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## A word from the Editor...

### Welcome...

This month it's Clophill's popular bi-annual event – the **Open Gardens Weekend**. I can't think of anything nicer than wandering around our lovely village on a sunny (fingers crossed!) day and popping in to see a variety of gardens on route. I must say, seeing such beautiful shrubs and flowers always inspires me to do something with my own garden – but unfortunately the weeds seem to have other ideas.



I always like to give a mention to national events, and this month it's the turn of **Bike Week**, on from **14-22 June**. There are lots of events to take part in, from bicycle maintenance classes to mystery bike rides and night cycling. You can find out what's happening near you at <http://bikeweek.org.uk>

For now, though, just sit back and enjoy this month's issue of Spotlight. And please don't forget to get in touch if you have any thoughts, suggestions or articles you'd like to see in the magazine.

*Until next time – goodbye!*



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# Clophill Open Gardens Weekend

## 21st & 22<sup>nd</sup> June

12 - 6pm each day    Adults £5    accompanied children free

Programmes from The Green, Church, Village Hall and Methodist Church

Refreshments at the Church

Children's Treasure Hunt

Plants at the Church

Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Clophill



*St Mary's Church, Clophill*

*You are invited to an evening of*

# *Berries and Bubbles*

*Friday 11th July    6pm - 9pm*

*at 72 High Street, Clophill*

*at the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs M Benson*

*Tickets £10 - includes drinks, canapés and berry desserts*

*For tickets, contact Heather Jarvis 860548  
or Christine Fellini 861912*



# News from Clophill Heritage Trust



## Old Church Ruin

In May the installation of the spiral staircase and two viewing platforms within the church tower was completed, along with the electrical lighting and security systems. The photo shows the new 'architecture' and how the ancient and modern features have combined successfully and will provide the church with a new identity. The architects are now working to finalise the design of the ground-floor interior plus the new path which will lead up to the main entrance.

## Clophill Eco-Lodges

Work has progressed with the installation of timber decking to the front and rear of the five lodges, which will enhance the enjoyment and views for visitors.

## Explorer's Nature Encounter

On Thursday 22 and Friday 23 May, St. Mary's School teachers together with 51 Year 3 & 4 children took turns to visit the site and adjoining

Pedley Wood for the day to engage in exploring the natural world. Activities included camp building, fire setting, tea brewing, willow weaving plus fun-related games to allow them to burn off energy. Colin Carpenter from the Community Tree Trust and Caz Evans were there to run the programme of events with Clophill Heritage Trust.

## Friends of Old St. Mary's

As we're rapidly approaching the completion of the Old Church conservation and the Eco Lodges we'd like to invite members of the community to become a 'Friend of Old St. Mary's'. This could involve from half a day to 10 days a month to assist the Trust in running the site. Being a friend would involve some training about the history of the site and landscape and educational information when accompanying selected groups up the tower. If you're interested in helping with our exciting new community asset then please contact [info@ClophillHeritage.org](mailto:info@ClophillHeritage.org)

**Volunteers young and old** are wanted for all manner of help on a longer-term basis, whether attending to the grounds, assisting with building/maintenance work, IT/website skills, marketing, accountancy etc. If you feel you could offer something please contact **Ali Bradbury** (07894 710001), **John Wright** (07860 839845) or **Barry Breed** (01525 860834).



# Clophill through the years

by Colin Watt

## *Clopelle in the Domesday Book*

After the Norman invasion of 1066, William the Conqueror spent his time suppressing the English, defending his territory in France and building monasteries and castles. He spent Christmas 1085 in Gloucester and there he decided to instigate a survey of his newly acquired lands. Royal commissioners were sent out around England to collect and record the information from thousands of settlements.

The whole work was completed by August 1086.

William's exact motivation in ordering the survey is unclear, but it probably had several purposes, such as making a record of feudal obligations and justifying increased taxation. The Domesday Book was produced from the results of the survey some time later, maybe after William's death in September 1087.



Under the feudal system the king owned all the land and gave tenure to nobles in return for providing a quota of knights or a money payment in substitution. The nobles, in turn, could give tenure to peasants in return for labour or goods in kind. The listing for each county gives the holdings of each landholder, grouped by owners. The listings describe the holding, who owned the land before the Conquest, its value, what the tax assessment was, and usually the number of peasants, ploughs, and any other resources the holding had.

Domesday Book is really two independent works: Little Domesday (covering Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex) and Great Domesday (covering much of the remainder of England and parts of Wales, except for lands in the north. London and Winchester are, for some reason, not covered). The final version of the main Domesday Book volume, all 413 pages of it, was handwritten by one unnamed official scribe. Domesday Book was originally preserved in the royal treasury at Winchester (the Norman king's capital). It was originally referred to as the Book of Winchester. When the treasury moved to Westminster, the book went with it. Domesday Book can be now seen at The National Archives in Kew.

### **The Parish of Clophill**

There were three manors (or estates) in the parish of Clophill. One in the village itself, called Clopelle, and two at Cainhoe. The Normans didn't use maps to define the areas so we don't know exactly the whereabouts of these manors.

### **Clopelle – Expanded translation and explanation**

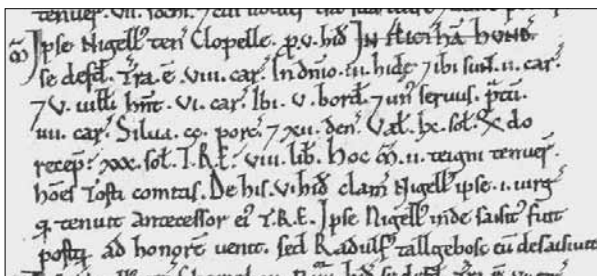
**'Nigel himself holds Clophill.'** *Nigel d'Albini was the tenant-in-chief, which meant that he held the manor directly from King William. Nigel held many manors spread across Bedfordshire and the rest of the country so he was very powerful and well liked by the King, probable for the support he gave in the Norman invasion.*

**'It is assessed at 5 hides.'** *A hide was the standard unit to tax. It was notionally the amount of land which would support a household.*

**'There is land for 8 ploughs.'**

One way of assessing the value of an estate was to estimate the number of eight-ox plough teams needed to cultivate the land. Thus, there was enough land on the estate to require 8 ox teams to work it.

This measure could also be used to assess the value of the estate for taxation.



Clopelle's entry in the Domesday Book

**'In demesne [are] 3 hides, and there are 2 ploughs.'** *In demesne* [pronounced dih-meyn] means that part of the manor either kept by the lord in his own hands or farmed for his own profit. He has probably kept the best land for himself.

**'and 5 villans have 6 ploughs.'** Villans could hold substantial areas of farmland, but had to work on the lord's land for two or three days each week.

**'There are 5 bordars and 1 slave.'** A bordar was a cottager, a peasant of lower economic status than a villan. Slaves were at the bottom of the economic and social scale, normally without resources of their own and there to perform their lord's bidding. They could be bought and sold by the lord.

**'meadow for 4 ploughs, [and] woodland for 200 pigs.'** It has been estimated that about 15% of the area surveyed in Domesday Book was woodland.

**'and [rendering] 12d. ???'**

**'It is worth 60s.'** It was valued at £3 at the time of the survey (1086).

**'when received. 30s.'** It was valued at £1.5 at the time when the estate passed to its new holder. (circa 1070)

**'TRE £8.'** TRE means 'Tempore Regis Edwardii', in the time of King Edward at the date of his death in 1066 when it was valued at £8.

**'2 thegns, men of Earl Tosti, held this manor.'** Earl Tosti, the brother of King Harold, was killed at the battle of Stamford Bridge in September 1066. Thengs are noble men who served him.

**'Of these 5 hides Nigel himself claims 1 virgate which his predecessor held TRE.'** A virgate is a quarter of a hide.

**'Nigel himself was seised of it after he came into [possession of] the honour, but Ralph Taillebois disseised him.'** Ralph Taillebois, probably a Norman knight. Later he was sheriff of Bedfordshire.

## What does this tell us?

Only the head of a household was recorded in Domesday Book. In Clopelle, there were 11 households; five villagers, five smallholders and one slave. If each household contained five people that would make a total population of 55. This is quite small for a manor, although the assessment for tax (five hides) is quite large. The value of the manor is recorded at three points in time; 1066, £8; 1070, £1.5; 1086, £3. The dramatic drop in its value after the Conquest has been interpreted by some to indicate that Clophill had been ravaged by the army of William as he travelled through the area suppressing the English – but that's another story!

If anyone has any corrections or additional information please contact  
**Colin** on **01525 860922** or **colin.watt@mooncarrot.org.uk**.



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## **St Mary's Church lent lunches**

On behalf of St Mary's Church, a big thank you to all our generous hosts and supporters, including our friends at the Methodist Church.

In addition to raising money for charity, the lent lunches – which have been taking place for about 40 years – are always happy social occasions. With the addition of donations from our Agape Supper on Maundy Thursday, **we raised just over £900** for two overseas charities, 'Save the Children' and 'the Greenbelt Movement'. Marianne from the Bedford Branch of 'Save the Children' was delighted to receive their cheque at our Annual Meeting. She also gave a short presentation about the work of the charity.

*Liz Henman*

# **House Clearance**



**Saturday June 14, 10am-noon** 38 Cainhoe Road, Clophill *Cash sales only*



# Let's talk about VAT

with Sally Cobban



Well summer is on its way – everywhere is looking so lovely and green and all the crops are getting taller and taller. It's a lovely time of year and I hope you're all getting out in the sunshine. I've decided to talk about VAT this month. Dull, I know – but you never know, there may be something in it that's helpful to you.



Any business can register for VAT – sole trader, partnership or limited company. You can voluntarily register at any time. This will mean that you'll be issued with a VAT number, then you have to start charging VAT at 20% (standard rate) on absolutely everything that you sell. You HAVE to register for VAT when your turnover in any 12 months reaches £81,000.

So, if you're a business that mainly works for domestic customers, then ideally you don't want to register for VAT because it will make you 20% more expensive than a non-registered business – so you need to keep your turnover below £81k. If you're a business that works mainly for other VAT-registered businesses then they won't care if you're VAT registered or not.

When you're VAT registered you have to think of yourself as a tax collector – as you'll then start charging VAT on all your sales. When you do your VAT return you add up all the VAT you've charged out on your sales (Output VAT) and add up all the VAT you've suffered on your purchases (Input VAT) then pay over the difference. If you're a profitable business making standard rate sales then you should be a VAT payer. There are many VAT rules and regulations so if you have any further queries please do get in touch.

## TAX FACT

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## Support for Carers

**Carers in Bedfordshire** is a registered charity at the Pilgrim Centre, Brickhill Drive in Bedford, which provides help for carers who have loved ones with a mental illness or who suffer from physical stress. It offers **advice, training and advocacy** as well as specialist support like benefit advice and a volunteer dementia befriending service. The charity puts on **social events such as carer cafés**, young carers and sibling projects.

For more information on these and other services, call **03001111919** or email [contact@carersinbeds.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinbeds.org.uk)





# St Mary's School News

## Our Value for June is *Honesty*

*'If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.'* Mark Twain

**In school** we'll be encouraging children to tell the truth even when they have done something wrong and could be in trouble. Our response to children who are honest will demonstrate that they needn't be afraid of owning up to wrongdoing and that we always respect honesty and thank people for being honest. We'll use stories such as Pinocchio and Jiminy Cricket to show how important our consciences are. We'll discuss the phrase 'living a lie' and explore the effect a 'tissue of lies' can have. Emphasis will also be placed upon the importance of saying 'sorry' and meaning it when in the wrong, which links to our value of Forgiveness. **At home** you may like to examine the Mark Twain quote and discuss its meaning. Everyone in the family should make a special effort to be honest with each other this month and in the future. Honesty should be acknowledged in a positive way even though there may be a sanction involved for wrongdoing.



**Goodbye to our headteacher...Chris Spurgeon**, headteacher here at St Mary's, is retiring at the end of the summer term after 18 ½ years. We'd like to thank her for successfully leading the school and for all the love and care she has shown for all the children who've attended the school during that time. We'd like to wish Chris a very happy retirement; she has lots of exciting things to look forward to and I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well.

**... and hello to our new one...** We're delighted to tell you that the governors have been successful in appointing a new head teacher for St Mary's. Following a rigorous selection process, they have appointed **Mrs Karen Bingley** with effect from September 2014.

### **Special days in school: Monday 23rd and Monday 30th June**

The children will be having two very special days during June when we'd like to offer them a variety of interesting experiences. One of the activities we've bought in is provided by a team-building company called 'Puzzle Challenge'. This is a really fun way help children improve their fine motor skills, sequencing, visual perception, hand/eye co-ordination, spatial awareness, strategic planning and concentration. **We'd like to invite any parents/grandparents/friends into school who have skills or experiences that they feel they can share with the children.** If you feel you'd like to do this please call Sharon on 01525 860206 or email [stmarysclophill@cbc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:stmarysclophill@cbc.beds.sch.uk)

### **Sports Day, 9.15am Thursday 26th June**

Once again we'll be hoping for a fine day at this annual event, which the children very much look forward to and enjoy. As last year, we'll miss Anne Barker who always used to come in to school and help.

### **Tennis Tournament, 19th June**

We'll shortly choose some of our Year 3 children to represent St Mary's at this tournament at the Ampthill and Flitwick Tennis Club. We haven't taken part in this before, but as the Rugby Tournaments have been so popular we thought we would give the children this opportunity.

# St Mary's School News

Continued

## Acorn Nursery Registration

If you wish to register your children for nursery, please get in touch sooner rather than later, particularly if you need specific sessions as we are filling up fast.

**Don't forget...** there's lots of useful information about our school on our website [www.stmaryslower.info](http://www.stmaryslower.info)

## Autumn Term Dates 2014

Term starts 3 September | Term ends 19 December | Half Term 27-31 October

# Acorn Nursery News

We say 'Hello' to Jack, Danny, Freya and Henry and hope they enjoy their time with us.

## Our theme

This term our theme is '**Splish, Splash, Splosh**'. We'll be investigating where water comes from, where it goes – into streams, ponds, rivers and out to sea – and what we use water for. We'll also be looking at animals that live in and around the water and their life cycles. We have tadpoles in the garden so will be looking at them evolve and if anyone wishes to bring in their sunflowers that we planted last term, we can watch them grow in the garden, too.

## Our Nursery Value: Respect

We will introduce the value 'Respect' to the children; teaching them how to respect toys and equipment, themselves and others. We'll be explaining how and why we do this, making ourselves and others feel valued.

## Group times

During one group time a day, we'll be splitting the children into their year groups. One session will be focusing on our value or joining in school Worship. During the other session, the children entering Reception in September will be revisiting phonics, shapes and numbers to embed basic knowledge before they move into Chestnut class, while the younger children will enjoy a shorter, simpler but similar activity with more emphasis on their social skills. This is the first stage of the transition programme for children moving from Acorn to Chestnut. The next stage is for the children to take part in activities such as phonics, PE, playtime and literacy in Chestnut class. They will do this in groups and gradually increase the sessions so that they become comfortable with the classroom and Miss Whitlock, the teacher.

## Additional/Changing sessions

If you require additional sessions please fill in a form (available in the entrance corridor) giving **two weeks'** notice of any permanent changes. Please also fill in one of these forms before the end of term if you wish to change your child's sessions for the following term. Staff: child ratios are a welfare requirement and we'd like to be able to provide sufficient staff to allow your child to attend the sessions you'd like, but we do need advance notice to accommodate this. Children who will qualify for 3-year-old funding for the first time after Easter will receive a form soon asking if they require any additional sessions.

## Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

# Spring Onion Tart Tatin

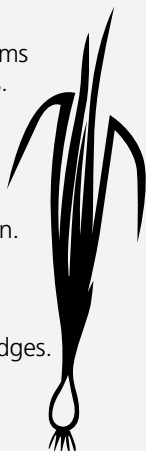
(courtesy of Mary-Té Braneyre)



### INGREDIENTS Serves 4-6 people

- 4 bunches large spring onions
- 1 packet puff pastry
- 40g butter
- 20g granulated sugar
- Drizzle of olive oil
- Salt & freshly ground black pepper

1. Pre-heat your oven to 180°
2. Prepare the onions by discarding the tough part of the green stems and the first skin of the onion. Then cut them in half lengthways.
3. Warm the olive oil and 20g butter in a frying pan and gently brown the onions, seasoning to taste.
4. When browned sprinkle with 10g of sugar and cook for a further 5 minutes.
5. Roll out your pastry and cut to 1cm more than the size of your tin.
6. Butter the base of your tart tin with the remaining 20g of butter then sprinkle with the remaining 10g of sugar.
7. Spread the onions over the base of the tart tin.
8. Place your circle of pastry on top of the onions and tuck in the edges.
9. Bake your tart until the pastry is golden brown.
10. Place a plate over the top of the tart and turn upside down.
11. Serve the tart warm with a mixed green salad.



Christine Fellini runs Italian cookery classes in Clophill [www.casafellini.co.uk](http://www.casafellini.co.uk)

## Cookery Demonstrations

### La Dolce Vita 19 July at 11am

Christine Fellini will give a demonstration of easy traditional Italian dishes ideally suited to the lazy, hazy days of summer – served with a glass or two!

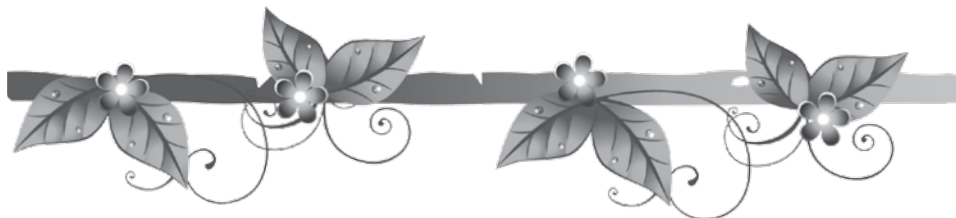
### Slovakian Specialities 13 September at 11am

Henrieta Nemetova will give a demonstration of delicious and traditional Slovakian dishes.

Demonstrations will be held at **3 Beverley Gardens, Clophill.**

Tickets cost £15 each and as room is strictly limited it's advisable to buy your tickets early by calling **Christine** on **01525 861912**. There will be a fabulous raffle at each event so please remember to bring your wallet. All profits will be donated to St Mary the Virgin Church, Clophill, restoration fund.





## Clophill & District Flower Club

In May we held an Open Meeting where we welcomed members and friends to a special demonstration. Tan Strong came to entertain us with superb flower arranging, music and interesting stories on the theme **'Colour My World'**. Of course, the colour came in flowers, with 18 designs of beautiful blooms, all in different colour schemes.

Tan's first design was inspired by the colours of the countryside in May when the bluebells are out and you can admire the vivid colour of the rape fields, but she used yellow lilies, blue iris and grasses. Later, she celebrated the **Emerald Anniversary** of our organisation with a lovely all-green design and reminded us that 2nd May is officially National Flower Arranging Day.



Some of the lovely displays created by Tan Strong

Each time she introduced a colour, Tan gave the meaning and associations of the colour, such as red for love and passion. She created a **heart-shaped bouquet** of red Passion roses contrasted with a simple white bouquet of orchids. Tan also changed her jacket each time to match the colour of her arrangement.

The music **'Lily the Pink'** introduced Tan's last design of pink flowers – except she could only get white lilies, so we had to use our imaginations!

At the end of the evening, the stage was filled with fabulous flowers and designs – and 18 lucky ladies took an arrangement home. It was another lovely evening at Clophill and District Flower Club. ***Why not come and join us?***

*Carolyn Cranswick*

**Our next meeting is on July 3rd, 7.30pm at Clophill Village Hall**

# The Vintage/Retro Fair

Why not come & join the fun at:  
**Clophill Village Hall**  
**Sunday July 13th 2014**

10am till 4pm inc: Clothes / Jewellery / Homeware  
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Anyone interested in having a stall? This will become a regular event!

# Clophill Preschool News



**Hello everyone** – we hope you’ve all been enjoying the fantastic weather! It’s been great because we’ve been able to focus more and more on our outdoor space and to develop our use of natural materials. We’ve been making patterns with shells, **making pathways with logs** to use as stepping stones, experimenting with colour mixing by dipping each hand in a different coloured paint and rubbing together plus building tall towers with slices of wood.



As you may be aware we often have visitors to Preschool and last month was no exception. Chris brought in a gosling that has been abandoned by its parents and fostered by her gander! The children were fascinated and we spent time looking up its breed in a bird book and investigating the similarities and differences between parents and their young. The same day we had a **surprise guest of a baby rabbit** hiding under our sand

tray. We put him in a box for the children to look at before releasing him back into the wild.

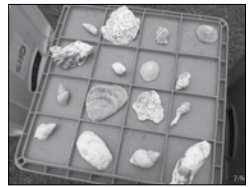
We’ve been practising our **football skills** this month in preparation to take on the Dads (or another positive male role model) in the week running up to Father’s Day. We’ve also been trying our hand at croquet, quoits, bowling and basketball.

Those who’ve been to our Preschool will know that we have a very reflective practise as we strive to make our Preschool the best it can be for our children and their families. We were therefore delighted when Ofsted appeared on our doorstep at the end of April to do our very first inspection. We were given a ‘Good’ rating overall which is a great achievement for the time we’ve been open. You should be able to view our report on the Ofsted website – but in the meantime here are some of the comments from it.

*‘Children are inquisitive and explore how things work because staff support their interests with challenging activities. As a result, children investigate features of their environment, make observations and explain how, and why, things work.’*

*‘Children thrive in their health and physical development because the provision offers free-flow play indoors and outside where children experiment with a range of natural materials.’*

*‘The provision works very closely with parents providing support that safeguards children and enables them to learn and develop well. Although only recently registered, the provision has established good reflective practice to drive continuous improvement in the setting.’*



## Get in touch

The first half of our summer term has seen our numbers grow, with five new children starting and more due to join us after half term. We welcome them and their families. If you think Clophill Preschool is the kind of place you’d like to see your child flourish in then you can email us at [clophillpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:clophillpreschool@gmail.com), give us a call on **07732872685** or just pop in. We take children from 2 years of age and they can start as soon as they have had their second birthday.



Bedfordshire  
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# Wildlife walks & talks



## Invertebrate Day

**Saturday 28 June, 10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm,  
Folly Wood car park, Flitwick Moor**

Join Colin Carpenter and experts from the Beds Natural History Society to investigate the great variety of insects, snails and other small creatures on this magical wetland. Families especially welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## Nature Walk

**Wednesday 16 July, 7pm, Old Shed, Brook Lane, Flitton Moor**

Join other local enthusiasts in an evening stroll around the rich meadows and diverse habits of the moor. David Sedgley, the moor's warden, and other local experts will provide commentary and insight. Good weather almost guaranteed! *£1 per adult suggested donation.*

To reserve a space, or for additional information, please email  
**flitvale.info@gmail.com** or ring **Ann** on **07890 347327**  
after 6pm or at weekends

# Clophill Parish Council

## Notes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 23rd April 2014

*Readers are reminded that this is a resume only of the meeting. The parish council minutes are published and can be found on the internet after they are authorised (approximately five weeks after the relevant meeting).*

At this meeting the chairman, vice chairman and chairs of the various sub-committees were voted for. **Peter Clarke** was voted in as chairman and **Roland Browne** as vice chairman. **Bob Parker-Eaton** will remain chairman of the planning sub-committee, and **Jan Catton** and **Ralph Brough** will chair the two lands sub-committees.

### Public Question Time

A member of the parish had attended but his queries were dealt with at the surgery prior to the meeting.

### Police Report

Overall, crime is still low. There was one burglary of a house during the Bank Holiday, though. We must remember that we're all still vulnerable to crime, so keep your homes, garages, outhouses and vehicles secure and if you see something suspicious report it to the police immediately.

### The Heritage Trust

John Wright, the Chairman of the Heritage Trust, came to speak to the council. There's



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a shortfall in the money available to complete the Old St Mary's Church Project and the council will work with the trust to see if help can be given.

### The Lands Committees

A site meeting was held in the village together with Bedfordshire Highways to discuss the **appalling condition of some of our roads**. Budgets, as everyone knows, are extremely tight but it's hoped that some of our highways will benefit from the money that's available this year

After requests received for further **salt/grit** at The Causeway and Shefford Road an order for these items will be placed in the next few weeks.

We're still in negotiations regarding the cost of removal of the **old footbridge** at The Green.

Agreement has been reached over the **right of way dispute at Hay Close**, to the north of the village. It's hoped that a formal agreement will be signed by all parties in the near future.

## Planning – March 2014

### Applications Received by Central Bedfordshire

#### CB/14/01684/FULL

Location: 10 Great Lane

Proposal: Erection of two-storey part-side, part-rear extension, associated internal alterations, new front porch, replacement doors and windows, associated landscaping including formation of 3 new parking bays and refuse bin area and pedestrian external steps

Applicant: Mr J Gill

Application replaces one previously withdrawn (see 'Application Withdrawn', below). The applicant believes that he's taken on board responses previously made to the earlier application, and including those of the Highways Department. No part of the newly-proposed dwelling will exceed the height of its neighbours. The high, dark hedge would be removed. The proposed steps will be white rendered with stainless steel balustrading and glass infill panels on the car park side. The PC considers that bins must be screened and, because of concerns over parking plans, Highways be involved in any final decision.

**SUPPORT (with conditions)**

#### CB/14/01694/ADV

Location: A6/A507 Roundabout

Proposal: Four signboards which are free standing, post mounted with text graphic details to front of signs and powder coated to rear

Applicant: Ms L Manders of CBC on behalf of Immediate Solutions of Halifax

Proposal is to install four advertising signs at each approach on the roundabout. The application is for five years. Presumably, the agent will be free to change the advertisers and to decide wording. Although such signs have proliferated, PC is most concerned over driver distraction at a very busy roundabout.

**OBJECT**

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### **CB/14/01867/FULL**

Location: 22 Goodhall Crescent  
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and erection of two-storey side extension  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Hollick

Proposal is to add a two-storey side extension to this semi-detached house providing a fourth bedroom and retaining a longer garage. Neighbours won't be overlooked. **SUPPORT**

### **Applications Approved by Central Bedfordshire**

#### **CB/14/00465/FULL**

Location: Paradise Farm, The Causeway  
Proposal: Erection of two stables  
Applicant: Mr N Gumble and Mr S Greenhalgh

Proposal is to install two off-the-peg timber stables on plots 3 and 4. The approval contains conditions, two of which are that the approval is for the sole benefit of the two named applicants and the stables may only be used as private, non-commercial stabling and no other purpose. The PC had supported the application (with conditions).

### **Applications Refused by Central Bedfordshire**

#### **CB/14/00877/FULL**

##### **CB/14/00878/LB**

Location: Speeds Dairy Farm, Beadlow  
Proposal: Erection of garden room to rear of building  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hind

Proposal was to build a high-quality garden room, not visible from the road, to the rear of this listed building. CBC states that the construction would cause harm to the historic significance and historical character of the building without compensating public benefit. PC had supported this revised, thought-out application.

### **Application Withdrawn**

#### **CB/12/00995/FULL**

Location: 10 Great Lane  
Proposal: Erection of two-storey rear extension including new staircase, replacement of roof with new attic truss roof to provide 2nd floor master bedroom and ensuite, associated internal alterations, replacement doors and windows, associated landscaping including formation of three new car parking bays, and refuse bin area and new pedestrian steps  
Applicant: Mr J Gill

Application has been withdrawn by the applicant. The PC had objected to it.

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## **Application for Review by CBC Development Management Committee**

### **CB/14/01271/FULL**

Location: 126A High Street  
Proposal: Demolition of bungalow; erection of four-bed detached dwelling  
Applicant: Mr D Ward-Clarke

This application was to demolish the small, two-bed bungalow and replace it with a four-bed detached house. The PC had objected strongly (as had neighbours) that the proposal was far too big and quite wrong for this narrow, small plot. However, CBC officers wish to approve – hence the PC has requested the proposal be ‘called-in’ for consideration and final decision by the elected CBC Development Management Committee. This call-in will be heard at Chicksands on 4 June, starting at 10am, for a final decision to be made. The PC will speak and we’re supported by our ward councillors.

## **Notification of Works to Trees in the Conservation Area**

### **CB/TCA/14/00140**

Location: St Mary’s Churchyard, High Street  
Proposal: Felling of two diseased red oaks and two dying cherry trees in Churchyard  
Applicant: Mrs E Henman (on behalf of PCC and Diocese)

Reason is as above. Trees will be replaced (by young trees), albeit in different, safer locations.

### **CB/TCA/14/00141**

Location: 26 High Street  
Proposal: Remove dead silver birch tree from front garden; top laurel and leylandii hedge to 10-15 feet and cut sides back in rear garden  
Applicant: Mr S Baddeley

For information only (unless residents wish to object to CBC).




### **Clophill Quarry, A507**

CBC has issued a Public Notice stating that it has revoked a previous planning permission, 104/OMP/1/98, in respect of the Cainhoe Quarry and that the owner and occupier have agreed to this.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.45pm on 24 June,  
in the village hall with a surgery at 7.30pm**

# What's on in and around Clophill

JUNE





**Sunday 8th**  
**Free entry to the Ailesbury Mausoleum & Crypt**  
 From 3-5pm, Maulden. Plus tea and cakes in St Mary's Church, Church Road, Maulden

**Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd**  
**Clophill Open Gardens** *See this issue for details*

**Sunday 29th**  
**St Mary's School Football Festival** Clophill Recreation Ground and Village Hall,  
 9.15am-1.30pm

***Please note: the Vintage Fair, which was due to be held on 29th June, has now moved to July 13th***

JULY

**Saturday 5th**  
**Summer Concert** 7.30pm, Clophill Methodist Church. Featuring the Flitwick Singers.  
*See this issue for ticket details*

**Friday 11th**  
**Berries and Bubbles** 6-9pm, 72 High Street. Drinks, canapés and berry desserts,  
 in aid of St Mary's Church, Clophill. *See this issue for ticket details*

**Sunday 13th**  
**Vintage Fair** 10am-4pm, Clophill Village Hall. Adults, £3; children free  
*See this issue for details*

**Thursday 24th**  
**'Musings from Maulden'** A talk by Kevin Simms. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Clophill.  
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## 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
- **Celtic Evening Prayer**, Clophill Methodist Church, 7.15pm. All are welcome

### 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, June 21st; July 12th; September 20th; October 11th; November 15th; December 13th

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](mailto:clophillspotlight1@hotmail.co.uk)



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<b>Clophill Methodist Church</b>		(Mr Jim Davies)	01525 860829

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<b>Harlington Upper School</b> , Harlington		01525 755100
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Friends of the Cheshire Home  
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Betty Hampson 860750  
Marilyn Browning 07821 643936

## Parish registers for June

### 1814

#### Baptisms

June 17 James ?

#### Burials

June 7 Emma Parish

June 15 ? Brittan (?)

June 20 ? Palmer

June 27 ?

(Looks like an outbreak of fever)

### 1864

#### Baptisms

June? Elizabeth Louisa Roberts (?)

#### Marriages

June 4 George White, 22,  
to Ann Coburn, 21

#### Burials

June 15 Harriet ?

June 26 Flora ?

### 1914

#### Burials

June 3 Mary Ann Sharman

June 13 Maria Stimson, 56

### 1964

#### Marriages

June 20 Stanley Smith  
to Margaret Ann Gaylor

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS FOR MAY 2014

#### Burial of Ashes

May 14 Kenneth (Ken) Harris, 88

May 15 Brian Anthony Christian, 72

#### Baptism

May 25 Amber Jean Compton-Smith

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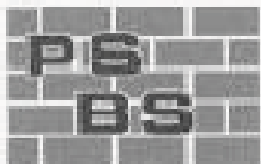
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