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## A word from the Editor...

### *We're back!*

Yep, our summer break is over so it's back to business for Spotlight. As ever, we've got a cracking little magazine for you – flick through to find news, info and events in and around the village.

This month we're putting the kettle on for the **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** on September 30th. It's Macmillan's annual fundraiser and a great excuse for having a natter over coffee and lots of scrumptious cakes.



If you're hosting a coffee morning, unfortunately it's too late to put something in Spotlight but do let all your friends and neighbours know so they can pop in. And why not send us a photo of your event and the amount you raised so we can feature it in the next issue.

***See you back here in October!***



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## CLOPHILL ECO LODGES

### Upcoming events

#### Spies & Coders Weekend



Private tour around the LOD's HQ Military Museum, refreshments at their Gilbertine Priory followed by dinner at the Eco Lodges. A trip to the encryption HQ at Bletchley on Sunday.

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September

£225 per person  
Residential Weekend

#### Fruit Foray Day



Learn what you can and can't (or shouldn't) pick on a foraging trail in the nearby woodland, followed by preparing your finds into pickles and jams for the winter.

8<sup>th</sup> October

£37 per person  
(includes lunch & equipment)



#### Pumpkin Festival & Macbeth Performance

Come and pick a locally grown pumpkin to carve with us while enjoying face painting, cakes, stalls and more. Then The English Gardner Theatre Company will be performing Shakespeare's Macbeth at the Old Church (for ages 13+ only!).

29<sup>th</sup> October 1pm – 5pm

Festival = FREE  
Macbeth from 6.30pm  
£7 per ticket  
£5 for early birds



#### Pop Up Café & Pumpkin Carving

Our Nest will be turned into a Pop Up Café for the afternoon and children (& Adults!) can carve locally grown pumpkins to take home.

30<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 5pm

### And many more, including :

Celebrating Cider Day ... 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Wreath Making ... 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Christmas Craft Market ... 4<sup>th</sup> December

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# Memories of a Remarkable Lady

## Teacher and Deputy Head at St Mary's School

Hilary and Mike moved to Clophill in the early Seventies, living in Tanqueray Avenue, Cainhoe Road and later in Jacques Lane. Hilary taught at Chantry in Luton before having daughter Sarah. Hilary and Mike soon became members of St Mary's Church.

Hilary began teaching at St Mary's Lower School in 1974 when Mollies Fisher was Acting Head. Marion Roberts arrived in January 1975 and Hilary was teaching the Reception Class. She was a very special Early Years teacher as she was caring, creative and had a warm sense of humour.

As a teacher Hilary had special skills. She had a great knowledge and understanding of children and education.

She was dedicated to her pupils and school and she worked long hours, usually into the early hours of the morning preparing work and marking. Hilary was a perfectionist. Her displays of the children's art work were beautifully presented and her handwriting was always meticulous, in spite of her arthritic hands. Hilary often wrote and produced the school productions – and they were productions! Many past pupils will remember The Weavers of Woburn, Old Time Musical Hall, Come to the Zoo and other productions.

She loved to extend the children's experiences and would take her Year 4 class to Kentwell Manor for a Tudor Day. She organised a Victorian Day and Harvest Festival with everyone dressed up, traditional Harvest gifts and farming tools and even sepia photographs to record the event. Hilary and her class did the Domesday Project for Clophill, involving a vast amount of extra research.

Hilary became Deputy Head in 1977 and worked exceptionally well with Marion Roberts and all the staff. She was loved by all as she was fun and always bright and cheerful, despite her health problems. In 1983 she began teaching Year 4 as it was less physically demanding. In 1987 she decided to move for a Headship and she was seconded to Renhold Lower School for a year before being appointed to Haynes Lower School, which she enjoyed for a few years.

Throughout her adult life Hilary battled with rheumatoid arthritis and later osteoporosis – having been told she would be in a wheelchair by the age of 35. She 'popped' painkilling pills to keep going and tried steroids, gold injections and later surgery to maintain her mobility. At times she came to school on crutches. When the school boiler broke down Hilary came to school and sat in her classroom in a sleeping bag.

Hilary and Mike moved to Worcestershire in 2005 to be near their daughter Sarah. Mike died in 2010 and Hilary suffered many health and physical problems but somehow seemed to stay positive and able to share a joke with friends. She died on Sunday 1st August and will be sadly missed by her friends in Clophill and all those who knew her.

*Carolyn Cranswick, friend and former colleague*

# News from Clophill Heritage Trust

## The Old Church and Eco Lodges

The Trust has developed good working relationships with a number of local schools, the latest being Parkfields Middle at Toddington. Their deputy headmaster Mr Andy Fisher organised an 'Enterprise' scheme whereby for the last three weeks of the school summer



Parkfields Middle School pupils and their deputy headmaster hard at work

term a voluntary group of Year 8 pupils would undertake various physical working tasks outside of school to assist in the 'community'. This year they came to Clophill where they carried out weeding, ground maintenance work, shed painting, log cutting and repairs to the Old Church plastic/pea gravel flooring. On their final day in July they were treated to a lunchtime BBQ courtesy of our warden Kayleigh and volunteers.

## Pop-up café and pony rides

July and August saw the Eco Lodges hold pop-up cafés featuring delicious homemade cakes. We also had two lovely ponies, Megan and Brambles, giving children rides around the church while parents enjoyed teas and coffees.

## Wine tasting day

A small party of people went on the first Clophill Eco Lodges wine tasting last month. It began at Southill with a tour of Old Warden Vineyards, where the group learned about viniculture and sampled locally produced English Wine. This was followed by lunch and then back to the Eco Lodges with Derek Smedley, Master of Wine, for international wine tasting and further education. The day finished with cheese and wine before heading home.



## Tower tours

Our Tower Tours continue to grow in popularity and several walking groups have visited us and enjoyed the views from the top of the Old Church Tower. Some also managed sightings of our young Kestrels who've now fledged and left the nest.

## Pumpkin festival

Plans are now underway for our Pumpkin Festival on 29th October and we'd like to ask for donations for the raffle and tombola stands – unwanted/unused gifts, good-quality toys, toiletries etc (and of course any bottles!) would be very gratefully received. Please drop these off at the Eco Lodges or into Assistant Warden Emily at 25 Readshill. If you'd like us to collect your items please contact us on **07825 051667**.

- Stall sites are available for the festival – contact **07935 911207** | or email [info@clophillheritage.org](mailto:info@clophillheritage.org)

## More news...

- We have a fully compliant DDA Unit available for **letting to disabled persons** and our first resident at the beginning of August was Stephen from Bolton and his mother Shirley who were visiting relatives in Clophill.
- Last month we had our first **'kids party'** who were able to make full use of 'The Nest' and grounds.

**Want to become a volunteer?** Contact: Kayleigh Waight (**07889 980872**), Ali Bradbury (**07894 710001**), John Wright (**07860 839845**) or Barry Breed (**01525 860834**).

Find us at [www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk](http://www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk) and on Facebook.  
For bookings, get in touch at [info@ClophilHeritage.org](mailto:info@ClophilHeritage.org)

# Clophill Methodist Church News



We're pleased to report that the re-tiling of our church roof has been completed and the church is now open. We'd like to thank everyone for their continued support during the building work, especially those who opened up their homes to continue our weekly Tea and Chat. A very big thank you to all those people who've helped us raise the much-needed funds for this project.

If you're passing, take a moment to look up and see how well the building now looks. We'll be holding a Service of Celebration and an official opening next month.

**Nicola Wood, on behalf of  
Clophill Methodist Church**

Silsoe & Waterslade Gardeners Club

# GARDENING & CRAFT SHOW

**Silsoe Village Hall**

**Sunday 11th September 2016**

Viewing 2 pm onward - Admission £1.00

Produce Auction 3.30 pm

Vegetables

Fancy Cakes

Arts & Crafts

Village Photographs

Fruits and Flowers

Childrens Classes

*Childrens - Ice a Face on a Biscuit Competition  
on the Day.*

**Come along and join in the fun**

**WARDEN ABBEY**  
*The community vineyard*

## Open Day and Wine Sale

**Sunday 11th September, 11am-4pm**

*To celebrate 30 years of Warden Abbey Vineyard, this is a rare opportunity to visit both the vineyard and the historic Warden Abbey building which is being thrown open by the Landmark Trust. Find out the story of the Medieval vineyard and abbey, why and how the monks made wine and how we care for the vines all year round.*

**Tours • Wine tasting • Local food • Stalls • BBQ • Refreshments**

Entrance – adults £2, children free

For more information and directions go to  
**[www.wardenvineyard.org.uk](http://www.wardenvineyard.org.uk)** or phone **07981 113714**.

Please note, may not be suitable for those with limited mobility.

## Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe



# Penne Pasta with Green Beans and Pesto

### INGREDIENTS Serves 4 people

- 400g penne pasta
  - 150g fresh green beans
  - 50g pine nuts
- For the pesto**
- 5 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
  - 1 tbsp freshly grated parmesan cheese
  - small bunch of fresh basil leaves
  - 1 clove of garlic (cut into pieces)
  - 50g pine nuts
  - salt and freshly ground black pepper

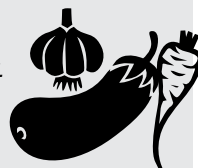
1. Bring to the boil a large pan of salted water.
2. Trim the green beans and cut into 2-inch pieces.
3. Blanch the beans in the boiling water until tender.
4. Remove the beans from the water using a skimmer or slotted spoon.
5. Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook for 10 mins until al dente – cooked but firm to the bite.
6. While the pasta is cooking prepare the pesto by putting the oil, parmesan, garlic, pine nuts, basil leaves and seasoning into a blender.
7. Blend until you have a smooth sauce.
8. Drain the cooked pasta and place in a large serving bowl.
9. Toss with the pesto sauce and add in the green beans and 50g pine nuts.
10. Serve with more freshly grated parmesan cheese.



## Allotment in Clophill Available

*An allotment in The Slade is available for rent from Clophill United Charities. The previous tenant has kindly agreed to leave fruit cages and a lock-up unit.*

For further information, please contact  
**Gillian on 01525 860539.**





Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

# Wildlife walks & talks



## Fungal Foray

**Sunday 18th September, 10am-12.30pm, Flitwick Moor**

Join Pat Cavanagh and members of the Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Fungi Group on a foray onto Flitwick Moor. Experts from the group will be on hand to help identify species.

## Small Mammal Trapping and Identification

**Saturday 24th September, 8.30am-12pm, Flitwick Moor**

Richard Lawrence and Colin Carpenter will be setting out the traps on Flitwick Moor late Friday ready for Saturday morning's exciting discovery. Yellow-necked mouse, bank vole, common shrew – come and discover what's hidden inside.

£1 per adult. Places are limited, so please reserve your place.

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

**Flit Vale Local Group** [www.flitvale.org.uk](http://www.flitvale.org.uk)

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Note: New drivers need to be under the age of 67

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# Remembering Clophill's Fallen

*Continuing our series on the centenary of Clophill's brave men who lost their lives in the First World War, this month we focus on Percy Eddy who died of wounds on 30th September 1916, aged 19.*



Percy is commemorated at the Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, Somme

Percy was the first of six of Clophill's men to die at the Battle of the Somme. The battle had commenced on 1st July and lasted until 18th November 1916 on both sides of the upper reaches of the river Somme in France.

He was born in Clophill in 1897 and in 1911 was living with his parents Priscilla and Daniel, a farm labourer, and three of his siblings at 1 Old Silsoe Road. That year he was one of 12 boys who won a gardening prize at school. Percy's father had lived in Clophill at least from 1861 to the time of Percy's death; his mother died in 1914, two years before her son.

Percy was one of five boy scouts to join the Territorials, later becoming a Private in the 5th Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment and then a drummer with the 2nd (City of London) Royal Fusiliers. The Battalion was sent to France in March 1916, sailing to Marseilles and travelling by train to concentrate in the area east of Pont Remy by the end of March. In July they went into action in the Battles of the Somme. The Battalion had previously been involved in heavy fighting at Gallipoli.

In September 1916, the 34th and 2/2nd London Casualty Clearing Stations were established at Grove Town, as it was known to the troops, to deal with casualties from the Somme battlefields. The Cemetery contains 1,395 First World War burials.



# Clophill Preschool News

**Hi all!** We had a fantastic end to our year in July – the sun shone for Sports Day and we had our biggest turn out ever with over 100 family members with us to support their children and join in the fun. The Mums and Dads races saw lots of competitiveness but also camaraderie among them. On the day we had our new Child Development Office in from Central Bedfordshire Council who was so impressed with our relationship with our families and community that we were apparently the ‘talk of Central Beds’. We were asked to write an article about the event for their newsletter that’s sent out to all Early Years settings across Central Bedfordshire.



Our leavers party was a fun but also sad event as we saw our biggest group ever leaving us to go onto school. We’re very proud of all that they achieved in the time they were with us and will miss them and their families a great deal but wish them all the very best for the future.

We spent our last day of term at Standalone Farm, with most of our children and their parents with us which made for a really great day out. The children enjoyed the animals and the parents relaxed as the children played on the large play area. It was a great opportunity for staff and parents to mix and get to know each other better over an ice cream and lots of chat.

Over the summer holidays we had one of our great ideas! ‘Let’s do a car boot sale and raise money for a trampoline for Preschool’ we decided. So early one Sunday morning we (Imogen and Chris) went off with a truck load of items to sell. We set up pitch at Pulloxhill – only to find that our neighbouring pitches were held by a TA from Dunstable and a Nursery Nurse from Luton! We managed to make enough money to just about pay for a small trampoline and can’t wait for the children to use it.





The holidays went quickly as we prepared for our 4th year at Clophill Preschool. As usual we've developed the setting and the way we run it to further improve it. We look forward to welcoming our new children and their families as well as receiving our old children back for what we know will be another exciting year.

Here are just some of the comments from our parents at the end of last term...

*"Clophill Preschool isn't just any Preschool – the staff are the most caring and nurturing I've met."*

*"A lovely atmosphere. Kind, caring staff who are creating a fun and happy place for the children."*

*"He has especially enjoyed the outdoor and messy play. He has learnt a lot during his time here and is well prepared for school. Thank you!"*

*"Absolutely fantastic ... has benefitted hugely from the understanding and support of the staff. He has loved Preschool. Couldn't have asked for more."*

*"The staff showed so much thought and care when transitioning children to their new schools. I'm honestly blown away by the thought that goes into giving the children such an enriching and happy environment. Imogen and Chris have set an amazing standard and ethos and I would happily recommend Clophill Preschool to anyone."*

If this sounds like the kind of place you'd like to send your child to, we'd be delighted for you to explore our setting, introduce you to our staff and show you what we can offer you and your child. *Bye for now, Chris, Imogen and the team.*

- Get in touch with Imogen on 07765 887868 or Chris on 07936 006381 or visit [www.clophillpreschool.co.uk](http://www.clophillpreschool.co.uk)

# A Health Evening

*at St Nicholas Church Hall, Church Road, Barton*

**Wednesday 14 September, 7.30pm-9.30pm**

*All are cordially invited to meet our doctors and visiting health and Social Services professionals to hear about and discuss GP services, health, welfare and caring issues.*

**BARGOOSE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**  
(Dr Simon P Hughes and Partners)



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# **BARN DANCE**

**with the**

**Ivel Valley Band**

**Caller: Joan Rutt**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**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**

**For tickets & further information :**

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

# Clophill Village Hall

Annual Report July 2016



## **Summary of 2015-2016**

The year ending July 2016 has been another very good year for the Village Hall. This year marked the 10th Anniversary of the 'new' Village Hall. How time flies.

The Committee can report an excellent year in terms of its financial performance. We've continued to invest in the fabric of the Village Hall, and continued to build high-occupancy levels to drive revenue.

In this anniversary year we gave the hall a complete freshen-up by redecorating the interior completely and treating the exterior woodwork. We've received many favourable comments about how much brighter the hall now looks. Alongside this, we've installed a new gate to the car park, which is designed to gain more control over parking to ensure hall hirers are able to park without issues.

This being our 10th birthday we staged a very successful anniversary ball in October which was a sell-out and I think it's fair to say everyone had a really great evening. In December we conducted our customary tour of the village on Santa's Sleigh, which is always popular with the children.

We recently launched our new 'Nextdoor' community site which is designed to create a community communication hub for Clophill. I really hope this takes off in the village as it gives us at the Village Hall a really easy way to reach out to residents and keep them updated with what we're up to such as forthcoming events.

A customary thank you goes to all members of the Village Hall Management Committee for all their hard work and personal time devoted to the upkeep of the hall.

## **Key Issues for 2015-2016**

- continuing to manage our costs and revenues
- maintaining the quality of the fabric of the hall
- maintaining a good fund-raising calendar
- expanding the Village Hall Management Committee membership
- working with other village groups to organise events

## **Final note**

On a sad note, 2015 saw us lose one of our valued committee members, **Mark Hawkins**. Mark had fought a long and courageous battle with leukaemia but sadly passed away on 9th November 2015, aged 50.

Mark was a fantastic part of our team, always willing to turn his hand to any task that needed to be done with enthusiasm and a smile on his face. He was also our 'technical guru' and designed a very professional website for the hall. One of his other skills was as our BBQ cook, and he would unselfishly man the BBQ at events despite missing out on his enjoyment of the event itself. He's sadly missed.

**Steve Langhorn, Chair, Clophill Village Hall Management Committee**

*St Mary's Church, Clophill*

# *90 Glorious Years*

*Celebrating the life of HM the Queen*

## *A Celebration in Flowers*

*by*

*Clophill and District Flower Club*

*Celebrating 40 years of friendship and flowers*

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10am-5pm*

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September noon-5pm*

*Lunches and teas served*

*Entry £3 accompanied children free*



We're hoping that all the exhibits will be sponsored. It's an opportunity to support your parish church, whether as an individual or a business. Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church and Childhood Leukaemia, the charity that the Club is supporting in 2016

*Further details phone Gillian 01525 860539 or Carolyn 01462 815433*



# Clophill & District Flower Club



It's 40 years since Clophill & District Flower Club was formed and to celebrate the occasion a **Ruby Anniversary** dinner was held on the first Thursday evening of July. Clophill village hall was filled with 80 members and invited guests, many wearing red and all in a party mood.

The Club has only had three Chairmen and they were all present along with the Area Chairman and Area President. The

tables were decorated with lovely table centres of red roses in large cocktail glasses and we were welcomed by two smart waiters serving Pimms. Then came a delicious meal of salmon, ham and tarts with a variety of salads followed by a selection of yummy desserts. One of our member had made a super cake, which was served with sparkling ros  .

Over the years the Club has grown in numbers, with classes to develop skills and opportunities to arrange for weddings, flower festivals and competitions. We're a happy, friendly group of people who enjoy flowers.

Following the meal Joyce Furredonn entertained us with a demonstration entitled 'Ruby Thursday'. She started with two black cocktail glasses filled with pink Aqua roses and purple liatris. Her second arrangement was green,

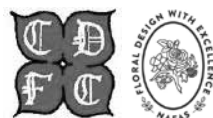
based on a striking mirrored structure using Anastasia chrysanthemums and green orchids. Number three depicted Barbados, where next year's World Show will be held, and for this Joyce used Strelizias and orange carnations with tropical foliage.



Joyce produced a number of other arrangements to be included in the raffle. She finished with a Ruby design with a red Perspex backing and appropriately a profusion of dark red roses.

The evening ended with the free raffle and 17 happy members went away with delightful arrangements for their homes.

*Brenda London, Committee Member*



• Don't forget, you can find details of our upcoming meetings at [www.clophillflowerclub.com](http://www.clophillflowerclub.com)



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**THE WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE MORNING**  
AT  
**ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
ON  
**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**FROM 10am - 12noon**

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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



# What's on in and around Clophill

SEPTEMBER



**Sunday 11th**

**Free entry to Ailesbury Mausoleum & Crypt** 3-5pm. Refreshments available in St Mary's Church, Church Road, Maulden.



**Sunday 11th**

**Gardening & Craft Show** 2pm, Silsoe Village Hall. *See this issue for full details.*



**Sunday 11th**

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



**Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th**

**A Celebration in Flowers** A floral tribute to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. *See this issue for full details.*



**Saturday 24th**

**Barn Dance** 7.3pm at Clophill Village Hall.

*See the poster in this issue for full details and ticket prices.*

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**Friday 7th**

**Jumble Sale** 7pm, Clophill Village Hall.

## On throughout the month...

### Wednesdays...

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

### Fridays...

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

### One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church, 17 September; 15 October; 19 November; 17 December. All-age craft activities, worship and a meal for all the family. No fixed charge, donations welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

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)

# Grand Jumble Sale

**7pm, Friday 7th October, Clophill Village Hall**

Entry 30p per adult, accompanied children free. Refreshments will be available.

All profits are donated for the direct benefit of the Residents at the Leonard Cheshire DisABILITY Home in Ampthill.

**We'd love to hear from you if you have an hour or two free to help us on the 7th** (from 6.30pm-7.30pm especially) or if you have any good-quality jumble for us.

**Please call 01525 861110**

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



# Clophill Parish Council

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## **Play equipment at the rec**

The new play equipment is now in place on the recreation ground. It's perfect for children aged 5 to 11, and we've appreciated the feedback we've received so far.

Since the new equipment has been in place, there have been some questions from villagers about play equipment provisions for under-5s in the village. We're looking into what else we can do in the recreation ground for this age group, but in the meantime there's a suitable play area just over the road in the grounds of the Village Hall. This equipment is for the general public's use, but please be aware that when Clophill Preschool are occupying the hall (term-times, Mon-Thurs mornings and lunchtimes) you'll need to inform staff that you'd like access to the equipment – this is an important safeguarding procedure for the children using the preschool service.

## **Nextdoor**

A contribution of £400 towards the rec's new children's play equipment was made by users of the online social media platform 'Nextdoor', whose mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighbourhoods. Hayley Gilbertson, our local 'Nextdoor' organiser, says: 'When we set up Clophill's 'Nextdoor' site, we were told that we would receive a £400 contribution if we could get 150 members to sign up. I'm pleased so many people from the village got involved so quickly. I set up a petition to ask members what they'd like to do with the donation, and as a community most of us chose for it to go towards the new play equipment up at the Rec.'

- If you live in the village and would like to join Nextdoor, go to [www.clophill.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.clophill.nextdoor.co.uk)

## **Hedge clearing**

Cllr Louise Hodge has asked if any villagers would like to help clear the hedge line/bank and undergrowth on the Rec. If anyone is interested in helping over the winter months contact Louise at [louisehodgeclophillpc@gmail.com](mailto:louisehodgeclophillpc@gmail.com) or call 07900 696103.

## **Water main on High Street**

Cllr Ralph Brough is in talks with Anglian Water regarding the renewal of the water main on the High Street. It has now burst three times in the past two years, and Anglian Water has now accepted that the pipe needs to be replaced. We don't yet have a date for this, but we will keep the village informed.

## **The Lakes**

A quick update on 'The Lakes' site. We're informed that, as of mid-August, CBC Planners were still communicating with Gallagher Estates and so had not made a decision on whether to refuse the submitted application under delegated authority or send to the CBC Development Management Committee. The Parish Council is of course keeping in contact with the Planning Dept and our Ward members are continuing to look after the village's interests and monitoring the situation with Central Bedfordshire Council.

## **New church roof**

Finally, congratulations to Clophill Methodist Church for both raising the funds for the new roof and completing the work in impressive time! Clophill Parish Council donated £2,000 towards the roof, in acknowledgment of the importance of this church building as a community resource.

# Clophill Parish Council

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## Planning

### **CB/16/02802/FULL**

Location: 8 Warren Farm, Warren Lane

Proposal: Single-storey extension

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/16/02709/MW**

Location: Clophill Fruit Farm, Shefford Road

Proposal: Retrospective application for an earth bund to reduce noise from neighbours. This is to the east of the site and the height isn't intrusive.

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/16/02717/FULL**

Location: 39 Mill Lane

Proposal: Single and two-storey extension. The proposed work will not only make the inside space more useable but perhaps will enhance its place in the conservation area.

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/16/03385/FULL**

Location: 5 Great Lane

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension. This replaces a conservatory that will be demolished. The new build will be slightly larger but doesn't alter the street scene or cause problems for neighbours.

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/16/02818/FULL**

Location: Mayfield, Shefford Road

Proposal: Demolition of outbuildings etc, erection of two-storey side and rear extension. This is an isolated property at the east end of the Shefford Road. It's far enough away from neighbours not to cause a problem and is surrounded by farm land.

**SUPPORT**

### **CB/16/03292/FULL**

Location: St Mary's School

Proposal: Construction of free-standing single unit, 135 square metre pre-school building. This should be supported to try to ensure the viability of the school as a whole. A query has been raised by a local resident who's concerned about the felling of some mature trees. In the circumstances, the council's view is that it should be supported but with a recommendation that the trees be protected if possible to enhance the grounds and street scene.

**SUPPORT WITH RECOMMENDATION**

### **CB/15/03248/MW**

Location: Beadlow Manor Golf Club

Proposal: Extension to existing driving range using imported inert waste. This is an amendment. We had supported the original application last year, with conditions requested. The parish council's views remain unaltered.

**SUPPORT WITH CONDITIONS**

# Clophill Parish Council

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## CB/TCA/16/00216

Location: 110A & 110B The Rectory, High Street  
Proposal: To reduce the crown on the yew tree by 30 to 40% **SUPPORT**

## CB/TCA/16/00232

Location: St Mary's Church, High Street  
Proposal: Reduce and prune holly, horse chestnut, yew and red oak trees.  
These trees have grown too big and are in need of the work as part of the long-term management of the grounds. **SUPPORT**

## CB/TCA/16/00273

Location: 15 The Slade  
Proposal: Fell a Sycamore tree. It's a large tree and is out of scale with the area/buildings. **SUPPORT**

## CB/TCA/16/00233

Location: 78 High Street  
Proposal: Fell and reduce four trees (gleditsia and rowan), one in the front garden three in the rear. The work is to be undertaken by Steve Deer and is due to required maintenance. **SUPPORT**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place in the village hall at 7.45pm on Tuesday 27th September with a surgery at 7.30pm

## Parish Registers for September

1816

### Baptisms

Sept 19 George?

No marriages or burials recorded

1866

### Baptisms

Sept 2 Samuel Grummitt,

Rest of month is illegible

### Marriages

Sept 20 George Parkinson, 20,  
to Lucy Lincoln, 24

## ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS FOR JULY

### Burial

July 15 Mollie Steven Jenkins of  
Hitchin, formerly Clophill, 89

1916

### Baptisms

Sept 3 ? Sheppard

Sept 19 Herbert James Taylor

No marriages or burials recorded

1966

### Baptisms

Sept 11 Cheryl Lee Cochran USAAF

Sept ? Donna Elaine Dobrowolski  
(father US Army)

### Marriages

Sept 17 David George Skelton, 22,  
to Margaret Ann Bottoms, 21

### Burials

Sept 1 Clifford Rex Fossey, 42



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<b>Clophill Local Policing Team</b>		101
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<b>Clophill Methodist Church</b>	(Mr Jim Davies)	01525 860829

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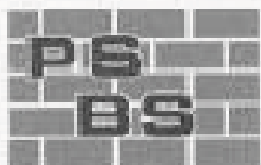
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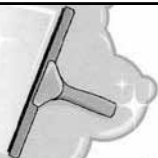
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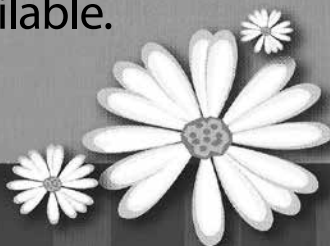
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