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A word from the Editor...

Hello everyone...



I hope you had an egg-citing (sorry, I couldn't resist!) Easter, whatever that means to you. For me, it was all about my mum's roast lamb and her **traditional Easter egg hunt** – I'm a big kid at heart.

So now we're into April and isn't it lovely to have the **lighter evenings**? It feels like there's a whole lot more time to do things – which is great as there's plenty going on in and around the village. Have a flick through this month's magazine and **see what you fancy**.

Don't forget that if you're holding a local event we can pop it into our Diary page!

See you back here in May. x



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Community Defibrillator Seminar

17 April 7pm - please be on time

The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

at the Village Hall, Kiln Lane

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of

Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Booking not required - contact ckerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk for more information

Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency

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Clophill Preschool News

March was a busy month for us – with some great activities geared around Mother's Day. There was a lot of phonics work going on by many of the children, as they pointed to name cards and sounded out the letters, and helped to write cards for mum's special day. For the egg mayonnaise sandwiches for our Mother's Day Coffee Morning, the children peeled eggs – great for fine motor skills – and with the help of Clophill Flower Club they

made some **gorgeous arrangements for their mummies.**



It was lovely watching the children, their faces a picture of concentration as they listened and the ladies worked with them showing, explaining and supporting them to make their creations. We also held a Spring flower-arranging morning for the public, and the displays that were produced were just gorgeous – so thank you to Carolyn and all at the Flower Club.

We have a lot of new children starting at Preschool and it's so lovely to meet

them all and their families and welcome them to our Preschool community. We're also preparing for the transition of our September school starters. Our parents attended our new School Readiness meeting, where Imogen, as a teacher herself who has taught Reception, was able to give ideas on how to prepare your children for this next step as well as outlining all the great activities we'll be doing with them.

Our Friday sessions are becoming even more popular and the children are definitely getting even muddier. What fantastic parents we have who don't mind their children **getting filthy in the name of fun learning!**

Finally, we're thrilled to have had so much support from people in the village. One person donated a huge cardboard box for the children to explore, one of our former parents donated some toys, a dad gave us seeds for our allotment and we've even had someone volunteering to do a **child-friendly kick boxing class** with us.



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



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Clophill Heritage Trust

St Mary's Church News



The ever popular Lent Lunches, now in their 43rd year, **raised an amazing £1,080 + Gift Aid for Crisis**. Thank you to those who arranged the lunches and those who came and gave so generously.

Upcoming event: Annual Quiz Night, Saturday April 28th.

Enter a team of six – individuals also welcome as we'll team you up!

Contact Adrienne Gordon on **01525 860875** for details.

News from Clophill Heritage Trust



Last month we held a planting day and volunteers braved the cold to help plant some of the 400 saplings we've had donated by The Woodland Trust. We also held a Mother's Day Cream Tea café – it went down a storm and we'll be holding another café for Father's Day in June, so do book a place.

In the meantime, we've got lots of fantastic events and activities lined up this month, including our free Animal Encounter afternoon on the 15th. No need to book – just come along to meet reptiles, hedgehogs and rabbits and have your photo taken with an owl. To see all our upcoming events go to www.clophillecolodges.org.uk/events

Volunteers/Duke of Edinburgh Awards

If your son or daughter is looking for a place to complete their voluntary service for their Duke of Edinburgh Award, they can do so at The Eco Lodges. Contact the Warden Kayleigh Waight or Assistant Warden Emily Hakansson on **07935 911207** or info@clophillecolodges.co.uk

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>



Open Gardens 2018

We're planning to have Open Gardens in Clophill on 23rd and 24th June and would like to hear from anyone who would be happy to open their garden. We'd like to have a variety of gardens – from large and spacious to small and interesting. Everyone's garden is unique and there's always something that will appeal, whether it's design, the plants or the special features.

Proceeds will be in aid of St Mary's Church

Please contact Jenny Wright on 01525 861340 for further information



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Wildlife walks & talks



Orchards East Project

Wednesday 18th April, 7.45pm, Maulden Church Hall

During the Victorian era the east of England was one of the major apple-growing areas, with hundreds of local varieties and strains developed. Steve Halton will be talking about a new three-year project to help record and preserve what remains of this once buoyant area of agriculture. £2 per adult

No booking needed.

For additional information email flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring Ann on 07890 347327 after 6pm or at weekends. www.flitvale.org.uk

A tribute to Sylvia Joan Lammas

29th June 1932-20th January 2018

Sylvia Devonshire was born in Maulden, starting her life with her parents on a smallholding and this initiated her love of animals, birds and the countryside. While she was still at school in Maulden, Sylvia met her future husband Gerald Lammas. Sylvia spent and lived most of her life in Clophill. Initially she stayed with Kitty and George Lammas at 8 The Slade, including when she was first married in 1952. She moved with Gerald

to 10 The Slade and in 1959 they were joined by Christina. In 1964 the family moved to Shefford Road where Sylvia lived until she moved to be nearer Christina in August 2011.

Sylvia worked at the Royal Exchange in Bedford, Maulden Post Office, Rowland Fabrics in Ampthill and Silsoe College until she retired in 1994.

Throughout Sylvia's time in Clophill she was active in the community. She was a member of the WI, the Fete and Village Hall Committee. Later she was invited to be a Parish Councillor, a role she undertook for 20 years and she took responsibility as Chair of the Lands and Highways Committee. Additionally, as part of her role as a Councillor she was a School Governor

and she thoroughly enjoyed being involved in Clophill Lower School. Sylvia also delivered Spotlight and collected for the Annual Poppy Campaign at her end of the village.

Later in life Sylvia also joined the WRVS and was then a Volunteer at Bedford Hospital, which involved her serving and then helping feed patients who had had a stroke. She enjoyed her many community roles into her seventies.

Many in the village will remember Sylvia and her bike. She was an ardent cyclist, biking regularly to Bedford, Ampthill, Silsoe, Maulden and around the village. Sylvia enjoyed her garden and became an intrepid traveller on her own from 1979.

Even though Sylvia moved she didn't lose contact with what was happening within the village. Spotlight was posted to her, which she shared with Christina. Sylvia was a kind, caring, hard-working lady who enjoyed life and did a lot of good work for others, and is much missed by her family and indeed by the community of Clophill.





Westoning Players
Present



JACK OF DIAMONDS

by Marcia Kash & Douglas E. Hughes



£9

**26TH / 27TH / 28TH
APRIL 2018
7.30PM**

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Come into the Garden

with *Kate Gardner*



Now is the best time of year to start pruning shrubs that flower in late summer and autumn. Pruning each year, in the spring, will give a much better display of flowers and will keep the plant from getting too big and improve the overall plant health. Shrubs that bloom after mid-summer usually produce flowers at the end of this season's growth, so pruning in early to mid-spring allows time for the new growth to mature and flower in the same year. Butterfly bush (Buddleja), smoke bush (Cotinus), St Johns Wort (Hypericum) and **winter flowering heathers** are just some of the shrubs that respond really well to being pruned now.

Cut on an angle above a bud



Using clean, sharp secateurs, cut back the previous year's flowering stems to within one or two buds of the older woody framework and at the same time remove any thin, weak or dead growth. Make sure you cut at an angle, above the buds. This stimulates the development of strong new growth which will produce your flowers.



Buddleja after pruning

When some shrubs are pruned hard, they regrow vigorously, producing more **colourful stems that brighten up the garden** in winter. Examples include dogwood (Cornus), willow (Salix) and ornamental bramble (Rubus). Others can also be hard-pruned for their decorative leaves, including: Indian bean tree (Catalpa), Eucalyptus and elder (Sambucus). Willows and dogwoods respond well to annual pruning and put lots of new young growth on, which will give you lots of winter stem colour.

Early-flowering shrubs are pruned after flowering (late winter to early summer, depending on the shrub). These usually flower on the previous year's growth so pruning immediately after flowering allows the maximum time for development of young growth to provide the following year's flowers before the end of summer. Examples are flowering currant (Ribes), Forsythia, mock orange (Philadelphus) and Weigela. If you prune these shrubs now you won't get any flowers – so leave these until May or June.

Remove any frost-damaged shoots from evergreen shrubs damaged by the cold weather and cut out any plain green shoots on hardy variegated evergreens, to prevent reversion taking over. Lightly cut back lavenders, Helichrysum (curry plant), Santolina (cotton lavender), thyme and rosemary plants to prevent them getting too leggy and woody.

As for feeding and mulching, feed with a granular feed or pelleted chicken manure before mulching around your shrubs with a 5-8cm (2-3in) layer of organic matter. This will help retain moisture, reduce weed build-up and improve our sandy soil. Pay particular attention to mulching around rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, as flowering is poor if these get too dry during late summer.

• **Next month I'll be looking at all things edible!**

St Mary's Church, Clophill

Church Fete

& Village Event

Saturday 12th 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

Clophill & District Flower Club



Due to the adverse weather conditions last month our March demonstrator, Jo Poulter, who was coming from Leicester, wisely decided to cancel. So with one missed club night, we're especially looking forward to our **open evening on May 3rd** with National Demonstrator Patricia Dibben and her **'Stepping Forward, Glancing Back'** theme. This ticket-only event is £6 for members and £10 for visitors. Tickets are available from Gillian Hill on 01525 860539 and Carolyn Cranswick on 01462 815433.

Liz Coleman, committee member

- For information on upcoming demonstrations, go to www.clophillflowerclub.com



Clophill Toddler Group News

This Spring term has seen our toddlers take part in all kinds of fun crafts including making paper plate Winnie the Poohs, **glitter snowflakes** and cardboard tube koalas. For British Science Week we planted cress seeds in eggshells for the children to take home and grow egg-heads on their windowsills. We've assembled and **baked pizzas for National Pizza Day**, made Shamrock-people for St. Patrick's Day and celebrated Mother's Day by

giving all the children a bunch of daffodils for their mums. In addition to this, Clophill Preschool continue to provide their 'messy play' activities for us twice each term, which the children always love getting stuck into.

As we head into the Summer term we look forward to hosting a **Teddy Bears Picnic**, planting sunflowers, making suns for the Summer Solstice and creating some artwork for the dads for Father's Day, plus much more!

As well as our weekly craft activities we have a large variety of toys suitable for children from 0- 3, with an area for babies. We provide tea, coffee and biscuits for parents/grandparents/ carers and the children have a snack of fruit, breadsticks and water/juice in the middle of the session. After snack time we have a singing session and then let the children have a final runaround with lots of balls or the bubble machine.



We're a very friendly group and love to welcome new members. If you have a child aged 0-3 why not join us at the Village Hall from 10am-11.30am on Fridays. Your first session is free, and £2 thereafter.

- For further information contact Hannah Compton **07535 705711**.

Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

Spaghetti with Tuna Sauce



INGREDIENTS Serves 4 people

- 1 x 150g tin of tuna in olive oil
- 1 x 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
- spaghetti x 350g
- 3 branches of fresh basil
- 3 cloves of garlic, peeled
- ½ tsp chilli flakes
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- salt and freshly ground pepper



1. Bring to the boil a large pan of salted water.
2. Gently heat the olive oil in a deep frying pan.
3. Fry the chilli flakes and whole cloves of garlic until the garlic is golden brown.
4. Add the tin of tomatoes and season to taste.
5. Simmer for about 15 mins.
6. In the meantime, cook the spaghetti for approx mins until al dente.
7. Add the flaked tuna to the sauce and mix well.
8. Drain the pasta, add to the sauce and toss well.
9. Remove the basil leaves from the stalk, roughly chop and add to the spaghetti.

This is a perfect quick store cupboard supper after a long day at work

**Christine runs Italian cookery classes at Casa Fellini in Clophill
www.casafellini.co.uk**

St Mary's School News



We have great pleasure in sharing with you the results of our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report following our inspection last month. The inspection was an incredibly rigorous process involving the inspector watching lessons, observing whole school worship, meeting Governors and the Senior Leadership Team of the school as well as talking to pupils and parents. We're delighted that our school was graded **Outstanding in all areas** – an incredibly important achievement of which we're very proud. A copy of the report is available on our website for anyone who'd like to read it.

In other news, last month we held our **Lent Games Appeal** for this year's chosen charity, Keech Cottage. Despite the rain and mud the children had a wonderful time completing the outdoor activities, especially the Terminator. We're still totalling the amount raised and will be able to share this next month.

Our years 1 and 2 had a very exciting time at their trip to the **SnoZone** to support their termly topic of Fire and Ice. Meanwhile, our years 3 and 4 were transported back to the 1940s when they visited Holdenby House and **experienced the day as an evacuee**.

It was also a very active month. Our children took part in a multi-sports event at Robert Bloomfield, a cross country event and a swimming gala. They also received gym coaching in school and took part in **Sports Relief** by completing a number of sporting activities, including running a mile.



World War 2 evacuees

Our value for April is *Unity*

Unity is harmony among individuals in a group. It's achieved by accepting and appreciating each other's involvement before working together. We'll be exploring this in school and would like to invite you to encourage your children to share with you their experiences of working with others and to discuss what skills we need to work together well.

Acorn Nursery News

Once again the children have had fun playing in the snow, making snowballs to throw carefully at each other or at the staff. The crates and planks have also been popular – some children have walked along them balancing, some have been practising jumping off and others have used them as roads or train tracks. We have **a fantastic new house**, provided by the Friends of St. Mary's, which has become our outside reading area – and we're sure it will be used a lot more in the warmer weather!

The children who took part in the Lent enjoyed themselves, even in the rain, getting very wet and muddy! The older children have started to join the school in worship on a Monday and are enjoying the Bible stories acted out by the 'Open the Book' volunteers. We'll be looking at the Easter story in the Nursery, too.

Cainhoe Castle - Clophill's Hidden Secret (with short AGM)

Monday 9th April, 7.30pm for 7.45pm

Clophill resident Colin Watt will be revealing what's known of the village's history.
Visitors are very welcome.

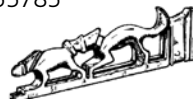
Lecture Theatre, Flitwick Library MK45 1QJ

£2 for members and £3 for visitors, payable on the door.

Further details: clive.makin@ntlworld.com Tel: 01582 655785

www.adalhs.org.uk

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



Jumble Sale

Friday 27th April, 7pm, Clophill Village Hall

Entry 30p per adult, accompanied children free. Refreshments available.

All profits are donated for the direct benefit of the Residents at the

Leonard Cheshire DisABILITY Home in Ampthill.

PS: We'd love to hear from you if you have an hour or two free to help us – especially between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. We'd also be grateful if you have any good-quality jumble for us. Please get in touch on **01525 861110**.

Clophill Friends of the Leonard Cheshire Disability Home at Ampthill

Parish Registers for April

1818

Baptisms obscured

No marriages or burials recorded

1868

Baptisms

Apr 5 William George Sharp
Ann Garner, mother, single woman
Ellen Richardson, mother,
single woman
Martha Coburn, mother,
single woman

Burials

Apr 13 Tamar (?) Heathfield, 60
Apr 23 Emma Lincoln (?), 61

1918

Baptisms

Apr 14 Walter Shotbolt
Albert Edward Shotbolt
Thomas Frederick Geo. Parkinson

Burials

Apr 24 Joshua Boniface (?), 67

1968

*Church closed for roof repairs, services
held in Silsoe*

Burials

Apr 1 Harry Sharp, 87
Apr 23 Sarah King, 70, Methodist

ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTER FOR MARCH Funeral

Mar 5 Mary Robinson (nee Chisholm)

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 March meeting. Here are some of the highlights: Five Grant Aid requests were carefully reviewed by a working party prior to being presented and then voted on by the wider Parish Council at the meeting.

- **Citizen Advice** was awarded £200 for their important outreach work which supports vulnerable residents in Central Bedfordshire. In the past year they've supported two people who live in Clophill.
- **9th Amptill & Woburn (Badger Hill) Scout Group** was awarded £550. They provide great opportunities for 6-25 year olds living in Clophill, Maulden, Gravenhurst, Silsoe, Pulloxhill, Houghton Conquest and Amptill. The group are looking to reach a target of £5,700 to improve their meeting hut and to provide a metal storage container and an improved area for camp fires.
- **St Marys Church** requested a contribution towards the £2,200 required to make some timely repairs to the Tower Belfry roof. The church is a listed building central to village life and can be used by all Parishioners. £550 has already been raised towards this project. An award of (up to) £1,650 was made.
- **Clophill United** was awarded £600. The club currently runs five teams for players who live in Clophill and surrounding villages and the club is expanding. We recognise that it's very positive that young people have the opportunity to play locally and that the club is organised by a committed group of volunteers, which is very commendable.
- **Clophill Pre-School** requested assistance to find an area of Parish Council-owned land to improve their 'Forest School' offer and also funding to both increase an area of patio and to permanently fence their overall outdoor area. A small piece of lightly wooded Parish Council land has been made available and an award of £1,500 was made.

Demonstration of defibrillators Clophill Parish Council has asked The Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) to present and demonstrate the use of defibrillators, such as the ones installed at the Post Office and Village Hall, on the 17th April in the Village Hall at 7pm. CHT will be explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required.

Speeding update The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Shefford Road is set to be replaced by a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in May this year. We hope that this development will help deter speeding through the east entrance to our village. We look forward to meeting SID and will keep you updated when he arrives!

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 or write to him at 31 Plum Tree Road, Lower Stondon SG16 6NE. You can also view information on the Parish website www.clophill-pc.gov.uk

Clophill Parish Council

Continued

Planning

CB/18/00698/FULL

Location: 46 High Street
Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

SUPPORT

CB/18/00862/FULL

Location: Beadlow Manor Hotel And Golf Club, Ampthill Road, Clophill
Proposal: Demolition of existing hotel and erection of new 109-bed, three-storey hotel, 109 space car park, amended internal road layout, attenuation basin, landscaping and associated works. The Council had various concerns, including increased traffic and the lack of detail on the foul water and waste system for this development. However, it was noted that the current hotel is no longer fit for purpose and that potentially this could bring additional employment to the area.

SUPPORT

CB/18/00861/FULL

Location: 34 High Street
Proposal: Demolition of single-storey rear extension and replacement two-storey rear extension and single-storey side extension.

SUPPORT

CB/18/00767/FULL

Location: Land to rear of 15 Jacques Lane
Proposal: Retrospective Change of use: to land at rear of 15 Jacques Lane from Agricultural to Residential Garden use.

SUPPORT

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the VILLAGE HALL
at 7.45pm on Tuesday 24th April

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What's on in and around Clophill


APRIL

**Sunday 22nd**
Earth Open Day 21-4pm, Clophill Eco Lodges. Learn about wilderness crafts. FREE. Book at www.clophillecolodges.org.uk/events

APRIL

**26th, 27th, 28th**
Jack of Diamonds 7.30pm, Westoning Village Hall
See this issue for ticket details

MAY

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

On throughout the month...

One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church. Dates: 14 Apr; 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

Village groups

Beverley Court	860920
Brownies	https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk
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
Clophill United Charities	Gillian Hill 860539
Conservation Group	Brian Adams 862297
Flower Club	Gillian Hill 860539
Friends of the Cheshire Home	Sue Pearson 861110
Funzone After School Club	07903 167493
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Indoor Carpet Bowls	Tony Meredith 860754
Messy Church	Victoria Higgins 07920 568861
	victoriajhiggins@hotmail.co.uk
St Mary's PTA	Julia Skelton 07774 993973
Scouts and Cubs	www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved
Tea and Chat	Anita Errick 860695
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Marilyn Browning 07821 643936

Useful numbers

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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
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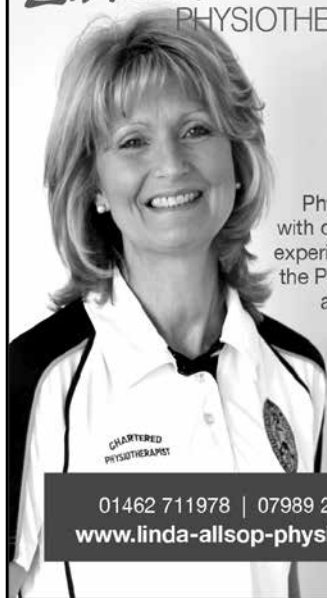
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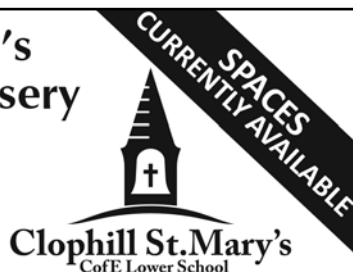
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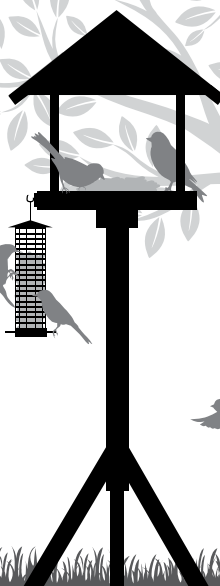
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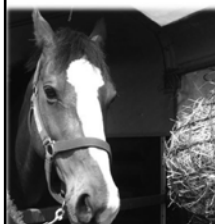


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