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A word from the Editor...

Hello!

Brace yourself – this month's Spotlight contains the 'C' word! Yes, Christmas is most definitely coming so start filling your diary with festive fun. We've got **carol singing at the Stone Jug** (which includes an unmissable '12 Days of Christmas' performed by Vikki and Chantal!), a **Christmas market** at the Methodist Church plus the annual switching-on of **Carl Colyer's Xmas lights** (do go along and help raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance).

In this issue we also have news on last month's **anniversary ball at the Village Hall** and the fabulous **launch of the Old Church and Eco Lodges**.

Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteer distributors you should receive your copy of Spotlight by 8th November – **Remembrance Sunday**. I hope, like me, you'll take a moment during the day to remember those who sacrificed themselves for our freedom.

See you back here in December!



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& Sunday 29th at 2.30pm

November 2015

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Gentle Touch Healing

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Come and meet our healers and therapists
Refreshment will be provided.

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News from Clophill Heritage Trust

Our warden Kayleigh with some of those involved



The Old Church and Eco lodges

On Tuesday 20th October the Heritage Trust in partnership with the local community tree trust welcomed schoolchildren and their teachers and handlers from St Mary's lower school for a seed collecting day. This was the fourth time we'd held this annual event, and the children had a great day collecting acorns, Hawthorn, Blackthorn and sloes.

Our **Halloween Launch Party** last month, and the appointment of our **first full-time warden**, Kayleigh, means we're now pleased to say that the Eco lodges and Old Church are officially open for business. The amount of work put in by everyone for the launch was challenging but worthwhile. Everyone had a fantastic time with

activities such as abseiling and children's dances, plus there were Morris dancers, a brass band and magician. Fuelling the fun was a BBQ and licensed bar, which introduced new real ale from the 'Amphill Brewhouse' called, appropriately, 'Old Church Ale'.

The lodges are now furnished and ready for anyone who wants to stay, although we're still in need of some final funding to fully complete. The buildings are each divided into two double bedroom units with connecting shower and W.C. and have good views.

The accommodation may be of interest over the Christmas and New Year period. Also, the community room with adjoining kitchen is available for letting, either privately or for corporate and/or business purposes. Plus the Old Church and grounds is available for weddings and we'll shortly have a wedding licence for the lodges. ***Please see our website or contact our warden on 07935 911207 for further details.***

We're always looking for volunteers to help us. If you're interested please contact: Ali Bradbury (07894 710001), John Wright (07860 839845) or Barry Breed (01525 860834).

Visit us at www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk or make a booking at info@ClophillHeritage.org



Some of the 200 pumpkins used at the Launch



CARL'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

9 Readshill, Clophill, 5.30pm, Sunday 29th November

Get yourself in the festive mood – pop along to see the annual switching-on of Carl Colyer's Christmas lights. Now in its sixth year, you'll be sure of a dazzling display plus you can make a donation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. **Ho, ho, ho!**

Caritas Harmony

Christmas Concert

13th December 2015. 6pm.

St Mary's RC Church, Dunstable

This Concert includes songs performed by

The Hadrian Academy Choir

Tickets £7 - 15yrs and under go free

For tickets please contact

Julia Holder on 01582873465 or

email yorkies@waitrose.com



A look back in time...

by Colin Watt



The story of Capt Charles Moore R.N.

When the young Charles Moore read about Nelson's victory at Trafalgar in 1805 he must have seen life at sea as an exciting prospect because the following year, at the age of 14, he joined the Royal Navy as a midshipman on the HMS Eagle. She was a 74-gun third rate ship of the line and saw plenty of action during the Napoleonic wars including an expedition to the Netherlands, the defence of Cadiz, and attacking and capturing French shipping.

HMS Eagle



Charles was promoted to Lieutenant at the age of 21. In the spring of 1817 he was lent to the Royal Sovereign yacht for the purpose of escorting the King of the French from England to Calais after Napoleon's final defeat. While he was at Calais, the Eleanor, sailing from Nantz to Dunkirk

with a cargo of corn and a crew of seven men, was driven on shore eastward of the harbour during a strong north-west gale. Three survivors could be seen aboard the stricken vessel.

A boat was sent from the Royal Sovereign yacht manned by Lieutenant Charles Moore and eight British seamen. Two of the crew were rescued and brought ashore. Whilst trying to rescue the third survivor Lieutenant Moore was washed overboard, only to resurface on the other side of his boat. He continued in the rescue attempt but failed to save the last crew member. As a result of his efforts he was promoted to Commander at the age of 25.

In 1819, Commander Moore married Elizabeth Anne, second daughter of the late Rich Palmer, at Grantham. Five years later he purchased Maulden Cottage, which stood opposite Moores Close in Hall End. They had four daughters, Emily, Eliza, Marria and Louisa.

In 1834 Charles was attached to the Coast guard, which was probably the prelude to his retirement from the Royal Navy. During his retirement he was a Magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire. He was obviously intent on maintaining law and order as he had the lockup (on Clophill Green) rebuilt at the cost of £4.



Charles and daughter, Louisa

Charles died in 1870 and is buried in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church, Maulden.

His daughters, Eliza and Louisa, lived at Maulden Cottage until their deaths, Eliza in 1919, Louisa in 1933 – the oldest inhabitant in Maulden. Louisa had taken a keen interest in the poorer inhabitants of Maulden during her lifetime and left legacies in her will to care for them. She left £150 to be added to the Bryan Charity to provide gowns for poor widows in Maulden. Money for gowns is still distributed yearly. She also donated £100 to be used to purchase large print Bibles for the aged.

And so, behind the road name Moores Close lies the story of a brave and adventurous sailor and his children.

Clophill Preschool News

Hi everyone. In our monthly articles we often tell you about all the new resources we've bought and the developments we've made to improve our setting even further. This time, though, we thought we'd give you an idea of a child's experience of a session at Clophill Preschool...

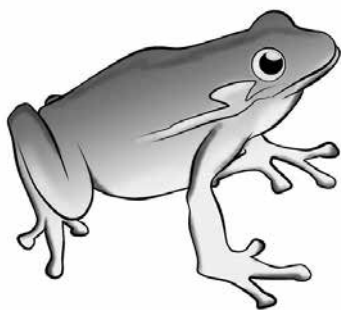
“ I'm off to Preschool this morning. I like going, there are always lots of exciting things to do but I do miss my Mummy when she leaves. Chris opens the door and we all go in. My Mummy signs me in and puts my 'Let's Share' book in the box while I find my name to put on my Key Worker board. Imogen is my Key Worker and our board is red. All the teachers say hello and chat to all the Mummies and Daddies. I find my box and put my things in.

Mummy comes over to the home corner with me and I pick up some playdoh to squash and squeeze. Mummy says she's going now and I get a bit sad and I want to cry. As I say goodbye to Mummy, Imogen comes over and sits with me and then she gets out the cake tins and cupcake cases and shows me how to roll a ball shape. We make 10 round cupcakes to fill the tin. My friends are here today, too, and we bake cakes in the play oven together.

Janine calls out if anyone else would like some breakfast, but I'm OK as I had porridge this morning. Then Jenny calls to everyone that we can go outside. Everyone needs to put their wellies on as it can get quite wet and messy outside. I've forgotten to bring my wellies so Imogen helps me to find some from the spares box. I can put them on myself! I put on my coat and Imogen helps to do up my zip at the bottom and I pull it up to the top. Imogen is very pleased with me.

There are lots of things to do outside. I go on the trikes then I play in the mud kitchen. We're mixing mud and grated vegetables in pumpkin cauldrons. Jenny helps us to think of spells to make up as we mix and stir! Next I play in the water tray, scooping

and pouring, filling and emptying. I can hear the bells jingling which means it's time to do 'Tina the Talkabout' box. This week her sound is 'f'. We all sit on the carpet and listen and lots of people show their things – someone brought in a frog and another person brought in a fork. Someone else wanted to show the leaf they found, too.



When I recognise my name on the card Chris holds up I say thank you and take it to the snack table and find a place to sit then I line up to wash my hands. I have carrots and blueberries, toast and butter for my

snack today. After snack I wash up my bowl myself and go to play with lots of different things; I do some writing on the white boards and try to write my name. I look at books with Lynne and we laugh at the funny pictures. I put an apron on myself and do some fruit printing and peg my paper up so it can dry.

Clophill Preschool News continued

When it's nearly time for lunch Imogen calls some of us to go to the blue room. While the Mummies and Daddies collect the children who go home we sit in a circle with Imogen and Lynne and pass around Ted. We can tell Ted anything. Today we told him about things that make us happy and things that make us sad. Then it's time to wash our hands and get our lunch. We all sit together with our teachers and talk about what to eat first and how to sit at the table nicely. We chat about things we've enjoyed doing at preschool today and Imogen says tomorrow we can go on a walk to collect sticks and make them into broomsticks! I go home after lunch, I'm very tired. Mummy says after Christmas I can stay all day! ”

PS: Look out for our new logo and bright green shirts and jackets around the village.

- Get in touch on **07732 872685** or **clophillpreschool@gmail.com** And check out our website for news updates and future events **www.clophillpreschool.co.uk**

Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

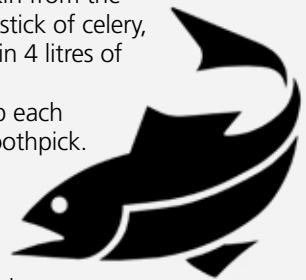
Cod with Parma Ham and Sage served on a bed of rice



INGREDIENTS Serves 4

- 40g Basmati rice per person
- fish stock (fresh or bought)
- 3 branches of sage leaves
- 1kg cod loin
- 4 slices of Parma ham
- 2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic
- ½ onion
- small carrot
- stick of celery
- small glass of dry white wine
- salt & freshly ground black pepper

1. Prepare the fish stock using the trimmings and skin from the cod with ½ onion, 1 clove of garlic, small carrot, stick of celery, five peppercorns and four sage leaves simmered in 4 litres of water. Season to taste.
2. Cut the cod loin into eight equal pieces and wrap each piece in ½ slice of Parma ham, securing with a toothpick.
3. Remove the sage leaves from the stalk.
4. Heat 2tbsp olive oil in a frying pan over a moderate heat – add in 3-4 torn sage leaves depending on size and 1 crushed clove of garlic and fry for 1 minute.
5. Add in the cod and gently fry until cooked through.
6. Meanwhile cook the rice in the strained fish stock.
7. Add in the glass of white wine and the remaining sage leaves.
8. Place a portion of rice onto your warmed plate and top with the cod loin pieces.
9. Drizzle with the sauce from the frying pan.



St Mary's Christmas Concert



**Greensand Community Choir and
Military Wives Choir of Chicksands and Henlow
Saturday 12 December '15 at 7.30 pm**

St. Mary's Church, Clophill

Refreshments All proceeds will be shared between Keech Hospice Care,
Military Wives Choir Foundation and St Mary's Church.

Find us on 

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QUIZ NIGHT



Bedfordshire
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**Friday November 20th, Maulden Village Hall
7.15pm for a 7.30pm start**

**Join the Wildlife Trust local group and the Greensand Trust for
a fun evening and help support local wildlife activities.**

Pit your wits and see who'll emerge victorious.

Teams of four to six. We can match people to teams if needed.

Fish supper* and a glass of wine (or juice or beer)

£10 per person

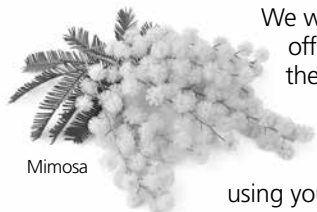
(*Vegetarian option available, please request at time of booking)

To book your place email flitvale.info@gmail.com
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Clophill & District Flower Club



In October we enjoyed a fun floral evening with demonstrator Fiona Franklin whose title – **'A Vintage Affair'** – took the form of a story set in the 1950s about childhood sweethearts Frank and Jenny. All Fiona's floral arrangements were selected to illustrate points in the story.



Mimosa

We were fascinated to hear that Frank had been offered a post as an officer on the Titanic but he declined it to be with Jenny and develop their plant nursery – a rather lucky decision! So Fiona started with an autumnal design in a terracotta pot that included sun flowers, mimosa and dark foliage such as 'Black Tie' leaves.

A useful tip here was that these large leaves can be shredded using your fingernail and the result is soft grass-like material.

Then along came three children. Fiona used a small wicker pram filled with tropical foliage with flowers to indicate the third child, who was called 'Chicken'. The family continued to live happily until, sadly, Frank died of a brain tumour. The next designs illustrated Chicken's activities growing up, such as dancing and picnics. Finally, we had an arrangement of a magnificent pink hat, which depicted the hat that Jenny wore to Chicken's wedding. And then we got a big surprise – Fiona revealed that Frank and Jenny were her grandparents and Chicken was her mother. Brenda London

Why not join us for our special Christmas meeting on 3rd December when demonstrator Jane Fox will be wowing us with her 'Christmas Winterland'? For tickets, call Carolyn on 01462 815433.



From Lawyer to Gambler – The Earls of Hardwick at Wimpole

Monday 7th December, Speaker: Barbara Farn

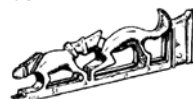
Barbara's talk includes yet another link with Wrest Park.
A glass of wine and mince pie will follow the talk.

Visitors are very welcome.

Venue: **Lecture Theatre, Flitwick Library**, 7.30pm for 7.45 pm
£2 for members and £3 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





St Mary's School News

We had a busy end to our first half term. Ten of our Oak children were involved in a **Tag Rugby tournament**, in which they won three games and drew one. They were joint top of their group and, in the end the other team was only put through to the finals as they had scored more tries. The team was commended in worship for their amazing efforts on the day and for being excellent ambassadors for our school in terms of their behaviour and sportsmanship. We'd like to thank Mrs Careem and Mr O'Grady for the help and support they gave on the day.

As ever, **the Choir** put on a beautiful performance when they visited Beverley Court to sing some of our Values and Harvest songs to the residents and visitors. We had some lovely feedback afterwards to say how much everyone had enjoyed their visit. The **FOSM Pyjama Day and Movie Night** was a huge success. The children (and staff!) loved attending school in their pyjamas and the majority stayed after school to watch a film and enjoy a hot dog. A huge 'thank you' to the FOSM team for organising the event and for the staff who stayed to help support.

Also in October we held a special **remembrance service for Mick Everitt**, a former Governor at the school, who sadly passed away earlier this year. Led by Reverend Jane, the service was to remember all the time Mick had dedicated to the school and to bless a Lenten Rose that Mrs Everitt, who attended with her children, kindly donated. The rose will be placed in the Sacred Garden in memory of Mick. On the day the children were, as ever, beautifully behaved as we talked about all the hard work Mr Everitt had put into making our school the wonderful place it is today.

Our value for this month is *Peace*

We've chosen to teach this in November as we felt it was important to consider peace when learning about Remembrance Day. This may be a good place to start discussions with your child should you wish to. Perhaps you could think about why we have poppies.

You may also want to consider the following points:

External peace...

is a state of harmony where there's a lack of conflict. This can be in our relationships with others and also in the world around us. Peace evokes the presence of cultural understanding and unity. In order for people to truly be at peace, they must be open to others. What stops us being at peace? What reasons are there to be selfish, greedy, cruel etc? What teaches us to be kind and tolerant?

Inner peace...

is found within – contentment with who we are and what we have. You may wish to discuss the following points with your child: Do they have a special place they can sit quietly and think? Why do we need to be quiet and peaceful sometimes? How do they feel when they are quiet and peaceful?

St Mary's School News continued

Looking forward to November and December...

On 25th November, the children in school who play an instrument will be attending our **Tea Time Concert**, which gives them the opportunity to play to an audience. We then have our **Christmas play** which this year is called 'Hey Ewe'. The over-65 residents in the village will shortly receive their invitation to the event, which is being held at 2pm on 7th December and will include refreshments. As for December, we're off to watch **Aladdin** and, most exciting of all, **Father Christmas** hopes to visit school on the 16th and 17th December! We look forward to finishing this term off peacefully in Church on the 18th December with our **School Nativity Service**.

Acorn Nursery News

We've come to the end of our theme 'Here I am' and have enjoyed getting to know our eight new starters, all of whom seem to have settled well. We've talked about ourselves and our interests, learnt about our body, feelings and senses, made our house and discussed what we'd like to be when we grow up. Next half term is going to be a busy one as we look and learn about 'People who help us' and, of course, get ready for Christmas.

Mrs K. Bingley, Headteacher

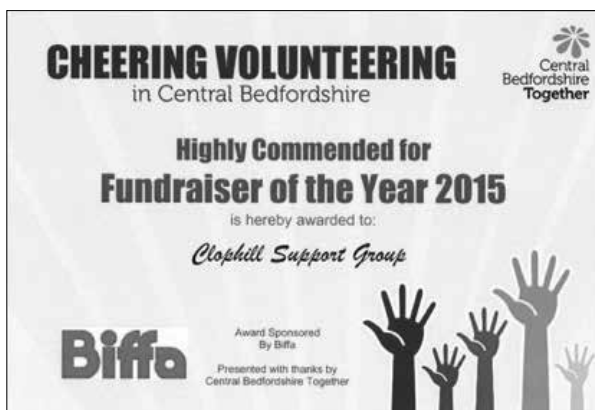


Clophill Friends of the Bedfordshire Cheshire Home

...would like to say, 'Thank you' to everyone who helped or supported us at our jumble sale at the village hall last month. **We're very pleased to have raised £532.13** – the amount includes a lovely donation of £50 and £30 of book sales.

We were recently awarded a Commendation in Central Beds 'Cheering Volunteering' Awards.

Our next jumble sale is planned for **22 April 2016**. If you have any good-quality jumble, or books, to spare we'll be happy to store it for you. We'd also love to hear from you if you could help at the sale, or would like to know more about our group's activities or would like to visit the home – just call 861110. **Sue Pearson**



CLOPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to their

SUGARCRAFT DEMONSTRATION



THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

at 7.30pm

Admission - £5 including free raffle

All the proceeds to Raise the Roof Fund.

For further information contact 01525 860695, 860918 or 862885

Clophill Village Hall News



Ten year anniversary of the 'new' Village Hall

Back in 1967, the idea of Clophill having a Village Hall was raised and the Clophill Village Hall Association was formed. Nearly five years later, after lots of fund raising, planning and hard work, the Village Hall was officially opened on January 16, 1971, by Sir Douglas Howard of Clophill House. By 1997, it was clear that the Village Hall required replacing.



It had become too small for its regular users and had limited storage and an outdated kitchen.

After almost seven years of efforts to gain funding for a new hall, the Village Hall Management Committee was finally successful in its third application to the Community Fund of the Lottery Commission and a grant of £256,000

was awarded for the erection of a new hall. This grant, along with pledges from Clophill United Charities, Mid-Beds Council and Degusa (formally Laporte), and the funds raised by the Committee themselves, represented full funding for the project.

The New Village Hall was finally completed in October 2005. Its main hall was named the Fossey Hall and the smaller hall, the Catton Room, in honour of two families who'd been closely involved in the village hall right from the beginning. Clophill now had an excellent facility, with new banqueting tables, new chairs and a full range of accessories to enable users to put together almost any event. There was also a full commercial standard kitchen and bar.



Ten years on, Clophill Village Hall continues to go from strength to strength. It's used on a regular basis by local clubs and societies, including Clophill Preschool, Toddler Group, Bowls Club, Flower Club and Brownies. It's hired by villagers and people from the surrounding area for parties, dances and other activities and is renowned as one of the most attractive halls in the area for wedding receptions. The recent decoration of the inside of the hall has given it a fresh, modern appearance and will help to ensure that it remains a popular venue for hirers in the future.



To celebrate the hall's 10-year anniversary, last month the Village Hall Committee organised a special anniversary ball. The event was attended by around 110 people (we even had a waiting list for tickets) and the feedback was tremendous. Attendees enjoyed a fizz reception, a three-course meal and entertainment provided by one of our favourite bands, Tess & The Durbervilles. Thank

you to the Committee for putting on such a fantastic event, and a special thank you to everyone who attended. We hope to see you all at future events. *Steve Langhorn*

Clophill Parish Council

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 27th October 2015

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).

The Lakes Site

At our October meeting the Parish Council informed those present that Gallagher's, the owners of the lake site to the south of the village, intend to submit a planning application for part of that site. Subject to agreement, for this development they have agreed that all the remaining land and lakes will be passed to public ownership. (The remaining land equates to some 280 acres of lakes and land). There are too many details to record here. **Gallagher's will be holding a public presentation at the Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 24th November from 3pm to 8pm.** It's hoped much fuller details will be presented and villagers' questions will be more fully answered. You're encouraged to attend. Meanwhile, you can read more at www.clophillparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk/news/clophill-lakes

A big thank you to...

- Jon and Paul from JK Landscape & Gardening Services who filled the hole on the rec last month.
- Paul Beedham from ABC Building Co. who replaced the vandalised brickwork of the bus shelter free of charge.

Clophill Neighbourhood Plan

Earlier this year a questionnaire on the Neighbourhood Plan was sent to every household in Clophill. This was so we could collect an 'evidence base' around which much of the Plan will be written. We had a return rate of 24% which is respectable in the world of statistical research. Analysis of the results has now been completed and it was presented to the Parish Council meeting in October. From this, a resolution was passed to adopt a document setting out the Neighbourhood Plan 'Vision and Objectives', much of the content resulting directly from the questionnaire outcomes.

The document asks the fundamental question: **'What will a sustainable parish of Clophill look like in 15 to 20 years' time?'** It sets out the following vision:-

- Clophill will retain its role as a rural parish in a tranquil and wooded location.
- It shall provide for the needs of those with a connection to the parish whilst recognising the wider needs of the local area.
- Development shall preserve and enhance the quality of the environment for residents and visitors alike and ensure that unacceptable strain isn't placed on the physical and social infrastructure of the parish.

A number of key issues are identified such as protecting the character of the village, volume and speed of traffic, social cohesion, and provision and preservation of services and facilities, in particular for the young and old. There are **six main objectives** centered on housing, sustainable development, business & employment, infrastructure, design and leisure. Two major development sites at **Reedshill Quarry and the Lakes** warrant their own sections. You can find out more information on the recently publicised 'Lakes Emerging Vision' on the Clophill Parish Council website and Facebook page.

Clophill Parish Council

Continued

The neighbourhood plan plays a key part in shaping the parish and defining any future development demands. The overall aim is to ensure Clophill remains a vibrant parish; one that we are all proud of. If you have any questions about the 'Vision and Objectives', or the neighbourhood plan in general, please email mantinigg@gmail.com or steve.rodell@sky.com. To read the full minutes from the Parish Council meeting, go to www.clophillparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk

Clophill Parish Council is now on Facebook

Check out www.facebook.com/clophillparishcouncil for information on events and activities in and around the village. And don't forget to 'like' us!

Planning

CB/15/03594/LB36

Location: Oakley House, High Street
Proposal: To lime render an external staircase of this listed building. It's thought this would be in keeping with the rest of the building. It can't be seen from the High Street and is being completed to protect the fabric of the building. **SUPPORT**

CB/15/03301/FULL

Location: 12 Goodwood Close
Proposal: Removal of existing fence along the boundary of the A507 and replacement with an environmental sound barrier. The land dips to the south of the A507 and the barrier will be up to 3 metres high. This road, as everyone knows, has become busier and noisier. Due to the land falling away the impact will be minimal. **SUPPORT**

CB/15/03372/LB

Location: 2 The Granary, Brickwall Farm, Kiln Lane
Proposal: Planning sought for replacement roof and installation of four Velux windows on this listed building. Provided the slate roof will be replaced with matching slate as approved by the conservation officer and the Velux windows will be recessed, the Parish Council supports this application. **SUPPORT**

CB/15/03768/FULL

Location: 30 High Street
Proposal: Single-storey front and single-storey rear extension (after demolition of existing conservatory). This is a circa 1970s-built house. The alterations in this location with the size of the current detached dwelling set back from the road will have little impact either on near neighbours or the street scene. **SUPPORT**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at the village hall on 24 November at 7.45pm, with a surgery beforehand at 7.30pm.

Donate your shoes for charity...

Friends, neighbours and residents of Clophill – we've set ourselves a challenge to **collect 200 pairs of men's shoes in 90 days!** We'll be donating the shoes to NOAH Luton, a charity supporting the homeless and most at need in our local area.

The shoes will be used by their clients or sold in their fundraising charity shops.

Ideally, we'd like men's shoes, but we are also accepting ladies and children's shoes, too.

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Parish registers for November

1815

Baptisms

November 12 Annie Emerton (?)

Burials

November 4 ? Crouch, 84 (?)

November 25 John Bottoms, son of John

1865

Marriages

November 6 Leonard Roberts, 21,
to Ann Kedge, 24

November 11 James Lomas, 21,
to Salome Evans, 20

November 30 Charles Bottoms, widower,
35, to Eliza Deacon

Burials

November 3 Elizabeth Varney, 44

November 11 Charlotte Clark, 66

1915

Baptisms

November 4 Lionel Clifford West

(father was a chocolate refiner)

November 11

Lydia Mary Porter of Clifton

(father was a steamroller driver)

Marriages

November 4 Cecil Stimson, 34,
to Hilda Annie Gudgin

Burials

November 19 John Bushby, 20

1965

Baptisms

November 24 Sara Louise Willatt

Marriages

November 22 Mervyn William Collis, 27 to
Rosemary Sheila Judge (?), 20

Burials

November 16 William Edward Kingsley, 63

November 17 Harriet Amy Chapman, 85

ST. MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Baptisms

September 27 Olivia Esme Baker

Marriages

September 26

Aaran Lane to
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October 10

Nikolaos Aloisios Ntavliakos
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NOVEMBER		Saturday 14th Karaoke Night at the Stone Jug, from 8.30pm
		Friday 20th Quiz Night and Supper 7.15pm at Maulden Village Hall. <i>See this issue for full details.</i>
		Thursday 26th Sugarcraft Demonstration 7.30pm, Clophill Methodist Church. <i>See the poster in this issue.</i> 'Buttons' Pantomime 7.30pm at Westoning Village Hall. <i>See this issue for ticket details.</i>
		Friday 27th 'Buttons' Pantomime 7.30pm at Westoning Village Hall. <i>See this issue for ticket details.</i>
		Saturday 28th 'Buttons' Pantomime 5pm at Westoning Village Hall. <i>See this issue for ticket details.</i> Live Music Acoustic guitarist Narius will be playing at the Stone Jug from 9pm.
		Sunday 29th 'Buttons' Pantomime 2.30pm at Westoning Village Hall. <i>See this issue for ticket details.</i>

DECEMBER		Saturday 5th Live Music Hear Amy sing at the Stone Jug, from 9pm. Christmas Market Clophill Methodist Church, noon-4pm. <i>See poster in this issue for full details.</i>
		Thursday 10th Carol Singing at the Stone Jug. With Hitchin Town Brass Band, from 8pm.
		Saturday 12th Christmas Concert With Greensand Community Choir and Military Wives Choir of Chicksands and Henlow, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Clophill. <i>See this issue for full details.</i> Live Music Out of the Hat play at the Stone Jug from 9pm.
		Sunday 13th Christmas Concert St Mary's RC Church, Dunstable. <i>See the poster in this issue for ticket details.</i>
		Sunday 27th Live Music Ollie & Will play at the Stone Jug from 5pm.
		31st New Years Eve Fun Welcome in 2016 at the Stone Jug, with a DJ spinning the tunes.

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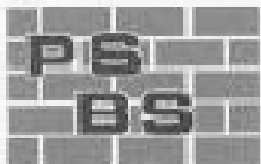
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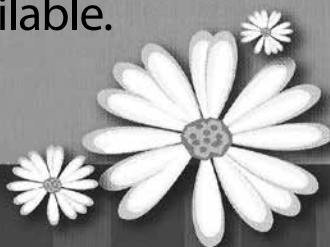
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