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## A word from the Editor...

# Hello!

So, Christmas is nearly here and I hope everyone is looking forward to the festivities. I can't wait to take some time off from work and spend some quality time with family and friends (with generous amounts of chocolate to munch on while I'm at it!).

As 2015 comes to a close I'd like to thank Steve Smith for being Spotlight's distribution manager for the past four years. Steve is now leaving for pastures new and we're looking for his replacement. **Without volunteers like Steve and our wonderful team of Spotlight distributors, we wouldn't be able to deliver the magazine to your door.** That's why I'd urge anyone who can spare a few hours a month to get in touch (details on page 2).

We hope Spotlight will continue in 2016. For now, we'd like to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

*PS: Don't forget – Spotlight takes a break in January so the next issue will be out early February. Copy deadline is 20th January.*



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## Are you interested in the development of the rural economy in the Greensand Ridge area of Central Bedfordshire?

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity has been awarded £1.5 million to set up a local action group in the Central Bedfordshire area.

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**To help:-** Create jobs • Develop rural businesses • Support the local community

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## Wildlife walks & talks



### The Making of the Bedfordshire Countryside

**Monday 7 December, 7.30/7.45pm, Maulden Church Hall**

A talk by Brian Kerr, preceded by an AGM at 7.15pm.

*\*£2 per adult suggested donation*

### Birds without Frontiers

**Monday 18 January, 7.45pm, Maulden Church Hall**

A talk by Peter Holden. *\*£2 per adult suggested donation*

For additional information please email [flitvale.info@gmail.com](mailto:flitvale.info@gmail.com)  
or ring Ann on 07890 347327 between 6pm and 8pm or at weekends



# News from Clophill Heritage Trust

Bedford Town 'Progress Brass' Band



## The Old Church and Eco Lodges

As reported in last month's Spotlight, our Halloween launch of the church and lodges was a huge success. Five hundred people came out to celebrate and enjoy the fun on the sunshine-filled day.

The proceedings were opened by Bedford Town 'Progress Brass' Band, and during the event we enjoyed performances from the Hemlock Morris Dancers and Sophie May's School of Dance. Abseiling was the order of the day, with particular thanks going to Nick Kier

a deputy to the Lord Lieutenant of the County, who overcame his fear of heights to raise £1,000 for the church restoration fund.

There was plenty of food and drink, including a fire pit for marshmallows and a lovely drop of Old Church Real Ale from the Ampthill Brewhouse. Plus, the Tractor and Trailer shuttle service from the Village Hall to Great Lane was hugely popular!

We'd like to thank everyone – from those involved with staging the event to all those who turned up on the day to help us celebrate. It showed that local community support for this project remains strong.



Nick Kier goes abseiling



Mr Charles Whitbread of Southill Estates, who delivered the opening address, chats with villagers Lisa King & Dave O'Neill

One of the aims of the Clophill Parish Plan 2008 was to try to eradicate vandalism, anti-social behaviour and illegal night-time activity at the Old Church site. The Clophill Heritage Trust was founded by local volunteers in 2010 and although the project has taken five years to complete the 'crime' rate has been driven down – for which we must also thank the Police and local PCSOs.

## Volunteers needed

Do get in touch if you have some free time and would like to help out. You can call Ali Bradbury (07894 710001), John Wright (07860 839845) or Barry Breed (01525 860834).

Visit us at [www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk](http://www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk) or make a booking at [info@ClophillHeritage.org](mailto:info@ClophillHeritage.org)



The Old Church Real Ale went down a treat

Caritas Harmony

# *Christmas Concert*

13th December 2015. 6pm.

St Mary's RC Church, Dunstable

This Concert includes songs performed by

**The Hadrian Academy Choir**

Tickets £7 - 15yrs and under go free

For tickets please contact

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# Clophill Preschool News

Christmas is nearly here and our children are getting very excited – as are we! We've been practising our **Nativity (with a difference)** with all of our children. We know it's very important that each and every child has the opportunity to participate no matter their talent. Performing in front of others, especially parents, can be a scary but hugely rewarding experience for all children.

With the support of staff all our children are encouraged to be brave and stand up and have a go. It doesn't matter if they forget the songs or their lines – it's just fantastic to see children blossom from the achievement of a performance. We hope everyone enjoys the show.

This term has already seen quite a lot in the way of festivals and important days. For Halloween we made messy play pumpkin cauldrons; for Bonfire Night we rolled golf balls in paint on black paper to make fantastic fireworks pictures; and we drew poppies on the patio in Armistice week. We also **celebrated Diwali** – we read the story, made Rangoli patterns and the staff dressed up in traditional dress for the children to see. We also like to try different

types of food linked to some of our festivals so we've been eating naan bread and vegetable pakoras as well as making spiced gingerbread men for Christmas. We can't wait for Chinese New Year!

In our final week of the term we'll have our **famous Christmas craft session**. It always has our parents a little worried but these concerns are soon put to one side when they realise how parent-friendly our activities are. There is, of course, a lot of glitter involved but it's a great family session when we invite the children and their grown-ups in for some festive fun – with tea and cake to get them through it. Also in the last week we have Graham the Minister coming in to read the Christmas story to the children. It's a real treat if you haven't heard him do it before (complete with angel-wing actions).

As we look forward to the New Year and reflect on the last three at Clophill Preschool we're very proud of our setting and its fantastic staff. It's such a fun place to work and there can be no more rewarding job than teaching our children to be independent, friendly and considerate of others while educating them about the world around them and feeding their imaginations. We love building bonds with our children and getting to know their families, watching children flourish and supporting them to achieve whilst having fun and learning ourselves. What a great job!

• You can get in touch with Imogen on **07765 887868** or Chris on **07936 006381** – or drop us a line at [clophillpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:clophillpreschool@gmail.com) And check out our website at [www.clophillpreschool.co.uk](http://www.clophillpreschool.co.uk)

Assistant Lynne dresses up for Diwali



## Thank shoe very much\* ...

Pete and Vaughan would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated shoes to NOAH Luton, a charity that supports the homeless.

'We set up a collection box with the aim of collecting 200 pairs of men's shoes in 90 days – **and ended up with 500!** We're delighted that so many villagers rallied to the cause and NOAH are very, very grateful.'

\*Pun provided by Vaughan



## Can you spare a little of your time?

**Do you have car, a driving licence and a few hours a week to spare?**

Clophill Community Care is looking to recruit more volunteers – of all ages – to join its small team. In the ten years since it was founded, Clophill Community Care's volunteers have helped 100 villagers – mainly but not exclusively the elderly – by providing transport to local surgeries and hospitals. We also undertake a variety of non-transport tasks.

Almost all jobs are on Mondays to Fridays between 9am and 5pm.

*To find out more please get in touch on 07791 773705*

## Does anyone have a keyboard?

Does anyone have a keyboard they could lend to St Mary's Church, either on a temporary basis for the run-up to Christmas, or semi-permanently, on the understanding that it may be reclaimed at any time?

*If you can help, please contact Adrienne Gordon on 860875*

## From Lawyer to Gambler – The Earls of Hardwick at Wimpole

**Monday 7th December**

This talk by Barbara Farn includes a link with Wrest Park.

Plus enjoy a glass of wine and a mince pie afterwards.

## Ecclesiastical Buildings in Beds & Herts

**Monday 1 February 2016**

Michael Dales, director of the Michael Dales Partnership, talks about the challenge of these buildings' care and upkeep.

## Bedfordshire: An Unassuming County

**Monday 7 March 2016**

Brian Kerr, soil scientist and author, on local history and geology – how our lifestyle and future are reflected in our landscape.

Visitors are very welcome.

Venue: **Lecture Theatre, Flitwick Library**, 7.30pm for 7.45 pm

£2 for members and £3 for visitors is payable on the door

For further details contact Clive Makin at [clive.makin@ntlworld.com](mailto:clive.makin@ntlworld.com)

or call 01582 655785, [www.adalhs.org.uk](http://www.adalhs.org.uk)

**Amphill & District Archaeological & Local History Society**





# St Mary's School News



Last month's Fireworks night was an outstanding success both in terms of a fantastic event and the money it produced for the school. This year **a record-breaking £4,347 was raised** which we hope to use towards improving the playground and sports field. School is very grateful to 'Friends of St Mary's' for the time they all donated to ensure the night was well organised and to parents and other kind helpers who gave their time on the night and to clear up the next day. We certainly hope 'the Village' enjoyed the occasion!

December is probably the most exciting month in school for the children. They're looking forward to entertaining their parents and carers with our **Christmas production of 'Hey Ewe' on Monday 7th**. Reception children don't take part in the school play but they get their chance to 'shine' as they lead in the **Nativity Service** in the Church on the 18th. St Mary's School Choir will be visiting Beverley Court to sing carols, plus the children are very excited about their trip to Milton Keynes theatre to watch 'Aladdin'. And on the 16th the whole school will enjoy **a traditional Christmas lunch followed by a visit from Santa**.

Our value for this month is *Equality and Justice*

This month we'll be exploring these values with the children. They'll learn that justice means giving all people what's right and fair for them to have. It's about acting out of a concern for what's right and not for punishing those 'who have done wrong' but instead helping them to understand the choices they should've made.

Through equality we'll be teaching the children that everyone deserves equal rights regardless of the factors they might have that are different. The children will learn about some of the rights they have but also the responsibility that comes with these; helping them to understand both how they should be treated and how they should treat others.

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## Acorn Nursery News

We had a great start to our new theme of 'People Who Help us', with a visit from Rob (Luke's Daddy) who's a fireman. We've been looking at how parents, teachers, vets and hospital workers have helped us over the past few weeks, and with Christmas coming we're now looking at the help we get from busy post workers! We've introduced our online learning journals to parents of nursery children and hope they enjoy being able to see what their children do at the nursery each day and letting us know events at home, too.

We'd like to welcome Nicky and Tracy to the nursery as staff members. They're enjoying getting to know all of the children.

*Mrs K. Bingley, Headteacher*

***We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.***



St Mary the Virgin Church, Clophill



# Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

12 noon – 2pm

A 3 course festive meal with drinks

Christmas Raffle Everyone very welcome

£7.50 - to reserve a place sign the sheet in the  
Church or phone

Carolyn 01462 815433

or Gillian 01525 860339



FunZone Breakfast/After School Club, Clophill

## Qualified Play Leader Required

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**FunZone** is recruiting for an enthusiastic PLAY LEADER for our out-of-school hours club. The Play Leader will work alongside one other Play Leader and a team of Play Workers to provide exciting activities for children between the ages of 4 and 12 years. Good rates of pay offered. Please contact Mrs Rosemary ILETT for a Job Description and application form on 01525 860274

FunZone is the Breakfast and After School Club located in St Mary's Church, Clophill

# Remembering Clophill's fallen



*On 24th December it will be 100 years since our villager, Ernest Eddy, died fighting in the First World War. We thought it would be fitting to tell a little of his story – and in future issues of Spotlight to feature more of Clophill's fallen as their centenary approaches. In total, Clophill lost 24 men.*

**Ernest Eddy** was born in Clophill and lived in 2 Free Gardener's Cottage, Back Street, with his parents Frank and Clara. Both he and his father were farm labourers. Ernest served with the 5th Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment, which left for Gallipoli in July 1915. Only a small number of the battalion remained by December and were due to be sent to Egypt. Ernest accidentally drowned, at Mudros, Greece, at the age

of 19. He's commemorated in the Portianos Military Cemetery in Lemnos, Greece, and is also remembered in the First Extension of the graveyard at the Old Church.

*Two of the 100-year anniversaries, for John Bone and Harry Horace Quenby, have already passed but we'd like to honour them now.*

**John Bone** was born in Northill in 1879 and by 1911 was living with his widowed father, James, a farmer and local Methodist preacher, on Glen Farm in Great Lane. John had been a veteran of the Boer War (see picture) and was then on reserve. He was called up at the outbreak of the war, joined the 1st Bedfords and was sent to France. He was killed in action, aged 35, in the 1st Battle of Ypres on 9th November 1914. John's family received no news of him for over a year and his father travelled to wherever he heard of soldiers who'd returned from France to ask if they knew anything of his son. He's commemorated in the largest Cemetery for Commonwealth forces – Tyne Cot in Flanders, Belgium.



**Harry Horace Quenby** was born in Clophill in 1872, one of six children born to James – an innkeeper and Master Baker at The Compasses pub – and Harriett. By 1911 Harry was living with his widowed mother and his four surviving siblings in Back Street, in the house next door to what is now 'House Beautiful', which his father had once owned. Harry worked as a roadman for the County Council but enlisted as soon as war was declared (he'd also served in the Boer War). He was a Private in the 2nd Battalion of the Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment which was shipped to France in November 1914. His battalion fought at Ypres, Aubers Ridge, Festubert, Loos and the Somme, later it was sent to Italy.

Harry was awarded The 1914 Star, a medal for service in France or Belgium between 5 August and 22 November 1914. He died of his wounds in Lincoln Hospital on 23rd January 1915 aged 44. He's commemorated in Newport Cemetery, Lincoln.

*Sue Pearson and Colin Watt*

• Our next feature will be on John Doggett in the March 2016 issue of Spotlight.

## Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

### *Roast Sea Bass with Salsa Verde*



#### INGREDIENTS Serves 4

- 4 small sea bass
- bunch of fresh flat-leaf parsley
- bunch of fresh basil
- 5 anchovy fillets
- 2 tsp salted capers
- 1 clove of garlic
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- juice of 1 unwaxed lemon
- freshly ground black pepper

1. Preheat your oven to 180°.
2. Lightly oil a baking tray.
3. Place the fish onto the tray. Using a sharp knife, make three slashes on one side of each fish.
4. Rinse your capers in a small sieve to remove the salt.
5. To prepare the salsa verde, finely chop together the parsley, basil, anchovies, garlic and capers.
6. Put the salsa verde into a small bowl and add the lemon juice, olive oil and a little black pepper.
7. Spoon a small amount of the salsa verde into each of the slashes on the fish.
8. Place the fish in the oven and roast for 15 minutes.
9. Rotate the baking tray to ensure even cooking and roast for a further 10 mins.
10. Serve the rest of the salsa in small individual bowls alongside the roasted fish.
11. You can accompany your fish with new potatoes and green beans.

**TIP:** If you can't find unwaxed lemons, run your lemon under warm water for about a minute then polish with kitchen paper to remove any wax that may have been sprayed onto the lemon.

***Casa Fellini would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your family and friends a very Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year***

## Could you be a volunteer driver or befriender?

Agate House, a Leonard Cheshire Disability nursing home in Ampthill, is looking for volunteers to help with a range of tasks including:

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# Clophill Parish Council

## Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 24th November 2015

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December is a month where 'Reviews of the Year' can be seen in almost every media outlet – and we at Clophill Parish Council are no exception. We wanted to write a few words to reflect on what has been an eventful time for both the council, and our village as a whole.

Around a year ago work began on the removal of the **old concrete bridge**. Cllr Ralph Brough comments: 'It's often difficult to remind ourselves what an eyesore the southern corner of the Green used to be.' Other work in that area of the village has included **new fencing by the river**. 'The area beside the river now provides a safer place for children as well as looking smart,' says Cllr Suzy Barlow, who organised the new fencing.

In April, work on the '**Neighbourhood Plan**' (for which planning began in 2014) led to the distribution of the questionnaire across the village. Cllr Paul Downing, who has spent time with Cllr GP Mantini and Co-opted Member Steve Rodell (and others) on the plan, says: 'Work on the plan included public briefings and meetings and the questionnaire was circulated and returned by almost 30% of the village households. The Parish Council continues with this, the most significant piece of strategic work, which will shape the village for the next 30 years.'

Back in May 2014, Clophill Parish Council persuaded Central Bedfordshire Council to remark and re-sign the school crossing – **making the area safer for our children** around drop-off and pickup times. The council is now actively working with the school and CBC to develop an opportunity for a school crossing patrol.

It was in July, around the one-year anniversary of the tragic death of a young man from Luton, that the Parish Council arranged for some warning signs to be put up around 'the Lakes' site.

In the last couple of months, information has been slowly revealed about Gallagher Estates' ideas for the development of '**the Lakes**' site. Clophill Parish Council has been keen to hear the views of villagers, as these plans will have an effect on us all. Cllr Roland Browne says: 'There's still a long way to go and your Council has not yet made its decision so your views are important to us.' The council is discussing ways in which the villagers can continue to be involved with the discussions and remain updated with information about the development. This may involve a working group but more details on this will become available in the New Year.

There have been so many other things we could mention here, such as the maintenance of the village green, the money contributed towards the new Methodist Church roof, the election in May, the maintenance of the playground next to the village hall and the planning applications that are analysed every month. As a council we're determined to work hard for Clophill.

Throughout the year the Council has maintained a steady hand on the finances so we hope to be able to hold the precept for the fifth year in succession.

Finally, this is the year that **Clophill Parish Council joined Facebook** – and our page has been read by thousands of Facebook users.

*Thank you all for your support in 2015 and for making our fine village such a special place to live in. Clophill Parish Council wishes you all a fantastic Christmas and a happy New Year.*

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# Clophill & District Flower Club

Last month, our Flower Club fell on Bonfire Night and we certainly saw plenty of sparklers during the **'Remember, Remember'** demonstration given by Jane Ellis. Jane, who's a NAFAS Area Demonstrators' representative for the Home Counties Area, covered all sorts of things we remember during our lives, including Guy Fawkes and Remembrance Day.

Starting with a container that resembled a bonfire in shape Jane added long pussy willow stems and feathery foliage to imitate flames going skywards. She then placed some white dahlias at the base of the foliage stems as embers and some taller burnt orange-coloured proteas above them to give the effect of heat. Next up was Jane's Remembrance Day tribute – a cross-shaped arrangement of tall green formium leaves set off by blood red carnations.

During the evening Jane, who trains up-and-coming flower arrangers ready for their test to become an Area Demonstrator, gave us an insight into what's involved. During their test, demonstrators have 20 minutes to prepare two different arrangements – all the while talking about the attributes of flower arranging. Not only that, they also have to identify, using the Latin names, at least 10 types of plant material they've used. No mean task, methinks!

Back to the arrangements, and Jane told us her very first memory was of her little tricycle with a boot on the back that she used to transport her teddy bears. To remind us of this she added a colourful autumnal arrangement of beech leaves in golds, oranges and browns along with apricot gladioli to a little wicker tricycle.

Her final design – of course – was to depict fireworks. It was a fabulous arrangement with a large allium seed head and tall stems of white feathery cow parsley flowers that really brought to mind a shower of sparkle. Other pin points of colour were included using some amazing red/orange/yellow tinged roses which were fireworks in themselves. *Joan Palmer*



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# What's on in and around Clophill

DECEMBER		<b>Thursday 10th</b> <b>Carol Singing</b> at the Stone Jug. With Hitchin Town Brass Band, from 8pm.
		<b>Saturday 12th</b> <b>Christmas Concert</b> With Greensand Community Choir and Military Wives Choir of Chicksands and Henlow, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Clophill. <i>See ad on p20 for full details.</i> <b>Live Music</b> Out of the Hat play at the Stone Jug from 9pm.
		<b>Sunday 13th</b> <b>Christmas Concert</b> St Mary's RC Church, Dunstable. <i>See the poster in this issue for ticket details.</i>
		<b>Wednesday 16th</b> <b>Christmas Lunch</b> St Mary's Church, Clophill, noon-2pm. <i>See the poster in this issue for more details.</i>
		<b>Sunday 27th</b> <b>Live Music</b> Ollie & Will play at the Stone Jug from 5pm.
		<b>31st New Years Eve Fun</b> Welcome in 2016 at the Stone Jug, with a DJ spinning the tunes.

## On throughout the month...

### Wednesdays...

- **'Tea and Chat'** 10.30am-noon, Clophill Methodist Church Schoolroom
- **Zumba Toning** 8pm-9pm, Clophill Village Hall

### Thursdays...

- **Coffee & Catch-up** Clophill Methodist Church. *Term time only.*

### Fridays...

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

### One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church, 12 December; 16 January; 13 February; 12 March; 16 April; 7 May; 11 June; 16 July; 17 September; 15 October; 19 November; 17 December. All-age craft activities, worship and a meal for all the family. No fixed charge, donations welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

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)

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### 1815

#### Baptisms

December 24	John Field Thomas Lincoln
December 25	Elizabeth Wilstead Mealman (?)

#### Burials

December 14	Sarah Izzard wife of John
December 23	Laurence (?) Taylor of Maulden
December 25	William Barnard (?) son of Thomas
December 28	Thomas Mayhew

### 1865

#### Baptisms

December 6	Eliza Stimson Cyril Lincoln (?)
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#### Burials

December 4	Ann Hyde, 69
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### 1915

#### Baptisms

December 5	Eileen (?) Grummitt, daughter of Thirza (single woman) Ellen Elizabeth Cooper (? Father in 5th battalion fusiliers)
December 26	Joyce Winifred Lee of Biggleswade

#### Marriages

December 7	Henry (?) Jones, 25, to Maud Emily Perkins, 24
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#### Burials

December 1	Sidney James Sharman, aged 7 months
December 16	George Chapman, 71

### 1965

#### Burials

December 4	Henry Jackson, 64
December 16	Elsie Corina Everitt, 70



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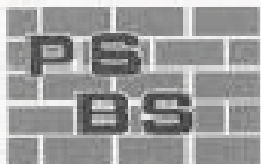
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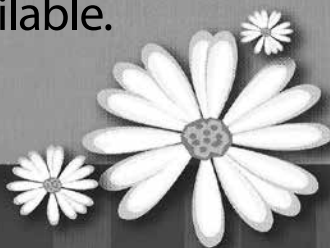
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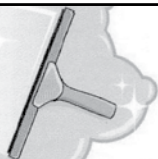
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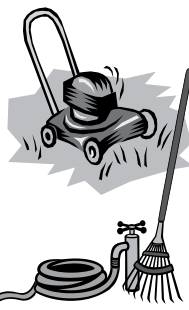
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