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## A word from the Editor...

### *We're back!*

So, Spotlight returns from its summer break and we're raring to go! Good job we're feeling energetic as there's lots going on in and around the village – from **barn dancing** to **wine tasting** and **musical concerts** to **archaeological talks** there's something to suit everyone.



Of course THE big event coming up is next weekend's **Scarecrow Festival** when the village will be filled with some weird and wonderful characters.

Hopefully you've made one of your own to exhibit, but even if you haven't do have a wander around on the **12th and 13th** to have a look and cast your vote.

We hope you enjoy this issue. Don't forget to check out the ads at the back – we've a whole heap of lovely local companies offering their services in the area.

Who needs Yellow Pages, eh?

*See you next month!*



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# KEEP CALM AND JOIN OUR CHOIR

**AMPTHILL AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY  
WELCOMES NEW SINGERS!**

No audition necessary, music provided, reasonable fees, friendly atmosphere!

Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings during term time

19:45 - 21:45 at Redborne Upper School, Amphyll

[www.amphyllchoral.wordpress.com](http://www.amphyllchoral.wordpress.com)



# A plea from the Village Hall Committee

## Please don't dump!



As most people know we work hard as a Committee to manage the Village Hall and the costs of running it for the benefit of all Clophill residents. Like everyone else we have to pay for our waste collection services.

Sadly, some people seem to have taken the attitude that the Village Hall is now the local dump. In July, somebody dumped their garden refuse next to our bin, and this isn't the first time we've had rubbish dumped there. What happens is that the refuse collection people will only take the contents of the bin, so the bags are left on the ground. This isn't a very healthy or tidy situation.

We do have CCTV coverage of the grounds around the hall, but wouldn't it be rather sad if we had to report people (especially if they're local) for fly tipping?

*Steve Langhorn, Chair, Village Hall Management Committee*



## Well done, Cora!

Keech Hospice Care would like to say a big thank you to Clophill resident **Cora Sheppard** who chose to support us at her summer garden fete event in June. This was very well received by the local community and raised the **amazing sum of £1,805.50**.



Cora (pictured left) with the cheque for £1,805.50

Keech Hospice Care believes that no one should have to face a life-limiting or terminal illness alone. We care for adults across Luton and South Bedfordshire and children across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes. Our care extends to the entire family offering emotional, spiritual and practical support. For these families, when it seems as though nothing will be the same again, we're here to help.

Our care isn't just provided at the hospice. It can also be provided in the hospital, school, care or family home – wherever support is needed most.

Here at Keech we're reliant on the support of our local community to help us raise the 70% of funding we need to keep providing the care we offer.



*Rebecca Eastwick, regional fundraiser for North Beds and Milton Keynes*

\* For more information [www.keech.org.uk](http://www.keech.org.uk)

**NEW!**

# Clophill Methodist Church **COFFEE & CATCH-UP**

Every Thursday (term time)

9am to 10am, £1.50

Coffee / chat / juice for the little ones

Small selection of toys

Have you just dropped the children off at school?  
Then come and warm up with a coffee and catch-up

**In aid of the 'Raise the Roof' fund**

**NEW!**

**CLOPHILL METHODIST CHURCH**  
invite you to their

# **BARN DANCE**

with the

**Ivel Valley Band**

**Caller: Joan Rutt**

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**7.30 to 11.00 p.m.**

**CLOPHILL VILLAGE HALL**

**Admission £10.00 – Including Buffet**

**Bring your own drinks**

**All proceeds to Clophill Methodist Church Raising  
the Roof Fund**

**For tickets & further information :**

**Contact: Tel: 01525 860695 or 01525 860918**

# Clophill Methodist Church News

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts towards our **Raise the Roof Fund**. We'd particularly like to thank Victoria, Nick and Poppy, and Delia, for hosting a BBQ and a Cream Tea at their homes which raised **an amazing £500**.

During August we held Messy Mornings, which have proved popular and will continue into term time. We also have our new Coffee & Catch-Up on Thursday mornings – perfect for having a chat in out of the cold.

*Nicola Wood*

## Dates for your diary...

- **Coffee and Croissant** – 10am-noon, Sat 3rd October and Sat 21st November, £1.50.
- **Harvest Festival Weekend** – Saturday/Sunday 12th and 13th September.  
Refreshments/Messy church/Quiz sheets/ Harvest Service.
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – 10:30am-noon, Wednesday 23rd September.

## Churchill's Secret Airfield Monday 5th October

Historian and author Bernard O'Connor explores the hidden activities at Tempsford in Bedfordshire during WWII.

## A View of Toddington in the 16th Century Monday 2nd November, Speakers: John Little and Alan Higgs

Using modern techniques and considerable research based on an accurate survey by Rudolf Agas in 1581, John Little and Alan Higgs have reconstructed how the village would've appeared in amazing detail.

- **For this November date only, meet at Poplars Learning Zone, Toddington, LU5 6HE, at 7.30pm**

## From Lawyer to Gambler – The Earls of Hardwick at Wimpole Monday 7th December

Barbara Fern'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](mailto:clive.makin@ntlworld.com), [www.adalhs.org.uk](http://www.adalhs.org.uk)

**Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society**



# **The Parkside Singers Concert with Amphill Town Band**

featuring some of your favourites from Last Night of the Proms



**At 2.30pm**

**Saturday 19 September 2015**

**At Parkside Hall, Woburn Road, Amphill**

**Tickets £7 - please contact Linda on 07715634720 or Michelle on 07860142526**



## ***Flittabus needs YOU!***

### **Volunteer drivers needed!**

**Driving a Flittabus can be fun; it's also very worthwhile.**

We have 3 buses and 11 routes driven (and managed) by over 20 volunteers. We provide scheduled services around Central Bedfordshire, helping many elderly people to remain independent.

If you can spare just one or two half days a month we'd like to hear from you. **Why not come for a trial drive and see if you like it?** Lady drivers very welcome. Full support and training will be provided. To learn more please contact *Chris Tarmu* on *01525 861940*.

Note: New drivers need to be under the age of 67 • *Helpline for bus information 07960 388 111*

# News from Clophill Heritage Trust



## The Old Church and Eco lodges – recreational activities

Over the summer we remained busy with guided 'Tower Tours' of The Old Church and newly introduced day-long recreational courses at the Lodges. Paula de Santis Smith, an artist/art teacher who lives in the village, ran a Saturday course in Water Colour Painting followed a week later by a Giant Bug's workshop for youngsters. Andy Fox ran two day-long 'Birds of Prey Photography' workshops and Sam Turner ran a kids yoga class.

## Building works

In June, work was completed on our connection to the National Grid so we now have power and lighting as well as our security systems in place for both the Old Church and Lodges.

Work on commissioning the water bore hole and ground source heat pumps is in hand and we're also particularly grateful to the efforts made by volunteers in connection with the installation of underfloor heating and laminate floor covering in the warden's accommodation.

Funding, largely via the Green Infrastructure Plan, has enabled us to continue with getting the lodges ready for full occupation. Two of the lodges now have functioning hot water showers.

Visit us at [www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk](http://www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk) or bookings at [info@ClophilHeritage.org](mailto:info@ClophilHeritage.org)

- If you'd like to get in touch you can contact: Ali Bradbury (07894 710001), John Wright (07860 839845) or Barry Breed (01525 860834).





# WARDEN ABBEY

*The community vineyard*

Discover  
medieval  
secrets of  
the  
vineyard!

## Open Day & Wine Sale

Sunday 20 September  
11-4

**E**xplore this historic vineyard and enjoy our fabulous award winning local wines, along with:

- Free Tours
- Wine Sales (cash/cheques only)
- "Wine for beginners" sessions
- Barbecue and Refreshments
- Local Food Stalls
- Free Parking
- £2 entry Adults - free for children

**P**roceeds help save this ancient vineyard for the Community



The Vineyard is sited between  
Old Warden and Cardington.  
See website for map, times of tours & tastings.

[www.wardenvineyard.org.uk](http://www.wardenvineyard.org.uk)

*"A Bedfordshire Rural Communities  
Charity project"*

# Clophill Preschool News



Hi everyone, we hope you've all enjoyed the summer break. We're very excited to be starting our third year at Clophill Preschool with over 30 children on our register and six brilliant members of staff. We've increased our opening hours this year and would like to thank the Village Hall for allowing us to do so.

At the end of last term we opened **a breakfast club**, and it's been a great success. We offer the children cereal, fruit or something toasted when they first come in then a snack around 10.45am. Some children may not have eaten before they come to us, others may have had an early start and need refuelling! We find a full tummy makes for better behaviour and better concentration – in grown-ups too!

Last term we applied for some funding for new equipment and over the summer holidays we received the good news that we'd been successful. So far we've purchased a new picket fence for our outside area and two more storage trolleys, one for construction equipment and tools and the other for water and sand toys.

We're always self-evaluating our setting and developing the areas to excite and stimulate the children. At the end of last term we made the mark-making and creative area more structured and created a larger drawing space. In our role play area we added **a karaoke machine** with a microphone and a mirror next to it. It's quite amazing to see the quietest of children pick up the mic and sing along to their favourite track. Some love an audience, others tend to face away from everyone, lost in their own little world. The language development and confidence building this engenders is fantastic. To develop this area further we've bought a tepee and a shop so we're looking forward to lots of counting and money work as well as the development of narratives and storytelling.

**Don't forget to look out for our Scarecrow at this year's festival.** It will be our first job when our doors open on September 7th! A busy term, as usual, with all the festivals to explore and celebrate, and we look forward to getting to know our new families as well as catching up with our current ones.

## Our opening hours...

Days	AM session	AM session + lunch (please bring lunch)	AM & PM session + lunch (please bring lunch)
Monday	9.15-12.15	9.15-1.15	9.15-2.15
Tuesday	9.15-12.15	9.15-1.15	No PM session
Wednesday	9.15-12.15	9.15-1.15	9.15-2.15
Thursday	9.15-12.15	9.15-1.15	9.15-2.15

## Our prices...

AM session	£15 for 2 year-olds; £11.85 for 3-4s
AM session + lunch	£20 for 2 year-olds; £15.80 for 3-4s
AM + PM session + lunch	£25 for 2 year-olds; £19.75 for 3-4s

**Contact:** Imogen (07765 887868) or Chris (07936 006381) or email us at [clophillpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:clophillpreschool@gmail.com). You can also find us at [www.clophillpreschool.co.uk](http://www.clophillpreschool.co.uk) and on Facebook.

St Mary the Virgin Church, Clophill

An event  
for all the  
Community

# Village

Please  
join in  
the fun



# Scarecrow Festival

## 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday 12 – 4pm

Entry forms available from Post Office and St Mary's Church

Lunches and teas in St Mary's Church

Programmes with voting forms and maps will be available from the Post Office,

The Green, Methodist Church and St Mary's Church

£24

An event for all the Community

## CLOPHILL TODDLER GROUP

*Understanding the importance of a child's play*

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

FRIDAYS 10am – 11.30am at the Village Hall  
See 'Village Groups' for contact details



# Clophill & District Flower Club



The demonstrator for our July meeting was Grania Newton, an experienced florist who's now venturing into demonstrating. Her theme was **'Yeats Country'**.

W B Yeats spent his childhood years in County Sligo, so Grania based her first design on the poem **'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'** (Innisfree means Heather Island). It was a modern arrangement using lilac-coloured roses, pink gerberas and aubergine and white carnations. Yeats was fascinated with Irish legends and folklore, which inspired Grania's next arrangement depicting the mythical Iron Age Queen Maeve. She filled a large metal vase with different forms and textures of plant material along with green anastasia chrysanthemums, red gerberas, stocks and pink peonies.



Grania used fern to represent Glencar Waterfall, as mentioned in Yeats' poem **'The Stolen Child'**. Variegated persian ivy, clematis tendrils and gypsophila depicted the flow, and veronica, lisianthus and peonies – all white – were added for impact.

Mullaghmore is one of the best big-wave surfing locations in the world, with waves reaching up to 50ft high. A large curve to depict the giant wave had been made out of dried birch into which soft ruscus was incorporated. To create the effect of the sea breaking on the rocks Grania placed

white avalanche roses into her arrangement before using orange gerberas to represent the surfers.

Drumcliffe Round Tower is one of 52 Irish early Medieval stone towers which it's believed were built as bell towers or as a place of refuge.

Phormium tenax leaves were used for height and woven and intertwined palm leaves for added interest and depth. A striking spray of yellow cymbidium orchids completed the design.



The stunning sunsets off the coast of County Sligo were the inspiration for Grania's final arrangement, a horizontal design executed on the top of a very narrow round glass container. Pheasant berry was used for structure and cordyline, orange gerberas, rose espana and dried aspidistra leaves provided the rich colours of the sunset. **Ann Dowding**

- Our next meeting will be on **October 1st** when **Jane Ellis** will be demonstrating her interpretation of **'Remember, Remember'**. Do join us at **7.30pm** at **Clophill Village Hall**.





*St Mary's Church, Clophill*

# *'Call my Bluff' 'Wine Tasting Evening*

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October*

*in the Church 7.30pm*



*A wonderfully entertaining informal insight into the world of wine*

*Taste 7 superb wines, guided ( or misguided) by buffs as they pit their expertise against each other, in an attempt to throw you off the scent.*

*Great fun and informal and an easy way to learn a little about wine along the way*

**£10** - including nibbles

and a light supper

Information from

*Julie 01525 860497*

*or Christine 01525 860912*

*or sign sheet at the back of the Church*



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## **Wildlife walks & talks**



### **Fungal Foray**

**Wednesday 28th October, 10am-noon, Flitwick Moor**

A mid-week walk through the moor with renowned mushroom and toadstool expert Peter Walker. A damp end to the summer would help ensure a fine show, so keep fingers crossed that the weather cooperates. *£1 per adult*

For additional information please email [flitvale.info@gmail.com](mailto:flitvale.info@gmail.com)  
or ring **Ann** on **07890 347327** between 6pm and 8pm or at weekends



## Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

### *Rigatoni Pasta with Tuna Sauce*



#### INGREDIENTS Serves 4

- 400g rigatoni rasta (or other short pasta)
- 3-4 cloves of garlic, peeled
- 1 bottle tomato passata
- whole branch of fresh sage leaves
- large tin of tuna in olive oil
- ½ tsp dried chilli flakes
- splash of extra virgin olive oil
- salt & freshly ground black pepper

1. Bring to the boil a large pan of salted water.
2. Open the tin of tuna and drain the oil into a medium-sized pan.
3. Add to this oil the peeled whole cloves of garlic, the chilli flakes and the sage and fry gently over a medium heat until the garlic becomes golden.
4. Add in the tomato passata – rinse out the jar with a little cold water and add to the pan.
5. Season to taste and simmer while your pasta is cooking.
6. Once the water is boiling add in the pasta and cook for 8-10 minutes or as directed on the packet.
7. When the pasta is half cooked add the flaked tuna to the sauce.
8. When the pasta is cooked drain thoroughly and add to the sauce.
9. Mix well and serve immediately.

## Italian Cookery Demonstration

3rd October at 11am

At the demonstration I'll be showcasing four recipes which you will be able to taste, along with a glass of wine (or two) or a soft drink. Recipe sheets will be available to take home. Tickets cost **£10 each** and all proceeds will be donated to the St Mary Church restoration fund. There'll also be a raffle so remember your wallet.

*As space is limited please book early – call me on 861012*

## Part-time Kitchen Hand/Cook Required

Tuesday to Saturday with a total of 19.5 hours – the position would fit around school hours. No previous experience necessary.

Please contact Vikki at the Stone Jug on **01525 860526/07789 736367** or leave your details behind the bar.

*The Stone Jug*



# Notes from the Parish Council meetings

Since the last edition of Spotlight there have been two parish council meetings.

- The council decided to **co-opt two additional council members** (with no voting rights): Sarah Chatwin and Steve Rodell.
- A resolution has been agreed, subject to conditions, for a grant of **£2k towards the Methodist Church roof repair**.
- The council discussed the **neighbourhood plan**, and heard from Tom Wakeman, who's been processing the data.
- We discussed the best course of action regarding the **safety of the High Street around the school** during school drop-off/pick-up times. No decisions have yet been made, but a clear course of action should be apparent by our September meeting.
- Also discussed at the meeting was how the council can better receive views and opinions from **young people** locally.

*The above is a brief summary only. If you'd like to read the full minutes, please go to [www.clophillparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk](http://www.clophillparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk)*

## SUPPORTING CLOPHILL'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Over the school summer break, Clophill Parish Council spent time thinking about ways in which we can support the young people in our village, particularly those approaching or at school-leaving time. We asked ourselves how we can provide them with engaging, fulfilling activities and also ensure their opinions are heard as we make decisions about our future.

Recently, there have been lots of changes in Government policy for young people, including reforming of A level qualifications and the introduction of new traineeships to help young people prepare for apprenticeships. Then we have speculation about the reduction of tax credits and housing benefits for under-22s and the scrapping of university maintenance grants from 2016. In August, youth unemployment in the UK rose to 16%. On a national level, with so much changing so regularly, this is an uncertain time for young people. We feel it would benefit the entire village if we address this issue head on.

Previously the parish council has supported developments such as the local football team, the skate park in the recreation ground, a boxing class in the village hall and a litter pick in association with the Lower School. Yet we're aware that more can and should be done.

One obvious issue is that Clophill parish councillors, perhaps unfortunately, aren't teenagers and don't necessarily know what the right answers are. This is where we need your help. We'd like to hear from young people and their parents about their views on what is to be a teenager in Clophill. We'd be particularly interested in responses to these questions:

- What did you enjoy/dislike about the summer break?
- What would make Clophill a better place to grow up in?
- Would a 'Clophill Parish Youth Council' be something you'd be interested in taking part in?

Please email your answers and any other thoughts to [terryleegbr@hotmail.com](mailto:terryleegbr@hotmail.com) or [kate\\_breed@hotmail.com](mailto:kate_breed@hotmail.com)

## Clophill Parish Council is now on Facebook

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

# Notes from the Parish Council meetings

Continued

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## Planning

### CB/TCA/00227

Location: The Old Post Office, High Street  
Proposal: To fell a Conifer and prune other trees in the rear garden. **SUPPORT**

### CB/TCA/15/02250

Location: 112 High Street  
Proposal: To fell two Silver Birch trees within the garden and replace. **SUPPORT**

### CB/15/02250/FULL

Location: 7 Dearmans Close  
Proposal: Application for extension to the house. The Parish Council supports this application provided that the new work ensures adequate off road parking within this close. **SUPPORT**

### CB/15/0222/FULL

Location: 22 Jacques Lane  
Proposal: To erect a cattery for business purposes. The Parish Council has received concerns from neighbours within the lane. The concerns are about the increase in traffic in this narrow lane and proximity to near neighbours. In the circumstances the Parish Council objects to this proposal. **OBJECT**

### CB15/02482/FULL

Location: Paradise Farm, The Causeway  
Proposal: To site three further gypsy homes within the confines of the farm. The Parish Council has objected to this application on several grounds. The proposed site isn't part of the existing site and the intended placing is some distance away from the current location. If agreed it will have the effect of creating a gypsy site that is approximately 5 acres in area. The proposed site is outside the village settlement area. The proposed site is in a dangerous flood zone (flood zone 3). The area is designated a county wildlife site and as such, according to Central Bedfordshire Council's own policy, has protection from development. **OBJECT**

### Ref: CB/15/02501/FULL

Location: Mouse Farm, Shefford Road  
Proposal: Change of use from a barn to a dwelling. The Parish Council understands that there has been a change in the legislation to allow for change of use in such circumstances. The Parish Council has requested that planners ensure that the current height and building footprint aren't exceeded so that this will ensure that the dwelling nestles into this countryside setting, if approved.

### CB/15/02503/FULL

Location: The Stables, Brickwall Farm, Kiln Lane  
Proposal: Conversion to dwelling. This is outside the village settlement area.

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# Notes from the Parish Council meetings

## Continued

This is the second application for this particular building, and the circumstances in reality haven't altered. Should this be agreed then there is a precedent being set for numerous similar building within this village, the planning appeals inspector looks for consistency in planning and will no doubt take this into account with any applications that are of a similar nature.

**OBJECT**

### **CB/15/02429/FULL**

Location: 5 Cainhoe Road  
Proposal: First floor side and rear two storey extension. There are numerous other similar alterations to houses within this estate.

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/15/02329/FULL**

Location: The Post Office, The Green, Clophill  
Proposal: Canopy over the entrance. Whilst this is in the very heart of the village the Parish Council believes that the proposal won't look out of place at the shop and cafe. It's thought that it will provide shelter for those wishing to enjoy refreshments in a peaceful setting.

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/TCA/15/00254**

Location: 110 High Street  
Proposal: Fell Willow and Leylandii.

**SUPPORT**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council take place at the village hall on 29 September at 7.45pm, with a surgery beforehand at 7.30pm.**

## Grand Jumble Sale

**Friday 2nd October, Clophill Village Hall** Doors open at 7pm. Entry is 30p per adult, accompanied children free. Refreshments available. All profits are donated for the direct benefit of the Residents at the Leonard Cheshire DisABILITY Home in Amphill.



We recently funded an 'Animal Encounter' for the Home. 'Teaching Talons' took an amazing selection of animals to the Home – including Chip the Dog, giant African land snails, owls, rats, millipedes and hedgehogs. The residents had a really lovely time and had the chance to touch and hold the animals themselves.

We also continue to fund fortnightly shopping trips to Bedford, when we accompany the residents. If you have any good quality jumble for us or would like to help at the event, or join us on a shopping trip with the residents, please call 01525 861110.

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

**Clophill Friends of the Leonard Cheshire Disability home at Amphill**



# What's on in and around Clophill

SEPTEMBER



**Saturday 12th/Sunday 13th**

**Clophill Scarecrow Festival** *See the poster in this issue for full details.*



**Sunday 13th**

**Free entry to the Ailesbury Mausoleum & Crypt** Maulden, from 3-5pm.

Refreshments available in St Mary's Church, Church Road, Maulden.



**Sunday 20th**

**Warden Abbey Open Day** 11am-4pm. *See the poster in this issue for full details.*



**Saturday 26th**

**Barn Dance** 7.30pm-11pm, Clophill Village Hall, £10. *See the poster in this issue.*

OCTOBER



**Friday 2nd**

**Jumble Sale** 7pm, Clophill Village Hall. Entry 30p per adult; accompanied children free. *In aid of Clophill Friends of the Leonard Cheshire Disability Home.*



**Monday 5th**

**Churchill's Secret Airfield** Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society talk, 7.30pm, Flitwick Library. *See this issue for full details.*



**Wednesday 14th**

**'The Armchair Traveller'** A talk by Carolyn Cranswick. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Clophill. Tickets £5 from Christine 861912 or Heather 860548.



**Saturday 19th**

**The Parkside Singers Concert** 2.30pm, Parkside Hall, Ampthill.

*See the poster in this issue for ticket details.*



**Friday 23rd**

**Wine Tasting Evening** 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Clophill.

*See the poster in this issue for full details.*



**Wednesday 28th**

**Fungal Foray** Mushroom spotting with an expert, 10am-noon, Flitwick Moor.

*See this issue for details.*

## On throughout the month...

### Wednesdays...

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

### Thursdays...

- **Coffee & Catch-up** Clophill Methodist Church. *Term time only.*

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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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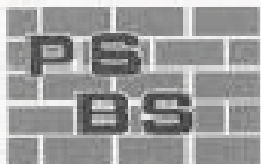
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Tuesday Club	Betty Hampson 860750
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## Parish registers for September

1815	1915
<i>No registers recorded</i>	<b>Marriages</b>
<b>1865</b>	September 22 George Henry Pritchett, 22, to Lizzie Gobey, 24
<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Burials</b>
September 3 Emily Sh?	September 8 Elizabeth Willison, 91
Flora Sara B?	
Catherine Charlotte Grummitt (?)	<b>1965</b>
<b>Burials</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>
September 28 Edwin Stimson (infant)	September 19 Stephanie Jane Tiller
September 29 Emily Barrett (infant)	Owen John Hughes
	<b>Marriages</b>
	September 25 Melvyn Frederick Harris, 22, to Jaqueline Ann Boyd
	Anthony James Wildman, 25, to Marilyn Watkins, 21
<b>ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS FOR AUGUST</b>	<b>Burials</b>
<b>Baptism</b> Olivia Grace Edmundson	September 6 James Whittamore, 82
	September 11 Ernest John Willmore, 81



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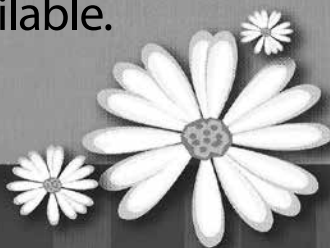
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