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Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Dear Friends,

Finally after the rough weather we've had in April; we can see the May flowers are beginning to blossom.



Those 'Darling buds of May' not the comedy series but the phrase from the eighteenth Sonnet written by Shakespeare, tells us that everyone is weary of the bad weather from the previous months. Let there be rejoicing as the 'Darling buds of May' bloom and the rough winds cease and the buds now waive in the gentle breeze instead of being jostled by strong winds.

Like the change in the weather, may this month be calmer as we come to the end of spring. Let nature inspire us to be gentle with our own needs and those of others. There is so much to pick up on as the year moves into summer, may our 'darling buds' bring hope as we look towards the Queen's Jubilee next month.

As the weddings and baptisms take place and once again we sing that popular hymn 'All things Bright and Beautiful' let us be reminded how nature can cheer us up.

'Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.' (Psalm 96 verses 11-12)

Every Blessing, Revd Caren



All Saints Church, Clifton

Ascension Day

Thursday 26th May, 8.00 pm

Joint Holy Communion service for the Benefice of Clifton, Haynes and Southill with the Benefice of Henlow and Langford

Preacher: Rev Shaun Speller and both choirs from the parishes

CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (CGNS)

WELCOME AND THANKS

The CGNS will be welcoming those living with dementia and their carers to the Tea & Chat gatherings. This will provide an opportunity for participants to meet regularly with other people, not just those with memory problems and present a chance for them to exchange experiences and give and receive support within a relaxed, friendly and stigma free environment. There will be a programme of events for those that wish to join in, including guest speakers and demonstrations.

Pre-booking is not necessary and no formal referral or assessment will be required. The afternoons will be run by volunteers who come from a variety of backgrounds including those whose lives have been personally impacted by dementia. This is not a care service and carers will not be able to use the venue as a "drop off" for short periods of respite. "One to one" personal care will not be offered.

You will be pleased to learn that as a result of the plea made in the last edition of the Chronicles we have recruited 3 new drivers and two new 'phone holders. A terrific response. Thank you as always for your support. Requests for help can now be spread over a wider network of volunteers.

It is also good to report that the number attending the tea & chat sessions increased again!

Don't forget if you need our help just call.....

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

Tea & Chat Wednesdays

Church Hall, 2.00—4.00

- * 11th May
- * 25th May
- * 5th June



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Samuel Whitbread Academy



It has been a busy month in our cluster with regards to the 'Building Schools for the Future' programme. We will be sending out more information detailing the recent developments as soon as we have had an update from the local authority.

Our students have been incredibly focused during the Year 11 and Year 13 mock weeks and conducted themselves exceptionally. Exam boards have communicated all the changes to the examinations this summer and our departments are ensuring this is used to focus student revision and preparation. Our staff have been fantastic in offering to work after school, at lunchtime or during their Easter break to help our students prepare for their exams.

COVID guidance changes as of 1st April and students who test positive for COVID should isolate at home for three days, then providing they are well enough, they can return to the Academy. Whilst our confirmed positive cases have dramatically reduced over the past two months, we do currently have 22 confirmed cases in the Academy and ask all in the community to be mindful that many people continue to feel a little anxious.

As always, Samuel Whitbread continues to be an incredibly popular upper school in the local area and we are pleased to have offered 420 places to students in Year 8. Transition communications have started to be sent and we look forward to welcoming the students and their parents to our site in the coming months.



It has been a busy extra-curricular half term for our students who have participated in the incredibly successful Spring Concert and Dance Show, as well as 120 students who went away for their Duke of Edinburgh award last weekend. We have also had tree planting, international debates online, a visit to Bedford observatory and numerous online events for our Sixth Formers as they prepare for the next stage of their lives.

Our amazing national cup run in football has finally come to an end this term with teams finishing in the last 32, 16, quarter and semi-finals: our best ever season for football for the academy! A big well done to Mr Goldman and all of the students from Year 9 to Year 13 who should be

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really proud of themselves. Other Sports results have included the U18 boys' hockey team finishing second to Bedford Modern and hosting three Rugby 7s tournaments. Finally, we had several teams at the Rosslyn Park 7s competition and I'm delighted to announce that it was the U18 girls who came away with the silverware, winning the prestigious Bowl - an unbelievable performance!

Nick Martin, Principal

Friends of Clifton Church

Guided Walking Tour of Cambridge

Tuesday 17th May—Meet 1.45 pm

Market Square in front of The Guildhall

The walk will start at 2:00 pm, lasting approximately 1½ hours.



During our 90-minute tour our expert guide will explore the history and architecture of the city, discuss the colleges and their discoveries, consider life in Cambridge past and present, highlight the achievements of some eminent Cantabrians throughout history, and provide many more interesting facts and anecdotes along the way.

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

We have not organised transport to and from Cambridge as yet, but we intend to arrange car sharing so that those without wheels can get to and from, and so that the minimum number of people need to drive. We also plan to use the Park & Ride facilities to simplify parking and access. Details of travel and parking options will be provided in advance. When booking, please say if you need transport, or if you can take other people there and back.

We are limited to 20 places, so booking is essential



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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: ionssuzanne@gmail.com or 07933 709006

Toddler Church

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- ✓ 3rd May
- ✓ 17th May



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Clifton All Saints Academy



As we came to the end of the Spring term, Mr Coverdale organised an Easter Raffle which together with the cake sale, raised £300 towards the computer fund.

The end of term service was planned to take place in church but due to the number of staff off sick with covid and related issues, it was decided to hold it in school. Several Governors attended and the children took part in all aspects of the service. We look forward to being able to return to Church services next term.

At the end of term, the school said goodbye to Mrs Rose, our year 3 (Swallows) teacher. We are very proud that Mrs Rose has been appointed as a 'Principal Teacher' for the Highlands Council in Scotland. This is an exciting opportunity for Mrs Rose and her family and we wish her all the best in her new venture.

At the end of April, we said goodbye to Mrs McCarthy, our School Business Manager. She has been a member of the staff at Clifton for 21 years, which is a fabulous achievement, starting as a Mum helper, joining the PTA and then becoming a TA. From there she moved into the office area and into School Business Management and was regularly present with her camera to record official and not so official events. We wish her all the best for the future.

Philippa Whittington
Chair of Governors



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.



This month's is on:

Saturday 14th May
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 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.

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



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

Clifton Cameo Number 7

A Man who Changed the World

One could argue that a “Clifton Cameo Subject” should have a substantial connection with the village. But should we give special consideration to a man who lived in the village for just a few years but then went on to become one of the top 100 people who, through their brilliance, changed the world? I think so.

Such a man was Frank Whittle who lived in the Victorian Clifton Rectory Flat in the early 1930s. He was born in Coventry in 1907, the son of a practical and inventive engineer with his own firm. Frank helped him from an early age and developed mechanical skills and an interest in novel power systems. He won a scholarship to the local College and at age 16 was accepted as an apprentice at RAF Cranwell. He excelled; and after 3 years was selected for Officer



Training. Again he excelled, receiving the Aeronautical Science Prize and also became an accomplished pilot (although often in big trouble for his daredevil low flying!) At age 21 he wrote a philosophical thesis “Future Developments in Aircraft Design”

Early aircraft were pulled through the air driven by a rotating shaped wooden propeller powered by an engine similar to the type used in motor cars . He showed that to extend the speed, altitude and range of aircraft they would need to be “pushed” by some kind of rocket or gas turbine to produce a powerful “Jet”. To be successful higher pressures would be needed and that would require a propeller to be dispensed with. The engine of the future should have only one moving part a spinning turbine and compressor He filed a patent in 1933 but could not afford the £5 to renew it in 1934! Germans promptly used the principles to achieve Jet flight before the British!

Thereafter his life was dominated by difficult relations with the Government the only source of resources to move his project forward and this led to serious periods of mental break down.

At an Engineer’s meeting in London Brian Padgett met Frank’s son Ian Whittle, reminded made him of his father’s Clifton connection and invited him to visit the village take a look and speak about his father at a meeting at Samuel Whitbread Academy. He eventually visited Clifton on

10th March 2009 to see where Father, Mother and older brother David had lived (almost certainly to enjoy the peace and quiet of the village rather than living on the busy RAF Henlow base). The original entrance gate and well are still in place. Frank had many aircraft models in the flat and his cleaner Bertha Ward had strict instructions on one occasion “not to dust them or disturb him **because he was thinking!**”

Ian explained that colleagues eventually introduced him to what we would now call Venture Capital and the Air Ministry agreed to be involved in the launch of a private company PowerJets Ltd. Whittle was still in the RAF attending Peterhouse College Cambridge but he was allowed to devote time to his project, begging and borrowing facilities, materials etc . By June 1939 the first engine was running at 16000 rpm and the Air Ministry were convinced; Money finally flowed!

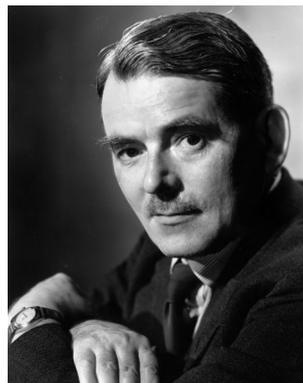
Gloster Aircraft Company were to design and construct the novel aircraft needed to test the new engine. In the first flight tests the plane achieved a top speed of 370mph - faster even than the Spitfires!

There were more arguments with the Government since PowerJets was too small for manufacturing and so it went to the Rover Car Company. Top engine makers Rolls Royce were not happy and eventually Rover exchanged PowerJets for Rolls's tank factory and Rolls were started on the road to becoming what they are today the world's finest manufacturer of jet engines. The world began to change in a very big way; maybe the undisturbed thinking in Clifton Rectory had a big result!

The day before Ian's visit I was browsing in a book shop in Buckingham. I could not believe my eyes when I spotted a small book “Jet Pioneers, Gloster and the Birth of the Jet Age”. Complete serendipity! I bought it, and presented it at the meeting it to the school on behalf of the Parish Council and Ian signed it.

Frank retired from the RAF in 1948 with the third highest rank of Commodore. Belatedly his achievements were properly recognised; he was Knighted and awarded the Order of Merit in 1986, became a Member of the Royal Society and finally received appropriate financial compensation.

His later years were spent in the USA and he died there in August 1996, his ashes being brought home and placed in a memorial at Cranwell.

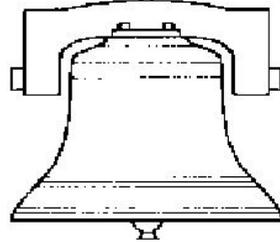


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- 4 Teresa J Brown
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- 7 Frank W Rivett (Conductor)
- 8 Shaun Somerville



Rung on the day that the village war memorial was rededicated, 100 years after the initial dedication.

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Supporting the people of Ukraine

Also

On Wednesday 23rd March 2022 the tenor was tolled for 5 minutes after the 1 minute silence at midday, for the day of reflection.

Red Cross EDC Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of the collection on March 26th & 27th which raised £682.06.

Collections from Messy Church and the Barn Dance and two generous donations brought the total to **£1,000**, this sum in addition to the **£600** already sent from All Saints Church.

Grateful thanks also to Tesco Express.

Charity Committee, All Saints Church, Clifton.



Clifton Planning Applications

Central Beds Decisions to 12th April 2022



CB/22/00999/FUL – 17 March 2022 - 4 Clifton House Gardens SG17 5FR. Single storey double garage. Consultation period.

CB/22/00959/FULL – 15 March 2022 - 5 Grays Close SG17 5PU. Loft conversion and new chimney stack. Consultation Period.

CB/22/00767/FULL – 10 March – 24 Lychmead SG17 5EZ. 2 storey side extension after demolition of existing garage. Consultation Period.

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

CB/22/00649/FULL – 20 February 2022 – 11 Pedley Farm Close SG17 5FZ. Single storey rear extension. Alterations to garden areas. New car port. 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/22/00146/FULL – 24 January 2022 – 18 Herberts Meadow SG17 5FU. Conversion of existing car port to provide garden room/office. Decided.

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. Consultation Period.

CB/21/04812/LB – 27 October 2021 – Clifton House SG17 5ET. Removal of 3 storey 18th 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/21/03664/FULL – 9 August 2021 – 3a & 3b Earle Close. Retention Of 2nos attached dwellings previously as home offices. Appeal.

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. Decided.

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

Tony Hyde – Clifton Residents Association

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Diana Talbot
Clifton Residents' Association

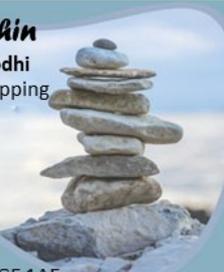
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Clifton WI



The Coffee Morning, held on Friday 1st April, was a success and a total of £375 profit from the event is going to The Ukraine Appeal. Thank you to the committee and all who supported this event.

Three visitors attended our Afternoon with Dot Wigg who entertained us with lots of amusing tales.

 Our next Meeting on the 4th May is a Chocolate Demonstration, with “free samples” given by Mick LeMare. You will be able to purchase some chocolates to enjoy. Tea ladies for May are Pauline Woods, Jane Hoeksma and Jean Wyer. In June we will be holding a members only Cream Tea, and a Flower Demonstration in July.

We welcome new Members. Age is no barrier. We would love to see you. If you would like us to try and arrange a particular speaker etc, please let us know.

Hope to see you soon, Lesley Burton, 231657

GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

The opening competition of 2022 was played at **Kingsway Golf Club** for the **Parmar Shield**. Kingsway is a new course for the society, it is situated near Royston and has a short 9 hole layout. The course clearly suited our players judging by the exceptionally high scoring. Our winners were:

1 st with 50 pts	Kevin Gray
2 nd with 40 pts	John Wall
3 rd with 39 pts	Colin Paine
Nearest the Pin	Lin Paine
Longest Drive	Ian Saunders



Jas Parmar playing as a guest scored 45 points, but as guest he cannot win a prize. Our next competition will be played at Letchworth GC on Tuesday, April 19th 2022.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact:

Harvey Price on **01462 812781** or **John Wall** on **01462 814097**.

Crime Statistics for March 2022

ASSAULT WITH INJURY

04/03/2022 Manor Close
19/03/2022 Herberts Meadow
29/03/2022 Shefford Road

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY

05/03/2022 Elm Farm Close

HARASSMENT

06/03/2022 Undisclosed
15/03/2022 Undisclosed
29/03/2022 Undisclosed

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

09/03/2022 Broad Street
23/03/2022 New Road

STALKING

10/03/2022 Undisclosed

RACE OR RELIGIOUSLY AGG ASSAULT NO INJURY

12/03/2022 Undisclosed

STATE OR PUBLIC ORDER

14/03/2022 Shefford Road

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY

15/03/2022 Knolls Way

CRIMINAL DAMAGE – RESIDENTIAL

15/03/2022 Church Street

MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

15/03/2022 Undisclosed

SEXUAL

18/03/2022 Undisclosed

THREATS TO KILL

19/03/2022 Broad Street

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19/03/2022 Herberts Meadow

THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

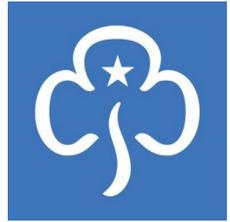
29/03/2022 Shefford Road

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30/03/2022 Shefford Road



Missing—1st Clifton Guide unit flag



We are trying to locate the 1st Clifton Guide unit flag. The unit closed several years ago and we started it off again in 2017. Since then we have been wanting to have a unit flag so that we can properly represent the unit and Girlguiding at community events such as the Remembrance Day Parade. We have checked cupboards, spoken to the previous unit leader etc but with no joy to date.

If anyone has any information it would be great if they could contact us.

Many thanks, Alison & Julia, firstcliftonguides@outlook.com

Clifton Men's Group



For a number of years we have met twice a month at the Mount Pleasant Golf Club Bistro on the first and third Thursday of a month. Some early birds have arrived at about 9.30 for breakfast (highly recommended) and others at about 10.00 am for coffee etc. As we are all in our 70s there is always much to be speak about - there is never a pause!

We would love to have more members join us on these Thursdays - we are finished by about 11.30. Please contact Bob Smith 01462 812336 or bob.smith@lineone.net.



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Our motto is “We Serve”. We serve our community in many ways, some of which result in donations of cash, other needs are satisfied by putting the right people in touch with one another, some need us to identify a problem, work out a solution and put it into practice, and so I could go on. I have previously mentioned Message in a Bottle and its offspring Message in a Wallet both of which are examples of problems being identified and solutions being found. Being a National and International organisation, we don't have to keep reinventing the answer as we share the results around the organisation.

More locally, we purchased a horse jointly with Bedford Lions Club which is “parked” at the Bedford Disabled Horse Riding Association at Willington. Being Lions, we have to “debate” from time to time about who bought which end. One of these days we may come to a conclusion.

This year we sponsored three local schools in a project called ROAR which asks Primary School pupils to suggest ideas which they think will improve the world in which we live. The children work together in small groups to identify a project, research it, write it up building a model where appropriate and then present it to their peers who decide which project should go forward for area judgement and so on up to national level where there is a company prepared to develop a number of these proposals into a commercial proposition. We hope to sponsor five schools this year.

2024 is the year of the next Scout Jamboree in Southern Korea. Those selected have to raise considerable sums of money some of which comes from sponsorship. There are two scouts within the Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club area who have been selected and we are proud to be one of their sponsors. They don't just get the money. They have to demonstrate that they are putting in a lot of effort themselves and they will be expected to make a presentation to the Club when they return.

All these projects cost money and this is where our Fund Raising committee come into their own. They are tasked with making sure we have adequate funds to finance all these projects. They are the people who organise the Santa collections, Easter Egg Raffles, side shows at fetes etc. Without them we would be lost. They have placed 20 eggs at various locations around the area. Full details can be found on our web site bslions.org.uk. We are so far booked to attend Ickwell May Day on 2 May and Sandy Carnival on 11 June.

John Bennewith, Public Relations Officer

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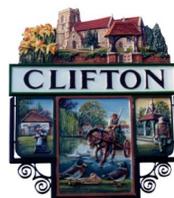
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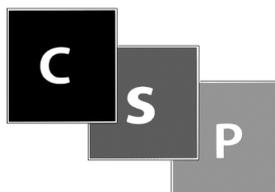
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