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A word from the Editor...

Hello everyone...

December is here – and we all know what that means... Christmas is coming!

As always, there are lots of festive things going on in and around the village so do get stuck into the community spirit and join in. And of course remember that not everyone has friends or family close by, so spread some festive cheer if you can – a chat over a mince pie could be just what someone needs.

Spotlight is looking forward to the Christmas holidays – we get time off for good behaviour so we won't be back again until early February. So that just leaves me and the team to say...



Thank you to all our readers, volunteers and advertisers. Happy Christmas and have a happy and healthy New Year

See you all in 2018.

PS: The next copy deadline is 20th January for our Jan/Feb issue.



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St Mary the Virgin Church, Clophill

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December

Noon-2pm

Three-course festive meal with drinks

Christmas Raffle Everyone very welcome

£7.50 - Booking is essential. To reserve a place

please sign the sheet in the church or phone

Carolyn 01462 815438

or Gillian 01525 860539

St Mary's Church News



A most enjoyable and successful 'Call my Bluff' Wine Evening was held on November 16th. A big thanks to our fund-raising team, who'll be in action again with the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday December 13th. Sign up in either church if you'd like to come.

Changes to services over the Christmas period

- **Christmas Eve** There will be NO service in the morning. The Crib Service for young children and families is at 3pm, and Carols by Candlelight at 6pm. Midnight Mass at Haynes starts at 11pm.
- **Christmas Day** Parish Communion, 9.30am
- **New Year's Eve** Benefice Service, 10am
- **January 7th** Family Praise for Epiphany, 10.45am.



Grants available for Greensand Country projects

The Greensand Country Landscape Partnership is looking to work with local communities to celebrate the history and heritage of the Greensand Country area. It's offering communities, clubs, schools and heritage groups the chance to apply for a grant of between £500 and £15,000 to help preserve or investigate the historic buildings, archaeological features or historic landscape in their area.

This could include helping to restore a building, surveying archaeological remains, mapping old fields and hedges, improving access to a historic site near you, or creating new interpretation about your area. Projects can be based around sites from any time period, including the 20th century. Grant funding is also available for landowners, schools, sports clubs and community groups who own or manage woodlands, heath or grassland.

- For more information go to greensandcountry.com and look under 'Care' then 'Grants and Funding'. To apply for a grant call us on **01234 838774** or email team@greensandcountry.com to tell us about your project, including what you'd like to achieve, how much it will cost and how the local community can get involved.



Carl's Christmas lights...

Don't forget to pop over to see Carl Colyer's spectacular Christmas lights at 9 Readshill.

This year, donations are going to **Dreams Come True**, a charity that helps light up the lives of children and young people living with serious medical conditions.

christmas family craft morning

Friday 22nd December
10.30am - 12pm

ALL WELCOME

We will have a
SANTA'S GROTTTO
and a selection of
craft activities for
children to make and
take away

Refreshments will be
available to buy



Children £3.50 entry
for first 2 children,
£2.50 for each
additional child
Adults free entry

Santa's Grotto £3.50
Discounted combined
tickets are available

Clophill
Preschool

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Clophill Preschool News

Welcome to the festive season! This term the children have been enjoying listening to Susan Samm from Story Roots telling the story of the Gingerbread Man as well as other traditional tales from around the world. We made our own gingerbread playdough to play with – it smelt amazing and the children liked it so much we made ready-prepared packs to sell at the Eco-Lodge Christmas Fayre and at our Family Christmas Craft Morning on Friday 22nd December.



We've been madly practicing our **Outstanding Christmas Nativity**. Once again it's our own version of the nativity with lots of great songs and humour. The children have been doing a brilliant job and we can't wait to perform it to all the families on Saturday 16th.

In Preschool, there has been a lot of muddy play and we've been slowly developing our new Outdoor shelter with collections of logs, stones, pine cones, guttering and bark. The children really enjoy playing in **the fairy garden** and creating their own little worlds with the natural resources.

We've had a lot of visitors as well. Perhaps the most beautiful was Chris's **barn owl, Skye**. The children dissected some of Skye's pellets to find the bones of what she'd eaten and discovered skulls and all sorts, prompting them to ask some really fascinating questions and helping build their vocabulary and knowledge.



Other visitors include staff swaps with other preschool settings and a local lower school asking for support to improve their own preschool. We also have Carolyn from the Flower Club up to hold a **Christmas wreath-making session** and she'll be helping the children to make centre pieces at our Christmas Craft session. Carrie Hollick is doing a Christmas First Aid hour to keep us all safe at Christmas. Vicar Graham from the Methodist Church is popping in to watch our Nativity rehearsal and tell the Christmas story to the children in his usual brilliant fashion. And Rosemary from St Mary's Church has been up to **make Christingles** with the children and will also be joining us for our Christmas Craft session to help the children make angels for the church display. Phew – what a busy time!

With the help of our fantastic parents and grandparents, we're still furiously fundraising. Don't forget we're still collecting old clothing, shoes and bedding – get in touch and we'll pick up.

We wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas and we're more excited than ever about what 2018 holds for our preschool, our children and their families.

- Contact Imogen on **07765 887868** or Chris on **07936 006381** or email clophillpreschool@gmail.com. Our website is www.clophillpreschool.co.uk



St Mary's School News

November was a very busy month for both our children and their parents. FOSM should be very proud of their fundraising efforts as once again they executed a fantastic 'Fireworks Night' event and raised a staggering £4,800 for the school. This is an excellent opportunity for us to thank FOSM and also all the parent and staff (and their partners) helpers who combined to make it an impressive evening. Brilliant effort!

Also, we'd like to give a big thank you to all who donated to **Children in Need**. We've **raised £118**.

During November the whole school took part in a **Creation Day**. The children worked in their colour teams and were joined for some activities by our Acorn children. Everyone had a wonderful time exploring the Creation through a carousel of artistic activities. Their hard work resulted in an amazing display, which can be found in the corridor outside. Our Years 3 and 4 children attended a **Faith Tour**, visiting a Gurdwara, Mosque and Church, which really complemented the R.E. Topic they're currently studying.



In December, we have our **annual Christmas play** and this year children from Birch, Hazel, Rowan and Oak classes will be performing in 'A Midwife Crisis'. Some of our children will be visiting Beverley Court to sing Christmas Carols to the residents, an event they really enjoy every year. In addition, our Values Ambassadors will join Mrs Bingley and Mrs Burraway for a **Tea Party** during the month.

The entire school will have **Christmas lunch** on the 14th and again ALL the children will see Santa on the 18th in school...shush, it's a secret! Other than Nursery, the whole school is also visiting Milton Keynes Theatre to watch Cinderella. And Reception and Acorn Class are very much looking forward to presenting the Nativity in Church on the last day of term. Busy, busy busy!

And lastly, as Christmas is fast approaching a reminder that you can help raise funds for the school when you do your Christmas shopping. It's easy and there are no catches or fees. Simply download the easyfundraising App on your phone or join for free at to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-stmarys-low

Our value for December is *Commitment*

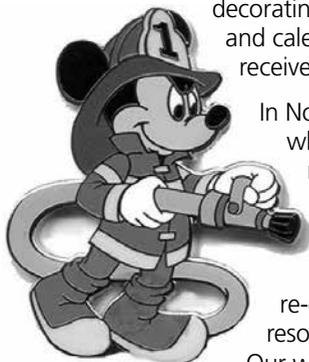
This is the quality of being dedicated to something, for example a cause, activity or faith. It's also known as a pledge or an undertaking. A commitment is never supposed to be broken. If it's broken, that means it was never a commitment but more of a pretention.

Over the month, we'll be thinking about commitment and particularly considering how we can make personal promises and keep them. We'll also be spending a lot of time thinking about the commitment shown by people in the Bible, but especially through Advent and the Christmas story.

If you'd like to support your child's learning, you may wish to discuss the commitments you hold as a family and what these mean for you. You may wish to think about how it might feel to break a commitment and how it feels to keep one. email generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk Invitations will also be sent out to parents whose children are in the play and wish to bring their pre-school children.

Acorn Nursery News

We'll be having fun this month getting ready for Christmas and this year the Nursery children are joining Chestnut in the Nativity at Church on the last day of term. We'll be decorating bells made from cactus plant pots as well as making cards and calendars for our families. We'll think about how it feels to receive a gift and also how it feels to give a gift.



In November, our value was 'caring' and we looked at people who help us. For example we role played being doctors, nurses, mums and dads, firefighters and chefs. We also looked at Jesus and how he helped others, and talked about how we can help and care for ourselves and others.

The children have enjoyed playing both inside and outside, re-enacting cooking and cleaning in the home corner areas using resources like porridge oats, mud, grass, water, rice and pasta.

Our water pump has been used to clean the tools and cars – or simply to make puddles to jump in! We had a new dressing-up storage unit delivered – which left us with a big box that's been used for everything from a fire engine to a Pudsey Bus for Children in Need Day. The children have also been very creative making dolls clothes with a sewing machine – a popular activity that we plan to do again.

Important information for parents with children moving to Middle School or requiring a Reception class place September 2018

Applications online: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Online applications preferred but hard copy applications are available from the school office.

Deadline for both Middle School Place/Starting School Place is 15th January 2018

We urge parents to make their applications ASAP and let the school office know if you have any questions or problems relating to your application.

Contact

Mrs Topliff on **01525 860206** or email generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk

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SUNDAY 17th December
at 3pm – led by
Rev. Graham Claydon-Knights
followed by festive refreshments
ALL ARE WELCOME

Clophill & District Flower Club



Our demonstration on 2nd November was by Audrey Balderstone and Geoff Fox from Watford Flower Club. With their theme of **'Gunpowder, Treason and Plot'** it was a light-hearted and entertaining evening – accompanied from time to time by fireworks from the village!

During the evening we saw King James I, the Houses of Parliament and the dungeons below interpreted in a variety of flowers. We had a bonfire with a guy on top! And for the finale, Audrey and Geoff gave us a wonderful depiction of fireworks. The evening was enjoyed by about 80 members and visitors – as well as our demonstrators, who said what a friendly and welcoming Club we are. **So why not come to one of our meetings?.**

We meet on the first Thursday of every month, except August, starting at 7.30pm in Clophill Village Hall.

Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on 4th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear about all we've done in 2017 and our plans for 2018.

- For further details of our Club and programme, please go to www.clophillflowerclub.com or our page on Facebook.



News from Clophill Methodist Church

In recent weeks, we've had lots of fundraising events for both the church and Samaritans Purse Appeal. Thank you to everyone who organised, fundraised, wrapped and packed the boxes, as we were able to send 34 shoeboxes this year.

We've had another very successful Beetle Drive and had a great Christmas market earlier this month. Please join us for our Carol Concert and January Lunch – see posters in this edition. **We wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, and thank you for all your support in 2017.**

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Contact **Colin Carpenter** on **01525 860391** or **07751 356094** for prices and advice

Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe



Pumpkin Lasagne

INGREDIENTS Serves 4-6

- 500g lasagne sheets (bought or homemade)
- 1 kg pumpkin or butternut squash, peeled and de-seeded
- 100g vegetable stock
- 40g grated parmesan cheese
- 250g grated mozzarella
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 3 sprigs of fresh rosemary
- 50g extra virgin olive oil
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ½ lt milk
- 50g of butter
- 50g of flour
- 1 tsp grated nutmeg

1. Peel and de-seed the pumpkin or butternut squash. Slice and then cut into small cubes.
2. Remove the rosemary from the stalks and finely chop together with the cloves of garlic.
3. Gently heat the olive oil in a deep pan then add in the chopped rosemary and garlic. Fry gently until the garlic is golden in colour.
4. Add in the cubed pumpkin or butternut squash plus stock and cook gently until veg is just tender.
5. In the meantime, prepare a béchamel sauce. Heat the milk in a pan, while adding in the grated nutmeg. Make sure the milk doesn't boil.
6. Melt the butter in a separate pan or in the microwave and then add to the warmed milk.
7. Remove the milk mixture from the heat and add in the flour, using a whisk to obtain a smooth creamy sauce.
8. Heat your oven to 180°.
9. Butter an ovenproof dish measuring approximately 20cm x 20cm.
10. Arrange a layer of the pasta sheets, add enough béchamel to obtain a thin layer, sprinkle with some of the mozzarella and parmesan and then enough of the pumpkin cubes to cover.
11. Continue in this way until you've filled the dish. The top layer should finish with the cheese and pumpkin cubes.
12. Bake the lasagne for approximately 30 minutes. If the top isn't crispy, pass under the grill for a couple of minutes.



News from Clophill Heritage Trust

Pumpkin Festival We hosted our third Pumpkin Festival back in October and what a success it proved to be especially as, like previous years, the weather was fine. The pumpkin carving, which extended over two days, eventually used up nearly 300 pumpkins



and we had to order in extra to satisfy the demand which carried over to Sunday afternoon – at the same time as our Sunday Café was open. Straw bales plus tables were used as surfaces on which children could do their carving under the guidance of mums and dads.

The emphasis was on activities in which people could be directly involved and these included pony rides, Teddy Bear Parachute drops off the Old Church Tower, apple pressing, Tower Tours, and face painting. Two rock bands played all afternoon in front of the lodges where teas, cakes, real ale, mulled wine and burgers were on sale. In addition, we were entertained by the Hemlock Dancers, singers and, later in the evening, by an amazing performance of Macbeth in The Old Church by The English Gardner company.

Our grateful thanks go to the wardens plus all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it such a success for the village. We raised around £2,500 for the Trust.

Laurel Hedge Visitors, dog walkers and others who use the Old Church Grounds will have noticed much work being carried out along our 300m Eastern boundary which abuts adjoining fields. This involves the cutting down and removal of [now] substantial laurel trees which will be replaced with a good healthy hedge with a variety of native species and which are suitable for livestock.

Duke of Edinburgh scheme for youngsters are getting more involved at the lodges. They're doing a wide variety of volunteering from running cafes to maintaining the grounds and developing educational ecological areas.

• We're always looking for volunteers to help with our larger events so if you're able to help please contact our wardens Kayleigh or Adam on **07935 911207** or contact: Ali Bradbury (07894 710001), John Wright (07860 839845) or Barry Breed (01525 860834).

To book an event online, go to <http://clophillecolodges.org.uk/events> or for a Tower Tour <http://clophillecolodges.org.uk/book-a-tower-tour>



Messy Church @ Clophill Methodist Church

All-age craft activities, worship and a meal for all the family (*No fixed charge, donations welcome to cover costs, children must be accompanied by an adult*). For further information please contact Victoria at victoriahiggins@hotmail.co.uk or on 07920568861

Dates for 2018...
Monthly on Saturday 4pm-6pm

20th January

17th February

17th March

14th April

19th May

16th June

14th July

NO MESSY CHURCH IN AUGUST

15th September

20th October

17th November

15th December

These notes are a resume only. Official minutes are available on the internet and notice boards. All official correspondence should be sent to the parish clerk and not individual councillors.

Season's greetings from Clophill Parish Council! We wish you all a fantastic Christmas period. We're delighted that for the first year in a long time we have a **Christmas tree on the Green**. A huge thanks to everyone involved in making that happen, with a special note to 'Community Tree Trust' for supplying the tree.

Anglia Water's Jon, Nathan and Natalie came to our November meeting to tell us about their plans for works to replace and improve **the water supply and sewage systems** in Clophill. We were told that the scheme will cost around £400,000, laying around 1km of new water main (from A6 Junction to Great Lane junction). Work is due to start on 8th January, beginning with the Cainhoe Road junction with High Street, and will last approximately six months. It will involve traffic lights and road closures in thoroughfares throughout the village. For more information, go to www.clophill-pc.gov.uk

We're working alongside St Mary's School to provide a **crossing patrol** at the pedestrian entrance to the school at the following times of day:

• 8.35am-09.10am Mon- Fri • 15.15pm-15.45pm Mon-Thurs • 14.15pm-14.45pm Friday

If you'd like to apply for this position, or know anyone who would like to apply, please ask Mrs Kempson in the office for an application form and job details. Full training will be provided. Telephone **01525 860206** or email generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk

Cllr Louise Hodge and Jane Breed are organising a **clearance and tidy day at the Rec** on 13th January – they'd really appreciate your help with things like clearing the bank and brambles, cleaning up play areas and removing rubbish from hedgerows. Contact Louise on louise.hodge@clophill-pc.gov.uk

Central Bedfordshire's **Youth Support Service** is offering grants to encourage and enable young people's participation in positive activities across Central Bedfordshire. Grants of up to £2,000 are available and can be used to either fully fund or part fund a project for up to six months. The project must provide social, recreational and/or educational activities to young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 years for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

The deadline for applications is Sunday 4th February 2018. For an application pack and more details, please email Youth Support Service at Youth.Services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or phone Jackie Squire on **0300 300 6566**.

Finally, the longest standing member of CPC, **Cllr Ralph Brough**, has told us of his intention to stand down from his role on the council at the beginning of next year. Serving Clophill for more than 10 years, Ralph chaired the Finance committee for over three years and then took on Lands and Highways when Peter Clark became Chair of Council. During this time he was responsible for organising the management of the allotments and also chasing Highways to get a speed sign at the eastern end of the village. Ralph has worked hard at prodding and pushing CBC's Highways team –

Clophill Parish Council

Continued

building up a good relationship with them over the years to make sure Clophill was never forgotten. He also did a lot of work on getting the parking around the Green improved. Ralph is a lovely man and will be sorely missed at our meetings, not least because of his knowledge gained over this last decade.

Planning

CB/17/03228/OUT

Location: Jacques Lane

Proposal: Erection of eight new dwellings.

This planning application has been refused by the Development Management committee of Central Bedfordshire, who are the relevant Planning Authority.

CB/15/04602 & CB/16/05438/OUT

The Appeal decision in connection to the Land at former Readshill Quarry, Back Street Planning application CB/15/04602 that was held at CBC was refused, so the application was turned down. The applicant had already submitted another similar application (CB/16/05438/OUT) and we're waiting to hear the decision from CBC planning dept.

- To see current Planning Applications and their status, go to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the Methodist Church
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th January 2018



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Parish Registers for December

1817

Burials

Dec 26 Janice Carter

1867

Baptisms

Dec 1 Christopher Thomas Tingay
Laurence Roberts
Emily Roberts
Arthur Bone

Burials

Dec 1 Elizabeth Peat, 57
Dec 18 Ruth Webb, 73
Dec 27 Ann Francis, 73
Dec 28 John Burrows, 75

1917

Marriages

Dec 15 Frederick John Gudgin
to Mary Jane Bone

Burials

Dec 24 ? Gudgin, 14, (blood poisoning)

1967

No registers recorded

ST MARY'S REGISTERS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

Burial at the Old Church

Nov 15 Robert David Edwards, 70, Silsoe

Recycling Clarification



The recent leaflet reminding us of our recycling obligations appeared to roll back on previous recommendations with regard to plastics. Clarification was sought from CBC Waste Management and the advice is as follows:-

ALLOWED

- lightweight plastics such as carrier bags
- clear or lightly coloured food trays and wrappers
- polythene
- cellophane

NOT ALLOWED

- polystyrene
- nothing black, such as bin bags or food trays

Everything must be clean and dry to avoid contamination.

How Leighton Buzzard and Linslade Shortened Two World Wars

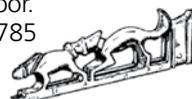
Monday 5th February 2018

Leighton Buzzard and Linslade made remarkable contributions to the nation's struggle to win two world wars. Come and discover the secret war effort run from these two Bedfordshire towns.

About the speakers: **Paul Brown** is Chairman of the Leighton Buzzard & District Archaeological & Historical Society and co-editor of *The Secrets of Q Central*, of which **Delia Gleave** was a major contributor.

Lecture Theatre, Flitwick Library MK45 1QJ, 7.30pm for 7.45 pm
£2 for members and £3 for visitors, payable on the door.
For further details contact Clive Makin on 01582 655785

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



What's on in and around Clophill

DECEMBER		Sunday 10th Christmas Gala Concert 6pm, St Mary's R.C. Church, Dunstable. <i>See this issue for ticket information.</i>
		Wednesday 13th Christmas Lunch Noon-2pm, St Mary's Church. <i>See this issue for ticket information.</i>
		Friday 15th Live Music 9pm, The Stone Jug, Clophill.
		Sunday 17th Carol Singing 2.30pm, Ampthill Park (near The Hub).
		Sunday 17th Carol Service 3pm, Clophill Methodist Church. All welcome.
		Monday 18th Carol Singing 6.30pm, Market Square, Ampthill.
		Thursday 21st Carol Singing With Hitchin Town Band, The Stone Jug, Clophill.
		Saturday 23rd Live Music 8.30pm, The Stone Jug, Clophill.
		Friday 29th Quiz Night Maximum teams of six. 8.30pm, The Stone Jug, Clophill.
JAN		Wednesday 17th Winter Lunch 12.30pm-2pm, Clophill Methodist Church. <i>See this issue for ticket information.</i>

On throughout the month...

Wednesdays...

- **Tea and Coffee Morning** at the Methodist Church, 10.30am-noon

Fridays...

- **Clophill Toddler Group** Clophill Village Hall, 10am-noon. See 'Village Groups' for contact details

One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church. Dates: 16 Dec; 20 Jan 2018. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

CHURCH SERVICES

Regular services at St Mary's Church, Clophill

1st Sunday	8am, Holy Communion; 10.45am, Family Praise
2nd & 4th Sundays	10.45am, Parish Communion
3rd Sunday	10.45am, Morning Prayer/Praise
5th Sunday	10am, Benefice Services

Regular services at Clophill Methodist Church

1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays	10.30am Morning Service
3rd Sunday	10.30am All Age Worship Service

Please check individual churches for Christmas dates and times.

Useful numbers

Gas (Emergency)		0800 111999
Electricity (Emergency)		0800 7838838
Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance		999
Water/Sewage (Anglian Water)		0845 7145145
Telephone	(Customer Services) 150 (Faults)	151
Highways Department (Central Bedfordshire Council)		0300 3008049
Benefits Agency (Bedford office)		01234 361500
Registrar's Office (Births/deaths/marriages)		0300 3008089
Rail (Enquiries)		0845 7484950
Buses 01234 262151	(Link A Ride) 01525 840511 (Flittabus)	01582 406561
Luton Airport		01582 405100
Swimming	(Flitwick) 01525 717744 (Robinson Pool)	01234 212479

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Central Beds Offices (Chicksands)		0300 300 8000
Mid-Beds MP	Nadine Dorries	01462 811992
Central Bedfordshire Councillors	Michael Blair	01525 404513
	Paul Duckett	07988 184061
Clophill Parish Council	Paul Downing	01525 860350
	(Clerk) James Stirling	01462 887226

HOSPITALS

Bedford (North & South)	01234 355122	Admissions	01234 261150
		Appointments	01234 359012
Luton & Dunstable			0845 1270127

DOCTOR'S CLINICS

Amphill	(Houghton Close) 01525 300898	(Oliver Street)	01525 631395
		(Greensands)	01525 631390
Shefford	Enquiries 01462 818620	Appointments	01462 810034
Barton 01582 528700		Flitwick	01525 715300

POLICE

County Police HQ		Non Emergency	101
Amphill Station			01234 841212
			101

CHURCHES

St Mary's Parish Church		Liz Henman	01525 860108
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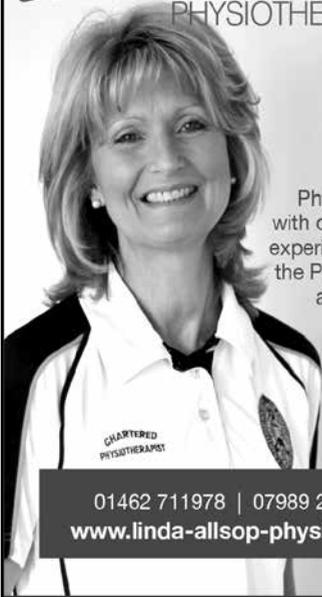
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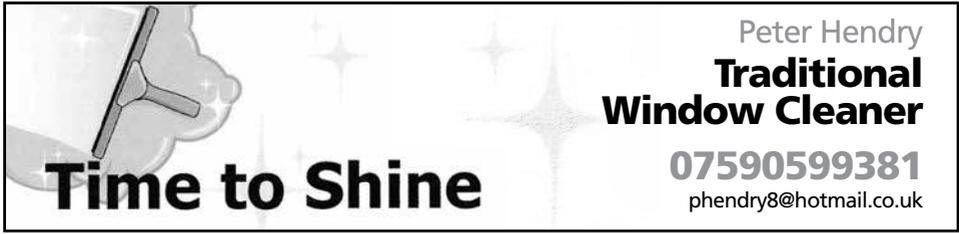
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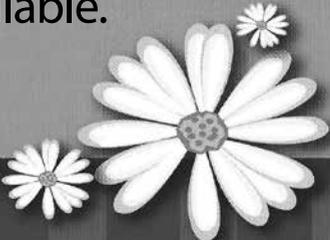
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