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A word from the Editor...

Well helloo

Slippers or sandals? Hard to know what to wear for our British weather, isn't it? My sunglasses have gone back in their case – but despite the cooler weather (it's raining as I write this) I'm still eating ice cream by the bucket load!



Rain or shine we'll soon be in the holiday season so I hope everyone has planned something nice. Here at Spotlight we get our own little break but we're leaving you with this lovely issue before we go. It's got all the usual news and events plus a whole host of handy adverts.

Have a fantastic summer and we'll see you back here in September. x

PS: The next copy deadline for articles and posters is 20th August



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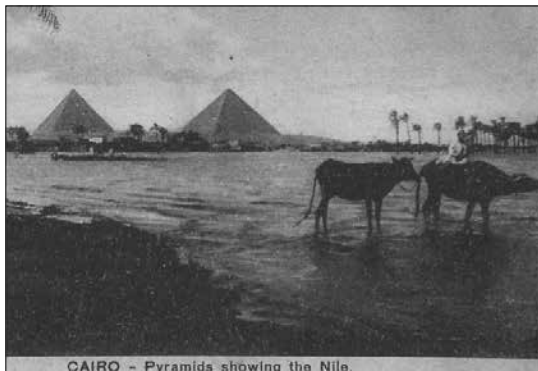
*"A Bedfordshire Rural Communities
Charity project"*

Remembering Clophill's Fallen

Continuing our series of the centenary of Clophill's brave men who lost their lives in the First World war....

July of 1917 brought news that Joseph Lomas and Bertram Harris had been killed in action aged 21 and 26 respectively.

In 1911 **Joseph Lomas** lived in Back Street with his parents, William and Sarah, and his 10 surviving siblings. He and his father were both labourers. He enlisted in 1914 and served with the 5th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment as a Private. Joseph served with his brother, Jack; another brother, Charles, served, with the Beds Yeomanry – they both survived the War. Joseph's death is commemorated in Palestine.



In the period leading up to the eventual fall of Gaza in November 1917, the 5th Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment was assigned to conduct two major raids on Turkish positions in front of Gaza. They held the line opposite the Turkish positions on Umbrella Hill, which would be the target of their attentions. The Umbrella Hill raids would be so successful that all future raids in the theatre were executed in precisely the same way that the Bedfords conducted them on those two nights. Joseph lost his life during the second raid.

News of the Lomas brothers was regularly reported in Ampthill News and they sent several postcards home to their mother. Many thanks to Laura Sharp for providing the information and postcard.

Bertram Harris was born in Marston but by 1911 he was living at 'The Kiln' (now known as 6 Old Kiln Lane) in Clophill. He was a farm labourer and lived with his widowed father, James, a shepherd, and his nine-year-old brother. Their mother, Laura, had died in 1903. Bertram also had two older sisters. He enlisted in Lichfield and served Notts &

Derby Regiment and then with the 13th Battalion Alexandra, Princess of Wales's own (Yorkshire Regiment.) He's commemorated in the Fins New British Cemetery, Somme, France.



In 1917 the 13th Battalion saw action during The German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, the capture of Fifteen Ravine, Villers Plouich, Beaucamp and La Vacquerie and The Cambrai Operations. Fins is a village near Cambrai.

Clophill Preschool News

Hi everyone – wow, what a hot one it's been! We've ensured all our children are sun creamed up before stepping outside in hats to play in lots of water. They've been hooking ducks, paddling in the big water tray, painting with water on the patio, picking up leaves and flowers from our garden and turning them into nature ice blocks. The children have

been up to our allotment to water the vegetables, too, and picked some to have as a snack – they've tried carrots, beetroot and strawberries so far.

Thank you to our fantastic parents who've helped out maintaining the allotment and keep the produce weeded and watered.

We have our two big gazebos out and this is where Susan the Storyteller has been weaving her beautiful stories to our spellbound

children. Before the weather got really hot we had **Dad's Week** when we invited all dads, grandads, uncles and brothers to the setting – and what a turnout we had! Jack's grandad and uncle and Jenson's grandad helped the children and Lynne to make vegetable pizzas and they all got really stuck in mixing the messy dough. Emma's daddy, Rob, came in and did **Boot Camp**, which the children loved (even the staff joined in). Harley's great grandad played indoors and out for hours making pathways on the patio with wet rollers and helping to wash the outdoor kitchen, followed by Harley's Adam who ended up sitting outside chatting away with a group of children having a tea party as they all dipped their toes in the water tray. Freya's daddy sat outside in the gazebo reading stories to Freya and her friends. Isabel's nan and Bops both came to join the fun, as did Henry's dad who really enjoyed the sandpit! To end the week Angellica's dad, artist Paul, came and did some fantastic artworks with the children.



The children all made Father's Day cards with Chris and cut out shapes to collage pictures of their dad or grandad. Chris noticed that some of the children really struggled using the scissors so set up a cutting activity in the room for the next few days where they could snip at different things from straws to wool to help promote their skills.

We had another dad into Preschool, Terry – dad of Primrose – who came to do interviews with the children about what they like about preschool and their favourite things to do. We hope to get this together with some images so that we can post it to our website soon.

We're fundraising with the help of our fantastic parents and the wider community, and raised £163 with our **Happy Bags** to school last month. We have regular collections for this and our next will be in the autumn term so if you have any unwanted bedding, clothes, shoes or handbags please drop them off when we are open up at the hall or at Chris or Imogen's homes.

We held a **Coffee Morning** with our parents to discuss proposed developments for Preschool and had a very positive response from all. We're delighted to have such interested, well informed and supportive families at Preschool. At the beginning of this month we once again offered a **free First Aid session** to parents, which covered things like febrile convulsions. Thanks to Carrie Hollick from EMT for providing the training.

As we look ahead to the end of term, as usual we have a lot going on – a trip to our Teddy Bears Picnic, Road Safety week, Scarecrow week and Sports Day – all great fun and we'll let you know how we get on.

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


Greensand Community Choir

SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 8th July at 7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church, Clophill



Refreshments provided afterwards.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of
Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity
and **St. Mary's Church**



Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

Rigatoni with Sicilian Cauliflower Sauce



INGREDIENTS Serves 4

- 500g rigatoni (or other short pasta)
- 1 medium cauliflower
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 anchovy fillets
- salt & freshly ground black pepper
- 50g seedless raisins
- 50g pine nuts
- 30ml extra virgin olive oil
- 50g freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp saffron filaments, soaked in a little warm water for about 10 mins

1. Put a large pan of salted water to the boil.
2. Wash the cauliflower and remove the green leaves and coarse part of the stalk.
3. Cook whole in the boiling water until cooked but not too soft.
4. Remove from the water with a slotted spoon and retain the cooking water
5. In a large frying pan heat half of the olive oil and gently fry the onion until golden, then add the soaked saffron.
6. Whilst the onion is cooking divide the cooked cauliflower into florettes and add to the onion.
7. Heat the rest of the olive oil in a small pan and add in the anchovy fillets. Cook on a low heat until they've almost melted.
8. Add the anchovy to the cauliflower together with the seedless raisins and pine nuts. Mix well, season with black pepper, cover and move off the heat.
9. Bring the cauliflower water to the boil and cook the pasta according to the directions on the packet.
10. Drain the pasta and add it into the cauliflower sauce.
11. Turn into a heated serving dish and sprinkle with the grated parmesan.



DID YOU KNOW? Many Sicilian recipes contain raisins and pine nuts due to the centuries of Arab occupation.

Clophill & District Flower Club



A breath of fresh air blew into the village hall on 1st June in the shape of Brenda Tubb from Norfolk – a petite lady with a large personality and a terrific way with words and flowers. She arrived early and promptly set to creating several extra arrangements that she could bring from behind the screens to accompany those she produced later on stage.

Confirming her comical attitude to life, Brenda gave her demonstration the title ‘... **another fine mess!**’, which she said she would remind us of if we didn’t like what she did! Well there was no chance of that – her designs were enchanting and reflected her attention to detail (though unfortunately she didn’t want her photos to be published, so you’ll have to trust my word).

While she worked Brenda talked about her family and regaled us with tales of funny moments and memories which had us in stitches. Her very dry sense of humour appealed to us all – as did her arrangements – making her a definite contender for a return invitation.

There’s no club meeting in August. Our next demonstration is on **7th September** when Rehka Naidoo is bringing ‘A Floral Fairground’ to the village hall. Do come and join us.



Joan Palmer – Club Secretary



Bedfordshire
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Wildlife walks & talks



Dragonfly Walk

Saturday 22nd July, 10.30am, ‘Old Barn’, Flitton Moor

Join John Curd on a walk through the moor with – we hope – a good show of dragonflies and damselflies. John Curd has a particular passion for members of the Odonata and is an accomplished photographer of this ancient family of spectacular insects. £1 per adult

Family Bug Hunt

Wednesday 9th August, 10am-3pm, Cooper’s Hill, Ampthill

Sessions at 10am-11.30am, 11.30am-1pm, 1.30pm-3pm

Ampthill’s Cooper’s Hill reserve is one of the last remaining open heathlands in Bedfordshire, famed for its Green Tiger beetles. Come and see what ‘bugs’ there are to discover. Children must be accompanied by a guardian or parent.

Please reserve places on one of the three sessions. £1 per child

Open to all. Walks have group size limits please reserve.

For additional information and to reserve places email flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring Ann on 07890 347327 after 6pm or at weekends

BARN DANCE

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
NEW NURSERY BUILDING at ST MARY'S SCHOOL

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Fundraising for St Mary's School new nursery build

The Governors of St Mary's CoE Lower School in Clophill have to raise £20,000 contribution towards the new nursery build.

This building will be the new home of Acorn class which accommodates pre-school children aged 2, 3 and 4 years old. This will have an incredibly positive impact on the school as it will provide a beautiful bespoke space for Acorn Nursery as well as enabling all of the classes to move back to their original classrooms. Acorn Nursery will be able to welcome parents who wish to take up 30 hours free entitlement in September and, of course, the Nursery children also have access to the breakfast and afterschool club, Funzone.

Work on the building is underway and will be completed during the summer. It will be ready for the new school year in September and will be officially opened and blessed in September by the Bishop of Bedford.

There are a number of fundraising initiatives underway to **help raise the £20,000 needed**, and we'd like to invite all in the village to get involved and have some fun!

The children have already participated in a sponsored times table challenge and the families at the school were also offered the opportunity to sign the underside of the roof tiles which have been put onto the new nursery building, meaning that their names will be incorporated into the new build for its lifetime. These two events have raised £700 between them.



Other planned events include:

- **Summer Barn Dance**

Please see our poster in this issue for ticket details.

- **Golf Day at Beadlow Manor, Thursday 7th September**

The cost is £45 per golfer (or £160 for a fourball) and includes breakfast, 18 holes and an evening family BBQ. Contact Ben Jones on **07920015960** or **ben.jones148@gmail.com**

- **Just Giving Crowd Funding**

A crowd funding site for the nursery building has been set up and donations for the new build can be made online. Go to **www.justgiving.com** and search for Governors Clophill.

We'll keep you informed of our progress in reaching the £20,000 through Spotlight and also let you know about other events planned. If you'd like to contact the Governors please email **governors@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk**

News from Clophill Heritage Trust



Last month's Father's Day Cream Teas were enjoyed by all, despite the extremely hot weather! Scones, jam and cream and a climb up the tower went down very well indeed. Also in June we held the first of our Guided Walks with a two-hour stroll looking at medicinal plants. And during the month we managed to capture the moment the Airlander visited the Old Church!

Volunteers

June saw us welcome Parkfields School back



to the Eco Lodges, a group of 14 students who helped for three weeks with various site work as part of their Enterprise project. We've also welcomed a new student placement, Liam, to the lodges who will be working here every week as part of his college course.

We're delighted to announce that we've secured funding from Tesco's for a large planting project to support the work that we do with schools. To implement this we'll need volunteers to help clear areas and plant them with new flowers and herbs. No prior gardening experience is necessary but if you would enjoy a few hours outdoor work with like-minded people we'd love to hear from you. Contact Kayleigh Waight **07889 980872**, Emily Hakansson **07825 051667**, Ali Bradbury **07894 710001** or call the lodge phone 07935 911207. You can also email info@clophillheriatge.org

Coming soon...Guided Walk Edible Plants, 30th July, noon-2pm £3 per person

This gentle stroll around the local area will be led by a subject expert and looks at edible plants growing wild and what can be made with them. Starts and finishes at the Eco Lodges in time for the afternoon café which will be open from 2pm to 4pm serving home-made cakes, tea and coffee. No need to book for the café – dogs are welcome on a lead.

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>

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Saturday 9th September (REVISED DATE)

ALL WELCOME



Clophill Village Hall

Annual Report May 2017



Summary of 2016-2017

The year ending May 2017 has been another excellent year for the Village Hall.

The Committee can report an excellent year in terms of its financial performance. We've continued with our policy of controlling costs tightly and building high occupancy levels at the hall to drive revenue.

As a result of this strong financial performance we've been able record a small surplus which we can reinvest in the hall to maintain and upgrade our offering to users. We've moved quickly to invest these funds in the following ways:

- we've purchased a new CCTV Hub to help protect the hall and grounds
- exterior lighting has been completely overhauled to provide better safety for users
- the cooker, which had been causing some problems, has been fully serviced and repaired
- although not directly funded from this year's surplus, we've launched a new website, www.clophillvillagehall.com, which includes a 'virtual tour' of the hall so prospective hirers can 'look around' prior to making enquires.

We'll continue to invest wisely to maintain and continually improve our standards.

We'd like to thank Colin Carpenter who's kindly donating a Copper Beech tree to replace the one in front of the hall that was vandalised. The original tree had been planted to celebrate the 2012 Diamond Jubilee

We've only conducted one fundraiser this last year – the Santa Sleigh – which was really well received by the families in the village. In a way, it's very good news that we can run the hall at a small surplus without having to run too many fundraising events as it demonstrates that the ongoing hiring of the hall is operating at such a level that we can make a bit more than breakeven at the end of the year. Indeed, we are now at key times getting to maximum utilisation of all our facilities and special mention must go to our Booking Secretary, Marilyn Browning, who does a great job at helping meet hirers needs and managing a very busy booking diary.

A customary thank you goes to all members of the Village Hall Management Committee for all their hard work and personal time devoted to the upkeep of the hall. Our Committee is quite small in size with only eight members so the burden of running the hall falls on just a few very willing shoulders. We'd welcome some new members to spread the load and maybe bring some new ideas – if you're interested please call me on **07831 255807**

Key Issues for 2017-2018

- continue to manage our costs and revenues
- maintain the quality of the fabric of the hall at least cost
- support the Pre-School Group, in particular to sustain and build their excellent operation
- expand the Village Hall Management Committee membership

Steve Langhorn, Chair, Clophill Village Hall Management Committee



St Mary's School News

The weeks are truly hurtling by now as we work our way towards the end of term and the long summer break. Whilst some of the children will have completed assessments at the beginning of this half term, we ensure that these are very low key and the children will have hardly noticed! However, there are now lots of things for the children to look forward to before they complete this academic year.

We've recently welcomed into school parents of our new children starting in Reception Class in September. I hope they enjoyed the opportunity to take another look around the school and that the information given will be helpful for their children starting in September.

By the time you receive this issue of Spotlight, Year 4 will have returned from their PGL trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire where they'll have experienced a whole host of exciting opportunities – raft building, **zip wire through a forest** and other exhilarating and challenging activities. This was a final reward for the children leaving us to go to Middle School and they absolutely loved it! The school football teams also had their annual **Football Tournament**.



As always the whole school will also take part in **Sports Day**. I'm sure many of you will remember your own or your children's experiences of Sports Day in school. There's always a fantastic atmosphere and again an event that the children hugely enjoy. Year 1 and Year 2 are visiting **Whipsnade Zoo** during July – let's hope the weather holds for them and they have a great day.

As always, during the last couple of days we'll hold some special events for our

Year 4 children leaving us to go to Middle School. They and their parents will attend the **Leavers Service** in the Church followed by the Caythorpe celebration event. This is a great opportunity for their parents to see what they got up to whilst they were at Caythorpe Court through a 'humorous' certificate of achievement ceremony and a power point presentation showing the children completing the activities. There will be an assembly led by Year 4 when they'll put together a presentation of their memories whilst at St Mary's and, finally, there's the **School Disco** hosted by FOSM for the whole school apart from Acorn and Reception children, who've already had theirs. I think the children will need their Summer Break and we look forward to seeing everyone back into school on Tuesday 5th September.

Our value for July is *Wisdom*

In school we'll be thinking about how we gain wisdom – through experience over time, making a good, sensible judgement, knowledge from books and listening to others. We'll be thinking about specific people who've passed their wisdom to us and reflecting on stories from the Bible that show wisdom being shared with, or by, someone else.

Acorn Nursery News

All the children moving up have enjoyed their transition visits and their home visit from their new teacher and we'd like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their new class. One of the advantages of working in a Nursery class attached to a school is that we still see the children as they work their way up through the school.

We've been busy in the garden, reaping the rewards of growing strawberries and peas as well as enjoying the weather and playing in the water to keep cool. Our sunflowers certainly cheered up the garden on the days when it rained and the children have enjoyed the mud kitchen, in rain or shine, donning their waterproofs to make a river down the path and seeing what materials would stop the flow of water. They then had to help clear the pathway with brooms so their parents didn't have to walk through the river when they came to collect them!



Sports Day is approaching and we've been busy practising running, catching and throwing for when we join the school in the activities. The children really enjoy activities with the whole school as they get to take part with their older siblings, in their colour groups.

We're looking forward to the new nursery opening in September and have been busy deciding how the room will be set up and ordering lots of new resources to challenge and keep the children engaged.



CELEBRATION OF WRNS100



**Wednesday 18 October, 2-5pm
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Ticket includes:

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- Entertainment including music from musicians of the Royal Marines.
- A raffle ticket and Commemorative gifts.

A raffle will be held – all proceeds will be divided between WRNS BT and RNRMC.

Dress code: smart attire, no jeans. Medals optional. Hats may be worn.

Service Personnel: No 1s with medals

For more information, please contact terri_mac@hotmail.com or 07789 008134

CLOPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

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SUMMER LUNCH



Wednesday 12th July

12.30pm-2pm

Two courses plus tea or coffee, £5

Contact: 01525 860695

FAMILY BARN STORM

Saturday 8th July –1pm-6pm

Jack Crawley Memorial Barn
Flitton Moor – bottom of Brook Lane, Flitton

**Art exhibition focusing on work by local artists,
including some of Jack Crawley's work**



BBQ from 1.30pm

Themed guided walks & Nature Trail

Children's activities – including bug hunting,
tree trail and animal orienteering.

Displays by local wildlife groups.

DUCK RACE – 4.30pm

And much more on the Moor!

For more info contact David Sedgley
on 01525 714961



St Mary's Church News



On Sunday 11th June the **Benefice Memorial Service** was held in St. Mary's. Around 60 people came from the three parishes to remember loved ones who'd died in the past year or so. It was a very moving service with the opportunity to light a candle in memoriam as the names were read out. Afterwards there was the chance to speak quietly with the Rector or Audrey Brand, the Lay Reader. The service was followed by afternoon tea served by members of our church.

After the **Community Choir Concert** on July 8th and the **Christian Aid tea** on July 9th, there will be no further events until the **Scarecrow Festival** in September.

News from Rotary Club

Rotary



One of the great features of being a member of the Rotary Club is the opportunity to listen to some amazing talks on a wide range of subjects. Many are truly inspirational as they deal with the efforts and achievements of both individuals and groups seeking to deliver service and support for the disadvantaged.

One such talk was given recently by Steve Finney and Andrew Mann, both members of the Dunstable and District Disabled Sports Society (DADDS). Steve has great difficulty in walking and uses a wheeled frame to get around; Andy has lost both legs below the knee and uses artificial limbs. They explained that DADDS was set up in the 1990s to provide an opportunity for people like themselves to take part in sports against each other or, where appropriate, to compete against able-bodied people.



The focus of their talk was shooting, as both are enthusiastic shots using either air guns or pistols. They demonstrated the equipment necessary for them to be able to fire accurately and consistently at very small targets some 10m away. This included specially adapted guns to help people who may have physical or sight disability as well as special, very well-tailored jackets to enable people like Andy to be sufficiently well balanced to hold and fire a rifle accurately. Using the accepted measure for shooting both are very good indeed with Steve rated at 95 and Andy at 85 out of 100.

Thanks to the facilities and support offered by DADDS it has enabled both Steve and Andy to compete in competitions at Bisley on a comparable footing to able-bodied shooters and it has clearly been a tremendous boost to their morale and confidence.

Club members really enjoyed the lively and enthusiastic presentation, which gave us the opportunity to have a hands-on experience with such interesting props.

The purpose of the Club's fund raising activities is to allow the Club to support such worthwhile charities. For a full programme of the Club's activities go to www.bartonleclayrotary.org.uk If you'd like to come along to any of the meetings please contact Paul Biscoe on 861894 or paulbiscoe@hotmail.com

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.

With the warmer weather in full swing, Clophill Parish Council is certainly not in 'summer holiday' mode quite yet. Indeed our June meeting was packed to the rafters with plenty of items discussed.

Top of the agenda is CBC's decision to unanimously approve the hybrid planning application by **Gallagher Estates at the Lakes**. Full permission was granted to 'develop' outdoor parkland space and outline permission was granted to develop up to 50 dwellings. The two are intrinsically linked and the housing can't be developed until the parkland is delivered.

The decision was made after representations from CPC, CAUSE and Gallaghers (GE). A lengthy debate ensued centring on a raft of conditions and public/minuted assurances from GE that ALL land outside of the housing area will transfer. CPC will be firmly involved alongside ward councillors and CBC to ensure the project is delivered in accordance with the developer's promises. Thanks to Cllrs Walford and Austin for getting around 40 residents along to Chicksands, which was noted by the Committee.

Hamblin Estates has submitted a second application to develop up to 51 houses at the former **Readshill Quarry**. CPC is grateful to residents who have been proactive in raising the profile of this application. If granted the resulting traffic increase in Readshill, Cainhoe Road, Back Street and Mill Lane would be seriously problematic and dangerous. Please **GET INVOLVED** if you don't want to see this happen.

CBC has published its **Local Plan** which is open for consultation between 4 July and 29 August 2017. It's this document that informs developers about what is likely to be permitted. Anyone can attend an event on 18th July at Chicksands or for more information go to <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/local-plan.aspx>

Cllr Brough hosted a visit from **CBC Highways** in June when along with Cllr Mantini and Ward Cllr Downing the issues affecting Clophill were highlighted and subsequently noted in a letter to CBC.

The Rec area, and specifically the improvements that are being made to it, are something that we're receiving a lot of feedback on at the moment – thank you for that. At the time of writing only the new slide is yet to be open for the public as we wait for the new turf that surrounds the area to become safe and secure for little feet to run on.

Two new benches are now in place near the play equipment. One is in memory of David Myers, who served as Chairman and Footpaths Officer to Clophill Parish Council for over 20 years. The other bench was donated to the village by NextDoor – a free private social network for Clophill.

Unfortunately, Clophill suffers from a small amount of **anti-social behaviour** and the PC would encourage collective social responsibility by all to ensure this doesn't get out of hand. If you think someone may be acting illegally please report ALL incidents to the police by phone on 101 or via the **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Helen Rodell** (via *Clophill Grapevine* on Facebook or 07974 407834).

- There are many other matters under consideration with CPC and you can see the full minutes of its meetings at www.clophill-pc.gov.uk

Clophill Parish Council

Continued

Planning

CB/17/02526/LDCE

Location	Warren Farm Stables, Warren Lane	
Proposal	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate as Livery Stables. Recommended CBC undertakes further investigation into applicant's claims and responses from nearby residents.	OBJECT

CB/17/02323/FULL

Location	52 Cainhoe Road, Clophill	
Proposal	Two-storey front extension.	SUPPORT

CB/TCA/17/00210

Location	29 High Street	
Proposal	Notification of works to trees in a conservation area (crowning).	SUPPORT

CB/TCA/17/00238

Location	22a The Slade	
Proposal	Notification of works to trees in a conservation area.	SUPPORT

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the Village Hall
at 7.45pm on Tuesday 25th July 2017

Parish Registers for July and August

1817

Baptisms

July 18?	Jane Chaddams (?)
Aug 10	Thomas?

Marriages

July 20	William French to Elizabeth Izzard
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1867

Baptisms

July 7	Mary Denton
	Jane Bottoms (single mother)
	Eliza ?
Aug 4	Eliza Evans
	Frederick Grummitt
	Mary Grummitt (not a sibling to Frederick)
	Emily Thompson, Woolwich

Marriages

July 29	Edwin Copleston, wayman, 25, to Penelope Scammell (?)
Aug 4	Francis White, 21, to Hannah Izzard, 23

1917

Baptisms

July 1	Kathleen Winifred Margaret Clark (?)
	Evelyn Daisy Harris
	Leslie Harris
	Doris Harris
	William Harris
	Meryl Harris
Aug 12	Ronald Bushby
Aug 24	Eva Gillett

Burials

July 28	Samuel Stevens, 79
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1967

Baptisms

July 23	Paul Christopher Moss
July 30	Tracey Karen Wildman, Cranfield

Burials

Aug 4	Nellie Pitts, 88
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What's on in and around Clophill

JULY		Saturday 8th Greensand Community Choir Concert St Mary's Church, 7.30pm. Donations to charity. Post-concert refreshments.
		Saturday 8th Family Barn Storm Jack Crawley Memorial Barn, Flitton. 1-6pm. <i>See this issue for full details.</i>
		Sunday 9th Afternoon tea St Mary's, 2.30-4.30pm. Donations to Christian Aid.
		Wednesday 12th Summer Lunch Clophill Methodist Church, 12.30-2pm. <i>See this issue for full details.</i>
		Wednesday 15th Barn Dance Clophill Village Hall, 7.30pm-11pm. <i>See this issue for ticket details.</i>
SEP		Saturday 9th Coffee and Croissants Morning 10am-noon, Clophill Methodist Church.
		Sunday 10th Warden Abbey Open Day & Wine Sale 11am-4pm. <i>See this issue for full details.</i>

On throughout the month...

Wednesdays...

- **Tea and Coffee Morning** at the Methodist Church, 10.30am-noon

Fridays...

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

One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church. Dates: 15 July; 23 Sep; 14 Oct; 18 Nov; 16 Dec. 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.

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5th Sunday	10am, Benefice Services

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If you have any diary dates that you would like included on this page, please email clophillspotlight1@hotmail.co.uk



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