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A word from the Editor...

Welcome back...



Some good news to start 2015. Last year, I entered Spotlight magazine in the **National Parish Magazine Awards** and I'm chuffed to bits to let you know that **we came 36 out of 600 entrants**. Not bad for a first go, eh?

I'll have to save the acceptance speech until we win, but for now I'd like to thank the Spotlight staff as well as our distributors and contributors for all their hard work in getting the magazine out each month. And I'd like to say a special big thank you to **Mike Benson** and **Ralph Brough** who kept Spotlight going for so many years, before retiring from duties.

Ta-ra until next month!

PS: Don't forget Shrove Tuesday on 17th February



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20th of the month

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www.clophillspotlight.co.uk

Concert at St Mary's Church



On December 13 2014, a packed church and delighted audience were treated to a polished and varied performance by the Greensand Community Choir and the Military Wives Choir of Chicksands and Henlow. The choirs were directed by Luke Howard and accompanied by Joy Curtis on the piano.

Songs during the evening ranged from the Native American Indian Song of Fire to musical numbers like All That Jazz from Chicago, spirituals and carols old and new. The performance was followed by some

delicious home-baking and drinks. Sorry to all of you who missed it and we really hope the choirs will be back again!

We at St Mary's Church are most appreciative to have received a third of the proceeds from the evening, which **raised a total of £536** and was shared equally between ourselves, CLIC Sargent (supporting children with cancer) and the Military Wives Choir Foundation.

We send our thanks, congratulations and good wishes to everyone involved.
Liz Henman

St Marys Church, Clophill

Lent Lunches

Raffle



Bring & Buy

25th February
4th March
11th March
18th March
25th March

St Mary's Church
10 The Causeway
Corner Cottage, 2 The Slade
Clophill Methodist Church
TBA

12 noon-2pm

Everyone very welcome

For information phone Liz Henman 01525 860108 Please call if you require transport

News from Clophill Heritage Trust

Room entrance doors early evening in low winter sun



The Old Church

The guided Tower Tours remained popular over the Christmas and New Year period. There's now a constant stream of visitors, particularly at weekends. In good weather with clear blue skies and backlighting from a low winter the views can be spectacular and well worth the entrance fee.

The Ecolodges

Following receipt of the generous grant from the Frank Branston Family Trust (reported in the December issue) instructions have now been placed to proceed with connection of the Lodges to the National Grid, thus securing a full power supply. This will provide light and power to The Old Church and will mean that the Community Room can become fully operational. In the meantime, locally based contractors Andy Gardner and Robin Odell are progressing with the installation of

timber and glass balustrades on the Lodge balconies, plus carpentry in the Community Room. Richard Hudson continues daily site maintenance work, security and public liaison.

Forthcoming Course

1-Day Bird of Prey Photography Course Saturday 28th February

Andy Fox, Clophill-based specialist wildlife photographer, will be holding a photography course at the Ecolodges, featuring Tawny, Barn and Short-eared Owls plus a Peregrine Falcon. The class will run from 10am-4pm and costs £90 (including access to the Church Tower). Book early to avoid disappointment – see contact details below.

Vacancy for volunteer clerk

We're looking for a volunteer clerk to help with clerical tasks, including taking minutes, preparing agendas, rotas and other administrative matters – probably no more than 2 hours per week. If you're interested, please email us at info@clophillheritage.org

Contacts: Ali Bradbury (07894 710001), John Wright (07860 839845) or Barry Breed (01525 860834).

Clophill Daffodils...

The daffodils are already emerging down on The Green, so please could folks avoid trampling on them. Thank you! *Jane Breed*



Tower tours

St. Mary's old church, Clophill

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Clophill Preschool News



Welcome back!

The first half of the Spring term has been a busy time for us as we welcome four more families to Preschool.

We started this term with **Box Week**. We brought in an array of cardboard boxes – big, small and everything in between. The empty boxes really fuelled the children's imaginations; they were made into trains, trailers, cars, robots – even a television, which the children used with an old TV remote to 'change the channel'.

We then used the boxes as canvases for mark making which engaged even those who wouldn't usually draw on paper – there was something about the scale and the novelty that



drew them in. Some children stood the cardboard up to make an underwater scene and **drew sharks with fish in their tummies**, others lay down on the floor and drew patterns, shapes and letters. One child said his pictures would 'make a great story' as he started to draw.

For us mark making isn't just about sitting at a table and using pen and paper. In everyday life we write in so many different places and in so many different ways. By using clipboards, cardboard, blackboards, even the floor outside, and providing a variety of mark making tools like **chalk, paint and shaving foam** we allow all children to develop their early writing skills in whichever format they're interested in.

We've been focusing a lot of our play in the Messy Area with oats and other cereals. This is a great place to develop language; the children chatted about what they ate for breakfast and discussed the texture of the cereals: **'crinkly', 'crunchy', 'popping' and 'snapping'**. They used words connected with capacity and developed their fine motor skills as they scooped, poured, sprinkled and scrunched, learning to share and use tools with care. This area is always busy and gradually spreads across the room but the children help to tidy it away at the end of play with the help of our new dustpan and broom.



We're always re-evaluating our setting to offer our children the best possible care and learning experiences. We recently purchased some **fantastic educational toys** and we hope to fund-raise to buy some more. Money from last year's Egg Hunt was used to buy a new table as well as lots of messy play materials, paper and card.

This Easter we're hoping to hold another Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 28th March and may even be including a Dog Show and Cake Competition. Do contact us if you'd like an entry form, and look out for more details in the next issue of Spotlight. And if any of you have some free time to help, we'd love to hear from you. **Chris & Imogen**

Get in touch on **07732 872685** or **clophillpreschool@gmail.com**



Clophill through the years

by Colin Watt

Trade Tokens

Last year there was a 17th-century trade token from Clophill for sale on eBay which got me interested in these coins, so here's a little history.

In the 17th century, like nowadays, the minting of coins was strictly controlled. Only the King could give permission to mint coins. For village people the availability of small denomination coins was essential for them to make their everyday purchases. The **silver farthing** was last produced in the reign of Edward VI (1547-1553), but had gradually been reduced in size until its use became impractical. In the 17th century James I authorised the issue of **tin-coated bronze farthings**.

issued. With the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, King Charles II banned tokens and in 1672 the Royal Mint started to issue copper farthings.

In Clophill a token, to the value of one farthing, was issued, which is shown in the photo. There are examples of this token in museums, including the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and they appear at auctions. The one that was on eBay was in poor condition, but there are fine examples, as this photo from an online catalogue for an auction of British Trade Tokens, Tickets and Passes, Numismatic Books in 2012 by the auction company Dix Noonan Webb shows. It was sold for £40.



During the chaos of the English Civil War (1641-45) there was a shortage of small change. After Charles I was beheaded (1649) and Oliver Cromwell formed the Commonwealth of England, local tradesmen took matters into their own hands and had tokens of small denominations made. **They were called tokens because their face value was lower than their metal value.** They were usually made of brass, an alloy of copper and zinc. The tradesmen's customers trusted them to redeem the tokens for their face value.

During the period 1648 to 1672 it's estimated that up to **20,000 different tokens** were

On one side it says 'IOHN CARTER' and there is an image of a cylindrical object with a spindle or shaft at each end. On the other side it says 'IN CLOPHILL 1666'. In the centre of this side are the initials I, C and S separated by stars.

John is a 17th-century spelling of John as I and J were interchangeable then. The cylinder is the sign of a mercer, **a merchant who sells cloth and other things**, and represents a roll of cloth. (Some auction houses erroneously list the coin as having the sign of a tobacconist as they used a roll of tobacco as their sign.) His trade is confirmed by a record of the High Sheriff of Bedford's Assizes in 1677. A John Carter of Clophill, mercer, had his shop at Flitton broken into by a boy, John Harper, who said he was looking for something to eat.

You may have expected that someone with the surname Carter was in the transport business, as his ancestors surely were, but it appears that he had two shops, one in Clophill and one in Flitton, selling cloth and other goods.

The initials I and C are for John Carter and the S is for his first wife, Sarah. **The token was issued in 1666, the year of the Great Fire of London.** The token has a diameter of 17mm and a weight of 1.63g.

John would have given the tokens as change for larger denominations and his customers would have used them later for further purchases.

Other shops in the village may have accepted them, if John was a trusted businessman, to overcome the shortage of small change. Hopefully, John redeemed holders of the tokens at their face value when Charles II banned their use in 1672.

Find out more about Clophill's history at **www.clophillhistory.org.uk**

Let's talk about...Pensions

with Sally Cobban



Hello everyone! I do hope you all got your tax returns in by 31st January. This month I'm going to be guiding you through new law on **workplace pensions and automatic enrolment**, which you may have heard about.

It's called automatic enrolment because **if you're an employee**, you'll be automatically enrolled into one of the pension schemes by your employer. You can then opt out if you so desire.

However, **if you're an employer you'll need to take steps** to ensure that you're fulfilling your obligations.

- Firstly, go to **www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk** – it gives you lots of helpful information.
- Each employer has a date by which they need to comply with the law. This is called the staging date. On the website you'll find a tool that tells you when the date is – the good news is that for most smaller companies it will be 2016 or 2017, so you still have plenty of time.

- You need to complete certain tasks by your staging date. One of the tasks is to assess your workforce to see who's eligible – generally, it will be employees who earn more than £10k per year, work in the UK and are between 22 and state pension age. You'll then need to pick a pension scheme and tell all your staff what is going on.
- Don't worry – there are plenty of pension providers and pension schemes to choose from. Pension contributions from your limited company will be tax deductible.

For those of you who have a **personal pension**, there are also new rules which give you more options as to what to do with your pension pot. Previously you were forced to buy an annuity but now you can treat your pension pot more like a normal savings fund. You can still draw 25% of your pension pot as a tax-free lump sum, then any other amounts drawn out of your pension – in whatever form – will be taxable.

I would always **recommend taking the maximum of the full 25%** then topping up ISAs, premium bonds etc to keep this money outside the scope of tax.

Enjoy the rest of your February and do get in touch with any queries.

If you need any help then please do get in touch with me at **sally@sjtax.co.uk** or **07899 808592**



St Mary's School News

Having all returned, I hope, from a lovely restful Christmas holiday I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year! The children have settled back into school very well and we're looking forward to another successful and productive term.

We've been pleased to welcome some new children and their families to St Mary's this term. They are Joshua and Sophia Minott into Hazel Class, and Eva Stanbridge, Joshua Edmundson and Joshua Tsang into Acorn Nursery.

Chestnut-Oak value for February is *Quality (and Creation)*

If you'd like to help your child with their understanding of this you could consider the following points:

- To achieve something of quality you must do something to the best of your ability, using the best materials or best thoughts you have.
- Quality thoughts lead to quality words; quality words lead to quality actions.
- Quality can be demonstrated if you have improved on something you have tried before.
- Qualities can be shown to others; those living all our values will have the best qualities.
- Recognising our appreciation of quality, making sure that we take care of, for example, the World God created for us.



New school gates

I hope you've all had chance to see our beautiful new school gates. These were designed by one of our teachers, Mrs Wood, with input from the pupils via the school council. Nigel and the team at Pressfab in Flitwick then put our design into action. We feel they proudly share our Christian values with the whole community.

Football matches: Tigers and Panthers

I was very excited to hear that on Saturday 10th January both our Year 4 football teams (Clophill Tigers and Clophill Panthers) attended the Mid Beds Mini League winter festival where local teams play against each other. Due to FA rules this is the only competitive football the children are allowed to play where the winners receive a trophy.

The Tigers played against GP (Greenfield & Pulloxhill), Silsoe and Templefield and for the first time beat GP and went on to win the league. This was a fantastic achievement and demonstrates how the children are now playing as a team and not individuals. All the Tigers received trophies and we also have a trophy which is displayed in the cabinet in the porch. The Panthers also did a terrific job in their matches against Maulden, Silsoe and GP, with a great team victory against Maulden 2-1, so all their hard work in training paid off.

Congratulations to both teams who are as follows:-

Tigers: Tobin Marshall, Ethan Downing, Felix Moon, Evan Hunt, Emilio Valentino-Karrar, Kian Edwards, Rueben Birch, Josh Watson and Team player of the festival Toby Robinson.

Panthers: Isabelle Jones, Toby Fortune, Nathan Lathwell Callum Skelton, Sofia Waywell-Barker, Kees Ramsey, Roman Sam and Team player of the festival Lewis Roberts.

Acorn Nursery News

Our theme this term is: going on a bear hunt.

We'll be looking at different types of bears and where they live as well as bear stories, and we'll be ending the term with a Teddy Bears Picnic. We'll also be celebrating Chinese New Year and Easter, too.



Our value this half term is Respect.

We're learning to show respect to each other; using please and thank you, and talking kindly to each other. We're also looking at respecting our resources – picking up things that have fallen, handling things carefully etc.

Mrs K. Bingley, Headteacher

Admissions for September 2015

- **16 January 2015 to 30 April** Late applications received during these dates will be processed in the late allocation round.
- **30 April 2015** Parent/carers who are declining the place offered or wish to change their preferences need to submit a change of preference form by this date to be considered in the late allocation round.
- **8 June 2015** Late allocation round offer day – decision letters posted out via a 2nd class post, so will arrive a few days later.
- **During June 2015** Late applications received after 30 April will be processed during this month.

To apply online go to www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

Spezzatino con le Patate

(Casserole of beef with saffron & potatoes)



INGREDIENTS Serves 4

- 800g steak
- 500g waxy potatoes
- plain flour for dusting
- sprig of fresh Rosemary
- 50g pancetta, cut into cubes
- 1 fresh bay leaf
- 1 tsp tomato concentrate
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 sachet of saffron
- salt & freshly ground black pepper
- extra virgin olive oil
- small knob of butter
- small glass of dry white wine
- 1 litre vegetable stock (fresh or cube)

1. Cut your steak into cubes removing any fat or gristle.
2. Toss the cubes in flour and then place in a sieve and shake to remove any excess flour.
3. Peel the garlic, remove the rosemary from the stalk and finely chop together.
4. Gently heat a splash of olive oil and the knob of butter in a pan and gently fry the cubed pancetta for 1-2 minutes and then add in the cubed steak. Continue to fry for a further 3-4 minutes, stirring to stop the meat sticking to the pan.
5. Add in the chopped garlic and rosemary and moisten with the wine.
6. While the wine is evaporating add in the tomato concentrate, three soup ladles of hot stock, the bay leaf and the saffron.
7. Season to taste.
8. Cover the pan and simmer for about 1hr 40 mins, stirring from time to time to avoid it sticking, and adding in more stock as required.
9. Peel the potatoes and cut into large cubes.
10. Add these to the casserole with an additional two soup ladles of stock.
11. Cook until the potatoes are tender, stirring from time to time but being careful not to break up the potatoes. Add more stock if required.
12. Serve piping hot decorated with a little more chopped rosemary.

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

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Clophill & District Flower Club



Christmas began for the members and friends of our Flower Club on 4th December, when Anna Steven came to entertain us with **flowers and lots of bling**. Anna lives in a town house in Oxford with very little space for big arrangements at Christmas, but she imagined that it was large and her designs were fitting for a very gracious home.

In the hall, guests would be welcomed with a beautiful orange display of lilies, gerbera and calla lilies. On the front door would be a ring made of birch twigs, decorated with red and gold leaves and baubles. For her table decoration, which was in a container made of silver stars, Anna chose silver and pink, with white and pink orchids flowing from the centre.

To stand in the hearth was a pedestal dripping with silver baubles accompanied by traditional foliage, red roses and gerberas. To decorate a large windowsill Anna used red, orange and purple flowers in different shapes and forms then **added the wow factor** with three stems of large purple orchids that perfectly matched her contemporary container.

The final two designs of green, white and silver would be ideal for a church at Christmas or even a **white winter wedding**. The arrangements were so big I struggled to get one in my car at the end of the evening, having been lucky to win it in the raffle.



2014 was a very successful year for Clophill and District Flower Club and our membership grew to 72 members. We've **raised £1,000 to donate to Carers in Bedfordshire** who were our charity for 2014.

We have a full programme booked for 2015 and we would welcome new members and visitors to any of our meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of every month.

Carolyn Cranswick, Chairman of Clophill & District Flower Club

What, Where, When

Some objects and their stories

Monday 1st December Speaker: Tony Eaton

A personal collection of artefacts. Many look familiar at first glance
– but do we know what they are?

The Ladies of Wrest Park

Monday 2nd March

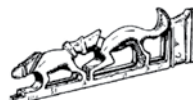
Speaker: Debbie Radcliffe, Volunteer Researcher

The ladies' considerable influence in the development of the houses and garden

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, 7.30pm for 7.45 pm
£2 for members and £2.50 for visitors, payable on the door

For further details contact Clive Makin on 01582 655785
or clive.makin@ntlworld.com, www.adalhs.org.uk

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



Carl does it again!

Carl Colyer's annual Christmas Lights show raised **£340 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance**. 'Thank you for all your donations in supporting this great charity,' says Carl, who has been wowing Clophill residents with his Christmas lights for six years now. 'And a special thank you to my father, Ian, for all his help in setting everything up!'

CLOPHILL TODDLER GROUP

Understanding the importance of a child's play

LOTS OF TOYS, SPACE AND FRIENDS
FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS UNDER 3

FRIDAYS 10.00 – 12.00 at the Village Hall
See 'Village Groups' for contact details



Parish registers for January & February

The annual visit to the County Records Office to research the Parish Registers is one of the events I always anticipate with enthusiasm, because I never know what I'm going to find. This year I discovered a father described as 'a chocolate refiner'!, another a 'steam roller driver' and most surprisingly 'a computer programmer' in 1965 – surely a very early reference to this occupation.

Adrienne Gordon

1815

Baptisms

January 22	Elizabeth Hines (?)
January 23	Rebecca Elizabeth Sharpe
February 19	Sarah Cogect(?), father a 'pedler'(sic)

Marriages

January 21	Abraham Somerfield (sic) to Mary?
February 1	Frederick Goodfellow (?) to Ann Brooks

Burials

January 14	Edward Willis (?), son of Ann
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1865

Baptisms

January 1	Mary Ann Upton (?) Elizabeth Ashby(?) Sarah Garner Mary Ann?
February 5	

Marriages

January 21	Samuel Roberts, 22, to Eliza Parker, 25
February 22	Thomas Mann (widower), 27, gardener, to Sarah Ann Tarbox, 30

1865 continued

Burials

February 17	William Bryant, 90
February 20	? Willmore, 84

1915

Marriages

February 13	Alfred Burr (?), 23, to Edith Maud Doggett, 24
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Burials

January 12	Mary Ann Gudgin, 67
February 4	Edward Crouch, 91
February 9	Arthur William Gibbs, 56
February 11	Sarah Lomas, 85
February 27	Amos Brown, 75, assistant priest at Ampthill

1965

Baptisms

January 24	Nigel Paul Williamson
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No marriages or burials recorded

If you have any stories or information about the people named in the records, which you'd like to share with us, please get in touch.

Parish Council Meeting and Planning News

You may have noticed that Parish Council Meeting & Planning news are missing from Spotlight! Due to a shorter deadline to enable us to get the magazine to you as early as possible in February, we've had to go without them this month. Don't worry – they'll be back next month!

What's on in and around Clophill

FEBRUARY



Monday 2nd

What Where When – some objects and their stories Amphill & District Archaeological & Local History Society talk, Flitwick Library, 7.30pm for 7.45pm. *See this issue for full details*



Saturday 28th

1-Day Bird of Prey Photography Course with specialist wildlife photographer Andy Fox. 10am-4pm. *See Clophill Heritage Trust page for booking information*

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Monday 2nd

The Ladies of Wrest Park Amphill & District Archaeological & Local History Society talk, Flitwick Library, 7.30pm for 7.45pm. *See this issue for full details*

On every month...

Tuesdays and Fridays

• **Boxing Club** Kids' club: 4-11-year-olds, 6pm-7pm; senior club: 12 upwards, 7pm-8pm. £2.50 a class. See 'Village Groups' for contact details

Every Wednesday

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

Every Friday

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

One Saturday a month

- **Messy Church** Clophill Methodist Church, 4pm-6pm, 17 January; 7 February; 14 March; 18 April; 16 May; 20 June; 18 July; 12 September; 10 October; 14 November; 12 December

All-age craft activities, worship and a meal for all the family. No fixed charge, donations welcome to cover costs, children must be accompanied by an adult. 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

Telephone
**01525
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The Stone Jug

A Free House
BACK STREET, CLOPHILL

We're now about as technical as Vikki can cope with – chip & pin and our very own website and Facebook page. You can expect more cheerful bar staff in 2015 due to Bionic Bob's new hip! Other than that, we're still a quality 'boozer', as my late dad would've said.

- 5 real ales, including 2 guest pumps that change frequently (see our Facebook page for details)
- selection of wines and Prosecco by the glass – or even better, by the bottle
- home-cooked lunches Tues-Sat, 12pm-2pm



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Village groups

Beverley Court	Sharon Soper	860920
Boxing Club	Loraine Freeman	07714 014484
Brownies	https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk	
Christians Together in Clophill	Fergus Milne	860894
Clophill Community Care	Duty Contact	07791 773705
Clophill Heritage Trust	Ali Bradbury	07894 710001
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Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery	Sharon Kempson	860206
Clophill Toddler Group	Emma Topliff	07921 810424
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Tuesday Club	Betty Hampson	860750
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Marilyn Browning	07821 643936



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Wildlife walks & talks



Moths

Monday 16 February, 7.45pm, Maulden Church Hall

Andy Banthorpe, joint BNHS recorder for macro moths (with wife Melissa), will cover macro moths, a subject upon which they are recognised as the experts.

£2 per adult (includes hot drink and biscuits)

Otters

Monday 16 March, 7.45pm, Maulden Church Hall

Local mammal expert Richard Lawrence will be talking about this elusive aquatic county resident. *£2 per adult*

Open to all. No need to reserve a place – just turn up!

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

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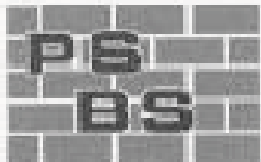
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