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A word from the Editor...

Hi everyone...

Thank you for bearing with us as Spotlight had to be distributed a little later in the month than usual. We hope that now it's arrived you're enjoying it.



There are lots of days to celebrate in June – starting off with Father's Day on the 17th. If you've got a canine friend you might like to know that it's Bring Your Dog to Work Day on the 22nd. And on the same day it's also **National Kissing Day** – so get ready to pucker up. Finally, on the 27th it's International Sunglasses Day. Let's hope the sun will be out for that one!

Before I go, a quick reminder that **Spotlight takes a break in August**. If you want to be in the July issue, please send in your articles and posters by 20th June.

See you next time. x



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St Mary's Church, Clophill

Invitation to



A Garden Party

and Traditional Afternoon Tea

Saturday 23rd June

at Aragon House, High Street

(home of John and Jenny Wright)

from 2.30pm



Everyone welcome

**Garden games and refreshments
included**

Admission by ticket

£6 per person

£15 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)

Contact Gillian on 01525 860539

News from Clophill Heritage Trust



Events & Activities

During May half term we participated in the Greensand Country Festival and held an Art Day, A Guided Walk and a very popular Earth Day where people came and tried their hand at various countryside crafts. Activities such as willow weaving and fire lighting were very popular and there was also the chance to get messy and make some fat balls for birds. We have an exciting events calendar for 2018 that includes outdoor theatre, countryside craft days and animal experiences.

Guided Walks

Our summer series of guided walks is approaching. Each walk is two hours long, starting and finishing at The Eco Lodges, and has a different topic such as medicinal plants, edible plants, geology and foraging. The foraging walk is followed by a workshop to show you how to turn your goodies into jams, chutneys and more.

Volunteers needed for our Tower Tours

We're looking for more Tower Tour guides to help show people around old St Mary's Church at weekends. This is a great way to spend a couple of hours with like-minded people showing them the beautiful ruin and stunning views from the top of the tower (we also need people to man the bottom gate if you don't fancy heights!). You would only need to commit to two hours a month and all training is given. Please contact the Warden Kayleigh Waight or Assistant Warden Emily Hakansson on **07935 911207** or **email info@clophillecolodges.co.uk**

**For info and to book events go to <http://clophillecolodges.org.uk/events>
or for a Tower Tour <http://clophillecolodges.org.uk/book-a-tower-tour>**

Replacement tree for Village Hall

When great grandma Joan Hamilton recently flew over from Australia to Clophill to see her new great grand-daughter Rosie (a sister for Alfie Langhorn) she wanted to leave behind a special memento.

Joan loved the area and kindly donated a beautiful willow tree to the Village Hall. It replaces the tree planted by the children of St Mary's School in celebration of the Queens Jubilee, which was sadly vandalised last year. Let's hope this lovely tree is left to flourish.

Many thanks to Joan and we look forward to seeing her again in the future so she can see how the tree and her great grandchildren are growing! **Dr Steve Langhorn**





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POPPY WALK FOR HONOUR

Walk in Honour of someone who has
served or is serving in the Armed Forces
Bedford Priory Country Park

SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 2018

Register online at
bedspoppywalkforhonour.co.uk
or upon arrival on the day

2KM Walk
Wheelchair and pushchair friendly

10KM Walk
For those that really want to stretch
their legs

REGISTRATION

Adult (12+) - £8

Child - £5

Family - £20

(2x Adult + 2x
Child OR 1x Adult
+ 3x Child)

free tshirt and medal for
every registered walker

As well as the walk there will be live music and activities with
refreshments available at Cloverdale Retreat - the Parks Cafe. A wonderful
day out for the whole family to enjoy while raising funds to help
wounded, injured and sick members of our Armed Forces and their families

Registration - 11:00
Act of Remembrance - 11:30
Walk Starts 12:00
Ends 16:00

Bedford priory Country Park, Barkers Ln, Bedford, MK41 9SH UK
Registered Charity No:219279



Come into the Garden

with *Kate Gardner*



June is a wonderful time in the garden, as we transition from spring into summer. By now the hedgerows and gardens around the village are bursting into growth, with splashes of colour from a whole array of shrubs and flowers. But it's still possible for the odd cold night to strike so keep a piece of fleece to hand to protect your more tender summer plants, especially those recent purchases from garden centres.

Warm, wet weather means rapid lawn growth but some simple maintenance can **keep your lawn healthy over the season**. Lawns in full sun may need cutting twice a week, but take care not to cut the grass with blades set too low. In dry weather this can lead to bare patches, increased weeds and shallow rooted grass, which is more prone to drought.

If you want good grass on our sandy soil you'll need to use an appropriate summer lawn feed once a month. Only **apply fertiliser onto moist soil and evenly distribute it** to avoid scorching the grass. Good, established lawns may go dry and brown during dry periods, but soon green up when it rains. You can help water and air to penetrate by spiking compacted and dry lawns with a garden fork and wiggling it back and forth to loosen the soil and allow air and water to reach the roots.

Warm, wet weather also encourages your **herbaceous perennials** to shoot up, so they'll need supporting. The simplest way is to put a cane or stick firmly into the ground, at the rear of the plant, and tie around a loop of string. Think loose support with natural movement rather than rigidly upright. Plants that would benefit from support include delphiniums, climbing roses, oriental poppies and the tall varieties of catmint (nepeta).



June is also a good time to cut back and divide any of the earlier **flowering perennials** such as pulmonaria, aubrieta and primulas. Lift clumps of plants, pull them apart and trim the old foliage, leaving about 5cm on each new plant. Add some compost into the soil and then replant, watering in well. This is also the time to prune down any spring flowering shrubs and deadhead spring flowering bulbs. Remember to water all newly planted trees, shrubs and flowering plants during dry weather until they've established good roots growth.

Deadheading will now become a key task as flowers finish and start to go over and lose their petals. With many plants the flowering period can be extended by removing the old flowers as soon as they fade. This stops the plant putting energy into producing seeds and instead channels it into new growth and flowers later in the summer and sometimes into autumn. Most deadheading can be done with secateurs, cutting back to just above strong buds lower down the stems of the plant. Some plants, like the hardy geraniums, can be trimmed back with garden shears. It looks drastic but the plant quickly puts on new growth and plants are kept nice and bushy.

And of course don't forget to **keep on top of weeding** while they're small – don't let them flower and set seeds!

Clophill Preschool News



Hello everyone. What beautiful weather we've been having and a wonderful way to celebrate Outdoor Classroom Day last month. We invited parents up for a Coffee Morning to give them the chance to see the newly developed outdoor area and how the children play and learn within it. We had a fantastic response from our parents, some even posting their comments on our Facebook page about how

great they think the area is. We ourselves can't quite believe the changes we've made to the space. We'd like to thank the Parish Council for their grant donation, which allowed us to accumulate the funds to pay for the new fence, to the Village Hall Committee for their unwavering support, and to our parents for helping with our fundraising events.

Where our children were once playing on a flat square piece of grass and patio we've now created an exciting and interesting space with hills and trees, **wooden walkways**, wood chip mounds, a pallet stage and a digging pit. Our children will find interest and ways to explore and develop play from the natural environment in a way they aren't able to when surrounded by the usual toys or resources.

Our children have been **hunting for minibeasts**, digging in the mud pit and using lengths of bark as funnels to run water from the water butt. They've been eating radishes that we've grown in the allotment and everyone is keeping an eye on the other fruit and vegetables – especially the strawberries!



Everyone has enjoyed travelling along the new wooden trail and over **the log stepping stones**. They've been scrambling up the muddy bank and sliding down the wooden slide, balancing as they walk across the top of the wall, running down the slope and making their way along the secret path hidden behind the hill.



We're very lucky to have Sue, from The Clophill Centre, coming this term to create a willow tunnel for us. And in Dad's week – when we invite all dads, grandads, uncles etc – we hope to get them to work with the children **planting up herbs** in some of the tyres and helping to create some more climbing structures on the muddy bank. We also hope they can help make a chip and tyre hill for the children to climb over.

We feel incredibly proud of the fantastic space we're developing that allows for balancing, sliding, rolling, crawling and climbing. We're providing a space that's flexible enough to ensure challenge for the most timid and the most adventurous, offering unpredictability and a sense of risk with little possibility of harm. While we continue to develop the space, we continue to fundraise. Our next Happy School Bags collection is on 20th June, so if you have any old clothing, shoes or bedding please get in touch. *Thank you.*

- Contact Imogen on **07765 887868** or Chris on **07936 006381** or email clohillpreschool@gmail.com. Our website is www.clohillpreschool.co.uk

Clophill & District Flower Club



Last month we welcomed National Demonstrator Patricia Dibben for her demonstration **'Stepping Forward – Glancing Back'**.

With the hall filled with over 70 members as well as a number of visitors, Patricia began with a large open-weave basket from Holland which she filled with foliage. As she worked, Patricia explained that it's important to manipulate not mutilate when trimming it to size, before adding Solidago, green Dianthus, Sweet William and tulips.

Patricia's second arrangement involved two placements enclosed in a metal frame and it included red Anthurium, purple Lilac and an old-fashioned light pink rose. Next a raised container was filled with palms, Bergenia leaves and Hebe to which Patricia added orange orchid, Solidago and red Anthuriums. To complete the design, she included a similar smaller arrangement at table level.

Now 'glancing back', the next design recalled the WAFAS 2017 show in Barbados. Patricia used a beautiful piece of wood along with ferns, Aspidistra, variegated Fatsia and Cordyline, and a Caribbean splash of colour was created with Heleconium, Ginger Lilies and large orange gerbera. When completed, Patricia added a second similar design to produce a stunning display. Once again looking back to years ago when Patricia started work as a florist she explained that designs were quite often triangular – and so her fifth design reflected this. It was all white, arranged in an elevated white urn with Larkspur, Delphinium, lilies and Avalanche roses to which she added a smaller arrangement at the base.

Patricia told us how she joined the first full-time floristry course in the country which was held in Tottenham and as time went on she decided she wanted to learn more contemporary skills. Her sixth and final design was a more 'stepping forward' contemporary design. Two red circles suspended in a frame were decorated as sunsets with green foliage, yellow Solidago, orange gerbera and bright red Anthurium and dark red roses. Once again, the design was completed with a third placement. Many members and visitors went home happy with their raffle prize designs.

- We are a very active club with nearly 90 members. During the year there are monthly demonstrations – twice a year with National Demonstrators, a social practical evening and sessions of flower arranging for beginners and the more able. Visitors are always very welcome. Our next demonstration is with Lionel Clark – his 11th visit – on 5th July. www.clophillflowerclub.com



A huge thanks...

... to everyone who helped or supported us at our jumble sale at the village hall in April. And of course thank you to those kind supporters who gave us jumble to sell! We raised **a grand total of £750**, which includes £102 from eBay sales, a generous donation of £50 plus a 'rounding up' donation of £38.41. Money goes to the **Leonard Cheshire DisABILITY Home in Amptill**.

Our next sale is on 5th October and we'd love to hear from you if you have any good-quality jumble sale or books to spare. Please also get in touch on **861110** if you can help out at the sale or would like to find out more about our group's activities or visit the home.

Church Fete and Village Event

We'd like to thank everyone for their support at the Church Fete and Village Event. It was a shame that the weather was unpredictable but we were lucky that it stayed fine for the first two hours.

The children from St Mary's School gave a faultless Maypole dancing display in the sunshine at 1pm. Later, when it rained, visitors retreated into the church to browse the stalls and enjoy tea, cakes and refreshments. While there, they were able to listen to the Greensand Community Choir and watch the children from Clophill Pre-School perform their dances.

We were delighted with the whole event as we had an excellent range of stalls and sideshows from local organisations. Some stalls were raising money for charities such as Keech Cottage, Bowel Cancer research and Cat Rescue. As ever, plate smashing, Skittle Alley and Beat the Goalie were very popular. It was also lovely to have the new Street Watch Team who had a stall to promote their project and make villagers aware of what they plan to do for the village.

Our aim was to create a traditional fete for the village and we were very happy with the number of visitors and the friendly community atmosphere. People seemed to enjoy the afternoon and were happy to spend time meeting friends and visiting the stalls and sideshows. **The church raised £1,388**, which will be used to maintain the building and fabric.

If the fete is to continue next year we'd like we would like to hear from you with any ideas and feedback on how we can improve this annual occasion. We also, need more people to get involved with organising the event.

Carolyn Cranswick and Gill Jones, fete organisers



Reading material and volunteers needed



Robert Bloomfield Academy is looking for donations of fiction and non-fiction books. Any other reading materials would be useful, particularly copies of BBC History Magazine and National Geographic Magazine.

The school would also love to hear from volunteers to help with their **Reading Champions programme**. It involves going into school for 20 minutes to listen to pupils read, which really helps to boost their confidence.

- For more details please contact Trudy Purslow, PA to the headteacher, on **01462 628800** or **TPurslow@bestacademies.org.uk**

St Mary's School News



The children had a wonderful day celebrating the **Royal Wedding**. They looked fantastic in their party clothes and all years took part in a variety of Royal Wedding themed activities. The day ended with a special outside worship in the Spiritual Garden.

At the **church fete**, we were lucky that the sun shone long enough for our children to take part in the maypole dancing. All the practice really paid off as they did a wonderful job performing. We'd like to say a special thank you to Mrs Burraway and Miss Fletcher for all their support and encouragement with the children. We'd also like to thank the Friends of St Mary's and Governors who both ran very successful stalls for the school (despite the rain which appeared after the maypole!).

In May we also held our **annual Pentecost Eucharist service** at church and our Year 3 class led worship within school.

In other news...

There were some brilliant performances at the tea time concert held in May, so well done to all who took part. Our Year 4s had the opportunity to take part in a bikeability course where as well as learning to improve their bike riding ability they were also taught how to maintain their bike and ensure they are safe. Some of them also took part in a sports transition event at Robert Bloomfield. They had a fantastic time taking part in a range of golfing activities and, as always, were a credit to the school.



Our value for June is *Honesty*

In school we'll be encouraging children to tell the truth even when they've done something wrong and could be in trouble. Our response to children who are honest will demonstrate that they needn't be afraid of owning up to wrongdoing and that we always respect honesty and thank people for being honest. We'll use Bible stories as well as others, such as 'Pinocchio', to show how important our consciences are. We'll discuss the phrase 'living a lie' and explore the effect a 'tissue of lies' can have. Emphasis will also be placed upon the importance of saying 'sorry' and meaning it when in the wrong.

Acorn Nursery News

Acorn class have been learning about different types of mini beasts and finding worms in our digging pit. They've also been looking at life cycles, decorating butterflies, counting spots on ladybirds, and watching tadpoles to see what happens to them as they grow.

They've also looked at how tall the children are, comparing the children with a height chart and then by ordering a line of children. Whilst the sun has been shining they've had a lot of fun in the garden with the soft play shapes, balancing on them as they walk or pretending they're at 'Army World' or 'Dinosaur Land'.

Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

Rigatoni Pasta with Broad Beans and Ham



INGREDIENTS Serves 6

- 500g rigatoni pasta
- 1½ tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion
- 1 stick of fresh celery
- 3-4 slices of pancetta or streaky bacon
- 400g shelled fresh broad beans
- 100g cooked ham (remove any fat)
- freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Put a large pan of salted water on to boil.
2. Heat the oil on a medium heat and add in the finely chopped onion, celery and pancetta. Cook until softened but not browned.
3. Meanwhile cook the beans in boiling salted water for about 10 minutes (use the same water that you will cook the pasta in) then remove with a slotted spoon.
4. Add the beans to the onion mixture.
5. Cook the pasta according to the packet directions to avoid over cooking.
6. Whilst the pasta is cooking cut the cooked ham into thin strips and add to the onion mixture.
7. Season to taste.
8. Drain the pasta and add to the bean mixture.
9. Mix well and turn out into a heated dish.
10. Sprinkle with the grated Parmesan cheese.



Christine runs Italian cookery classes at Casa Fellini in Clophill
www.casafellini.co.uk



Songs of Praise on The Green

Sunday 1 July, 7.45pm

Come and enjoy the Luton Band of The Salvation Army
and the Greensand Community Choir, followed by
refreshments in Beverley Court.

St Mary's Church News



This year's lunches held on five Wednesdays during Lent raised over **£1,000 for the homeless charity, Crisis**. Thanks to all who organised them and all who attended and gave so generously.

April and May have been very busy. As well as a wedding and two funerals held in the church, there were two social /fundraising events. In April more than 70 people attended the **20th annual Quiz Night at the Village Hall**, raising the magnificent sum of £650. Thanks are due to the whole team for this event and the 19 preceding years.

Then in May we held the Church Fete and Village Event in the churchyard, which attracted the usual big crowd. We were entertained by the school's Maypole dancing team and the Greensands Community Choir and then the rain came! But a good time was still had by all.

Messy Church: What's it all about?

You've probably seen the adverts in this magazine and around the village – but you still don't really know **what Messy Church is**. Well, officially Messy Church is described as a way of 'being church' for families involving fun. It's found all around the world and its values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration

But why 'Messy'? Well, 'Messy' is saying that God is interested in people and families who are 'messy' rather than perfect. Messy Church says 'We're all messy, our lives aren't perfect, our families and children aren't perfect and we believe the best space for God to deal with us in our messiness and disorder is in church. Come and join us.'



Clophill holds its very own Messy Church once a month at the Methodist Church between 4pm and 6pm. At a typical session, you'll be welcomed at the door and given a name sticker then off you go to choose a craft or activity. There are usually about six different things to do – and despite trying to hold themselves back, the adults can't resist getting stuck in.

At around 5pm we come together for a short period of worship, led by our minister, Graham Claydon-Knights.

We sing, bash instruments, listen to stories and show everyone what we have made. It's usually very noisy and chaotic, but totally fun and inclusive. Afterwards we all share tea, which could be anything from hotdogs to pasta, with plenty of cakes for dessert. Then everyone usually helps to tidy up and the kids go home tired (yay!).

Messy Church is for all ages – our current members range from 2 to 80+. There's no fixed fee, we only ask for a donation to cover costs.

- Our **next Messy Church is on 23rd June** so do come along.
Or if you'd like more info contact victoriajhiggins@hotmail.co.uk
or go to www.messychurch.org.uk



What's on in and around Clophill

JUN



Saturday 23rd

Garden Party & Afternoon Tea 2.30pm, Aragon House, High Street Clophill
See this issue for ticket details

JUL



Sunday 1st

Songs of Praise on the Green 7.45pm, The Green, Clophill

AUG



Sunday 12th

Poppy Walk for Honour 11am, Priory Country Park, Bedford
See this issue for full details

On throughout the month...

Fridays...

- **Clophill Toddler Group** 10am-11.30am, Village Hall, See 'Village Groups' for contact details

One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church. Dates: 23 Jun; 14 Jul; 15 Sep; 20 Oct; 17 Nov; 15 Dec. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

CHURCH SERVICES

Regular services at St Mary's Church, Clophill

1st Sunday	8am, Holy Communion; 10.45am, Family Praise
2nd & 4th Sundays	10.45am, Parish Communion
3rd Sunday	10.45am, Morning Prayer/Praise
5th Sunday	10am, Benefice Services

Regular services at Clophill Methodist Church

1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays	10.30am Morning Service
3rd Sunday	10.30am All Age Worship Service

If you have any diary dates that you would like included on this page, please email clophillspotlight1@hotmail.co.uk

The Autumn Ball

Saturday 20th October
The Cross Keys, Pulloxhill, MK455HB
7pm - Carriages at Midnight

Raising money for - Road Victims Trust, Keech Hospice &
Dine with me on the Street. & 2 local schools

Live Band & Entertainment, Drinks Reception, Raffle & a Three Course Dinner

Tickets £45 per person. To book please contact Meg
07771313041 / theautumnball@outlook.com



Keech
hospice care

Dine with Us on the Streets -
Cherries Legacy
Dine with Us on the Streets - Cherries Legacy



These notes are a resume only. Official minutes are available on the internet and notice boards. All official correspondence should be sent to the parish clerk and not individual councillors.

Anglia Water update

Lots of residents are asking us for updates about Anglian Water's water main works. Our website 'noticeboard' section has full details, with all dates for guidance only.

By the time you receive this month's Spotlight it's anticipated that Phase 5 (High Street, Cainhoe Road to The Green) will have been completed. The final phase (6) at the Green is due to start 11th June. This will initially be as a one-way system around the Green, much like a roundabout, until the 29th June. This will allow traffic to continue in and out of Clophill.

The final connection in the A6 junction will need to be a hard road closure and Anglian Water anticipate this starting on 30th June and running until 13th July, with weekend working. Traffic will be able to enter the village but not able to leave via the A6.

The final cut and caps of the old main will take place from 13th to 19th July in Cainhoe Road/Goodhall Crescent junction and High Street/Great Lane junction.

Lakes site

We were asked by a member of the public if we could update the village with regard to the Lakes site. The latest news is that Gallagher Estates (GE), who own the site, have recently put different members of staff to oversee the area their end and are still getting up to speed with their role. Central Bedfordshire Council and GE are still in discussions about terms for Section 106 (a legal agreement between an applicant seeking planning permission and the local planning authority, which is used to mitigate the impact of new homes on the local community and infrastructure). We're still engaged in the process, and will keep the village informed of any future developments.

Clophill clean-up

A HUGE thank you to the 50+ volunteers for helping out with the Clophill Clean Up last month. We were delighted by your response. Pictures of volunteers in action can be found on our Facebook page. We'd also like to thank Nell Lee for her help in coordinating the Clean Up this year. We politely request that, where possible, villagers put their litter in bins provided or take it home with them.

Parish Council Vacancy

There's still a vacancy at Clophill Parish Council. This is an unpaid role that involves attending meetings once a month and spending an hour or so a week reviewing and responding to information. Training will be given. For more details and a brief application form please contact the Clerk to the Council, James Stirling, on clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk or write to him at 31 Plum Tree Road, Lower Stondon SG16 6NE. You can also view information at www.clophill-pc.gov.uk

- Full minutes from meetings can be found at clophill-pc.gov.uk

Clophill Parish Council

Continued

Planning

CB/18/01122/FULL

Location: The Conifers, The Causeway

Proposal: Construction of a new boarding kennel block

The Council require that parking is accommodated on site for staff, visitors and clients and not on the public highway.

SUPPORT

CB/18/01246/FULL

Location: 28 Back Street

Proposal: Repair of existing ironstone wall, external landscaping groundworks to create new retaining wall, creation of two additional off-street parking spaces and improved pedestrian access.

SUPPORT

CB/18/01294/FULL

Location: 5A Great Lane

Proposal: Loft conversion and internal alterations; single-storey flat roof infill extension to rear elevation; and box bay window to front elevation.

NO COMMENT – the deadline passed before we could consider it.

CB/18/01455/ADV

Location: 6A Bedford Road

Proposal: Dog grooming advertisement sign to be erected over 1 fence panel – 182.800cm x 91.4400cm

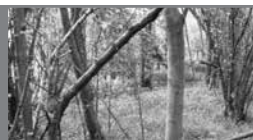
SUPPORT

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the VILLAGE HALL
at 7.45pm on Tuesday 26th June



Bedfordshire
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Northamptonshire

Wildlife walks & talks



Nature Walk at Fancott Meadows

10am, Saturday 30th June, Fancott Meadows

Join Graham Bellamy on a tour around this spectacular rich traditional grassland with both sweet vernal and quaking-grass and the adjacent mixed-wood spinney.

Places are limited. The Fancott Pub is open for lunch. £2 per adult

Open to all. Walks have group size limits so please reserve.

For additional information email flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring Ann on 07890 347327 after 6pm or at weekends. www.flitvale.org.uk

Useful numbers

Gas (Emergency)		0800 111999
Electricity (Emergency)		0800 7838838
Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance		999
Water/Sewage (Anglian Water)		0845 7145145
Telephone	(Customer Services) 150 (Faults)	151
Highways Department (Central Bedfordshire Council)		0300 3008049
Benefits Agency (Bedford office)		01234 361500
Registrar's Office (Births/deaths/marriages)		0300 3008089
Rail (Enquiries)		0845 7484950
Buses 01234 262151	(Link A Ride) 01525 840511 (Flittabus)	01582 406561
Luton Airport		01582 405100
Swimming	(Flitwick) 01525 717744 (Robinson Pool)	01234 212479

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Central Beds Offices (Chicksands)		0300 300 8000
Mid-Beds MP	Nadine Dorries	01462 811992
Central Bedfordshire Councillors	Michael Blair	01525 404513
	Paul Duckett	07988 184061
Clophill Parish Council	Paul Downing	01525 860350
	(Clerk) James Stirling	01462 887226

HOSPITALS

Bedford (North & South)	01234 355122	Admissions	01234 261150
		Appointments	01234 359012
Luton & Dunstable			0845 1270127

DOCTOR'S CLINICS

Ampthill	(Houghton Close) 01525 300898	(Oliver Street)	01525 631395
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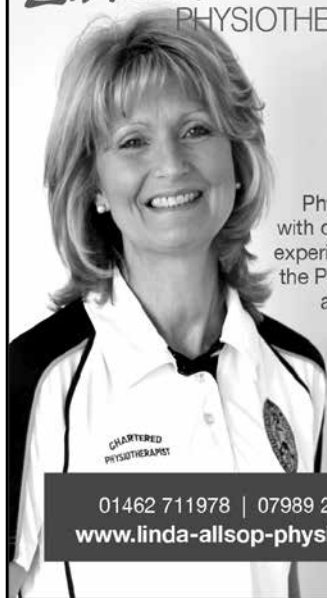
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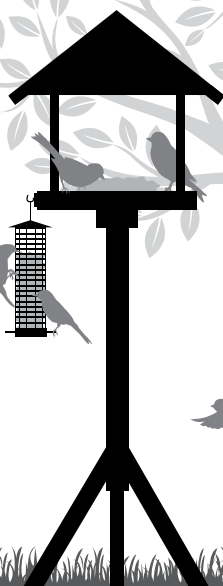
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