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## A word from the Editor...

### *Hello, hello...*



I couldn't think what to write about in this month's Ed's letter so I had a look back to see what I said this time last year. Spookily, I talked about how brilliant it would be to have a **gardening column** in Spotlight – and since last month that's exactly what we've got!

Some things are definitely worth waiting for and Jane's brilliant gardening tips this issue are all about growing fruit, veg and herbs. As ever, Spotlight is also full of local news, info and events – so read on!

Before I go, just to let you know that **the June issue will be arriving at your door a little later than usual**. Please bear with us!

***See you next month. x***



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*St Mary's Church, Clophill*

# *Church Fete*

## *& Village Event*

### *Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May*

*12-4pm in the Church grounds*

*FUN for ALL*

*Lots of stalls*

*Sideshowes*

*Barbeque*

*1pm Maypole dancing display*

*by children from St Mary's School*

*2pm Greensand Community Choir*

*2.30pm Dance display by Pre-School children*

*Refreshments in the Church*

*Lunches and Teas*

*For further information -*

*call Gill 01525 861058 or Carolyn 01462 815433*



# Street Watch in Clophill

**Could you spare a couple of hours a month to help keep Clophill free of crime?**

Street Watch is a police-led initiative that trains volunteers to patrol their local area, helping to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder issues.

Clophill residents Jason Graney and Carl Colyer, along with two other volunteers, have already signed up to the scheme. 'We're waiting for the relevant police checks to be done and then we can get trained and start the patrols,' says Jason.

In the meantime, he and Carl are giving up their time to do evening walkabouts in the village. 'You might have seen us wearing high-vis jackets and carrying torches,' says Jason. 'We go out when we can and just keep an eye out for any suspicious activity. The other day, because of our presence in the village, we were able to track down and return a stolen bike.'

Jason is urging other residents to get involved, and will be at this month's fete to explain more about Street Watch. You can also find out more about the scheme on the Facebook pages for The Clophill Grapevine and Clophillhood Street Watch. Or go to <http://www.street-watch.org>

- To contact Jason direct, email him at [clophill-s-w@outlook.com](mailto:clophill-s-w@outlook.com)

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## Clophill P3 and Friends

We've continued work at the recreation ground clearing the northern bank, and now that Colin has begun hedge-laying we've helped him deal with the waste brash. Do take a moment to look at Colin's work as you pass along Kiln Lane (traffic permitting!) Very impressive. Thank you to all the volunteers who responded to the cookie bribe and turned up to help.



Down at The Green, the daffodils have been and gone. If you happen past and see any dead-heads, please feel free to pinch them off and drop them so that the plants put all their efforts into swelling their bulbs for next year rather than growing seed heads.

I'm still looking for volunteers to help with future projects such as the twice-yearly visit to the Readshill acid grassland where we're pushing back bracken and shrub growth to encourage 'rare to Bedfordshire' plant growth, like the diminutive 'Sheep's Bit'. **Jane Breed**

- If you're interested, please get in touch at [janebreed@hotmail.com](mailto:janebreed@hotmail.com) or call **01525 860834**

St Mary's Church, Clophill

Invitation to



# **A Garden Party**

**and Traditional Afternoon Tea**

**Saturday 23rd June**

**at Aragon House, High Street**

(home of John and Jenny Wright)

**from 2.30pm**



## **Everyone welcome**

**Garden games and refreshments  
included**

**Admission by ticket**

**£6 per person**

**£15 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)**

**Contact Gillian on 01525 860539**

# News from Clophill Heritage Trust



## Animal Encounter

Our Animal Encounter afternoon went down a storm last month. The free event, held in partnership with Teaching Talons, saw visitors meeting all sorts of creatures and learning about their native habitats – plus having their photo taken with Pigwidgeon the owl!

## Greensand Country Festival

As part of the Greensand Country Festival during May's half-term week, we have lots of events lined up – including an Art Workshop, a guided walk, a free Countryside Craft Earth Day and an outdoor production of 'The Secret Garden'. Pop into the Eco Lodges and pick up a leaflet with more details.

## Churchyard wall renovations

We've started work clearing both side of the wall that borders the old church and the cemetery. Thanks to volunteers Barry, Liam and Ravi the South side of the wall is now 75% clear of vegetation, with the North side not far behind. This is in preparation for work to commence in August on the renovation of the wall using local stone and historically accurate methods. Local stone masons will be holding carving workshops and the winner of our students' poetry competition will have their work carved into the wall. To find out more about the poetry competition <http://clophillecolodges.org.uk/2018-poetry-competition>

## Volunteers/Duke of Edinburgh Awards

We're always looking for volunteers, including ones who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please get in touch with Kayleigh Waight or Emily Hakansson on 07935 911207 or email [info@clophillecolodges.co.uk](mailto:info@clophillecolodges.co.uk)



For info and to book events go to <http://clophillecolodges.org.uk/events> or for a Tower Tour <http://clophillecolodges.org.uk/book-a-tower-tour>

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# Come into the Garden

with *Kate Gardner*



It seems that recently everywhere you look, green spaces are being turned into edible community resources. The RHS are championing the educational and health aspects with their Gardening for Schools programme, and while we haven't yet got fruit and veg growing on the Green now could be the time to have a go at growing something edible yourself.

There's an increasing desire to eat healthy food that hasn't travelled miles to reach the plate, but you don't need an allotment or large garden to have your own mini fruit and veg patch. Plant breeders have developed plants to grow well in pots and containers as well as being better adapted to our British conditions (which this year have been incredibly challenging). Most garden centres have a fantastic selection of seeds, giving huge choice. Starting with seeds is fun but you can also help things along by starting with ready-grown plants that can be potted-on straight away.

Some really easy veg to grow in pots include carrots, mixed salad leaves, tomatoes and dwarf French beans. All you need are a selection of pots or containers, some multipurpose compost or growbags and some sunny space. In fact, if you have a shadier spot, salad leaves are a good choice as they don't need full sun to ripen fruit, and are less likely to run to seed so quickly. Choose a salad leaf or cut-and-come-again variety where you pick the leaves as you need them but the plant keeps growing. Much tastier than the bags of baby lettuce leaves that you buy in the shops.



Tomato plants in hanging baskets can be decorative and productive. Try different varieties of cherry tomatoes or grow standard tomato plants in pots or growing bags. Tomatoes are a Mediterranean plant so they need long hot days to produce good tasty tomatoes. Growing them against a south-facing wall will help you get a good crop. Dwarf French beans are great in pots and need no support, but if you have a little space in the garden, why not make a wigwam from garden canes and grow climbing beans instead? This year, I'm growing Zelma and Borlotti as they have fantastic flowers and interesting bean pods and cope pretty well with our free-draining soil conditions.



If fruit is more your thing then strawberries and blueberries grow well in pots. Blueberries like acid-loving conditions so need to be grown in ericaceous compost and kept moist. My pots sit in a gravel tray all spring and summer so they don't dry out too much. They're just coming into bloom so all being well I will be picking fresh blueberries from the end of June.

As a keen cook, I wouldn't be without fresh herbs and these make a great addition to any garden or patio. Thyme, rosemary, sage and basil grow best in a sunny site, while mint and chives will cope with shadier spaces. Mint is incredibly invasive so don't be tempted to let it grow loose in your garden – this is definitely one for a large pot. Chamomile flowers can be used for a relaxing tea and chive flowers make a lovely oniony addition to salads.

Whatever size your garden, have a go at growing something edible and enjoy a taste sensation that you only get when eating something freshly picked.

# **HOPE & GLORY**

## **SKA MAD**



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

**Clophill Village Hall**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**2018**

**7:30pm till Late**

**Tickets £10 in advance**

**(£12 on the door)**

**Call Steve on 07831 255807 for  
tickets**

# Clophill Preschool News



Hi all. Well, the mud has been well and truly out with the sun. Our children have been using our new water butt to great use, ferrying buckets of water to the allotment to water the plants and also fill the digging pit. A lot of jumping up and down followed but also some clever thinking – thanks Ray! – to use upturned tree bark as a gutter to carry the water to the mud. Our strawberries, mange tout, and spring onions are doing brilliantly and the children have just added some cucumber plants. We can't wait to harvest them all!



children are very happy to leave behind the plastic figures and Duplo blocks to explore the outdoors for stones to build their towers. We've had the water trays out and the children have



been using the wheel barrows to move around the new bamboo sticks – which have been turned into stirrers for giant concoctions and banged together to make music. We made our **own paddling pool** with a big gardening tray and have been talking to the children about the weather and what changes they can see in nature as things warm up. There has been lots of minibeast hunting, with ladybirds and worms being the most prolific.

The Parish Council has kindly allowed us use of a few extra feet of land at the back of the Village Hall and so with some grant and fund-raised money we'll be adding a fence to our new area.

This means children will have access to a much more exciting space where they'll be able to **play beneath the trees**, climb up and down the banks of the slopes and slide down our wooden bank slide. We hope to add in a willow den, some log seats as well as a tyre and chip hill for the children to scramble up and over. What a great way for our children to develop **a sense of self and wellbeing in the outdoors** while learning to play cooperatively and thoughtfully – and all the time investigating and caring for our natural environment and all the treasures it holds.

It just leaves us to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us with our Easter Egg Hunt and online auction. We made **a combined total of £1,109** – what a result! This helps with our fence and goes part way to helping with our patio laying. Every penny we raise gets us a little closer to completing our fantastic outdoor space. So, we will take the opportunity to remind you that we have our next Happy School Bags weigh-in on June 20th. If you have any old clothes, shoes, bedding etc please get in touch.

- Contact Imogen on **07765 887868** or Chris on **07936 006381** or email [clophillpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:clophillpreschool@gmail.com). Our website is [www.clophillpreschool.co.uk](http://www.clophillpreschool.co.uk)



# Open Gardens

Postponed to June 2019

Despite a lot of effort over the past few months we've been unable to find enough people willing to open their gardens this year. It's with regret, therefore, that we've decided to postpone this event for 2018 rather than organise a weekend That won't meet the usual standard, quality and variety of Clophill Open Gardens. Further complications may have also arisen with the work on the High Street.

We aim to hold this popular village event next year and hopefully the kind people who offered this year will be joined by many more.

**Clophill Methodist Church**

## **COFFEE & CROISSANT MORNINGS**



All proceeds in aid of Clophill Methodist Church

10am-noon

**£1.50**

Saturday 23rd June

Saturday 21st July

**ALL WELCOME**





# Clophill & District Flower Club



Our March meeting had to be cancelled because of heavy snow so we were very pleased when 5th April was sunny and cheerful after all the rain and dull wet days.

Over 70 members and visitors attended the demonstration by Jackie Watson from Iver Heath whose intriguing title was **'Movies from the Mansion'**. The 'mansion' in the title was Heatherden Hall, bought in 1934 by Charles Boot, a budding film-maker who turned it into a luxury hotel with film sets and offices in the grounds. Arthur Rank joined him and some propaganda films were made there during WWII. Post-war, it became Pinewood Studios.

One of the first films made at Pinewood was **'The Red Shoes'** with Moira Shearer whose red tutu was depicted by sprays of alstromerias and anthuriums. Then we were treated to Jackie's interpretation of James Bond movie **'Goldfinger'** using greenery sprayed gold and golden yellow roses and spray chrysanthemums.

Next came two **'Carry On'** films using exotic flowers such as strelitzia, orchids and gerbera. For the final arrangement of the evening, Jackie displayed grey foliage and cerise and pink orchids, gerbera and roses for **'The Slipper and the Rose'**.



As she worked Jackie gave us a resumé of all the films. It was an evening of beautiful colourful arrangements that reminded us of films we had enjoyed many years ago.

- Our next two demonstrations are **'Magic Moments'** by Lorraine Saunders on 7th June and 'Pick 'n' Mix' by Lionel Clark on 5th July.

[www.clophillflowerclub.com](http://www.clophillflowerclub.com)



## Cake, Bake, Make

### *Get ready for the Shefford Craft & Produce Show*

***Could you crochet a hat, bake a brilliant Victoria sandwich or produce prize-winning runner beans? Then why not enter the Shefford Craft & Produce Show.***

Open to non-residents of Shefford, the annual show has competition classes for photography, garden produce, flowers and plants, floral art, cookery and handicrafts. Children can compete, too, by making butterfly cakes, a garden in a seed tray, a handprint picture and more. If at least one parent and child from a family enter the competition, you're eligible to win the Family Cup.

The show is on **Saturday 1st September** at the **Shefford Methodist Church Schoolroom** and closing date for entries is Saturday 25th August.

- You can pick up a competition leaflet and entry form at Shefford Library or request a copy via [sheffordcps@gmail.com](mailto:sheffordcps@gmail.com)

## Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe



# Lobster Risotto

### INGREDIENTS Serves 4-6 people

- 1 uncooked lobster tail per person
- 200g Carnaroli or Arborio rice
- 100g frozen peas
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 large ripe beef tomato
- 1 medium shallot
- splash of olive oil
- small knob of butter
- salt & freshly ground black pepper
- chopped flat leaf parsley for decoration

1. Rinse the lobster and remove the underside carapace.
2. Remove the lobster flesh from the shell.
3. Heat the olive oil and butter over a medium heat and cook the lobster tail shells until they have a good pink colour – set aside for decoration.
4. Chop the lobster flesh into small cubes.
5. Finely chop the shallot.
6. Remove the stalk and seeds from the pepper and finely chop.
7. Slice the beef tomato then use your finger to remove as many seeds as possible – then chop finely.
8. In the same pan that you cooked the lobster shells, gently fry the shallot and pepper until softened but not browned.
9. Add the rice to the pan and mix well.
10. Add in the peas and the lobster meat.
11. Add in 4 ladles of hot water.
12. Cook the risotto until the water has all been absorbed.
13. Add in a little more hot water and continue cooking until the rice is 'al dente' – cooked but still firm.
14. Using a ring mould place a portion of risotto on each plate, decorate with the cooked lobster shell and sprinkle with roughly chopped parsley.



**Christine runs Italian cookery classes at Casa Fellini in Clophill**  
**[www.casafellini.co.uk](http://www.casafellini.co.uk)**



## Songs of Praise on The Green

**Sunday 1 July, 7.45pm**

Come and enjoy the Luton Band of The Salvation Army  
and the Greensand Community Choir, followed by  
refreshments in Beverley Court.

# St Mary's School News



We're delighted to announce that our Lent Games Appeal raised over **£1,100 for Keech Cottage Hospice**, who visited school to collect the cheque. Thank you to all our parents for their ongoing support. We also raised a fantastic £109 for Sports Relief.

As part of their fundraising programme, our governors have arranged a **golf day on Saturday 19th May at Bedfordshire Golf Club**. The cost is £45 for an individual or £175 for a team of four when booked in advance. 'Tee off' is at 12pm (with bacon rolls organised in advance). For more information, please contact Ben Jones, our Chair of Governors, at [ben.jones148@gmail.com](mailto:ben.jones148@gmail.com)

Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) organised another successful movie night, with a choice of 'Jungle Book' or 'Bugs Life' to watch, with the children also enjoying a snack and treat. Our year 3 and 4 children have been receiving **cricket coaching** from an external coach, and really enjoying the new skills that they're learning. Year 4 children also had the opportunity to take part in a **bikeability course**, improving their proficiency on a bike and learning how to take care of their bike. Later this month, we have our **tea time concert**, when children who learn a musical instrument perform to their parents and relatives.

All parents who have a **child starting school in September** should now have been advised by the Local Authority of the school their child has been offered a place at. If you've been offered a place to start at our school in September, then you should've received a letter from us – if you haven't received please call Mrs Topliff on **01525 860206**. Our year 4 children have now started their programme of events to help prepare them for the transition to middle school in September.

## Our value for May is *Thankfulness*

Thankfulness has always been at the centre of the life and worship of God's people. In school, we'll be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives. We'll consider how we can express our appreciation and thankfulness and will encourage the children to show appreciation for those around us, our families and friends, our environment and the world we live in. We'll think about being thankful for and appreciate the simple things in life, enjoying the natural world and behaving in a loving and caring way. Out of school, you could take this opportunity to go out on a family nature walk and really open your eyes and look and talk about what you see.



## Acorn Nursery News

How the weather has changed since last month! We've gone from playing with snowballs to enjoying the much warmer weather. In the digging pit the children have been looking for worms – and found a ladybird without any spots! Our sand pit has been replenished with sand and our new parasol provides shade while the children enjoy making sand castles.

The older children, who are starting school in September, are beginning to have their transition visits to Reception Class and meeting the class teacher. Those that have been already have enjoyed themselves, experiencing the environment and routines of their next class.

# FLITTON FLITS FAMILY FUN RUNS

Monday 28th May

A great run around Flitton & Flitwick Moors  
over a flat cross-country route



Entry forms are available  
at local pubs or from  
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You can also email [flittonflit@gmail.com](mailto:flittonflit@gmail.com)

For more information or offers of help,  
please contact

David Sedgley on 01525 714961  
or Jen Fisher on 01525 713917

## Parish Registers for May

### 1818

*Baptisms for May 17 and 19 obscured*

#### Marriages

May 13 (may be 1817) George Hare  
to Ann Garner

#### Burials

May 19 Sarah ,wife of James Hall (?)

### 1868

#### Baptisms

May 3 Mary Huckle Lincoln  
William Gaylor  
May 31 Emily Stimson,  
father – coal merchant  
Susan Ann Sheppard,  
father – shoemaker  
Elizabeth Izzard, father – bricklayer

### 1868 (Continued)

May 31 Henry Page  
Elizabeth White  
Catherine Izzard, Maulden  
Arthur Summerfield  
Lavinia (?) Page  
Jane Braybrook  
Isaac John Roberts

### 1918

#### Marriages

May 25 John William Ellis to Rose Parkinson

#### Burials

May 2 Olive Harris, 4

### 1968

*No Registers recorded. Church closed*



*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.*

Thanks to everyone who came along to our April Annual Parish Meeting. It was great to see so many faces there, and hear about all the activities taking place in the village. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:-

We heard from two villagers looking to start up a Clophill branch of **'Street Watch'**. This is a nationwide initiative that already has schemes in Ampthill, Maulden, Shefford, Haynes and other nearby areas. For more information about Street Watch, visit [street-watch.org](http://street-watch.org)

The **Clophill Village Hall** told us how they had financially broken even this year, and had high occupancy levels.

We heard from **St Mary's Church** about the repairs they've made to their building this year, with further work likely in the next 12 months.

The **Clophill Methodist Church** gave us an update on the many events they run through the year. They also told us about the installation of a new heating system this year.

**Clophill United Charities** told us about the work they did, providing money for individuals in need as well as local organisations that need support.

We heard of the fundraising activities of **The Friends of Cheshire Home**, as well as about their fortnightly shopping trips to Bedford.

**Clophill Community Care** told us about the 630 jobs they did around the village in the last year, including dog-walking, prescription-collections and TV re-tuning.

In a lively visual display from **Clophill Pre School** we learnt that this had been their most successful year yet, with a bigger focus on outdoor learning and an 'Outstanding' rating by Ofsted.

We learnt that **Clophill United FC** have over 60 children playing across their year groups – they also told us how pleased they were that the Village Hall now housed Heart Defibrillator equipment.

**Clophill Flower Club** explained that they are approaching their 50th year as a group, and now have over 80 members from the local area.

The meeting was told about the weekly **Clophill Toddler Group** activities, which currently has around 25 local toddlers on their books.

We received a report from **'P3'** who volunteer to clear our local footpaths and tidy the rec area.

Our three ward councillors Cllr Mike Blair, Cllr Paul Downing and Cllr Paul Duckett told us about news from **Central Bedfordshire Council**, and stressed what a pleasure it had been to represent our village this year.

Finally, our Chair Steve Rodell spoke about all the activities undertaken by the Parish Council this year, and also took time to thank our Clerk James Stirling and our former Councillor Ralph Brough.

# Clophill Parish Council

## Continued

### Clophill Clean-Up

We're looking for individuals and local group organisations to volunteer to help in or around 20th to 22nd May by picking up the litter around the village. Litter pickers and fluorescent bibs can be provided. We'd be happy to allocate areas for you or your group to litter-pick in. If you're interested, please email [terry.lee@clophill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:terry.lee@clophill-pc.gov.uk)

### Policing priorities

Ahead of a quarterly Police 'Rural Community Priority Setting' meeting in May, we put out an online survey to Clophill to pass on your local policing priorities to PC Dagley and PCSO Cooper. The results were: 1 Visible policing; 2 Crime prevention; 3 Drug dealing. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote.

### Parish Council Vacancy

There's still a vacancy at Clophill Parish Council. This is an unpaid role that involves attending meetings once a month and spending an hour or so a week reviewing and responding to information. Training will be given. For more details and a brief application form please contact the Clerk to the Council, James Stirling, on [clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk) or write to him at 31 Plum Tree Road, Lower Stondon SG16 6NE. You can also view information at [www.clophill-pc.gov.uk](http://www.clophill-pc.gov.uk)

## Planning

### CB/18/01094/FULL

Location: The Conifers, The Causeway

Proposal: Two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension.

**SUPPORT**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the VILLAGE HALL  
at 7.45pm on Tuesday 29th May



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

## Wildlife walks & talks



## Invertrbrate Day

**Saturday 26th May, Flitwick Moor, 10am-12.30pm and 13.30pm-4pm**

Join Colin Carpenter, the moor's warden, and experts from the BNHS to investigate the great variety of insects, snails and other small creatures on this magical wetland. Families are especially welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Morning and afternoon sessions – come to either or bring lunch and stay for both.

Meet in the Moor's Folly Wood car park (TL045354)

**No booking needed. For additional information email [flitvale.info@gmail.com](mailto:flitvale.info@gmail.com) or ring Ann on 07890 347327 after 6pm or at weekends. [www.flitvale.org.uk](http://www.flitvale.org.uk)**

# What's on in and around Clophill

MAY

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**Saturday 12th**  
**Clophill Fete** Noon-4pm, St Mary's Church

JUNE

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**Saturday 2nd**  
**Hope & Glory Ska Mad** 7.30pm, Clophill Village Hall  
*See this issue for ticket details*

JUNE

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**Saturday 23rd**  
**Garden Party & Afternoon Tea** 2.30pm, Aragon House, High Street Clophill  
*See this issue for ticket details*

## On throughout the month...

- 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: 19 May; 16 Jun; 14 Jul; 15 Sep; 20 Oct; 17 Nov; 15 Dec. 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

If you have any diary dates that you would like included on this page, please email [clophillspotlight1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clophillspotlight1@hotmail.co.uk)

## Village groups

Beverley Court	860920
Brownies	<a href="https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk">https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk</a>
Clophill Community Care	Duty Contact 07791 773705
Clophill Heritage Trust	Ali Bradbury 07894 710001
Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery	Sharon Kempson 860206
Clophill Toddler Group	Hannah Compton 07535 705711
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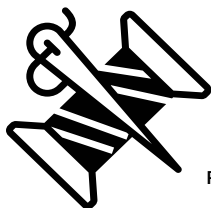


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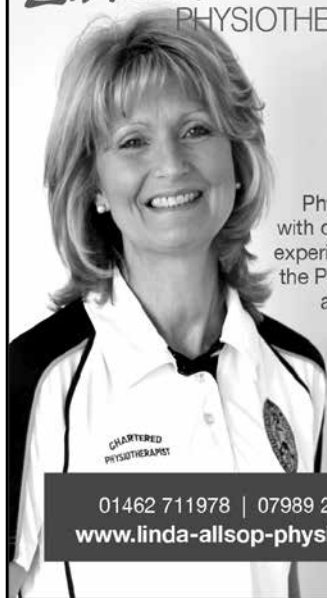
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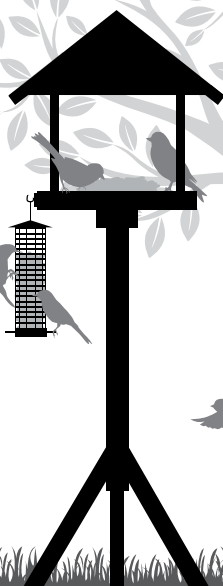
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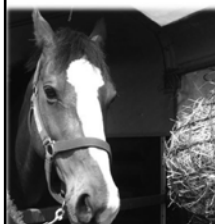


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