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Welcome to *December*

We know it's early but we just want to say....

*Merry Christmas to all our lovely readers,
contributors and advertisers!*

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We'll be back again in February - so please send us your articles by 9th January

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

christmas family craft morning

Friday 21st December
10am - 12pm

ALL WELCOME

We will have a
SANTA'S GROTTO
and a large selection of
craft activities
for children to make
and take away


Refreshments will be
available to buy

Clophill
Preschool

Clophill Village Hall, Kiln Lane,
Clophill MK45 4DA

07765 887868 - Imogen
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www.clohillpreschool.co.uk



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£3 for each
additional child
Adults free entry

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Clophill Preschool News



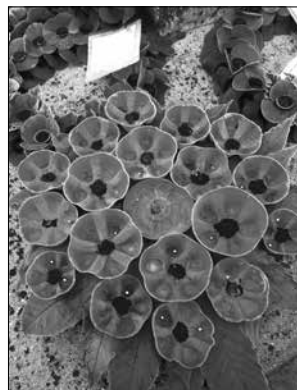
We've been so lucky with the weather and our children have been thoroughly enjoying the outdoors and exploring nature in the autumn. We've swept leaves, thrown leaves, sculpted with leaves, hidden in leaves and – our favourite – jumped in leaves.

Our outdoor space is improving yet again as we were granted funding by Parish Council to further develop it. Our once muddy patch outside the back doors is now neatly paved over, giving us a great space for water play and room to sit down and swap into wellies. Our slippery slope leading up to the shed has been covered in more of our second-hand artificial turf with a tyre wall between, making a **great climbing space**. The wooden

gates have been straightened and we're just waiting for the fitting of new metal gates to the rear entrance to Preschool. A huge thank you to the Parish Council for making this possible, to the Village Hall Committee for all your support and once again to Gary and Jake and the boys for going above and beyond.

As ever, we've been working hard to raise funds on our side with events like our first ever Christmas Market, which went really well. That and our Happy Bags collection alone raised over £800. Our next event is the **Family Christmas Craft Morning** on Friday 21st December, 10am-noon.

Last month our children learnt about **Armistice Day** and as we painted poppies made from plastic bottles we talked about why we commemorate the day. We fixed the poppies to a slice of tree trunk and attached some chestnut leaves, then took our homemade wreath to the Remembrance service at St. Mary's Church, where it was laid on the war memorial. Also in November we were delighted to receive Silas, the Minister from the Methodist Church, for the first time and we're really looking forward to him becoming a regular visitor. Rosemary, from St Mary's Church, also came up to do our traditional Christingle with the children.



Our children have been busy practising the Nativity, another one rewritten by us, and we're looking forward to performing 'We're Going on a Baby Hunt' before the end of term. We've been making natural tree decorations for **The Tree Dressing Challenge**, organised by Common Ground, to highlight the importance of trees in our environment, and made our own Christmas tree from cable reels for the Methodist Christmas Tree Festival.

On our last day this year we're having a Christmas party and will be serving hot Christmas dinners to the children. So, on that note, may we take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and hope to see many of you at our family Craft Morning on the 21st.

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

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**Admission: £10 including programme,
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For tickets - Tel 01525-753110



Proceeds to East Anglian Air Ambulance (Charity No. 1083876)

"Together we save lives"

News from Clophill Heritage Trust

WW1 Centenary Remembrance Event

Our WW1 Centenary Remembrance Event held last month was well attended. It featured a fascinating display on the Clophill men who fought during the war along with an

information leaflet on the three war graves – thanks to Colin Watt and Sue and Richard Pearson.



From left to right: the Rev. Dean Henley, Simon Buteux (Historic England), Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant Colonel Winton OBE, Kate Gardner and Ali Bradbury

We were very honoured to have Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant Colonel Winton attend the event to officially open our Poetry & Peace Path. Simon Buteux, Head of Heritage at Risk for Historic England, opened the newly restored church yard wall. It was lovely to have representatives from local groups and churches attend the event.

The cafe at the Eco Lodges

The cafe will be open on Boxing Day and New Year's Day, from 12.30pm-2.30pm.

www.clophillecolodges.org.uk/events

Eco Lodges discount

Don't forget – Clophill residents get a **20% discount** when booking accommodation at the Eco Lodges. We're ideally located if you have relatives visiting 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](https://www.facebook.com/ClophillEcoLodges)

Many Mansions

Monday 4th February 2019, 7.30pm for 7.45pm

Sir Albert Richardson was a well-known architect in the first half of the 20th century. During the recent cataloguing of the architectural drawings from the Ampthill office of Richardson & Houfe many treasures have been revealed and speaker Pamela Birch discusses some of them.

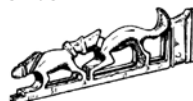
Lecture Theatre, Flitwick Library MK45 1QJ

£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



St Mary the Virgin Church, Clophill

You are invited to our

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 12th December

12 noon – 2pm

3 course festive meal with drinks £8.50

To reserve a place phone

Carolyn 01462 815433 or Gillian 01525 860539

Christmas Raffle Everyone very welcome

St Mary's Church News



Colonel Winton OBE laying a wreath on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen

Clophill Remembers

There was standing room only in the church on Remembrance Sunday to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in 1918. Nearly 250 people were counted in for the service at which Colonel Tony Winton, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, was Guest of Honour. Flags were presented by The Royal British Legion, The Brownies and Flitvale Scouts. Children from St. Mary's

School sang and did a presentation on three Clophill men who died in the First World War. Many more people joined us for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, where 20 wreaths were laid and the children planted wooden crosses for each of the men who gave their lives in both world wars. The clock struck 11 as the Last Post was played.

Social and fund-raising events

- Our annual wine tasting evening last month raised a magnificent £330 for church funds.
- KEEP THE DATE. We'll be holding a church lunch on 20th February 2019 – more details to come later.

Christmas services

- The Crib Service for young children and families is at 3pm, and the ever popular Carols by Candlelight is at 6pm. Midnight Mass at Haynes starts at 11pm.
- On Christmas Day Parish Communion is at 9.30am. The Benefice Service on December 30th is in Clophill at 10am. Family Praise for Epiphany is on January 6th at 10.45am.



Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire

Wildlife walks & talks



A Moor for all Seasons

Monday 21st January, 7.30pm, Maulden Church Hall

Nancy Reed, BCN's Senior Reserve Manager, will talk about Bedfordshire's largest wetland – Flitwick Moor – through the seasons. With its acid and alkaline water from the Greensand Ridge and Flit river, the sheer diversity of habitats makes Flitwick Moor a gem.

Open to all – £3 per adult

For additional information please email flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring Ann on 075801 78889 after 6pm or at weekends. www.flitvale.org.uk



St Mary's School News

We were very proud of our children who attended the Remembrance Service at church on Sunday 11th November. For those of you who did attend the service we hope you could see how hard they had worked, as they read and sang beautifully. We were honoured to be part of such a special and moving service.

Also last month you may have enjoyed our Fireworks evening. As always, the Friends of St Mary's (PTA) did an amazing job of organising a very professional fund-raising event – the monies will be used to enhance our children's learning.

And so we're heading towards the Christmas break. In the last few weeks of term, Reception, KS1 and KS2 will be attending the pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre. The children in KS1 and KS2 will be presenting their Christmas Play to their families, while Chestnut and Acorn class will be performing 'The Nativity' in the school Church service on the last day of term. But before that the children will be having a Christmas dinner, served to them by the staff, and a very special visit from a man in a red suit!

We break up on the 19th so we'd like to take this opportunity to wish our friends and neighbours in Clophill a very Happy Christmas and peaceful, healthy New Year. We look forward to greeting the children back into school on Wednesday 3rd January.



Our value for December is *Justice (Equality)*

We'll be exploring the values of Justice and Equality with the children, for without justice there can be no peace. The children will learn that Justice means giving all people what it is right and fair for them to have. It's about acting out of a concern for what is right and not for punishing those 'who have done wrong', instead, helping them to understand the choices they should have made. When teaching about Justice we'll be developing the children's understanding of being part of a community where everyone's wellbeing is connected and that it's not about a culture that encourages everyone to insist on their own rights at the expense of others.

Important information for parents with children moving to Middle School or requiring a Reception class place September 2019

Applications online: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
Online applications preferred but hard copy applications are available from the school office.

Deadline for both Middle School Place/Starting School Place is 15th January 2019

We urge parents to make their applications ASAP and let the school office know if you have any questions or problems relating to your application. Contact Mrs Topliff on **01525 860206** or email generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk

Acorn Nursery News

We wish to welcome the new children and their families who've recently joined us. We're looking forward to getting to know them.

Our learning theme this term has been Celebrations and we've had fun investigating and celebrating Firework night, Diwali and Remembrance Day – with lots of activities to keep little hands and minds busy. The children are also learning about why we celebrate Christmas and are enjoying singing Christmas songs.



Flittabus

Unpaid volunteers (more than 30 of them) run Flittabus Community Transport Ltd – a non-profit-making, but self-financing operation providing services to local communities. The volunteers not only drive the three minibuses, providing scheduled local services in Central Bedfordshire six days a week, but they also run the business, which is financed by fares, charitable gifts and grants from local authorities, including Central Bedfordshire, Flitwick, Ampthill and Parish councils.

Anyone can use *Flittabus*

Passengers with **concessionary passes travel free** but please remember to bring your pass with you to show the volunteer driver. For those without passes our fares are similar to commercial buses – for example, each way fares from Clophill The Green to Ampthill £1.95; Milton Keynes £4.20; Hitchin £5.55.

Flittabus is unable to carry wheelchairs.

Please use Link-a-Ride 01525 840511 or Greensands Country 01234 834993

Why not give Flittabus a try. Friendly helpful drivers will ensure you get to your destination safely and make sure they bring you back! You'll also meet other regular passengers in a very friendly atmosphere.

Try route FL1 for a coffee and cake trip to Ampthill or Flitwick.

Greensand Community Choir Christmas Concert

Saturday 15th December
7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Clophill

Free Entry!

*well-loved popular songs,
festive favourites and audience carols too!*

*Plus special guests
the Element String Quartet!*



Refreshments provided.
Retiring collection in aid of
Keech Hospice Care and
St. Mary's Church.

In aid of
 **Keech**
hospice care
Registered Charity No. 1035089

Come into the Garden

with *Kate Gardner*



Winter is here – but despite the cold, some plants look even better at this time of year. Frost illuminates the ornamental grasses and stems of the shrubs and trees – and they look particularly stunning as they glow in the low winter sun.

For non-hardy plants, winter protection is needed if they are to survive and grace your garden next year. It's best to cover the plants under glass and raise the container – by inserting feet or raising it on bricks – so it's off the ground. If the pots are staying outside, wrap them with something insulating like bubble wrap, hessian or old jumpers. When it's very cold, **cover the plant with some horticultural fleece** – but remember to remove it when the cold spell ends to ensure the plant gets plenty of air circulation. Plants covered all winter, or covered up for too long, often get damp, rot off and die, so all your hard work to protect the roots will have been in vain.

While many of us struggled (and failed) to have a lush green lawn over the summer, winter can also cause its fair share of problems. When frozen, the grass blades become brittle, so snap and break when trodden on in frosty conditions. This will leave brown marks where the grass is damaged, which look unsightly in the spring and will make that patch more susceptible to disease. Given how hard it is to create a decent lawn it's worth resisting walking on it during the very cold weather.

Now's the time to **prune woody plants** like acers, birch and vines, which will bleed if pruning is left into the new year. Vines can be pruned hard, back to two buds of last year's growth, to encourage fruiting spurs and, in the case of the ornamental *Vitis coignetiae*, larger foliage. Acer and birch need shaping carefully, as so much of their elegance is in the delicate growth of the limbs. The key is to shape gently and regularly so that you never have to cut into old wood, feathering growth back to a limb further within the canopy.



Apples and pears, currants and **autumn-fruiting raspberries** can be pruned any time from leaf drop until March, but never prune stone fruit in the winter as the retreating sap can draw in the airborne fungus, silver-leaf.

It's also the perfect time to take hardwood cuttings. A pencil-sized piece of wood, cut straight below a bud at the bottom and above a bud at the top (on a slant to let the water run off), can be set into free-draining compost to half its length. Hardwood cuttings can be taken from many plants including willows, poplars & *Cornus alba* and make a cheap and reliable method of generating new plants. Willows are so easy that they can be plunged into the ground as whole branches, but the best results are always when the sap is still in the wood, so this side of Christmas is your goal.



Ampthill Town Band

present a

Christmas Concert

with their special guests

The Parkside Singers

**Parkside Hall, Ampthill
Sunday 9th December 2018
2:30 pm (doors open at 2:00 pm)**

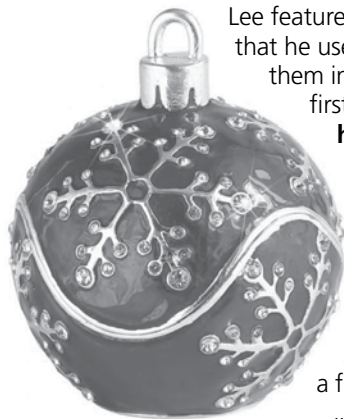
**Tickets £7 (accompanied under 16s free)
available on the door or in advance
from Band and Choir members**

All enquiries to: Ken Jones, Publicity Officer 01525 753110

Clophill & District Flower Club



Our members and visitors enjoyed a fabulous evening last month when Lee Berrill, from Northamptonshire, gave us a light-hearted look at Christmas with his **'All that glitters'** demonstration.



Lee featured baubles in many of his arrangements and confessed that he uses so many each Christmas that, come January, he buys them in bulk in the sales ready for the coming year. One of his first arrangements of the evening used **a bauble that he'd made out of hula hoops** and mesh fabric, into which he arranged red gerbera, anthuriums and carnations.

As he made his displays, Lee explained that his interest in flowers started when he had to accompany his mother to a demonstration because his father wasn't home in time to babysit. After leaving school he attended a City & Guilds College in Wales where he studied floristry, botany and other subjects, then worked at a florist in Luton. He now has his own business in Earls Barton.

As well as buying baubles in the sales, Lee advised that electrician's cable ties are excellent for securing mechanics and said that having friends who have gardens with lots of foliage that he can cut are invaluable! His dog walking neighbour collects pine cones for him – he used over 400 in his next arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums and roses.



Another design, **'Three Kings'**, was in rich purple and red carnations and gerbera with purple ostrich feathers.

More baubles came next with orange flowers, then a more traditional 'winter' arrangement featuring cones, white lisianthis and lilies with blue cedar sprays.

Finally, 'Music' – three very colourful arrangements using holly, ivy and red and burgundy flowers, one on a drum, another around a violin and the final one with a harp. It was a spectacular end to a very special evening. **Kate Smith**

The Club's AGM is on 3rd January 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.



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

Volunteering Opportunity

The Alzheimer's Society is looking for volunteers to help with their Activity Group in Ampthill. The group takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am -12:30pm. If you'd like to know more please contact the local volunteering officer on **07766 058767** or email volsbedford@alzheimers.org.uk



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.

Christmas tree on The Green

Cllr Carpenter has sourced and is donating a large Christmas tree to be placed on the Green this festive season. Following feedback, we're told this tree will be even bigger than last year's. Cllr Mantini has generously donated lights for the tree, and we've invited some local organisations to help us decorate it. Our hope is that this tree will survive the year and be a recurring fixture for the yuletide period.

Co-op and Post Office

We've been advised that the Post Office will open on Thursday 17th January at 1pm. The new-look Post Office counter will be located at the end of the retail till, on the right hand side of the shop as you enter.

Footpath improvements

Thanks to everyone who replied to us regarding the improvements to the footpath from the alleyway near the old Post Office through to No 77 on the High Street. Based on feedback, the black tarmac finish is probably the best option. These works will be carried out in the future – we suspect it may not happen until 2020, but will push for it to happen sooner.

Many residents have requested similar pavement improvements in other areas of Clophill. If you have any thoughts regarding road or pavement issues – be it safety concerns, speeding issues or something else – please pass those on to us via terry.lee@clophill-pc.gov.uk We can then put a request in to Central Bedfordshire Council Highways team who may choose to support the request.

Outdoor gym at The Rec

Hopefully by the time you receive Spotlight, there will be brand new outdoor gym equipment in place at the recreation ground. Perfect timing for those festive period workouts! There's also some additional work being done to the banking areas, with topsoil being added ahead of grass seed being planted in the spring. This will eventually become a picnic area. Thanks again to Cllr Hodge for her work in the rec.



May 2019 local elections

On May 2nd there will be local elections in our area, including an election for the positions in the Parish Council. If anybody wants to put themselves forward, we'll share information regarding how to nominate yourself.

Parish Council Vacancy

We have a vacancy at Clophill Parish Council. For more information on the role, please contact our clerk, 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 details at www.clophill-pc.gov.uk

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

Clophill Parish Council

Planning

CB/18/04284/FULL

Location: 57A High Street

Proposal: Proposed replacement roof with raised ridge, front dormer and velux win-dows

NO COMMENT

Please note: the PC are unable to comment as the deadline for the consultation period passes before the next meeting. If anyone has any concerns, please raise these with CBC Planning. <https://www.clophill-pc.gov.uk/information/planning>

CB/18/04219/FULL

Location: 33 Mill Lane

Proposal: Part demolition and extension to existing porch.

NO COMMENT

Please note: the PC were unable to comment as the application arrived too late to include on the agenda. If anyone has any concerns, please raise these with CBC Planning.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the Methodist Church
at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15 January

Support vulnerable people in Bedfordshire this winter



Did you know that around 700 older or vulnerable people in Bedfordshire die from illnesses related to or exacerbated by the cold each year? And that on average 1 in 6 children in the county are living in poverty in households where many parents have to make a choice between heating and eating?

You can help!

Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation, an independent registered charity, has launched their **Surviving Winter appeal** to support those who may struggle with food or fuel poverty during the winter months by providing essential items such as blankets, food or even helping people pay their energy bills. The appeal, which runs until March, aims to raise £20,000 to support individuals and families across the county.

You can **donate online at blcf.org.uk/winter or by texting 'BLCF10' £5 or £10**. The charity is also looking for local businesses who wish to give their support by fundraising or sponsoring the appeal.
www.blcf.org.uk



What's on in and around Clophill

DECEMBER



Sunday 9th

Christmas Concert with the Ampthill Town Band and The Parkside Singers, 2.30pm, Parkside Hall, Ampthill *See this issue for ticket details*



Wednesday 12th

Christmas Lunch St Mary's Church, Clophill, noon-2pm
See this issue for ticket details



Saturday 15th

Christmas Concert with the Greensand Community Choir, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Clophill *See this issue for more info*



Saturday 15th

Christmas Concert with the Vauxhall Male Voice Choir and Luton Concert Orchestra, 7.45pm, West Street, Dunstable *See this issue for ticket details*



Friday 21st

Christmas Family Crafts 10am-noon, Clophill Village Hall
See this issue for details

On throughout the month...

Wednesdays...

- **Tea and Chat** 10.30 to noon, Methodist Church

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: 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

Parish Registers for December

1818

Marriages

Dec 1 Elisha Hopkins, of Cople,
to Charlotte Harris

1868

Baptisms

Dec 6 Bennett(?) George Stimson

1918

No registers recorded

1968

Baptisms (in Silsoe)

Dec 28 Richard John Winfield, of
Ampthill Luke Bartholomew
Roberts, of Lewes in Sussex

Marriages (in Silsoe)

Dec 14 Roy? to Marie?

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

Amphill	(Houghton Close) 01525 300898	(Oliver Street)	01525 631395
		(Greensands)	01525 631390
Shefford	Enquiries 01462 818620	Appointments	01462 810034
Barton 01582 528700		Flitwick	01525 715300

POLICE

County Police HQ	Non Emergency	101
Amphill Station		01234 841212
		101

CHURCHES

St Mary's Parish Church	Revd Dean Henley	01234 381235
St Francis RC Church, Shefford	Ian Gordon	01525 860875
Clophill Methodist Church	Jim Davies	01525 860829
Baptist Churches (Amphill) Doreen Gibbs 01525 862424	(Maulden) Ian Crawford	01525 634325
	(Shefford) Hazel Arnold	01462 812564

SCHOOLS

Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery (Headteacher Mrs K Bingley)	01525 860206
Harlington Upper School , Harlington	01525 755100
Preschool clophillpreschool@gmail.com (Chris) 07936 006381 or (Imogen)	07765 887868
Redborne Upper School , Amphill	01525 404462
Robert Bloomfield Middle School , Shefford	01462 628800

Village groups

Beverley Court	860920
Brownies	https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk
Clophill Community Care	Duty Contact 07791 773705
Clophill Heritage Trust	Ali Bradbury 07894 710001
Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery	Sharon Kempson 860206
Clophill Toddler Group	Hannah Compton 07535 705711
Clophill United Charities	Gillian Hill 860539
Conservation Group	Brian Adams 862297
Flower Club	Gillian Hill 860539
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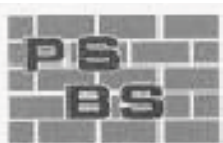
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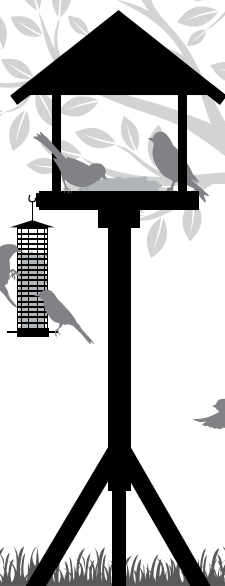
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