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A word from the Editor...

Hi everyone!

Hopefully it will feel like summer by the time you receive this. As I write, it is the first warm day for a while!! Just a short note about the Parish council report. There have been a number of changes on the council and they are looking for 3 more councillors to swell their numbers (see the report for details). Hence for this month, the report is shorter than usual.



A quick reminder that Spotlight takes a break in August. If you would like something in the July issue, please send in your articles and posters by 20th June.

Best wishes, Elaine

Spotlight will be back again in July



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Deadline for articles is 20th of the month

You can also read Spotlight online
www.clophillspotlight.co.uk

The background of the entire page is a black and white photograph of several strawberries scattered across a light-colored surface. The strawberries are in various orientations, some showing their green tops and others showing their seeds.

St Mary's Church, Clophill

Invite you to a

Summer Lunch

12th June

12 noon – 2pm in the Church

£6 - 2 course meal and drinks

Everyone very welcome

Please reserve a place

- phone Carolyn 01462 815433 or Gillian 01525 860539

Clophill Preschool News

The Church Fete was great fun, thank you very much to the St. Mary's Church Fete Committee for once again allowing us to join this lovely community event. We were delighted that so many of our parents turned up for the children to dance with Katie from Silsoe Dance, and they all did us proud. Our eco paper pot making and planting was very busy, it was great to see our children and their families as well as meeting new ones. It was also lovely to meet Elaine, the new Spotlight editor, who was kind enough to pop to our stall and introduce herself, a great chance to put a face to the name!

Our next event is the Happy School Bags clothing collection on Monday 10th June, if you're doing a sort out of clothes, shoes or bedding, we would welcome your donation. This day is also the start of our Dad's week when we invite dads, grandads, brothers and uncles into preschool. The focus will be on constructing a new floor level sand pit and creating some more planting areas. It's great getting dads to share precious time in the setting with their children, who get to show them what they like to do, and the friends they like to play with; it can be quite a special time. The willow we planted along the tunnel is growing beautifully, the children have been watering them when they can. The allotment is looking abundant with carrots, onions, strawberries, courgettes, tomatoes, peas and potatoes. Our lovely parents have provided many of the plants and we



have been offered some squash plants too. We should be able to harvest much of this for our summer snack times soon.



The children have been very creative again this term doing large scale painting and making models from junk. We have boxes available all the time for children to use and create something from their interests. They use masking tape to stick boxes together thinking critically and creatively about how to represent their ideas. The deep engagement the children have while playing offer fantastic opportunities for us to teach them, to take their learning and interests to a greater level.

As our older children move through their last summer term with us, we are ensuring we work with them to build on their resilience and confidence. We are working with parents so that they can support their children, and feel confident themselves about this next step in their children's lives. Our stick and rope swing is a great way for the children to work their bodies and minds as they learn how to move, taking turns and explaining to each other how to do it, as well as congratulating others on their attempts. From these simple activities, the children can gain so much. As our outdoor space develops, we look forward to more exciting play opportunities, we will keep you up to date.



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



Clophill Open Gardens Weekend

22nd and 23rd June

12 - 6pm each day

Adults £5

accompanied children free

Programmes from The Green, Church or gardens

Free parking at the School

Refreshments at the Church

Children's Treasure Hunt Ploughman's lunches and Teas

Plants at the Church

Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Clophill

This year Open Gardens will be bigger and better than last time.

We have had a great response and there will be 16 gardens open, 10 of which are open for the first time. There are large, small, natural and landscaped gardens to see. There will also be a Treasure Hunt for the children

Programmes will be available on The Green and at St Mary's Church. Delicious refreshments will be served at the Church where there will be a large plant stall and Book Stall.

Please support your local community and take the opportunity to spend an afternoon visiting gardens in Clophill.

News from Clophill Heritage Trust

This month we have welcomed several hundred new residents to the Eco Lodge site: Bees! **A swarm of bees** was safely collected locally and has been housed in one of



the empty Eco Lodge hives. So far, they seem content in their new home and it was fitting as 20th May was World Bee Day!

At this time of year, it is common to see a swarm of honey bees that will settle on trees, bushes, signs or sheds. If you should find a swarm please notify one of the Swarm Collectors from the Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association www.bedsbka.org.uk/swarm-collectors who will come and collect

the swarm into a travel hive, they will then be moved to a new home in a nearby vacant hive (for honey bees only). If you would like more information about any types of bee or swarming they have lots on their website.

We are thrilled to announce another new resident; **our new On-Site Warden Louise**. She has moved into the Warden's Lodge with the gorgeous Reilly (see picture) and is already hard at work championing new menus for our café which include gluten & dairy free options.

Throughout the summer we will be running guided walks identifying medicinal, edible & interesting plants, and we are lucky to have resident expert Kate Gardner leading these. She has been hard at work trying out many different uses for plants, some obvious and some very surprising, and will have samples available for you to try at every walk. We also stock various jams, chutneys and jellies from Dragon's Kitchen that are available to buy at any time.



For a full list of walks and to book please see www.clophillecolodges.co.uk/events or call us on 07935 911207 or email info@ClophillEcoLodges.co.uk

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[www.Facebook.com/ClophillEcoLodges](https://www.facebook.com/ClophillEcoLodges)**



British Heart
Foundation

Join us to beat heartbreak in Bedfordshire

Our research starts with the heart but it doesn't stop there. Heart disease, stroke, vascular dementia and diabetes are all connected and are more likely to take the people we love than anything else. Our life-saving research only happens because of people just like you.



Around
61,000
people are living with heart
and circulatory diseases
in Bedfordshire



Heart and circulatory
diseases cause
100 deaths
each month
in Bedfordshire



Heart and
circulatory diseases
kill more than
1 in 4 people in
Bedfordshire



How you can get involved

We have many Community Volunteer Opportunities, something to suit everyone;

- ♥ Join a local Fundraising Group and organise events within your community.
- ♥ Manage our collection tins within your local area.
- ♥ Become a In Memoriam Secretary and support those remembering someone close to them.
- ♥ Provide talks to Clubs, Associations, Schools on the work of the BHF and how they can get involved.

TODAY		
425 people will lose their lives to CVD	...more than 100 people will be younger than 75	7 MILLION people fight their daily battles with CVD
515 people will go to hospital with a heart attack	190 people will die from a heart attack	12 babies will be born with a heart defect

For more information on supporting the BHF contact
Sarah Cunningham,
BHF Fundraising Manager for Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire
cunninghamsa@bhf.org.uk, 07741 640182



Clophill & District Flower Club



David Thomson was the demonstrator at our May open evening. His chosen title was 'Flora Mania'. David worked to a floral pallet, using one colour for each arrangement, pink, yellow, peach, cream, purple and finishing with an amazing African Sunset. The colours ranging from soft pale to dazzling bright dark, soft and dense textures.

A large willow basket was used for an arrangement in pink. Gerbera, Oriental Lilies, pink and white Moermon and Aqua Roses, together with Eucalyptus and various greenery. Tall bright yellow Sunflowers, Calla Lilies, Carnations and Roses, Goldheart Ivy, Fatsia Japonica leaves and Euonymus made a stunning display in a tall iron container.



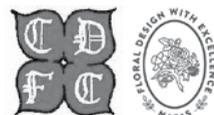
A sphere made from woven wood contained terracotta Antirrhinums (snap dragons), Gerbera, Roses in shades of peach. Aspidistra leaves woven and curled into different shapes gave depth to the arrangement. A large bamboo urn covered in mother of pearl buttons containing white Delphiniums, creamy white Arium Lilies, Honey Bush (blue grey leaf), Snowflake Gerbera, Avalanche Roses and Orchids. A creamy delight. Black Tia Leaves gave height to a mauve pot, Rosemary, Hebie, purple Alliums, Antirrhinums, Dancing Cloud Roses, Clematis and Vanda Orchids completed a purple design.

Last, we were shown the delights of an African Sunset. A three foot urn in brilliant yellow, black and brown held yellow Gladioli, Ginger Lilies, orange Gerbera, pink Anthurium, orange and yellow tipped Heliconia and Gloriosa Orchids. Various greenery completed an amazing design.



Four designs had a twin making 10 arrangements for our raffle, the amazing design was won by our Vice Chairman. David's arrangements were beautiful, his chatter entertaining, we hope he will return soon.
Christine Baker – Committee Member

Our Charity of the Year is: **TIBBS Dementia Foundation** www.tibbsdementia.co.uk



- For information on upcoming demonstrations, go to www.clophillflowerclub.com or phone Gillian 01525 860539 or Carolyn 01462 815433

Songs of Praise on The Green Sunday June 30th, 7.45pm



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

"Come and join us"



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Wildlife walks & talks



Invertebrate Day with Colin Carpenter

Saturday 29th June, 10.00-15.00, Folly Wood Car Park, Flitwick Moor

Join Colin, the moor's warden, and experts from the BNHS for this annual hunt into the great variety of insects, snails and other small creatures on this magical wetland. A part of the wider Greensand Festival events. Families are especially welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Open to all. Walk places are limited, so please book.

For additional information please email flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring Ann on 075801 78889 6pm to 8pm or at weekends. www.flitvale.org.uk

Shefford Craft & Produce Show

Saturday 31st August 2019

We are looking forward to this year's Craft & Produce Show which will no doubt be with us before we know it. As usual, our 39th Show will be held in the rooms behind Shefford Methodist Church, opening to visitors at 2pm and with presentation of prizes at 4pm. It was lovely to see new faces amongst the adult and child entrants last year and we hope to see even more this year, you don't have to live in Shefford to enter.

There are numerous cups and shields for adults and children to win. If you enjoy being busy in the kitchen or garden, making things or arranging flowers, there is plenty of choice. Shefford and the surrounding villages are now bigger than ever and it would be lovely to see our entry numbers grow in a similar way. We frequently hear people who are looking at the entries say 'I could do that', so why not make this the year that you try. Depending on their age, children also have various opportunities to make things in or out of the kitchen, and all are able to submit a photograph. If a child is a member of one of the Guiding or Scouting groups, they are also eligible to enter the appropriate Uniformed Groups class.

The person gaining the most points in the Flowers & Plants classes will now be able to win The Marriott Cup. In this section (and new to the show) we have a class for one flower in a vase, as well as one vegetable. The Firework Committee Novice Tray is being used for one of the Garden Produce classes this year. We know that lots of you grow tomatoes and if you've never won first prize for them in a show, you are eligible to enter this class. Another new cup is the Royal British Legion Cup and each year it will be given to the person who gains the most points in the photography section. In recognition of this, one of the photo-graphs we are asking for is 'We Will Remember Them'. When at least one adult and one child from the same family enter, they are eligible for The Joyce Davies Family Cup, which is given to the family who gain the most points overall.

Our free schedules showing full details of what you can enter, are now available in the library and other outlets around Shefford or by emailing the address below. If you have any questions we are happy to help. Come and see us at the fete, email sheffordcps@gmail.com or use one of the contact numbers in the schedule.

Come into the Garden

with Kate Gardner



Welcome to June and to one of the busiest months in the Garden. Chelsea Flower Show, with its inspiring garden designs, has been and gone and the nurseries and garden centres are brimming over with plants in all shapes and colours. As I write this, it's National Bee Day. This got me thinking about the 'June gap', which can cause a major problem for both our bumble and honey bees.

The 'June gap' is as strange phenomenon. The term refers to a period when there is a sudden reduction in the amount of pollen and nectar around to feed honeybees. This is a problem for bees because in May, the colonies of many bee species are growing rapidly. Honey bees will be reaching peak colony size and bumblebees will have their workers out in force.

During spring: in addition to many early flowering herbaceous plants there are vast volumes of pollen and nectar produced from trees and hedges, especially from the Hawthorn. In May the rapeseed flowers can bring a serious glut, but suddenly in June this can all be over and the grass is starting to suppress many of the wild flowers. By the middle of July many of the tall herbaceous plants start to flower and often go on then until September, but the challenge is what to do to bridge the gap.

This is where our gardens come into their own. With some careful plant choices it is possible to not only have a beautiful garden, but to also provide a food haven for our bees and other pollinators. Hebe, Choisya, Pyracantha and Cotoneaster are all popular with bees and are good for providing shape and structure to our gardens. Ceonothus or Californian Lilac is one of my favourites with its flowers ranging from the palest blue to an incredible deep bluey purple. Right now, in my garden, the Nepeta, perennial Geraniums, Campanulas, Thymes, Sage, Valerian, Wallflowers and Osteospermums are in bloom - attracting large numbers of bees. As June progresses, the lavender, Sweet Williams and blue Echinops thistles will add to the mix.

June 21st is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions and adding mulch around your plants. Not only will it help to keep the weeds down but all mulches will help to keep the soil moist and reduce the amount of watering.

Hanging Baskets and planters are starting to make an appearance too. Argyranthemum, Lysimachia (creeping jenny), Dichondra 'Silver Falls', Fuchsia, Pelargonium (geraniums), Lobelia, Viola (pansies), Petunia, Salvia and Nicotiana (tobacco plants) are great for adding colour while being good for bees too.

Hanging baskets rely the most on the gardener to ensure they don't dry out, so to ensure that your baskets look their best throughout the whole summer, make sure that you use enough water to keep the baskets moist (but not soggy) and give them a liquid fertiliser feed once a week.

Remember that any spare plants that you have can be donated to the plant stall at this years Open Gardens, so please do bring them along to the church on Saturday 22nd June.



Delving into Heritage Day Monastic Heritage in Greensand Country

Date: Tuesday 16th July

Description: Day-long conference with a range of speakers and optional guided walk

Venue: The Sculpture Gallery, Woburn Abbey

Charge: £15.00 per person (Student Concessions: £5.00 per person)

The Greensand Country has a rich medieval monastic heritage with several sites clustered together in the area surrounding the Greensand Ridge. Why are there so many monastic sites and what impact do they have on the landscape today?

Together, with a range of experts including Historians; Archaeologists; Geologists and Historic Designed Landscape Specialists, we will explore the unique heritage of monastic sites in the Greensand Country. This will be an informal conference with the opportunity to take part in a guided walk around the gardens. Further details: <http://greensandcountry.com/whats-on/delving-into-heritage-day/>

Delegates from last year's conference said:

"I never knew there was so much to learn about Greensand Country; its origin, its history and its future"

"Delving into Heritage was a fascinating insight into the geology, ecology and history of Greensand Country. Thank you for organising such a fab day!"



Booking is essential, tickets available from Monday 10th June.

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St Mary's School News



We were lucky that the sun shone at the Church fete for our children to take part in the maypole. All the practice really paid off as they did a wonderful job performing their routines. We were especially proud of how they all calmly worked together when it didn't quite go to plan, and then asked to do the dance again so they could show everyone watching how well they perform it. We would like to say a special 'thank you' to Mrs. Burraway for her time, support and encouragement with the children. We'd also like to thank the Friends of St Mary's and Governors who both ran very successful stalls for the school.

We are delighted that we raised over £785 for The Mind Map charity following our recent Lent Games appeal. Thank you to all our parents for their ongoing support and we look forward to sharing with you the work that we will be doing with the charity in September.

In other news...

Our Year 4s had the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability course and had a great time. As well as improving their bike riding skills, they also learnt how to maintain their bike and how to ensure they are safe.

Friends of St Mary's (FOSM), our PTA, organised another successful movie night to raise funds for the school. The children chose to watch either 'Flushed Away' or 'Gnomeo and Juliet' and also had a snack and treat. It is always a very popular event.

Our Year 3 and 4 children have been receiving cricket coaching from an external coach, and are really enjoying the new skills that they have learnt.

We are also looking forward to our Tea Time concert which is being held in June where children who learn a musical instrument perform to their parents and relatives.



Our value for June is *Service and Humility*

We will be exploring this through stories and discussions in school. We will be exploring how children are encouraged to aspire to serve others by recognising their own particular gifts, and find ways of using them for the benefit of all, so that the community becomes all that it could be. We will also consider how others serve us and how this helps us. Humility is being proud of achievements but not showing off. A person with humility accepts and listens to others unconditionally; they offer help because they want to, not because they want to be praised. They do not boast about what they have, or what they can do, but quietly accept their achievements.

Acorn Nursery News

Each half term we learn about one of our Values and this term we are learning how to Share and why it's important. Having a variety of ages in Acorn Class gives our older children an opportunity to practice responsibility, and our younger children look up to them as role models. It's heart-warming to see!

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St Mary's Church News



The annual Fete and Village Event was held on 11th May. In addition to funds raised for the various participating organisations, the church **made over £1,600**. A very helpful contribution to the £25,000 we need annually to keep the church going. Now it's all systems go for the Open Gardens over the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd. Our fund raising team works very hard and we are all grateful for their efforts.

Church Fete and Village Event

We would like to thank everyone for their support at the Church Fete and Village Event. It was a great success in many ways. Our aim was to create a traditional Fete for the village and we were delighted with the number of visitors and the friendly community atmosphere. It was promoted twice on Three Counties Radio in the morning so hopefully attracted other visitors to our lovely village.

The afternoon began with the Official Opening given by Rev. Dean Henley, followed by a performance from the Greensand Community Choir led by Luke Howard. The barbeque was very popular, whilst the ladies were busy serving delicious cakes, scones and rolls in the Church.

The children from St Mary's School entertained with the traditional Maypole Dancing display. Everyone appreciated their skills and it brought back memories to many in the audience as they remembered when they performed during their time at the School, dancing round the same Maypole.

Later in the afternoon the children from Clophill Pre-School gave a display of dancing and singing inside the Church. There were many confident little children who enjoyed 'their moment'.

We were thrilled with the whole event as we had an excellent range of stalls and sideshows from local organisations. Some stalls were raising money for charities in the local area – Cheshire Homes, MS and Tibbs Dementia foundation. As usual, Plate smashing, Skittle Alley, Beat the Goalie and the Coconut Shy were very popular.

We were delighted to have the new Neighbourhood Watch organisers, and the Parish Council who had a stall to promote their project and make residents aware of what they plan to do for the Village.

The Church **raised about £1500** that will be used to maintain the building and fabric of the Church. People seemed to enjoy the afternoon and were happy to spend time meeting friends, visiting the stalls and sideshows.

If the Fete is to continue next year we would like we would like to hear from you with any ideas and feedback on how we can improve this annual occasion. We also need more people to get involved with the organisation.

Carolyn Cranswick and Gill Jones, Organisers of the Fete

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The Parish Council has been elected unopposed with 7 Councillors (we can have up to 10 elected representatives). The Council is looking for three more members that will help take us forward over the coming years. We meet 10 times a year and discuss local issues including planning, recreation and all things relating to Clophill. This is a voluntary role and we do offer training in aspects of being a Councillor. We have a broad range of people in the Council, many of them in full time employment. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk (details below).

The Parish Council website has more detail: www.clophill-pc.gov.uk
Agendas and minutes from meetings are here www.clophill-pc.gov.uk/files

The public are always welcome to attend any meetings.
There is also a mailing list and alerts on items published on the website.
www.clophill-pc.gov.uk/register/?return_url=%2fgroup%2djoin

If you would like more information please contact James Stirling, Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council on clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk or call 01462 887 226.

Planning

CB/19/01198/FULL

Location: 1 Cainhoe Road
Proposal: Two storey side extension.

SUPPORT

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the Village Hall
at 7.45pm on Tuesday 25 June

Parish Registers for June

1819

Baptisms

Jun 13 Elizabeth, d of John and
Hannah Lincoln
Thomas, s of George and
Mary Wittemore
Jun 20 Charles, s of Thomas and
Mary Burley (?) Miller

Burials

Jun 9 John Bernard

1869

Baptisms

Jun 5 Louisa Bottoms father a bricklayer
Ada Amelia Stimson mother
a "single woman"

Marriages

Jun 11 Henry Odell to Ann Lincoln
Jun 17 Benjamin Peat to Jane Bottoms

Burials

Jun 3 Emily Roberts infant

1869 (continued)

Jun 27 Jane Payne 43
Ann Wittamore 73
Note the spelling change from Wittemore

1919

Marriages

Jun 7 Arthur Sharp 28 of Maulden
to Nellie Edith Matthew 24

Burials

Jun 28 Doris Ella Whittamore 15
Wittamore has now acquired an H

1969

Baptisms (Still in Silsoe)

Jun 29 Kirsty Elizabeth Digger

Marriages

Jun 28 David Arthur Thompson, 21, of
Bedford to Avril June Bannister, 18

Burials

Jun 17 Ashes of William George Porter, 51

What's on in and around Clophill

JUN		Wednesday 12th Summer Lunch St Mary's Church 12noon to 2pm. <i>See poster in this issue</i>
		Saturday 22nd Coffee and Croissant morning Clophill Methodist Church 10am to 12noon
	 	Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd Open Gardens St Mary's Church 12noon to 6pm each day <i>See this issue for full details</i>
		Sunday 30th Songs of praise on the Green 7.45pm, The Green, Clophill
JUL		Saturday 13th Coffee and Croissant morning Clophill Methodist Church 10am to 12noon
AUG		Saturday 31st Shefford Craft and Produce Show Methodist Church schoolrooms, 2pm <i>See article in this issue</i>

On throughout the month...

Wednesdays...

- **Tea and Chat** 10.30 to noon, Methodist Church

Thursdays...

- **Thursday Leisure Club** 2pm, St Mary's Church

Fridays...

- **Clophill Toddler Group** 10am-11.30am, Village Hall, See 'Village Groups' for contact details

One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church. Dates: Jul 20; Sep 14; Nov 16; Dec 14. 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

Clophill Community Care

Our new Social Group is now called the **Thursday Leisure Club** or **TLC**.

We meet in St. Mary's Church on Thursday afternoons from 2 o'clock until about 4. So far people have enjoyed playing Bridge, Scrabble, Rummikub, Chess, Ludo and mini Carpet Bowls; have made a difficult Jigsaw puzzle and, of course consumed tea and posh biscuits. We plan to have monthly "specials" such as talks, craft sessions and perhaps outings if that is what people want. With enough people we could start groups for walks, book reading or sewing/knitting bees.

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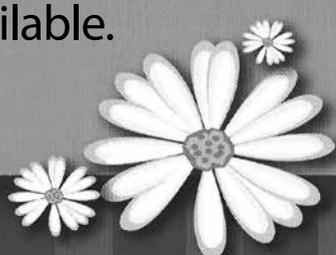
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