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## A word from the Editor...

### *Hello everyone!*



Well, what another fantastic **scarecrow festival**. It was lovely wandering around the village and seeing all the scarecrows peering out from houses and trees, and stopping to chat to residents and 'out-of-towners'.

Me and my neighbours were **out in the rain** on Saturday morning putting our scarecrows into place, but even a drenching couldn't dampen our spirits (though the yellow brick road did get a bit soggy). If you missed the festival, we've got some fantastic pictures of all the winners – courtesy of Jane Breed.

And as ever, Spotlight is filled with **lots of ads** – so do flick through if you're looking for a local tradesman or business. And remember, you can now also read Spotlight online at **[www.clophillspotlight.co.uk](http://www.clophillspotlight.co.uk)**

**Bye for now – see you all in November.**



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**COVER  
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**It's the month of Hallowe'en – so get those pumpkins ready either to eat or decorate, or both!**



## *SPOTLIGHT* on village events

by Aoife Mantini

### *Scarecrows come to Clophill*

More than 40 scarecrows festooned the streets of Clophill for the weekend of 14th and 15th September for the third bi-annual Scarecrow Festival, organised by St Mary's Church. Weekend visitors included The Cambridge's, **Willy Wonka**, Charlie Chaplin, The BFG, Spiderman, **The Gruffalo** not to mention a policeman, hitchhiker, a couple of world famous artists and a whole yellow brick road complete with Dorothy, Tin Man, Lion, Green Witch and Scarecrow.

For St Mary's Church, the festival is all about reaching people in the community who may not get involved in other activities and providing a friendly and informal way for folk to come into the church and have a nice cup of tea. A huge bonus, of course, is the funds raised which go to the church.

Such a successful event was only achievable with the **hard work of an army of volunteers** including: Cora Shepherd, Heather Jarvis, Jane and Barry Breed, Tim and many more behind the scenes baking cakes and selling programmes – and, of course, all the scarecrow makers. The 240 prize tombola was supported by local residents and businesses like Tesco, Jewsons, Shefford Building Suppliers and Doggie World.

### *Thank you...*

to everyone who contributed to the great success of the Scarecrow Festival last month. We really appreciated so many people giving their time in creating the wonderful and imaginative scarecrows and those who helped with the refreshments and stewarding. We were delighted with the interest shown by residents and visitors. We were fortunate to be **featured on Three Counties Radio** on Sunday morning and the event was covered by [www.amphill.tv](http://www.amphill.tv). (you can see many of the scarecrows at <http://www.amphill.tv/play.html?id=370>).

In total **we raised in excess of £1,700** plus a contribution from the Gift Aid donations. This was a fantastic amount and will certainly help towards the maintenance of the church. We were delighted to organise an event for the community and to show Clophill at its best to the visiting public.

*Carolyn Cranswick*

**Class 1**





**Class 2**



## And the winners were...

### Class 1 Adult

**1st** Bob the Builder  
53 High Street

**2nd** Speed Cropper Copper  
9 High Street

**3rd** Gertie Gardener  
36 Cainhoe Road

### Class 2 Family

**1st** Sweet Dreams  
17 Great Lane

**2nd** The BFG  
67 High Street

**3rd** Clophill's Golden Ticket  
132 High Street

### Class 3 Neighbourhood/ Group/Organisation

**1st** Wizard of Oz  
The Strand

**2nd** The Gruffalo  
Pre-School and Toddlers

**Joint 3rd** The Stone Jug Flu  
Stone Jug

**Most Popular** Wizard of Oz

**Joint 3rd** Sally Sunflower  
Clophill & District Flower Club

**Class 3**





# St Mary's School News

## Our Value for October is *Co-operation*

Co-operation is working together towards the same goal; helping someone achieve what they couldn't achieve alone. It's everybody's responsibility but sometimes takes courage and willpower to achieve. Co-operation requires us to recognise the unique role of every individual whilst keeping a sincere, positive attitude. There are lots of examples of co-operation in the Bible and in St John's Gospel, Jesus teaches us what it means to really co-operate; that we need to work together with care and love.

### **Acorn Nursery Class**

***Registration is now open for children born up until 31st March 2011***

The nursery staff, children and parents are all settling in very well and getting into a good routine. We have some spaces left for certain sessions so if you'd like to know more about what we have to offer or if you'd like to come and visit please call 01525 860206 or email us at [stmarysclophill@cbc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:stmarysclophill@cbc.beds.sch.uk)

### **Admissions for September 2014**

You can apply now for a place for your child starting school September 2014. The deadline is 15th January 2014. If you'd like to do this online go to [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and click on Starting School 2014. Any applications received after this date will be classified as late and won't be processed as part of School Admissions 'on time' allocation.

- Children currently in Acorn Nursery whose birthday dates determine they start Reception year September 2014 also need to apply for a place via the Council even though they're already in school.
- The 'Admissions into Middle School' deadline is also 15th January 2014.

# Calling all proud garden owners...



**Clophill Open Gardens** will take place  
over the weekend of **21st and 22nd June 2014**

So all avid gardeners who'd like to open their gardens and have their efforts appreciated please contact Sue Hughes on **861524** or [hughesue@btinternet.com](mailto:hughesue@btinternet.com)

# St Mary's School News

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## Clophill United Charities

The trustees of Clophill United Charities are keen to support families in times of hardship to ensure that all children have access to school activities and trips. This support is provided in total confidence and further information is available from Sharon or directly from Gillian Hill, the Clophill Charities Clerk, on 01525 860539.



## Important dates for your diary in 2013 (Autumn Term dates)

### October

Sunday 13th, 10.30am  
Monday 14th, 9.15am

Church Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church; choir to sing  
Harvest Festival in school, all welcome

### November

Monday 11th, 10.30am  
Friday 29th, 1.15pm

Remembrance Day service in church  
Advent Eucharist in Church

### December

Friday 13th, 1.15pm  
Monday 16th, 2.30pm  
Tuesday 17th, 2.30pm  
Wednesday 18th, 10.00am  
Thursday 19th, 1.30pm  
Friday 20th, 1.15pm

Christmas play and tea party for older residents  
Christmas play  
Christmas play  
Arena Theatre, Noon Christmas lunch  
Pantomime at Milton Keynes theatre  
Nativity and Carol Service in Church



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

## Wildlife walks & talks



## Fungal Foray

**Wednesday 30th October, 10am, Flitwick Moor**

A mid-week walk through the moor with renowned expert Peter Walker. Fingers crossed for a good showing of mushrooms and toadstools, a reason to hope for a damp end to the summer! *£1 per adult suggested donation.*

Places are limited. To book, contact [flitvale.info@gmail.com](mailto:flitvale.info@gmail.com) or ring **Kathy** on **07890 347327** after 6pm or at weekends



# Clophill through the years

by Colin Watt

## *The Dreaded Workhouse*

Since Elizabethan times there have been laws (known as the Old Poor Laws) requiring parishes to supply relief to parishioners who were destitute. There were two types of relief: outdoor relief and indoor relief. With outdoor relief, the poor lived in their own homes and were given either money or food and clothes. In contrast, recipients of indoor relief were required to enter a workhouse or poorhouse where they could be fed and clothed.

The law required each parish to elect two **Overseers of the Poor**. The post holders were unpaid and acted under the supervision of local JPs. Their duties included setting the Poor Rate and collecting it from property owners (rate payers). They then used the money to relieve the poor by giving them either money or food or admitting them to a suitable institution (Indoor relief).

The **Deserving Poor**, who were unable to work due to infirmity, injury or old age, would be taken into the local almshouse or the parish workhouse. The ill would be admitted to the hospital and orphans would be taken into an orphanage if available.

The **Undeserving Poor**, who were fit for work but wouldn't, would be taken into the workhouse where they would be set to work on hard tasks such as breaking stones or picking oakum. Oakum-picking was the teasing out of fibres from old ropes and was very hard on the fingers. The loose fibres were then sold to ship-builders for caulking or packing the joints of timbers in wooden vessels. This treatment was to encourage them back to paid employment.

In Clophill, according to Mary Phillips, author of *The Clophill Story* (1988), "the old workhouse stood next to the house which up till some thirty years ago was the New Inn". (The New Inn was at 120 High Street).

In 1777 a government report, "Abstracts of the Returns Made by the Overseers of the Poor", counted **20 paupers in the Clophill Workhouse**.

In 1832 a Royal Commission into the Operation of the Poor Laws found that the old system was badly and expensively run and so the Poor Law Amendment Act (known as the New Poor Law) was passed in 1834. The Act was intended to impose both order and conformity and reduce the costs of poor relief. Parishes were grouped together in Unions and a central workhouse was built to serve the union.

The Cedars in Dunstable Street, Ampthill, was built as the **Ampthill Union Workhouse** in 1836 to house the 469 paupers from 19 parishes, including Clophill. The architect was James Clephane who was also the architect of the new Wrest Park House built during



You can see the old workhouse from the car park at the Oliver Street Surgery in Ampthill



The 1901 OS map showing the cruciform plan of the Amptthill Union workhouse

the same period. The censuses show that there were less than a hundred inmates until 1911 when the number rose to 147, possibly because the Woburn workhouse was closed and its inmates moved to Ampthill. Why such an oversized workhouse was built is not known.

With the new act, outdoor relief was stopped and the destitute had to enter the workhouse to get relief. It was felt that outdoor relief was abused by the able bodied.

People entered the workhouse for many reasons including old age, illness, extreme poverty, pregnancy and, in the case of

children, becoming orphaned. As soon as they entered the workhouse, husbands, wives and older children were separated and lived in separate areas. The Undeserving Poor (the idlers who wouldn't work) were kept away from the Deserving Poor as it was thought that they would corrupt them.

The standard of living was kept below that of the poorest independent labourer to encourage the able bodied to leave and start work. The intention was that only the truly destitute would seek relief.

The stopping of Outdoor Relief was widely opposed and **led to riots, including one in the Ampthill area in May 1835.**

Although the workhouse was feared it did provide better accommodation than most agricultural labourers' cottages and a slightly better diet, but still very basic and monotonous (gruel). The inmates received free health care and the children were found work, often apprenticeships.

For example, the following appears in the Ampthill Union records for 14th September 1871: "**David GUDGIN lately an inmate of the Workhouse of the Ampthill Union**, a poor child of the parish of Clophill, aged 13 years, apprenticed to George TUCKLEY of Lane Head near Wolverhampton, co. Stafford, lock manufacturer, for the term of 8 years. Premium – the said child being provided with an outfit. The father of the above named apprentice has deserted him and his mother is dead."

Tracing his history in the censuses it can be seen that in 1861 he lived with his parents and four older siblings at 54 Back Street, Clophill. In 1871 he was a pauper inmate at Ampthill Union workhouse. Having taken up the apprenticeship, in 1881, aged 22, he is boarding at Lane Head and his occupation is given as Locksmith. In 1891 he's married with three children and is still a locksmith. By 1901, his family has increased to six children and one of his sons also has the occupation of lock maker. In the last census of 1911 he has seven living children (one died) most of them working in the locksmith industry.

So for David Gudgin (Gudgeon) going to the workhouse changed his life for the better.

Learn more about the workhouse at [www.workhouses.org.uk/Ampthill/](http://www.workhouses.org.uk/Ampthill/)

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



# News from Clophill Heritage Trust



As you can see from the photo opposite, scaffolding is now up and in place around St. Mary's Old church ruin, ready for the stonemasons to commence their skilful restoration and consolidation works. Some underpinning may be necessary to provide additional support for the foundations and stone buttresses. Also, the church tower and staircase will be strengthened and made safe to accommodate visitors who will be able to access a new viewing platform.

The site, which is currently fenced off for safety purposes, should be ready for re-opening in the spring of 2014.

In the meantime, across the west side of old church path, fitting out works are continuing on the five timber ecolodges. The frontages of each lodge will be 'dressed' with a low drystone wall and as part of our Heritage Building Skills programme a three-day course in the art of dry stone walling was arranged for the week beginning Monday 23rd September. This involved local adults and schoolchildren from Redborne School, Ampthill. Unfortunately, local greensand stone isn't appropriate for this kind of work as it's difficult to cut into thin shapes, so we went as near to home as we could with Norfolk stone. The works were arranged in conjunction with Matthew Willars, tutor at Bedford College, and Martin Fildes, stonemason from Riverdalestone.

The photo opposite shows college students preparing shallow block foundations for the low stone walling.



## Grant funding

We're in need of additional finances for our capital projects, which to date have been financed with the help of our major funding partners. We're continually reviewing and seeking further sources of cash and in the knowledge that there are so many grant funding bodies around nowadays we would welcome assistance or advice from anyone with specialist knowledge or perhaps professional skills in this area.

## ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Any help – from IT to accountancy – would be gratefully received.

Contact **Ali Bradbury** (07894 710001), **John Wright** (07860 839845)  
or **Barry Breed** (01525 860834)

# Clophill Methodist Church News

On behalf of the congregation and the village we'd like to offer a warm welcome to our new **Minister Rev. Graham Claydon-Knights** and his family who joined the Circuit in September.

We had a great turnout to our **annual barn dance** at the village hall on Saturday 21st September, accompanied by the superb Ivel Valley Band. **The raffle raised £76 towards Carers In Bedfordshire** and a very sociable evening was had by all. A huge thank you to everyone who organised this event.

Clophill Methodist Church



## Table Top Sale

Clophill Methodist Chapel, Saturday 12th October, 10am-1pm

**Entrance: 20p** (accompanied children free)

**Refreshments**

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**Table £5** You can sell your homemade wares, fundraise or sell unwanted items

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**No early start, no need to get wet!**

Telephone: 862885 or 860695 to book a table



## Harvest Festival

## *Creative Art Exhibition*

As part of the Harvest Festival celebrations, St Mary the Virgin Church would like to invite all the children of Clophill to join in the decorating of the church by creating a piece of artwork linked to Harvest Festival. It could be model making, a vegetable animal, collage, drawing or painting – any size will be suitable.

***Exhibits will be divided into three age groups: 4-6yrs, 6-8yrs and 9yrs and above.***

Please bring your exhibits along to St Mary's church on **Friday 11th October** between 6pm and 7pm or on **Saturday 12th October** between 9am and 10am. Exhibits should be clearly marked with your full name and age.

Each exhibit will receive a certificate for entering.



# Come into the kitchen

with Christine Fellini



## *A taste of the Mediterranean*

Looks as if it's time to pack away the barbecue and get out the stew pans. The recipe that I would like to share with you this month can be eaten on a warm day with a side salad or can be warming and hearty with the addition of mashed potatoes, rice or polenta.



### **BOCCONCINI DI TACCHINO ALLA MEDITERRANEA** (Turkey casserole Mediterranean style)

- |                               |                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • 400g turkey escalopes       | • 50g green pitted olives           | • dried oregano                      |
| • 50g plain flour for dusting | • 100g chopped peeled plum tomatoes | • extra virgin olive oil             |
| • 2 cloves of garlic          | • 400ml dry white wine              | • salt & freshly ground black pepper |
| • 1tsp salted capers          | • pinch of chilli flakes            |                                      |

1. Cut the turkey into pieces and toss them in the seasoned flour.
2. Peel and finely chop the garlic and put in a pan with 4tbsp of olive oil. Fry gently until translucent but not browned.
3. Add in the rinsed capers, roughly chopped olives, chopped tomatoes, chilli flakes and a pinch of dried oregano, and season to taste.
4. Simmer for about 5 mins for the flavours to absorb each other then add in the pieces of turkey. Cook for a further 10 mins, stirring from time to time.
5. Add in the white wine and sieve in the flour in which you previously tossed the turkey.
6. Stir well and keep it on a low heat until you have a nice thick sauce.

### **IT'S IN SEASON**

Some seasonal foods that will be at their best in October... • Pumpkin

- Marrow • Parsnips • Swede • Watercress • Chestnuts • Guinea fowl  
• Venison • Wood pigeon • Figs • Mackerel • Oysters

For more seasonal ingredient, check out

<http://www.eattheseasons.co.uk/october.php>

### **HOMEMADE BEAUTY PRODUCTS**

Next month I'll be giving you recipes for tried-and-tested beauty products that you can make from ingredients that you already have in your store cupboard.



### **DO YOU HAVE ANY TRIED-AND-TESTED RECIPES OR HOUSEHOLD TIPS TO SHARE?**

We would love to have your input so please get in touch at [christine@casafellini.co.uk](mailto:christine@casafellini.co.uk) or call me on 861912

**VENUE**

**CLOPHILL**  
**St Mary's**  
**COF E SCHOOL**

**SATURDAY**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**GATES OPEN 5.30PM**

**FIREWORKS 7.00PM**

**BAR BBQ GAMES STALLS**

**IN ADVANCE FAMILY TICKET £14**

**(2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN) £1 PER EXTRA CHILD**

**IN ADVANCE - ADULT £5.50 / CHILD £3**

**ON DAY - ADULT £6 / CHILD £3**

**Tickets available from School  
reception and Clophill Village Store**

**NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED**

**CHARITY NO.1062795**

## 2013 Annual General Meeting

Clophill Community Care will hold its Eighth Annual General Meeting in the Methodist Church school room on Wednesday 23rd October at 10am before Tea & Chat. Everyone in Clophill is entitled to attend.  
For a lift please call the number above.

**Our services:** In the past year we've provided assistance 455 times.  
The total is 2,094 since we started in September 2005.  
If you think you might like to become one of our volunteers,  
call chairman **David Myers** on **01525 860704**

## GOING FOR FREE...

*Want an upright upholstered chair, similar to a  
Parker Knoll style, that's in good condition and covered  
in a dusky pink velour with wooden legs?*

There's one going free if you're quick enough – just call **Gillian Hill** on **07960 662334**

## TO HIRE OR BUY...

**A stair lift** – for a straight rise of 14 steps or less – is available  
on free loan to any Clophill resident for as long as needed

All you need to pay is the £200 cost of installation. Alternatively, buy it for £250  
Contact **Clophill Community Care** on **860704**

## CLOPHILL TODDLER GROUP

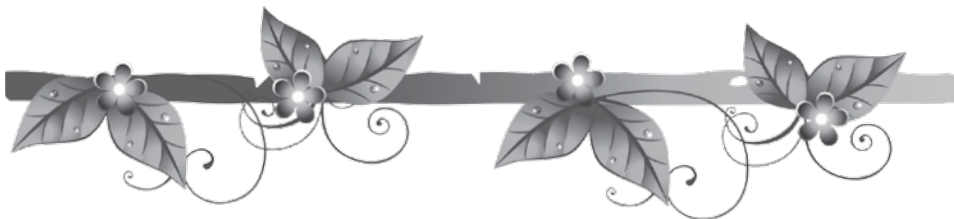
*Understanding the importance of a child's play*

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

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







## Clophill & District Flower Club

On 5th September, members and visitors were entertained by Rencha Naidoo, whose beautiful arrangements took us through 'Life Begins with Flowers'. Rencha was born in India and came to England aged three, and the colours in her arrangements reflected her origins.



The Wedding

Her arrangements spanned birth to silver wedding. For 'Birth', four small vases were adorned with cream gerbera, hydrangea, stocks and roses, along with pearl beads, pink or blue ribbon and various greenery.

Next came 'the Bat Mitzvah', the Jewish ceremony for girls coming of age at 12, with pale mauve calla lilies and purple snap dragons wired round a saucer-shaped dish. This was followed by **'The Teenage Years'**, depicted by a confusion of dog wood, contorted willow and purple birch

wrapped in lime green chicken netting with aluminium wire interwoven with tree ivy. Gloriosa orchids, red tipped with yellow, were placed randomly throughout into tubes wrapped with string. The finished arrangement reminded us of how our daughter's bedroom may have looked.



Silver Wedding

For the 'Valentine Engagement,' Rencha arranged red ginger lilies, green carnations and anthuriums with laurel and cordeline leaves together with a silver heart and a very large diamond set into a red vase. Meanwhile, **'The Wedding'** was a crescent-shaped burst of colour with orange and yellow roses, purple veronica, pink-tipped white dahlias, orange chrysanthemums, purple zinnia together with variegated tree ivy, hebi, soft ruskis and eucalyptus.

And finally, the 'Silver Wedding' – painted silver twigs set into a silver urn containing green spider chrysanthemums, slipper orchids, snap dragons, green and pink cymbidium orchard, shaped aspidistra leaves, fountain grass and fatsia.

*Christine Baker – Committee Member*

On **7th November**, we have Lesley Sturdy with 'Easy Decorations for Christmas'. Tickets will be on sale for our **5th December** meeting with National Demonstrator John Chennell, who'll be 'In Festive Mood'.

# Clophill Parish Council

## Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th September 2013

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*(Readers are reminded that these notes are a resume only, official minutes are available both on the internet and notice boards. All official correspondence should be sent to the parish clerk and not individual councillors.)*

### Public Question Time

- There were several questions from members of the public. The first was regarding the missing speed (repeater) restriction sign on the Shefford Road. This had been removed some time ago. The parishioner was informed that the Highways Department of CBC will be contacted with a request to have it reinstated as soon as possible.
- Three members of the public asked what was happening to 'The Lake's Site'. They were informed that the parish council's position is clear – until we have the conditions met, as required by a resolution at July's Parish Council meeting, no further action is envisaged (these conditions were published in Spotlight last month).
- There was one further question about an application for planning approval for a dwelling to the east of the village in Shefford Road. The policy of the parish council, the villager was informed, is that generally the parish council is against such applications that are outside the village settlement envelope. In addition, this particular matter would be discussed later in the meeting because it was an application made by a parish councillor. (See the notes on planning for a resume of the discussion/decision).

### Police Report

The council received a report from Bedfordshire Police regarding crime within the village. Overall there appears to be a pleasing decline in all types of offences but, with the longer dark nights fast approaching, the message is always worth repeating – keep your homes secure and ensure that garages and outbuilding are kept locked. If you see something suspicious, phone the police immediately. You can get free impartial advice on all crime prevention matters from Bedfordshire Police.

### Vacancy for Parish Councillor

- Grant Walford, a resident of the village, has applied and been accepted as a new parish councillor for Clophill. The parish council extends a warm welcome and looks forward to working with him in the future.
- Ali Bradbury submitted her resignation from the parish council. Ali is also Chair of the Clophill Parish Action Group and under her guidance the village has benefitted enormously. The Chairman thanked Ali for all her efforts on behalf of the village and was pleased to note that she would continue with her role at the CPA. Of course this resignation means that there is another vacancy on the council. If you'd like to be considered for this position, please contact the parish clerk Lyn Lyman.

### The Lands Committees

- Our lighting contractor is currently completing remedial work to the street lights in The Causeway to provide better lighting.
- Within the village, Bedfordshire Highways Department will undertake a survey of trees that are having a detrimental effect on street lighting. They can take action to remove offending branches if necessary, without consultation with the tree owners.
- The parish council is aware of the poor state of some of the roadways within the village. The Highways Engineer has been informed for repair work to be completed.

# Clophill Parish Council

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## The Village Hall

The installation of the new solar panels has taken place at the village hall. The parish council, as agreed, has paid the £2,500 as a grant towards this equipment to the village hall committee.

## Footpath 4

After the parish council objected to the closure order on this footpath (which runs to the north of the village) a consultation is to take place between interested parties.

## The Old Church site

The work on both the new buildings and the old church tower are almost complete and the parish council congratulates the Heritage Trust and all who have worked on the project for their achievement. It's hoped that the wardens will take up residence shortly. Due to the spate of recent vandalism, a request for help with the costs of security was requested. As this was for a limited time, and to ensure the security of the site, the parish council agreed to assist with a grant.

## Planning – September

### Applications Received by Central Bedfordshire

#### CB/13/02760/FULL

Location: 4 High Street  
Proposal: Two-storey and single-storey rear extensions  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs D. O'Neill

Proposal is to infill the two rear, inset corners of the dwelling; the two-storey extension to replace an existing conservatory. Although within the Conservation Area, the proposals are sympathetic to the environment and aren't easily visible from the road.

**SUPPORT**

#### CB/13/02891/FULL

Location: Mouse Farm, Shefford Road  
Proposal: Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to form new dwelling  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Hawkins

Using the same footprint and, as far as possible, the same appearance (ie wood cladded) the proposal is, effectively, to construct a spacious, three-bedroomed dwelling with a large kitchen/diner and study, play room, boot room, en-suites, dressing room, all within the present area. The building is outside the village settlement envelope and approval would risk the village being further extended along Shefford Road towards Beadlow. By converting the 'agricultural' land to 'garden' lays open the opportunity for significant housing development on the site, not possible under the 'agricultural' classification. From the conservation viewpoint, development damages important views of the Old Church. The village need is for more 'affordable' housing, rather than 'executive'-type to preserve balance.

**OBJECT, STRONGLY**

# Clophill Parish Council

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### **CB/13/02959/FULL**

Location: Colemans Yard, Great Lane  
Proposal: Demolition and removal of existing wood-frame structure and erection of timber-clad commercial storage building (use class B8)  
Applicant: Mr J Coleman

Proposal is to remove existing, untidy and small structure with a larger, modern facility to enhance the current business. The building won't be visible from the road, nor from adjacent properties.

Usage is in-line with government policy.

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/13/03260/FULL**

Location: 87 High Street  
Proposal: Demolition of existing porch and erection of single-storey front and rear extensions and addition of dormer windows to existing loft conversion  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs E Angus

Although large, the lean-to (north) extension is inconveniently arranged and poorly built. The proposal, sympathetically, enlarges and improves both this room and the (south-east) porch, as well as replacing the roof lights with dormer windows.

**SUPPORT**

## **Applications Approved by Central Bedfordshire**

### **CB/13/02239/FULL**

Location: Holly Bank, 36 Jacques Lane  
Proposal: Erection of detached double garage  
Applicant: Mrs J Tew

Need for garage was necessitated by plan to convert existing garage (and part of the house) into a 'granny annex' following changes in family circumstances.

**PC had supported**

### **CB/13/02306/FULL**

Location: Sealawn Boarding Cattery, 126 High Street  
Proposal: Replacement single storey dwelling  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Wales

Application was to replace dwelling destroyed by fire, on same footprint (Ladymead Cottage)

**PC had supported**

### **CB/13/02587/FULL**

Location: St Mary's Lower School, High Street  
Proposal: Construction of free-standing single-storey 135sq mt pre-school building  
Applicant: St Mary's VA Lower School

With the school's plan to move much of the pre-school activity from the village hall, additional accommodation is required on the school site. The application intends accommodation separate from the existing school buildings, and providing the necessary playroom, toilet and office facilities to be located in the north-east corner of the school site

**PC had supported**

# Clophill Parish Council

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## Notification of Tree Works in the Conservation Area

### CB/TCA/13/00243

Location: 110 High Street  
Proposal: Removal of Acacia and reduction of Leyland Cypress in rear garden.  
Reduce Hornbeams in the front by one third  
Applicant: Mr P Bird

Application is for notification only unless there are objections.

### WIXAMS

CBC are presently consulting on plans to develop the Wixams village from the Bedford Borough boundary towards Houghton Conquest, providing an additional c1500 dwellings, employment, mixed uses and a country park. The plans are available at the CBC offices at Chicksands, Ampthill Road and at Ampthill and Flitwick libraries. Responses are invited before 8th November.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.45pm  
on Tuesday 29th October 2013, with a surgery commencing at 7.30pm**

## Parish registers for October

### 1813

#### Baptisms

October 10th	George Wittamore
October 13th	Mary Panit (?)
October 17th	Robert Brown
	Sarah Rowland (?)
	Richard Rowland (?)
October 24th	Edward Waller
	Thomas Waller
	Mary Waller
October 31st	Bridget Stimpson

#### Marriages

October 13th	William Barret to Jane Wagstaffe
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### 1863

#### Baptisms

October 4th	1 illegible
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#### Marriages

October 16th	George Garner, 23 to Louisa Hare (?), 21
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#### Burials

October 17th	James Everitt, 2
October 21st	Mary Ann Bunker (?), 24

### 1913

#### Burials

October 29th	Mary Roberts, 84
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### 1963

#### Baptisms

October 20th	Angela Maureen Hawkins
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#### Marriages

October 5th	Derek John Franklin, 26, to Shirley Gobey, 25
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# What's on in and around Clophill

OCT



**Saturday 12th**

**Table Top Sale**, Clophill Methodist Church, 10am-1pm. Entrance 20p; children free

NOV



**Saturday 9th**

**Clophill Fireworks Night**, St Mary's School, 7pm. *See this issue for all details*

DECEMBER



**Friday 6th**

**Decibels concert**, Clophill Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £6



**Saturday 7th**

**Christmas Market**, Clophill Methodist Church, noon-4pm



**Sunday 8th**

**Advent Service**, Clophill Methodist Church, 10.30am

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- See 'Village Groups' for contact details

If you have any diary dates that you would like included on this page, please email [editorial@clohillspotlight.co.uk](mailto:editorial@clohillspotlight.co.uk)

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<b>Robert Bloomfield Middle School</b> , Shefford	01462 628800

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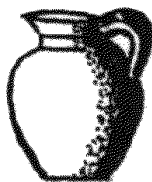
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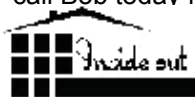
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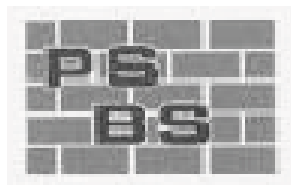
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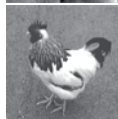
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