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## A word from the new Editor...

# A huge thank you to Helen!

After many years as the editor of the Spotlight, Helen decided to stand down. Spotlight is a fantastic magazine full of useful and interesting articles, and of course advertising local events, charities and business services. Helen has been the driving force behind Spotlight for over 5 years, no mean feat and a lot of hard work. So on behalf of myself, Emma and all of the Spotlight team, please join us in thanking Helen for the fantastic job she has done for the village.



Do keep sending in your articles, news reports and events posters so that Spotlight can continue to be a brilliant resource for the village. If anyone has any new ideas, please send them in.

Best wishes, Elaine

Spotlight will be back again in June

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SPRING CONCERT

AMPTHILL & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Karen Beer – Conductor Justin Waters – Organist

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm Ampthill Methodist Church Dunstable Street, Ampthill Tickets: £10 on the door www.ampthillchoral.wordpress.com

# **News from Clophill Heritage Trust**



It has been satisfying to start lifting, splitting and replanting around The Eco Lodge site. We are focusing on native woodland plants that will thrive in the shade under the many Oak trees around the site. These species have been selected to spread and cover areas where more sun-loving plants would not survive. Examples of some of those planted are geraniums, primroses and bluebells (all native of course). If you'd like to learn more about plant identification in Clophill we have several walks taking place this year that are all about plants, see our website for information.

With half term on the horizon you may be looking for some things to keep the family entertained; we have several events taking place (as part of the wider Greensand Country Festival). A **Teddy Bear Hunt, Guided Walk, Earth Day** and **cafes** to name a few – and of course you can book a tower tour of old St Mary's church for any day by going to *www.ClophillEcoLodges.co.uk* and looking at the What's On section. The church



grounds are open during daylight hours to all, so lets hope the sun stays with us and bring a picnic!

**Breakfast News!** We are thrilled to announce that the Eco Lodge café will be opening for brunch from the end of May. Enjoy a full English, pancakes or a healthy homemade granola in beautiful surroundings. All breakfasts can be made gluten/dairy free. Tables must be booked in advance. We are open 9.30am to 11.30am 26th May, 30th June & 25th August (with our usual café from 12 midday). Please contact one of the Wardens on *07935 911207* or email *Info@ClophillEcoLodges.co.uk* to book.

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



# St Mary's Church Lent Lunches

The Lent Lunches that were held in various venues during Lent were very well attended and appreciated by members of the Community. Each week a delicious lunch of homemade soup, bread and cakes were served, with a second helping for those who wanted to try another type of soup. The bread was donated each week by the new Co-operative store in Clophill, and it was very popular.

The donations received, and the proceeds from the raffle were for ShelterBox, which is a charity organised by Rotary International to supply emergency equipment for disaster areas anywhere in the world. It was very appropriate as the floods in Mozambique and Malawi occurred just as the Lunches began, and equipment from ShelterBox has been sent to help those who have been affected.

David Swain, a representative from Barton Rotary Club gave a talk at the first Lunch. He will come to collect a cheque at the APC meeting on 30th April at 7.30pm, for the **amazing total of £1,322** including Gift Aid.

Thank you to all who supported, including the members of the Methodist Church and the Co-op Store.

# Discover 20 miles of rocks in just ten feet in Clophill

Bedfordshire Geology Group (BGG) has officially opened its new Wall of Geology. It took place on Saturday May 4, 2019.

This 10-foot-long section of rebuilt churchyard wall features rocks found along a 20-mile journey from Riseley to Pegsdon, passing Bedford and Clophill on the way.

"Our mission has been to make it easier to



discover and understand geological sites across Greensand Country." said Bev Fowlston of the BGG. "When we heard of plans to restore the dilapidated churchyard wall at the old church, we suggested incorporating a unique cross section of all the rocks beneath our feet in Bedfordshire." A generous grant from Tarmac Landfill Fund made constructing the Wall of Geology possible.

Everyone is welcome to visit this educationally important geological site, which is one of over 40 projects that community groups and landowners are delivering for the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership, a National Lottery Heritage Funded programme led

by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and the Greensand Trust.



Find out more from Bev Fowlston, BGG project manager on 07919158622 or email **bev.fowlston@gmail.com** 



# Clephill Prescheel News

We ended last term with the children decorating their own goose eggs and rolling them down the hill. Silas came up from the Methodist Church to read the Easter Story to the children, it is lovely to have him visit us at preschool, he shows a great understanding for the children and their learning.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Egg Hunt, we had the best turn out to date with some 80 children and their families joining us. Just fantastic! Money raised is going towards the repair of the vandalism to our outdoor area and to continue with the development of the setting we started last term. So far,





we have created a new gravel pit area that

the children are really enjoying, using buckets and spades and playing with the diggers. There are also some lovely new logs for seating and an additional swing that will be easier for those children with less mobility. We have replanted some willow alongside our willow tunnel that the children have been regularly watering in the hope we will have a nice green tunnel this year. The allotment is starting to flourish with potatoes, onions, carrots, strawberries and peas growing well. We look forward to harvesting them for snacks...though perhaps not the onions!

At the start of April, we supported Autism Bedfordshire with the children coming in wearing silly socks. A great way to promote awareness of this condition and we raised over £30 for the charity. We have also been delighted to be able to support Frances Hayden as she fundraises for the Stroke Association.

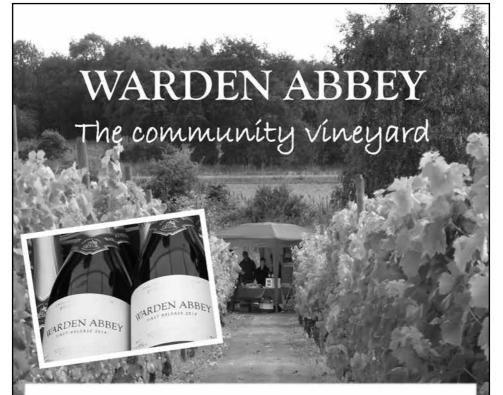
We have given our annual talk to the Parish Council to let them know our achievements in the past year. We were able to tell them of all our new developments, from the new gate at the back of preschool, to the new fenced area with the tyre steps and tree trunk climbing wall. With the addition of so many other areas like the gravel pit and swings, we have surprised ourselves at how much we have completed over the past year.



And so we move into the summer term, with more and more children starting we have never been busier, and we are building up quite a waiting list. This term is full of lovely events, from the Church Fete, to Sports day and Dad's week.

As usual, we will be having a Happy School Bag collection in June, if you have any unwanted bedding, clothing, belts, bags, shoes or soft toys and would like to donate them, please bring them to us at Preschool or get in touch. Many thanks for your continued support. Don't forget we have our Stay and Play sessions every Tuesday 9:30-10:30, no need to book, they are proving a huge success!

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



#### Did you know Bedfordshire's medieval vineyard is now an exciting community project?

This beautiful field near Old Warden was first planted by monks at Warden Abbey. Centuries later, the "Lyttel Vineyard" was re-planted and now produces award-winning wines.

Today, it's an army of volunteers who tend the vines all year round as well as run tours, school visits, social & therapeutic horticulture, wildlife and heritage projects.

#### **OPEN FOR TOURS MAY TO SEPTEMBER**

See website for tour dates & booking, vouchers, gifts and stockists 07981 113714 info@wardenvineyard.org.uk wardenvineyard.org.uk

# **Clophill & District Flower Club**

The Club has been very active with workshops, classes and the usual monthly demonstration. In April, Jo Poulter from Peterborough was the demonstrator at our monthly meeting. Her title was **'In the Picture'** and each arrangement interpreted a famous painting, including Venus, Monet and Van Gogh. There was a variety of styles using some lovely flowers.





We organised a workshop for Ampthill Brownies to make a design for Mothering Sunday. Each Brownie had their own ideas and although everyone had the same materials, they were all different. There must have been some very happy mothers in Ampthill.

We visited Clophill Pre-school to make arrangements with the children for their mothers. They used yellow baskets filled with daffodils and blue grape hyacinths, or muscari, as one little girl very knowledgeably corrected us with the botanical name. It is always a pleasure to visit the Pre-school and the children enjoyed the experience.

Our Flower arranging classes have been popular, with amazing results from the beginners to the more experienced. Some entered the Houghton Conquest Horticultural Show in the Flower Arranging competition and seven of them received an award.

The Club is staging 'Brides and Blooms' a Flower Festival at Silsoe Church on 7th, 8th and 9th June. Every aspect of a wedding will be depicted in flowers. It will be well worth a visit.

Carolyn Cranswick, Chairman Clophill and District Flower Club



• For information on upcoming demonstrations, go to www.clophillflowerclub.com or phone Gillian 01525 860539 or Carolyn 01462 815433

St James the Great Church, Silsoe \* Brides & Blooms Save the date A Celebration of Flowers and marriage - 7th, 8th and 9th June 2019 Friday 7th 10-4 Adults £3.00 Saturday 8th 10-5 Children Free Sunday 9th 11-4 Wedding Dresses Flowers Refreshments Memorabilia All Welcome All Proceeds to Friends of Silsoe Church, MK45 4DP Registered Charity Number 1076053

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# Come into the Garden

#### with Kate Gardner

May is a busy time in the garden as the weather is now warming up, the garden centres are full of tempting treats for instant impact and the growing season is getting into full swing.



I've always grown vegetables, fruit and flowers and while some of the seeds are saved from the previous year's harvest, I grow many of my plants from seeds brought in from many different suppliers. Sometimes the seeds are 'free' on the front of gardening magazines, some have come from specialist seed suppliers (the internet is a wonderful thing) but many come from ad hoc purchases from the garden centre.

Seeds are magical things (think of the giant beanstalk that allows Jack to climb to the Giant's Castle). They are packages of plant DNA that allow plants to reproduce, often with the essential help of bees, moths, butterflies and beetles. They produce new generations that feed us and provide lots of the plants which form a key part of our summer gardens.

Many of us may have sown cress seeds at playgroup, or watched a bean seed develop as part of our biology lesson. We may even have had a go at sowing a giant sunflower seed and marvelled at how something so small can produce a plant over 2m tall.

Sowing seeds is such an integral part of the growing season, but with so many pot-grown plants available in the garden centre, why bother? Like clothes, plants are fashionable and popular so suddenly everyone is buying and growing the exact same thing. Growing your own plants from seeds allows you to create something individual, whether that is vibrant pink Zinnias clashing with hot red Dahlias, or a cool white and green garden that has been influenced by a visit to Sissinghurst Castle Gardens.

As we go through May, all you need to grow your own are some packs of your favourite flowers or veg. Now the weather is warmer you can also sow directly into the soil and

save on both compost and plastic pots. When you are ready to sow, use a rake to level the surface of the soil so that it creates a crumble-like tilth. Then pick off any remaining weeds and debris.

Make straight drills (shallow depressions) in the soil to the depth and spacing between rows as directed on the seed packet. Water rows before sowing as this helps to stop a hard cap forming on our sandy



soil and then thinly scatter the seed into the bottom of the drill. Don't be over enthusiastic as plants will need thinning to the spacing recommended on the seed packet. A finger width apart is usually right for small seeds. Use a rake to gently cover the seeds with soil and before you forget where the row is, and what you've sown, place a label in the soil. Remember to water in dry weather and within a couple of weeks you should start to see all your new seedlings appearing in nice straight lines. This means that anything not in a straight line is a weed so it makes it easy to remove. As the plants grow, the straight lines disappear and if your plants are too crowded together you can lift out some of the plants and pot them into compost to grow on. These can then be moved to another part of the garden, shared with family and friends, or donated to the plant stall which I will be running at the church for the Open Gardens weekend in June.



# **St Mary's School News**

All parents who have a child starting school in September should now have been advised by the Local Authority of the school their child has been offered a place at. If you have been offered a place to start at

our school in September, then you will receive a letter from us. If you haven't received that letter, please call Mrs Topliff, the school Office Manager, on 01525 860206. Our Year 4 children have now also started their programme of events to help prepare them for the transition to Middle School in September.

Following our successful Lent Appeal Games held in April, I can report that to date we have raised £235 for the Mind Map Charity. We expect that amount to rise as we receive further sponsorship money. A Big Thank you to everyone who has



supported this event.

mind map In March some of our Year 4 children attended a Year 4

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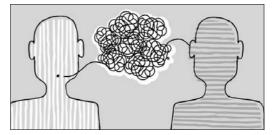
and 5 cross country race held at Alameda Middle School. We were very impressed by their running skills, with all finishing in the top half of their groups. Over 200 children attended so that was no mean feat!

Our Spring term ended on a high with our Year 3 Class leading the Easter Service, telling the story of "The Three **Trees**". The service was very well attended by parents/ carers and we were very proud of our children for delivering such a beautiful service.

# Our value for May is Wisdom (Understanding)

- Being aware of the intended meaning of words and deeds
- Interpreting explanations and reasons in a thoughtful and balanced way
- Recognising the importance of asking questions and listening to answers.

In school pupils will be encouraged to ask guestions when they do not understand, especially in their lessons. The importance of speaking and listening will be emphasised as a crucial part of the learning process. We will promote the understanding that we should all be working towards peace in our world starting with ourselves as



individuals. We will use stories and examples of occasions when people have not listened to instructions carefully, have therefore misunderstood, and the resulting unfortunate consequences. Everyone should remember that one day their safety could depend on them understanding instructions they have been given!!

Thought for the month: 'Seek first to understand and then be understood' Stephen Covey

# **Acorn Nursery News**

Acorn Class have been learning about the real reason we celebrate Easter, by listening to and retelling the complete Easter Story. Also with lots of craft activities such as decorating crosses and eggs. This led to discussing all the new life that Spring brings and everyone was fascinated to view a baby chick hatch using our Smartboard. We have planted carrots and lettuces in our garden and broad beans which the children can continue to watch sprout at home. The children have taken advantage of the recent sunny days and have been enthusiastic in using the mud kitchen to recreate dishes that can use all of our home grown veg once it appears!

# Clophill friends of the Bedfordshire Cheshire Home



**Many, many thanks** to everyone who helped or supported us at our Jumble Sale on the 26th April at the Village Hall. Thank you also to those kind supporters who gave us jumble to sell! We are delighted to have raised a **Grand Total of £759.16**, this amount includes a very generous donation of £50, and a wonderful £136 from Gillian Hill who has been busy selling items on EBay for us. The total will shortly rise as we will soon have another collection of books to sell.

We look forward to seeing you on **Friday 4th October 2019**, when we plan to hold our **next Jumble Sale**. If you have some good quality, clean jumble to spare, we will be happy to store it for you. We are also happy to take books.

**If you could help** at our next Sale or would be interested in finding out more about our group's activities, including our fortnightly shopping trips for Residents – just call *861110*.

<b>CLOPHILL METHODIST CHURCH</b>		
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ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF CLOPHILL METHODIST CHURCH		
10AM TO 12 NOON		
£1:50		
SATURDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> June		
SATURDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> June		
SATURDAY 13th July		

# **Remembering Clophill's Fallen**

This issue we tell the stories of two men connected to Clophill who died in the First World War...

**John Vincent Blackburn** was killed in action in France on 24th September 1918, aged 20.

He was born in Grimsby in 1897 but by 1911 he was a schoolboy living at 126 High Street, Clophill, with his father, John, a lino salesman, mother Ursula and seven siblings. By 1918, the family was living in Albert Road, Luton, where his father worked on the outdoor market.

John joined the 1st Bedfordshire Regiment in May 1915. In 1916 he wrote to his mother to say that on one occasion two comrades on either side of him were killed instantaneously, his officer suffering the same fate. And later that year



he wrote – 'I have just come out of Boulogne Hospital, where I have been treated for diphtheria... You must excuse this short epistle as the shells are falling thick around us.'

In 1917 John wrote home from the trenches. 'We are still quite contented though, of course, we should appreciate a little recreation. The weather here has been intensely severe, freezing every day for more than a month. We have to carry our food about with us now, owing to the number of rats. There are millions of them. Two of my mates have been conveyed to hospital, the rats having, in their hunger, gnawed their ears and hands.'

Later that year Ampthill News reported 'Pte. John Blackburn, Beds Regiment, has been wounded in the left thigh, and sent to a Canadian Hospital at the Base. This lad formerly resided at Church Cottage, and was one of the first drafted to France.' In April 1918 it was reported – 'Pte. John Blackburn is now in Italy. He has had some very narrow escapes; his helmet on one occasion being shot through.' Later he was hospitalised with dysentery and it was reported that he'd also seen action in Palestine. And finally...'Pte John Blackburn died at Gezaincourt, France, from wounds sustained in action.'

John is commemorated on the Luton Roll of Honour/War Memorial, on a memorial within St Mary's Church, Luton, and in the Book of Life compiled at the Parish Church. He's buried at Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, France.

**Reginald Roberts** was born in Clophill in 1885 and was killed in action on 9 November 1914, aged 29. His parents were Clophill-born Amos and Charlotte Roberts (neé Odell). Charlotte was Amos' second wife, they had six other children. In 1881 Amos and Charlotte lived in Jacques Lane. Amos worked as a thrashing machine driver and Charlotte as a strawhat sewer. In 1891 they lived in the High Street with Amos continuing to work in agriculture as a machinist and Charlotte as a hand sewer.

In 1901 to 1911 the family lived in Hatfield Road, St Albans. No employment or schooling is indicated for 15-year-old Reginald in the 1901 census. However Reginald lived in Batley, Yorkshire, in 1909, marrying Catherine Connolly the same year. In 1911 he worked as a teamer for the railway company and Catherine as a rag picker in a woollen mill. Their first child, John, died within months of his birth. The couple had a second son, Maurice, in 1914.

Reginald had served for three years as a Regular soldier and, prior to the war, was a Reservist. As such on the outbreak of war he was called up immediately and went to France in August 1914 with the 1st Bedfords. The original soldiers of the 1st Bedfords

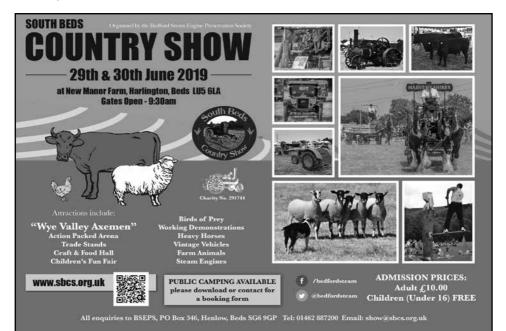
were amongst the 'Old Contemptibles' –the title proudly adopted by the men of the original British Expeditionary Force who saw active service before 22 November 1914. The 1st Bedfords were engaged at the Battle of Mons in August 1914 and later fought at Le Cateau. After service during the battles of the Marne and the Aisne, they were rushed to Flanders and were also involved in the Battle of La Bassee, followed by the First Battle of Ypres. It was in the course of this latter battle that Reginald died.

On 4th September, in a letter that was delayed in transit, Reginald wrote to his wife: 'We have been having it very rough this last week or two, but I think things are quietening down now. We are having some splendid weather out here. It is a shame to see the people moving from their houses leaving everything behind, so that they can get to a place of safety before they are attacked. The only acquaintance that I have seen since I came out here is one of John Trainer's lads, who is in the York Regiment. I saw him after we had that big battle on the 25th. It was an awful sight to witness. But I think we shall not be long before we get back to old England.'

The 'Batley Reporter and Guardian' published a further letter from Reginald in their 16 October 1914 edition. In this letter to Catherine he wrote: 'We have moved again from those trenches in which we have been lying for 3 or 4 weeks, but where we are going none of us know, for everything is kept secret. We are getting some cold nights and I don't care how soon this job is over. We have been in 5 or 6 tight corners up to the present, but, thank God, we have pulled through.'



In December Reginald's wife received confirmation of her husband's death. Reginald was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, Victory Medal and British War Medal. He's remembered on the Batley and the St Albans War Memorials and is also commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial.



# **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.

Our short parish council meeting in April was swiftly followed by the Annual Clophill Parish Meeting, an assembly where residents and local organisations are welcomed to share updates, success stories and set-out plans for the year ahead.

Cllr Steve Rodell gave a brief report on the achievements of the **Clophill Parish Council (CPC)** in the last year. Special thanks was given to our Clerk, James Stirling, who has done a fantastic job.

**Parish Councillor roles.** Cllr Rodell revealed that there were 7 applications, meaning that there will be no need for a Parish Council election in May. He thanked Cllrs Caplan and Lee who are stepping down from the role.

**The Lakes.** Cllr Grant Walford spoke about the Lakes site, and revealed that it looked likely the 50 houses would start being developed in early 2020, taking a period of 12 months to complete.

Imogen and Christine spoke on behalf of the **Clophill Preschool**. They talked about the increase in the number of children on their books since last year – they now have 45 children in session and 8 on waiting lists.

**Mid Counties Co-op.** Steven sent a report that referred to their desire to work with more Clophill charities and good causes to support the village.

Julia gave a report about **Clophill Community Care**, who have carried out over 600 jobs in the last year – mostly getting people to and from medical appointments but also a variety of other jobs including changing light bulbs, setting up televisions and programming boilers.

From the **Clophill Toddler Group** we had Hannah tell us about the range of activites run at their club. In addition to their weekly sessions in the Village Hall - where children aged 0-3 play, do craft activities and baking, the group also organise trips to local petting farms.

Duncan from **Clophill Utd FC** spoke about a successful year for the organisation and their 5 teams in the under 13, 12 and 11 age groups. We heard about the recent addition of portable floodlights, which allows the children to train on midweek evenings.

From **Clophill St Mary Church**, Rosemary explained that the church building needs repointing at a likely cost of around £40k. Therefore the next year is likely to see a concentrated fundraising effort. We heard that the Open Gardens event is set to return in June this year.

John spoke on behalf of the **Clophill Friends of Cheshire Home**. We were told about the variety of activities completed for those in the home, including fortnightly shopping trips using their disability-friendly minibus, and animal and reptile sessions in the home.

From **P3** Jane explained the nature of their work – improving accessibility to shared open spaces including footpaths, the rec, the Green and riverbanks.

**Clophill United Charities**. Richard Pearson explained that the charity paid out over £5.4k in individual grants in the last year and a further £1.1k granted to other local organisations.

The **Clophill and District Flower Club**, report informed us it had been a very busy and successful year for the club. The club's 85 members come from a wide area and its success puts our village on the map.

# **Clophill Parish Council**

Continued

Finally we heard from David from the **Clophill Village Hall Committee**. He was excited to talk about the new CCTV system that will be installed in the next few weeks, at a cost of £3k. We were directed to their website, *www.clophillvillagehall.com* 

### Planning

#### CB/19/00867/LB and CB/19/00866/FULL

Location: 2 Mill Lane Proposal: Single storey side extension.

#### CB/19/00819/FULL

SUPPORT

Location: Clophill Eco Lodge, Church Path Proposal: Erection of new building. Confirmation requested on the requirement for a Tree survey and Biodiversity report and whether they should have been submitted as part of the proposal. **SUPPORT** 

#### CB/19/01018/FULL

Location:Shepherds Cottage, Kiln LaneProposal:Proposed demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of new dwelling. SUPPORT

The next one is the Annual Parish Council meeting and is on the Tuesday 21st May. IT'S EARLY! This is because we have to hold one within 14 days of an election (Local Government Act 1972)

## **Parish Registers for May**

#### 1819

#### Baptisms

May 2	(?) child of Abraham and
	Mary Summerfield
May 16	Richard son of Richard and
	Sarah Appleby. Blacksmith
	William son of William and
	Sarah Wittemore
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#### Marriages

- May 12 John Gudgin to Mary Hine **Burials**
- May 14 Elisha Odell

#### 1869

#### Baptisms

May 15 Arthur Thomas Finnemore, father a painter Reuben Roberts Rose Simson (sic) May 30 Nellie Isitt Quenby, father a baker

No marriages or burials recorded

#### 1919

#### Baptisms

May 18	Kathleen Cole of Maulden, father a market gardener
Burials	5
May 1	Leri (?) Matthews (?) 66

May 2	Alfred John Dunham 4
May 21	Ellen Berry 75

#### 1969

#### Marriages (in Silsoe)

May 10 Malcolm George Sharp of Maulden 22 to Brenda Mary Lammas 18 Congratulations to Malcolm and

Burials

May 8 Jack Mellor 54

#### ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTER FOR APRIL Burial of Ashes

Maurice Edward (Joe) Hampson 89

# What's on in and around Clophill



#### 1 Saturdays 1st and 22nd

**Coffee and Croissant mornings** Clophill Methodist Church 10am to 12noon See poster in this issue



Friday 7th - Sunday 9th Brides & Blooms Silsoe Church. See this issue for full details



Saturdays 22nd - Sunday 23rd Open Gardens St Mary's Church



#### Saturday 13th

**Coffee and Croissant morning** Clophill Methodist Church 10am to 12noon See poster in this issue

#### On throughout the month...

Wednesdays...

- Tea and Chat 10.30 to noon, Methodist Church Thursdays...
- Clophill Social Group 2pm, St Mary's 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: May 18; Jul 20; Sep 14; Nov 16; Dec 14. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

#### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Regular services at St Mary's Church, Clophill

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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



# **Useful numbers**

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Buses 01234 262151 Luton Airport Swimming	(Link A Ride) 01525 84051 (Flitwick) 01525 71774		01582 406561 01582 405100 01234 212479
LOCAL GOVERNMENT Central Beds Offices (Chick Mid-Beds MP Central Bedfordshire Coun	sands)	Nadine Dorries Michael Blair Paul Duckett	0300 300 8000 01462 811992 01525 404513 07988 184061
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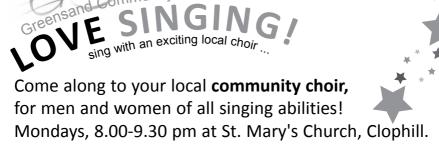
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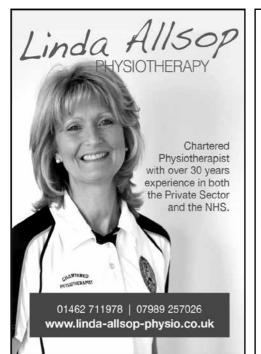
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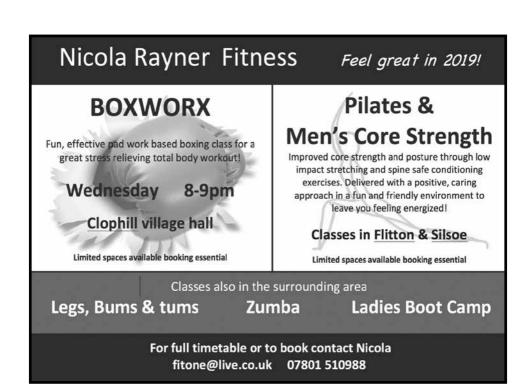
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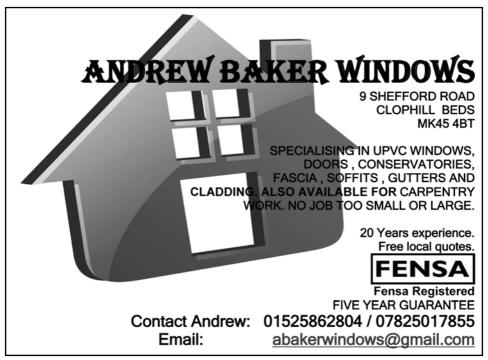
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