



Tel: (01525) 860292 Tel: (01525) 404919

208 Clophill Road, Maulden, Bedfordshire MK45 2AF 89 Oliver Street, Ampthill, Bedfordshire MK45 2SA

CAR AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALSO CLASSIC & AMERICAN CARS SERVICING – REPAIRS – BREAKDOWN SPRAYING – M.O.T.



Stuart Benson Building Projects

Design, Build and Maintenance including Interior Refurbishments, Kitchen / Bathroom fitting, Tiling, Flooring, Skirting boards, Doors Garage conversions. Exterior Decking, Patios, Driveways Garden Offices/ Sheds Tel: 07946 579862 or 01525 403083

Email: benson.stuart@ googlemail.com



A word from the Editor...

We're back!

Well that was a lovely – if rather hot – summer break. I hope you all had a wonderful time, whatever you were doing. So now it's back to business and we're bringing you another issue of Spotlight filled with news and events from in and around the village.

Elsewhere, there are some interesting things happening this month. For example, did you know that on the 19th it's **International Talk Like A Pirate Day**? Well, me hearties, it is – so break out that eye patch! It's just a bit of fun – and a great theme if you're planning any charity events around this time.



On a more serious note, on the 26th it's **National Fitness Day** when we're all being encouraged to get more active – not just on the day, of course, but in our daily lives.

Whether you're dressing up as Captain Jack Sparrow or sweating through a spin class – enjoy!

See you all again in October.

The magazine staff

EDITOR/ADVERTISING MANAGER	Helen Gent editorial@clophillspotlight.co.uk ads@clophillspotlight.co.uk	864836
DESIGN MANAGER	Chris Abrahams cmabrahams@yahoo.co.uk	
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER	Pete Liddle	860113
TREASURER	Richard Pearson	861110
COPY DEADLINE	20th of the month	

You can also read Spotlight online www.clophillspotlight.co.uk



Clerk needed for Clophill United Charities

Clophill United Charities (CUC) are looking for a new clerk. The position might suit someone who's retired or anyone who's interested in helping this worthwhile local charity.

The job revolves around three annual meetings, where the clerk will be required to prepare documents to send out with the Agenda, undertake follow-up correspondence and distribute the Minutes to the Trustees. You will also need to keep financial records up to date and produce an accounts balance sheet at the end of the year ready for the Auditor. As well as these duties, the clerk will be the contact point for anyone seeking assistance from the charity.

> Familiarity with email, Word and Excel is essential. There is a small honorarium paid to the Clerk.

For more information please contact *Richard Pearson, Chair of the Trustees*, on 01525 861110 or *Gillian Hill, Clerk*, on 01525 860539

News from Clophill Heritage Trust



Hello Rorie...

We're thrilled to welcome Rorie to the CHT team as our new apprentice. Rorie is studying at Shuttleworth College and will be completing a Conservation Apprenticeship with us over the next year. Say hi next time you see him!

Building projects

Work is now well underway on the repairs to the old churchyard wall and the new poetry path is being laid, complete with poems written about Greensand Country by local students. We'll be holding a Stone Laying Day at the end of September for locals to come and lay a stone in the wall – keep an eye on our Facebook page for information.

Events & activities

We had a great summer with people participating in guided walks, stone carving, cafes and more. It's been lovely getting to

know more Clophill residents and promoting The Eco Lodges and St Mary's old church. We have a full programme of events right through to the end of the year, so follow us on Facebook or go to *www.clophillecolodges.org.uk/events*

Volunteer needed

We're looking for a volunteer with book-keeping knowledge to assist with our accounts. If you can help please contact one of the wardens on 07935 911207.

Discount for Clophill residents

Just a reminder – Clophill residents can save 20% when booking accommodation at The Eco Lodges. We're ideally located if you have family staying or are having a gathering and need places for people to stay.



For info call 07935 911207 or email info@clophillecolodges.co.uk www.Facebook.com/ClophillEcoLodges

Parkside Singers – Ampthill TAKE TEA AGAIN WITH THE PARKSIDE SINGERS

SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER AT 2:30PM

THE PARKSIDE HALL WOBURN STREET AMPTHILL MK45 2HX

Afternoon tea with The Parkside Singers & Special Guest Soloist Elizabeth Bottone

> Tickets £10:00 Contact Ken Jones 01525 753110 or Brian Matthews 01525 841077



Come into the Garden

with Kate Gardner

September is one of the best times to get out and **start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year, collect seeds from your**

favourite summer plants and divide your perennials (I'm all for extra plants for free!). Most perennials benefit from division every two to three years, to maintain health and to ensure that you have a good show of flowers next year. Some of the plants that respond well to dividing are Agapanthus, Anemone, Bergenia, lily-of-the-

valley, Crocosmia, Iris, ornamental grasses and sedums.

Dividing plants

Lift them gently with a garden fork, working outwards from the centre of the clump to limit root damage. Shake off excess soil so that roots are clearly visible. Some plants, such as Ajuga (bugle), produce individual plantlets which can simply be teased out and replanted.

Small, fibrous-rooted plants such as Heuchera and Hosta can be lifted in a clump and pulled apart gently. This will produce small clumps for replanting. For large, fibrousrooted perennials, such as daylily, use two garden forks inserted into the crown back-to-back as levers to loosen and break the root mass into two sections. In some cases, a sharp knife may be needed to cleave the clump in two

Plants with woody crowns (eg Hellebores) or fleshy roots

(eg Delphinium) require cutting with a spade or knife. Aim to produce clumps containing three to five healthy shoots. Add some fresh compost into the area that you have dug plants from to refresh the soil, before replanting the new divisions. Water them in well and mulch around the plant. Any spare or small plants can be potted up to grow on over the winter in a frost-free environment such as a porch or green house.

Collecting seed

Collect ripe seed on a dry day, as soon as the seed heads ripen (they typically colour change from green to brown/black or red, but must be before they open and shed their contents). Pick the seed heads, either singly or on stalks, and put them into paper bags or envelopes and allow them to fully dry. Don't forget to write the plant name on the bag. If they don't open when dry, gently crush pods and capsules to release the seed.

Collect seed from fleshy fruits and berries by mashing them in a fine sieve then rinsing away the pulp in cold water. Leave the seeds to dry for a few days on paper towels. Some seeds, like hellebore, are best sown immediately as their viability reduces with storage. However, for many species, sowing is best delayed until a more suitable time of the year, such as autumn or spring – a cool dry place in an old cake tin in the garage makes a great storage spot until they're ready for sowing.

• Next month I'll be explaining how to extend the growing season and still have colour in your garden late into the season.







Clephill Prescheel News



Hi everyone – we hope you all enjoyed your summer and are ready and raring to go for Autumn!

At the end of July, we had a very emotional last day at Herring Greens Farm. We said goodbye and good luck to our leavers moving onto reception and to others who were moving away. Thank you everyone for all the support you give us and we look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Over the holiday Chris was lucky enough to be invited by Alex and Kim, who run Wild Roots at The Clophill Centre, to listen to a talk given by Jon Young. Jon is renowned worldwide for reconnecting people back to nature and its healing connection with individuals and communities. After Chris talked about her own experiences through preschool, Jon invited her to stay for the two-day workshop. This fantastic insight into **the importance**

of our connection to nature has really compounded what we believe in as we continue our development as a woodland Preschool embracing nature, where children come to grow.

We've been busy over the summer improving our outdoor space. The children love the bank area as a place to climb and run down but because of the sandy soil it's getting eroded very quickly so we've used old tyres to create a staircase and scramble wall as



well as a tree trunk climbing slope. This large-scale play helps with physical development, coordination and problem-solving as children test the limits of their capabilities while collaborating and exploring through nature. Our two, three and four-year olds will be finding their own boundaries, having fun and getting dirty all in the name of learning!

We start this academic year with more children than we finished with in July, which is a real landmark for our little Outstanding Preschool! As we have a lot of new children starting this term, there are a lot of home visits going on in the first few weeks. We're also starting **Stay and Play** sessions every Tuesday morning, from 9am-10-30am – the first is on Tuesday 11th September. Parents/carers are invited to join us with their children aged 18 months to 4 years and explore all the fantastic resources both inside and out. Sessions are free and refreshments are available. We also have Katie from Silsoe Dance School back and hope to introduce Chris, the music man, to our sessions.

Our fundraising continues this term with our next **Happy School Bags clothing collection** on Wednesday 14th November. We're also holding a Christmas Market in the Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday 20th November, so we're busy contacting stall holders to create a varied and fun selection of Christmas gifts and fayre. If you have a cottage industry and would like a table do get in touch.

We look forward to telling you about our first month back – it's bound to be more muddy, more fun and more exciting than ever!

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

Clophill & District Flower Club

It was a very warm evening at the beginning of July when we enjoyed a demonstration by Lionel Clark from Essex. Lionel is a popular demonstrator who first came to Clophill in 1993 – this was his 11th visit, and sadly the last, as retirement beckoned.

In keeping with the season Lionel started his **'Pick 'n' Mix' demonstration** by producing a large basket that he proceeded to fill with foliage and yellow sunflowers. For the next arrangement, spectacular Anthuriums in cream and pink were arranged in a horizontal

style in a very tall, slim vase. A small metal bike formed the basis of Lionel's third design, and then came red roses in a vertical style in a tall red vase. This was joined by another complimentary design using bright orange Gerbera.

For the finale, Lional used a wicker chair – which he thought was suitable for an early retirement. To this he added another smaller wicker chair with matching flowers which was for 'visitors' who came for coffee.

The lucky raffle winners not only took home the flowers but the containers too, as Lionel was 'downsizing'. We'll be sad not to be able

to welcome Lionel to Clophill again but to ensure he remembered us he was presented with a pen engraved with the club name.

Christine Baker, committee member

• For information on upcoming demonstrations, go to www.clophillflowerclub.com

Money raised from Songs of Praise

The 2018 Songs of Praise was held on Sunday 1st July on The Green, which had been specially cleared by the water engineers for the event. About 80 people gathered for the annual event, including the Luton Band of The Salvation Army and members of the Greensand Community Choir.

As 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the hymns were chosen from those used at the time in memorial and

thanksgiving services, finishing with everyone standing to sing Jerusalem before a night prayer. The hymns were introduced by people from a variety of Christian traditions, with ages ranging from 14 to 77 years. The choir contributed two songs as an interlude.

The collection taken to support the work of The Salvation Army **raised over £175**, for which the Army Captain sent us his thanks. *Ian Gordon*







Flight Research at the Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE)

Monday 1st October, 7.30pm for 7.45pm

At Thurleigh, the RAE (Bedford) conducted world-class aeronautical research into automatic landing in fog, naval operations from aircraft carriers, Concorde aerodynamics, vertical take-off and landing, helicopter performance and airport landing aids.

Speaker: Barry Tomlinson (Bedford Aeronautical Heritage Group)

Charles Dawson: Piltdown and his other hoaxes

Monday 5th November, 7.30pm for 7.45pm

The story of Charles Dawson, a man so desperate for academic recognition that he routinely faked his archaeological finds in order to supply the 'crucial' artefact to the academic world. Piltdown Man in 1912 was Dawson's most famous hoax, but recent work has brought to light 38 other fake artefacts that he presented to learned societies and museums during his lifetime.

Speaker: Andy McGrandle, who has worked in the oil industry since 1977 after graduating from London University with a degree in geology

Lecture Theatre, Flitwick Library MK45 1QJ

£2 for members and £3 for visitors, payable on the door. Further details: clive.makin@ntlworld.com Tel: 01582 655785

www.adalhs.org.uk

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society





Jumble Sale

Friday 5th October, Clophill Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm

Entry 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 Ampthill.

If you have any good quality jumble for us or would like to help at the event please call 01525 861110

Clophill Friends of the Leonard Cheshire Disability Home at Ampthill

Remembering Clophill's Fallen

Continuing our series of the centenary of Clophill's brave men who lost their lives in the First World war...

In September the village lost the first of its serving men to disease. **Ernest William Young** died of influenza on 16 September 1918; he was 35 years old and the only man commemorated on our memorial to have served at sea.

Ernest was born in Clophill in 1882, son of William, a butcher, and Hannah. By 1911 Ernest was also working as a butcher, living at Riverdene, High Street, with his wife Elsie Maud and their two young children. (They had three children at the time of his death.)



Naval records show that Ernest was 5ft 10in, had brown hair, hazel-coloured eyes and was of very good character.

Ernest was originally based at shore barracks at Chatham, but in March 1918 he was transferred to HMS Africa, a pre-dreadnought battleship, which was based mainly at Sierra Leone and escorted convoys between there and Cape Town, South Africa. His rank was Ordinary Seaman.

In September 1918, while based at Sierra Leone, some of the crew became ill. The first death came on September 9, and as the month progressed the death toll increased each day. Burial parties were sent ashore daily, and the ship was put into quarantine. By the

end of the quarantine on September 30, 52 crew members had died of illness. The Spanish flu (January 1918-December 1920) was one of the deadliest natural disasters in human history, infecting 500 million people around the world and resulting in approximately 50 million deaths.

Ernest is commemorated in the King Tom, Freetown Cemetery in Sierra Leone and is the cousin of S W Young, also on our memorial, who had died two months earlier.



Clophill Methodist Church Alternative Christmas Tree Festival December 1st and 2nd

Would you like to make and decorate a Christmas tree to go on display at our Alternative Tree Festival? Your tree can be any size and fashioned out of anything – it can be knitted, crocheted, made from boxes or old books...the choice is yours. You can make one on your own, team up with neighbours or get together to represent your business or club.

If you'd like to join in the festivities please contact 862885 (evenings) or 860695

Parish Registers for August & September

1918 (continued)

Baptisms (continued)

1818

Bantisms

Aug 20 Sep 6	William Parrish (omitted) John (?)Stimson Emma Chapman	Sep 15	Sidney L. Cotter Cyril Reginald Cotter Alastair Stanley Cotter
Sep	Joseph Wilshire	Sep 25	Wilfred Shepherd
Marriage		Marriage	
Aug 9 Sep 14 Sep 15	James Hall to Sarah Smart Joseph ? to Elizabeth Kedge John Goodhall to Ann Reid	Aug 3 Aug 10	Harrold Francis Gibson to Edith Bertha Page Frederick Lammas to
	John Goodhail to Ann Neid	Aug 10	Florence Mary Ann Harris
1868		Aug 21	Louis Bean to
Baptisms Aug 2	John Chapman, father, builder Arnold Parrish Harriette Garner, father, miller Emma Gaylor	Sep 7 Sep 28 Burials	Iris Christine Warwick Frank Leonard Creasy to Eva Mary Simpson Thomas Edward Grummitt to Beatrice Mabel Harris
Aug 10 Sep 4 Sep 6	George Osborn Joseph Everitt Sarah Izzard, single mother John William Mann Joseph Brown, Maulden,	Aug 19 Aug 28 Sep 6 Sep 9	Emma Sharman, 66 Edwin Putley (?), 78 Raymond Ernest Cunnington, 26 Ann Langley, 55
	father, butcher	1968	
Burials	Emma Doggett		; (at Silsoe)
Aug 12 Aug 22 Aug 24	John Chapman, infant Edwin Grummitt, infant Elizabeth Stimson, infant	Sep 1 Sep 8	Joanna Marie Bull Lisa Margaret Hopkins (of Luton) Graham Keith Palmer
Aug 30	Henry Simpson, infant	Marriage	es (at Silsoe)
Sep 3 Sep 8	John Ansell, 76 Elizabeth Bowler, infant	Sep 14	Frank Humphries to Betty Angelina Victoria Woodward
Sep 9 Sep 29	Catherine (?) Izzard, infant M. A. Appleby, 27	Sep 21	Roger James Mellor to Ellen Miriam Kaine
		Burials	
1918		Aug 28	Albert Leonard Izzard, 72.
Baptisms Aug 18	Isabel Mary Clark	?	Methodist church George Thomas Rowley, 84. Ashes scattered
Sep 15	Ethel Maud Thornley		Malter Deducred

Correction: The 1918 baptisms recorded in the last issue were at St Mary's, not Silsoe.

Sep 25

Allotment available to rent



An allotment is available for rent in The Slade from the start of October.



Walter Redvers Thacker Tiller, 67

For details, contact Gillian Hill on 860539 or email gillianhill10@aol.com

What's on in and around Clophill



Saturday 22nd

Afternoon tea with the Parkside Singers 2.30pm, Parkside Hall, Ampthill See this issue for ticket details

Saturday 29th

Wildlife Walk 8am-10.30am, Flitwick Moor See this issue for details



Monday 1st

Ampthill & District Archaelogical & Local History Society 7.30pm, Flitwick Library See this issue for details

Saturday 20th

The Autumn Ball 7pm, The Cross Keys, Pulloxhill See this issue for ticket details

On throughout the month...

Wednesdays...

• Tea and Chat 10.30 to noon. Methodist Church

Fridavs...

 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: 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 3rd Sunday 5th Sunday

8am, Holy Communion; 10.45am, Family Praise 2nd & 4th Sundays 10.45am, Parish Communion 10.45am, Morning Praver/Praise 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



Small mammal trapping and identification

Saturday 29th September, 8am-10.30am, Flitwick Moor

Richard Lawrence and Colin Carpenter will be setting out traps on Flitwick Moor late Friday, ready for Saturday morning's exciting discovery. Yellow-necked mouse, bank vole, common shrew – discover what's hidden inside the traps. £2 per adult.

> Places are limited so places must be reserved in advance. Email flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring Ann on 07890 347327 between 6pm and 8pm or at weekends. www.flitvale.org.uk



Clophill Parish Council

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.

Public feedback on leisure centres

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) are seeking public feedback on their six leisure centres, including finding out what would encourage those who currently don't use them. One of CBC's main priorities is improving the health and wellbeing of residents and the feedback will help them to improve their future services.

At a time when public services across the country are being squeezed, CBC have invested in new and improved leisure facilities. In January 2013, they adopted a new leisure strategy that provided £40million worth of investment to support active lifestyles and help improve public health. As a result, CBC have seen the numbers of people using leisure centres increase, but they want to know what else they can do to encourage more people to use them. They want both users and non-users of the leisure centres to give their views.

The survey runs to 16 September. Paper copies are available from local libraries and leisure centres or you can complete the survey at *http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/leisure-centre-survey-2018/overview.aspx*

Village shop

There has been a lot of speculation about the re-opening of the village shop and Post Office, which has recently been undergoing renovation works. This is a business matter beyond the control of the Parish Council. We do know that, at time of writing, Co-op are still making plans to move into the site (see 'Planning' section) but these matters do take some time. Once we hear any firm information, we'll be sure to let you know.

Parish Council Vacancy

We're still looking for someone to join our Parish Council. The role, which is unpaid, involves attending monthly meetings and spending an hour or so a week reviewing and responding to information. Training will be given. For more info and an application form contact James Stirling at *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*

Planning

CB/18/01647/FULL

- Location: The Boat House, Kiln Lane
- Proposal: Change of use of an existing outbuilding into a new dwelling with a side extension. **SUPPORT**

CB/18/02424/FULLL

Location:Paradise Farm, The CausewayProposal:The demolition of existing stables and the use of land for the stationing
of caravans for residential purposes (retrospective). Considerations for

Continued

objection include: outside the Village Envelope; no detail on how foul water is disposed off; general intensification of use; all previous planning conditions have been ignored. **OBJECT**

CB/18/02670/FULL

- Location: 54 Cainhoe Road
- Proposal: Two-storey side and rear extension.

CB/18/02578/LB

- Location: The Smithy, Brickwall Farm, Kiln Lane
- Proposal: Listed Building: remove internal blockwork partitions. Insert conservation roof windows over hall and kitchen. Remove two existing rear windows to form double doors opening. **SUPPORT**

CB/18/02614/ADV

- Location: 4 The Green
- Proposal: Advertisement: New signage to advertise food store. With condition that signage is turned off when the shop is shut. **SUPPORT**

CB/18/01670/FULL

- Location: 12A Back Street
- Proposal: Ground and lower-ground side extension and new double garage. SUPPORT

CB/18/01243/MW

- Location: Cainhoe Quarry, Ampthill Road
- Proposal: Erection of covered five-bay material recycling facility for waste treatment, relocation of existing office and WC facilities, new weighbridge and twostorey weighbridge office and upgrading of internal highway layout. **SUPPORT**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the VILLAGE HALL at 7.45pm on Tuesday 11 September

CLOPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

COFFEE & CROISSANT MORNINGS

10AM TO 12 NOON

£1.50

Saturday 6th October

Saturday 10th November

ALL WELCOME

All proceeds in aid of Clophill Methodist Church



SUPPORT

Useful numbers

Gas (Emergency) Electricity (Emergency) Emergency Fire/Police/Ambular Water/Sewage (Anglian Water) Telephone Highways Department (Central Benefits Agency (Bedford office) Registrar's Office (Births/deaths/r Rail (Enquiries) Buses 01234 262151	(Customer Services) 150 Bedfordshire Council)	(Faults) (Flittabus)	0800 111999 0800 7838838 999 0845 7145145 151 0300 3008049 01234 361500 0300 3008089 0845 7484950 01582 406561
Luton Airport Swimming	(Flitwick) 01525 717744	(Robinson Pool)	01582 405100 01234 212479
LOCAL GOVERNMENT Central Beds Offices (Chicksand: Mid-Beds MP Central Bedfordshire Councillon Clophill Parish Council		Nadine Dorries Michael Blair Paul Duckett Paul Downing James Stirling	0300 300 8000 01462 811992 01525 404513 07988 184061 01525 860350 01462 887226
HOSPITALS Bedford (North & South) Luton & Dunstable	01234 355122	Admissions Appointments	01234 261150 01234 359012 0845 1270127
DOCTOR'S CLINICS	oughton Close) 01525 300898 Enquiries 01462 818620	(Oliver Street) (Greensands) Appointments Flitwick	01525 631395 01525 631390 01462 810034 01525 715300
POLICE County Police HQ Ampthill Station		Non Emergency	101 01234 841212 101
CHURCHES St Mary's Parish Church St Francis RC Church, Shefford Clophill Methodist Church Baptist Churches (Ampthill) Do		Revd Dean Henley Ian Gordon Jim Davies aulden) Ian Crawford efford) Hazel Arnold	01525 860875 01525 860829 d 01525 634325
SCHOOLS Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower Harlington Upper School, Harlin Preschool clophillpreschool Redborne Upper School, Ampth Robert Bloomfield Middle Scho	igton @gmail.com (Chris) 07936 iill	er Mrs K Bingley) 006381 or (Imogen)	01525 860206 01525 755100 07765 887868 01525 404462 01462 628800

Village groups

Beverley Court Brownies Clophill Community Care Clophill Heritage Trust Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery Clophill Toddler Group Clophill United Charities Conservation Group Flower Club Friends of the Cheshire Home Funzone After School Club Greensands Community Choir Indoor Carpet Bowls Messy Church

St Mary's PTA Scouts and Cubs Tea and Chat Village Hall Booking Secretary

860920 https://enguiryym.girlguiding.org.uk Duty Contact 07791 773705 Ali Bradburv 07894 710001 Sharon Kempson 860206 Hannah Compton 07535 705711 Gillian Hill 860539 Brian Adams 862297 Gillian Hill 860539 Sue Pearson 861110 07903 167493 Luke Howard 07975 520085 Tony Meredith 860754 07920 568861 Victoria Higgins victoriajhiggins@hotmail.co.uk Julia Skelton 07774 993973 www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved Anita Errick 860695 Marilyn Browning 07821 643936



PETER SHARPE BUILDING SERVICES LTD

Call us first for <u>ALL</u> your building works and get reliability, quality & sensible prices.

Domestic extensions

- Design & build service
- General building works, drives, patios
- Carpentry, kitchen fitting, wall & floor tiling
 - Laminate flooring & hardwood flooring

Mini digger and driver hire

• Electrical installations including Building Regulation part P certification

Roofing repairs carried out

Conservatories, UPVC windows

'BEDFORDSHIRE'S PROFESSIONAL BUILDER'

01525 872762 / 07850 803021 email: psbsltd@btconnect.com



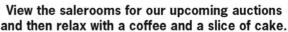
AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Visit www.peacockscafe.co.uk for more details and to view our current menu.

Eastcotts Park, Wallis Way, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK42 0PE

01234 266 366





6 DAYS A WEEK

Our unique café in Bedford Auction Centre with free wi-fi and views of the salerooms, comfortably seats over 100 customers.

We serve cooked breakfasts, paninis and sandwiches, light lunches and snacks plus a range of hot and cold drinks.

Senior Citizen discounts available

Open Monday to Thursday from 8.30am - 3.30pm Extended opening on Friday to 7pm. Saturday 8.30am - 4pm (Last orders 1 hour before closing)



be hot! Slimming World

TUESDAY

Silsoe

Silsoe Community Sports Centre Chestnut Avenue, MK45 4GP 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Tel / Text: Liz for details 07973 532793

slimmingworld.co.uk 0344 897 8000 f ☑ Ø



Clophill St. Mary's

NEW NURSERY BUILDING

OPEN NOW

Welcome to Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School and Nursery

A small, friendly, Voluntary Aided Church of England Lower School, graded 'Oustanding' by Ofsted, with close links to the local community.

St. Mary's is a Values based school taking children aged from 2 years 7 months to 9 years and providing them with a framework for living, tightly woven into the positive Christian ethos of the school.

Breakfast and after school care for all ages.

Acorn Nursery

for preschool children aged 2 years $\frac{7}{7}$ months to 4 years with breakfast and after school care available.

Providing 30 hours free childcare entitlement.

To arrange a visit, please call us 01525 860206 or email: generaladmin@/nursery@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk For more information visit: www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk

Painter and Decorator Call Chris: 07950714579

do you want your home brightening up?

all interior & exterior work

no job too small!

free no obligation quote

25 years experience & fully insured

facebook: @christopherthepainter email: chris.minihane@btinternet.com

We've got the space for you!

Introducing our quarter-page ad size — want one?

Contact our Advertising Manager at ads@clophillspotlight.co.uk



Do you want to make a fundamental difference to your life and don't know where to start?

My name is Lynn and I am a Life Coach.

I have extensive experience helping with every aspect of life, e.g. support with family issues, or your own financial, emotional, or physical wellbeing.

My most recent project has been supporting young teenagers in their place of education.

Be the change in your life and contact me for a free, no obligation chat.

07557948644 01525860384 lynnclements87@gmail.com Tammys' Talons

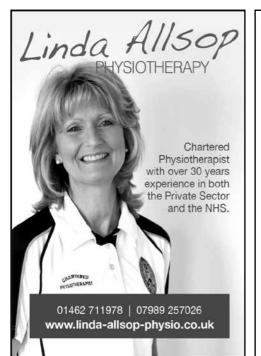
Nail Technician Gel. Manicure and Pedicure

CALGEL IZ - Christian

Tammy Kirby

Clophill, Bedfordshire, MK45 4AW Tel: 07968379309

tammystalons@gmail.com



USING PARABEN & SULPHATE FREE, 100% YEGAN, CRUELTY FREE PRODUCTS



A Cut Above Hairdressing

by Rachel In the comfort of your own home cutting & styling specialist

call or text : 07896009382 facebook: acutaboverachel

Salon experienced Fully insured Fully qualified to Level 3 Standard.

PERSONAL DOG WALKER

£10 per hour £7 per half hour £6 per visit

First Aid Certified
Insured

Text or call Corrane on 07576 473373 or 01525 630740 f Corrane's personal dog walking



Professional friendly accountancy services

Fully qualified, Free initial consultation, competitive fees Sole traders, Ltd companies, bookkeeping, payroll, CIS, VAT & Tax.

> sally@sjtax.co.uk 01234 831997 07899 808592



- Uplifting music in a variety of styles: musicals, classic pop, folksongs, sacred and world music
- Welcoming singers of all abilities no audition. no need to read music!
- New members come along any time for a free taster

Enquiries to:

greensandcommunitychoir@gmail.com or ring Luke on: 07975 520085

Telephone The Stone Jug

A Free House BACK STREET, CLOPHILL

We're a traditional village pub, offering home-cooked lunches that will fill your bellies without emptying your wallet!

Make 'The Jug' part of your weekly routine – for lunch, a catch-up with friends over a drink or perching at the bar chewing the fat and putting the world to rights. As my late dad used to say 'We're a proper pub for proper people.' Cheers!

- 5 real ales, including 3 quest pumps
- selection of wines and Prosecco by the glass (or even better, by the bottle!)
- home-cooked lunches Tues-Sat, 12-2pm

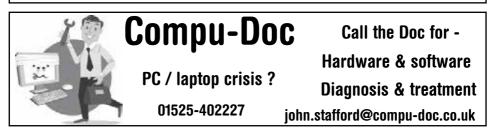
REMEMBER OUR MOTTO "A VISIT TO THE JUG IS BETTER THAN GOING TO A PUB" **CHEERS JOYCE & VIKKI**

www.stonejug.co.uk

01525

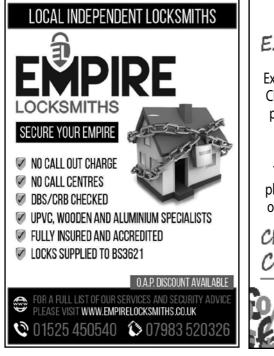
860526

www.facebook.com/thestonejugclophill











Friendly local craftsman and restorer Est. 1986

MOST BUILDING WORK UNDERTAKEN

including Carpentry and Joinery, Bricklaying, Roofing, Plastering, Tiling and much more

Phone: 01582 881015 Mobile: 07954 828695

to arrange a visit to discuss your requirements.

Free estimates provided References available

E.T. Accountancy Services

Experienced Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax adviser based in Clophill providing a full range of accountancy and taxation services to businesses and private individuals.

To arrange a free initial consultation please telephone me on 01525 590465 or email emma@et-accountancy.co.uk

Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser



Emma Thoulass FCA CTA www.et-accountancy.co.uk 01525 590465

Happy Pets at Home

Caring for your pets in your home when you can't be there

Visits available from 7am to 8pm including Bank Holidays



Now taking bookings for Kontent for Kontent Konte

From Saturday 22nd December to Sunday 6th January inclusive With a present for your pet from 'Santa Claws' for all Christmas Day visits booked

DBS checked and fully insured Based in Barton and have pets of my own

Email petvisitsatyourhome@aol.co.uk Phone June on

07950704980 or 01582 881482



Wet Cut $\pounds/9$ Cut & Blow Dry $\pounds30$ Colours start from $\pounds27$ Special OAP rates

Opening Hours:

Monday	9.30-2.00
Tuesday	9.30-5.00
Wednesday	9.30-5.00
Thursday	9.30-8.00
Friday	9.30-8.00
Saturday	9.30-4.00

Zoe, Donna, Gemma and Amanda look forwar to welcoming you.

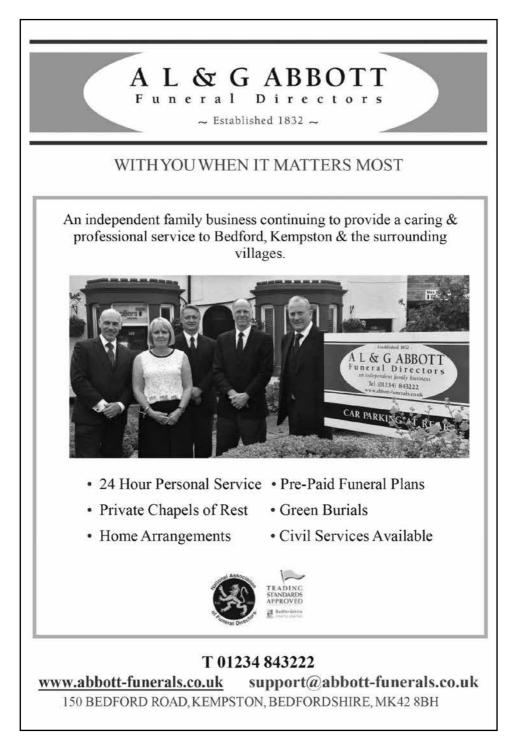
Ring now to book an appointment. Appointments also available with our Barber.

Burgoine Business Centre, 117 Clophill Road, Maulden MK45 2AE

01525 861491 Loads of free parking







AIMS

Tim Kemp BAFCA Top Barn Rectory Road Steppingly MK45 5AT

TEL/FAX : 01525 717141 MOBILE : 07900 823 012 www.aims.co.uk e-mail: timk@aims.co.uk

- Professional service providing for all your accounting and tax needs
- ♦ Practical advice based on 20 years experience in running businesses
- *Personal* approach with fixed fees relevant to the work *you* need
- ♦ Friendly, local accountant supporting the community for over 20 years

Please call for a free, no-obligation initial meeting

ACCOUNTANTS FOR business

Hills-Howson Financial Services

Financial adviser appointments available in your home or our office

The Old Post Office 53 High Street Clophill Beds MK45 4BE

Tel: 01525 861803 <u>www.hills-howson.co.uk</u> hills.howson@btconnect.com Including:-

Investments

Pensions

Protection

Annuities



Auction Sales and Valuations

Valuation, collection & auction service of individual items through to complete property and commercial clearances.

Call for a free no obligation collection quote or email **info@peacockauction.co.uk**

SALE ENTRIES NOW INVITED

Eastcotts Park, Wallis Way, Bedford MK42 OPE 01234 266 366 peacockauction.co.uk







Got a problem with your computer and don't know what to do? Suffering with a virus or spam?

Don't hesitate! Ring your local computer expert Remote repairs or home visits (Day, evening & weekend)

Lap top/desk top loan (Free pick up & drop off in local area)

 $\label{eq:comprehensive health check from £35} (Special Offer £35 - normally £40) \\ Refurbished fl at screen available from £15 \cdot Refurbished base units available from £99 \\$



Contact Stephen Amos 07976 718567



the.computerman@ntlworld.com

rt

rincontuition - Spanish & Maths

Expand your knowledge. Boost your confidence

Phone 01525 860743 Mobile 07952 667814

Exam techniques and preparation. Revision and practice papers: SATs, 11+ and GCSEs

Spanish for business or pleasure, all levels. GCSE & A-levels

Skills development: conversation, reading and writing

Maths: Boost your confidence and abilities

KS1, KS2, KS3, SATs, 11+ and GCSE practice papers.

DBS checked and references - Reasonable rates

01525 860743 - 07952 667814 rincontuition@aol.com







LIZZIE BROWN PET CARE & HORSE GROOM SERVICES

DOG WALKING PET POP-IN & FEEDING PET/HOUSE SITTING EQUINE GROOM*



(*BTEC Cert Equine Management)

Lizzie Brown 01525 862459 / 07500 989 700

Reliable friendly local service Short notice available (no contract commitments) Insured Quality references available CRB checked* *(Disclosure & Barring Service) Baths, Toilets & Showers Sinks and Taps Guttering Leaks and Burst Pipes Drainage Handyman jobs also



Silsoe based No call out fee – free estimates Fully insured and guaranteed No job too small 07720 723653 01525 864859 info@betaplumbing.co.uk www.betaplumbing.co.uk

beta plumbing

Foot Health Practitioner

Corns, Hard Skin, Verruca, Fungal Nail Infection, In-growing Toe Nails, Diabetic Foot Care, Athlete's Foot, Pedicure, General Nail Cutting etc.

In the comfort of your home or at my clinic Ann Gibbons MCFHP. MBAFHP.

Competitive Rates Tel: 01462 813252 Mob: 07872 315763 Web: www.shamrockclinic.co.uk For opening hours and other details please refer to my website



GARDEN DOCTOR

Rob McLeod Pruning Specialist

Professional, Local, Experienced

- * All tree and hedge work undertaken
- * High standard of work
- * Rubbish cleared from site
- * Free QuOtations
- * Local, reliable service you can trust

Tel: 07763 239340 or 01525 861568 email: garden.doctor@btinternet.com

Call the Carden Doctor and bring Good Health to your Carden



Tree Surgery & Removal Shrubs & Fruit Trees Pruning & Spraying Fully certificated and insured





On the Green beside the Post Office every Friday, 3.30-7.30pm

We are your local mobile fish and chip van, we have been parked on the green every Friday for the past 6 years. We serve only the highest quality produce, cooked fresh to order and served to you by our friendly staff.

Why don't you pop down and come and Try Our Fry!

To avoid waiting in the cold, give us a call to

place your order on: 07833 786108

A big thank you to all our customers who have loyally supported us over the past couple of years.

Chapman & Kirby Heating

Gas, Plumbing & Heating Installations Gas Safe Registered

Boiler Servicing & Maintenance



Call us now

Tel: 01525 861255 Mob: 07831 132308

Email: info@chapmanandkirbyheating.co.uk

1C, Old Silsoe Road, Clophill, Beds., MK45 4AR



Reassurance when you need it most

Serving the people of Bedfordshire since 1875



Neville Funeral Service inc. George Squire & Sons since 1976 24 Clifton Road Shefford SG17 5AE t: 01462 813258 e: shefford@nevillefuneralservice.com



Neville Funeral Service The Old Church Flitwick Road Ampthill MK45 2NT t: 01525 406132 e: ampthill@nevillefuneralservice.com



www.nevillefuneralservice.com

www.bathroomvogue.com Unit 4A, Shefford Industrial Park, St Francis Way, Shefford SG17 5DZ

If you've been thinking about enjoying a great lawn this year green, lush and weed-free, why not contact us today and let us bring your lawn to life.

We provide four seasonal treatments, as well as beneficial treatments to keep your lawn in tip-top condition - prices start from just £5* per month.

Ask us about our annual plans, which allows you to both spread the cost and save up to 25%.

Simply call: 01234 709345 or visit: greenthumb.co.uk 🖬 🖉 🖻

*Based on a lawn size of 40m²

- Suppliers of traditional and modern equipment
- Working whirlpool & spa baths, power & steam shower systems on display
- Over 40 settings on display
- Complete installation service if required
- Personal friendly service from a family run business

SHEFFORD 01462 627002

Which?

inging lawns to life



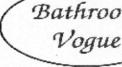




- Wall and floor tiles
- Accessories
- Mirrors
- **Bathroom furniture**
- Heated towel rails
- Saunas
- Bathroom cabinets

Bathroom











Alloy Wheel Repairs Diamond Cut Alloy Wheels Repaired On Site Powder Coat Primers & Lacquers Fast Turnaround Alloy Wheel Welding Tyres At Competitive Prices NEW for 2015 - 4 Wheel Alignment Service **WWW.mintaloy/.co.uk**

Hire Clophill Village Hall



Wedding Receptions Birthdays & Special Occasions Dances and Discos Club & Community Meetings & Activities Phone: 07821 643 936

Mail: Clophill.villagehall@gmail.com Web: www.clophillvillagehall.co.uk

Ads from as little as £50 per year

To see your business advertised here, please contact our Advertising Manager at ads@clophillspotlight.co.uk



Get fitter with Sally

Tone up for summer

Pilates with me is varied, fun and highly effective. Regardless of your fitness level or age you can tone your body, enhance your fitness: feeling stronger and more resilient.

Choose from

Small local classes (max 8 clients) allow a more personalised approach: you will not be left behind or left out!!

Private sessions in your home or at my studio. After an initial consultation, I will tailor a programme to your needs and goals. You'll feel so much better after just 3 sessions.

EQUILIBRIUM

FITNESS

Also

Deep tissue (Sports) or relaxation massage you will feel great and move more freely

Book your consultation or find out more

Contact Sally@equifit.me.uk or call 07765 240354





HIGH QUALITY CARPET, UPHOLSTERY, RUG AND LEATHER SUITE CLEANING

Using Eco-Friendly Products

Ring Steve(Barton)01582882620(Mobile)07769042523

Email: bedscarpetcleaners@gmail.com www.bedscarpetcleaners.co.uk





Your local resource for residential build, refurbishment and maintenance



General building works Extensions New builds Internal refurbishment/alterations Brickwork Carpentry Painting & decorating Purpose made joinery Plumbing and heating Electrical installations UPVC windows & doors Garage conversions



call us to discuss your building requirements 01525 861041

info@mccaffreybuild.co.uk UI. www.mccaffreybuild.co.uk



OSTEOPATHY

Deborah Beare BSc (Hons) Ost.

Registered Osteopath

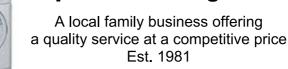
The Clophill Centre for Complementary Therapy

Clophill Fruit Farm, Shefford Road Clophill

- Cranial & Structural Osteopathy
- Neck & Low Back Pain
- Muscle Tension
- Sports Injuries
- Arthritic aches & pains
- Headaches

To book appointments call: 07969 921112

Washing Machines Dishwashers Dryers Electric Ovens Repairs Servicing Sales



Tel: CLOPHILL 860148

or Tim Downing direct on 07969 545 276

A member of the White Goods Trade Association Fully Insured

MB ACCOUNTING SERVICES

accounting solutions for the

Self-Employed and Small Business

including

HMRC tax returns + Accounts + Bookkeeping

For a totally confidential service at very competitive rates contact Richard Fairholm T: 01525 861087 M: 07714189994 E: <u>mbaccounts@btinternet.com</u>



STUART DREW ELECTRICAL SERVICES

MEMBER OF THE ECA PART P CERTIFIED QUALIFIED TO 17TH EDITION

From extra lights & sockets, to re-wires. Fault finding and electrical safety certification. For a professional, courteous service with free estimates & all work guaranteed, please call me

29 Lincoln Way Harlington Beds LU5 6NG Fully qualified & insured 30 years experience

Telephone: 01525 875965 07941 812662

ROGER STOREY

YOUR LOCAL PAINTER AND DECORATOR

Friendly and Reliable Service Many Years Experience

Please phone: 01525 861253 or 07800 777615



Registered Charity No. 1098984 Visit our website @www.straycatrescue.org.uk

Advertisers index

Architectural Services Daniel Design & Build S&S Coates Surveying & Design
Auctioneers & Valuers W&H Peacock
Bathroom Services Bathroom Vogue
Builders & Carpenters David Carpenter Building Services McCaffrey Build Peter Sharpe Building Services Stuart Benson Building Projects
Carpet Services Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning
Car Services/Repairs A&F Motors Ltd Mint Alloys TC Coomber Car Services
Chimney Sweep Poppins Chimney Sweep
Cleaning Services Ovenclean
Computer Services Compu-Doc The Computer Man
Electrical Services Stuart Drew Electrical Services
Financial Services AIMS Accountants ET Accountancy Services Hills-Howson Financial Services MB Accounting Services SJ Tax & Accounting Services

16 22	Food and Refreshments The Cafe at Peacocks The Happy Plaice	16 30
27	Funeral Services AL&G Abbott, Funeral Directors Neville Funeral Service	25 31
32	Garden Services Adam in your Garden	36
23 37 15	Garden Doctor Green Thumb Lawn Treatment Root 'n Branch	29 32 36
IFC	Health & Beauty A Cut Above Hairdressing	19
37	Ampthill & Flitwick Physiotherapy Deborah Pedley Osteopathy Equilibrium Fitness - Pilates	30 38 35
IFC	Hairs & Graces Linda Allsop Physiotherapy	24 19
33 BC	Route 66 Barbers Shamrock Clinic - Foot Health	16 29
IBC	Slimming World Tammys' Talons	17 18
21	Home Improvements Christopher The Painter Roger Storey - Painter & Decorator	18 39
20 27	Locksmiths Empire Locksmiths	23
39	Medical Training Services EMT Academy	33
26	Music and Entertainment Greensands Community Choir	20
23 26 38	Nursery Schools Clophill PreSchool Clophill St Mary's C of E	BC
19	Acorn Lower School and Nursery	17

Pet & Animal Services

Conifer Kennels & Cattery Happy Pets at Home Ivel Valley Bird Food Lizzie Brown Pet Care Personal Dog Walker Stray Cat Rescue The Bluecat Luxury Cattery	34 23 24 28 19 39 21
Plumbing & Drainage Services Beta Plumbing Chapman & Kirby Heating Warm Property Services	29 30 21
Print Services Fidelity Design & Print	IFC
Public Houses The Stone Jug	20
Removals & Storage Stephens	39
Repair Services Tim Downing Repair Services	38
Security Services Maximum Security Systems	35
Travel Services Select Travel Holidays	22
Tuition and Coaching Services Rincon Tuition (Spanish & Maths) TalkEasy Coaching	28 18
Village Hall Clophill Village Hall	34
Windows/Replacement Andrew Baker Windows AW Windows Misty Double Glazing	36 IBC 21

IFC = Inside Front Cover **IBC** = Inside Back Cover BC = Back Cover

Ads from as little as ± 50 per year

For further information about advertising in Spotlight, please contact our Advertising Manager at ads@clophillspotlight.co.uk



See reviews from satisfied customers at awwindows.co.uk

Cl@phill Presch@@l

Your local Outstanding Preschool, based at Clophill Village Hall welcoming children from 2 years of age.

We'll help your child to become an inventive and creative learner. With access to a fantastic outdoor area, our focus is on natural and exploratory 'play with a purpose'.



Call us today to find out more: 07765 887868 or 07936 006381

www.clophillpreschool.co.uk



T.C. COOMBER

MOT'S CLASS 4/7 SERVICING & REPAIRS CAR & COMMERCIAL TYRES & EXHAUSTS AIR CONDITIONING DIAGNOSTIC CODE READING

1 mbs

AMPTHILL 01525 406330

Collection & **Delivery** SERVICE AVAILABLE Please ask

UNIT F, AMPTHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, STATION RD, AMPTHILL, MK45 2QY

Locally printed by fidelity | Tel: 01234 907907 / 01525 300001. www.fidelityprint.co.uk