Fingringhoe Wick EWT Reserve, Essex

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Booking essential. Email Martin: [martinrjspc@hotmail.com](mailto:martinrjspc@hotmail.com) for more info.

See our website for more information:

[www.rspb.org.uk/groups/hitchinandletchworth](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/hitchinandletchworth)

## Weston Bridge Club

Weston Bridge Club has re-formed after two years of not meeting because of Covid; it is inviting new members to join it.



It is for those who enjoy playing informally in a friendly and not too serious a way; beginners and those of limited skill are especially welcome whilst those who prefer to play more seriously should go elsewhere!

We meet on Monday afternoons from 3 pm to 5.30 pm in the Reading Room at Weston Village Hall; sessions cost £2.50 a meeting including refreshments.

## BIGGLESWADE SANDY LIONS CLUB (CIO)



I wonder if I could ask your assistance to help us bring a better service to the community. I imagine that like us you come up against the problem of obtaining information due to “Client confidentiality” whereby a good project doesn’t always receive the support it deserves. Sometimes this means that a person or organisation suffers unnecessarily.

I am not asking you to break the confidentiality of the various people you come in contact with where we may be able to help if only we were aware of the problem. If you come across such a project I shall be pleased if you will advise people that we exist and that they may like to contact us to see whether we can help.

I must explain Lions Clubs a bit more so that you can better understand what I am talking about. Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club (CIO) is part of Lions Clubs International which is the largest service organisation in the world with 1.4million members worldwide operating in over 200 countries/territories. There are over 18,000 members in 1,000 Clubs in the United Kingdom. We have over 20 members in Biggleswade Sandy. As many will know we raise money in the course of a year and aim to spend 90% of it locally. We are governed in the projects we can support by our own rules and by the rules of the Charity Commissioners. Any request is investigated confidentially and does not automatically get our support nor do we give reasons why a project is supported or not. Certain areas will automatically be rejected if they show any party political or religious bias, nor do we support a national charity, although having said that, we may well support the initial formation of the local branch of such a charity or the needs of a locally residing member of such an organisation.

As I mentioned earlier if you come into contact with any deserving person or group you feel may be deserving of our help, please direct them towards us. A request for help will be subject to the results of our agreement that the cause falls within our remit and the availability of funds. The best starting point for any such request is our website: [bslions.org.uk](http://bslions.org.uk).

Thank you for taking the time to read this request and hopefully we can reach more locally deserving causes.

John Bennewith, Public Relations Officer  
Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club (CIO)



# CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Clifton Community Centre

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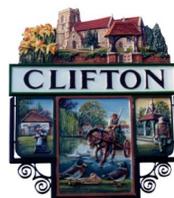
To check availability and make a booking, please contact:

[parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk)

**Kerri Kilby 07547 129038** or

**Bob Anderson on 07546 239784**

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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month.

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

### Mondays (term time)

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

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

### Wednesdays (term time)

Coffeepot 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm at the Church

### Fridays (term time)

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

Website: [www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk](http://www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk)

Contact: [cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com)

# ***ABOUT OUR FRIENDS***



## **St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford**

<b>Father</b>	Canon Bennie Noonan	813436
Deacon	Rev Peter Hyde	711702
Parish Secretary	Rose Boulton	811547

### **Sunday Services**

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](http://www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk)

## **Salvation Army, Stotfold**

Captain Nicola Brooksbank                      01462-731072

**Sunday Services:**    10.30 am,                      6.00 pm

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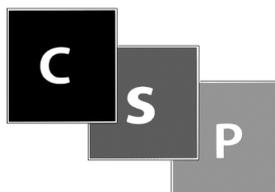
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