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## A word from the Editor...

### *Dear Reader,*

Firstly I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well during this challenging time. It has been truly inspiring to see how compassionate and adaptable people have been when suddenly faced with great change. From Volunteering, to pooling resources, supporting our vulnerable and really working together as a community.



I want to thank our regular contributors for sending in their articles as usual; especially the schools as they faced unprecedented upheaval and disruption to their daily routine.

Finally, to make up for missing social events and the Parish council report, I have included a recipe, some puzzles, and a poem that I find strangely comforting.

***Best wishes to you all, Elaine***



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# SAVE YOUR SPOTLIGHT

## New Design Manager wanted for your local village magazine

After 7 years, Chris is stepping down, so we are looking for someone to take over as our Design Manager.

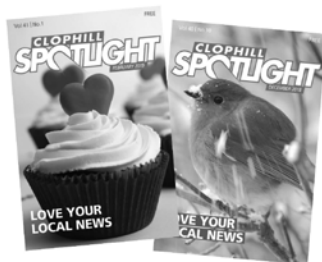
The role requires about 8 hours of your time each month. Knowledge of either the Adobe Creative Suite or Microsoft Publisher is needed, or the desire to learn one of them!!

*Can you help?*

For more information please contact Elaine on  
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**Going...  
going...  
gone?**



Spotlight relies on volunteers to keep going.

Sadly, if this key role can't be filled ***the May issue of Spotlight will be the last one*** and there will be no more village magazine.

**If you don't want to lose your village magazine  
– please think about whether you can help.**

# Letter to the Editor...

I have heard from my neighbour that the staff in the Co-op are feeling very distressed about the number of people complaining, refusing to social distance and being generally unkind. This is quite shocking as I have always experienced the people living in Clophill to be warm and friendly.

Please let's all be kind to each other, and pull together to get through this extraordinary time. Especially to the staff at the Co-op and other food shops that are open.

We need these key workers, who are keeping the shelves as stocked as they can, and we should appreciate that they are doing their best under difficult circumstances.

*Many thanks*

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## A reflection from Clophill Methodist Church



At this time of year I should be writing about the joys of Spring, our Easter celebrations together, family days out in the school holidays and Easter egg hunts. But it's difficult to talk of such things when so many are self-isolating and the world as we know it seems to have ground to a halt.

But the one thing about Easter I can talk of is death and resurrection, new life and hope. All may seem dark, but so did the world for those days between Good Friday and Easter Sunday for the first followers of Jesus. Dark, bleak, all hope lost. Then came the empty tomb. Jesus was alive! Their hope was restored, they witnessed new life, resurrection was a reality.

This virus that is sweeping the land has lasted far more than 3 days, but we will get through this dark and difficult time, these days of isolation, panic buying and school closures. There is hope and there will be resurrection. We will gather again in church to give thanks to the God who promises never to leave us, who walks with us through the valley of the shadows.



And while these difficult days continue, while we wait for the restrictions to be lifted, for life to return to 'normal', we can continue to hold on to those promises of God in whom we have our hope.

***So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10***

And while we wait, if there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe and God bless, Silas  
Rev Silas Wood 01525 571392

## CLOPHILL COMMUNITY



### CORONAVIRUS – DO YOU NEED HELP?

Clophill Community Care and the newly formed voluntary group, Clophill COVID-19 Support, are here to assist elderly and vulnerable residents in Clophill during this difficult time.

#### Are you/your household self-isolating?

**We can help with practical things like:-**

- \* shopping
- \* collecting pensions
- \* collecting prescriptions
- \* posting letters
- \* getting books from the library
- \* dog walking

**We can find you a telephone buddy:-**

\* We'll put you in touch with one of our volunteers or others who are self-isolating so you can have regular contact with someone by phone, Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp or FaceTime.

Call Clophill COVID-19 Support on 07933 530849 or email [community.support@clophill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community.support@clophill-pc.gov.uk)

#### Do you need transport (e.g., to go to the shops, GP or hospital)?

If you **don't have symptoms of the virus** call Clophill Community Care on 07791 773705

If you **have symptoms of the virus or are living in a household with symptoms** contact your local GP or hospital – the numbers are in the 'Useful Numbers' section of Spotlight. For shopping, contact Clophill COVID-19 Support on 07933 530849 or [community.support@clophill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community.support@clophill-pc.gov.uk)

#### Could you be a volunteer?

Our volunteers are on standby to help villagers – if you have a bit of spare time we'd love you to join our team.

**How it works** Volunteers receive an email whenever there's a request for help – and respond if they're available. You may only be free to do certain tasks at certain times – that's OK. Working together, we hope to help as many people in need as possible.

Contact Kate on 07933 530849 or email [community.support@clophill-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community.support@clophill-pc.gov.uk)

\* For updates on how coronavirus is affecting our community go to <https://clophill-pc.gov.uk/category/news/>



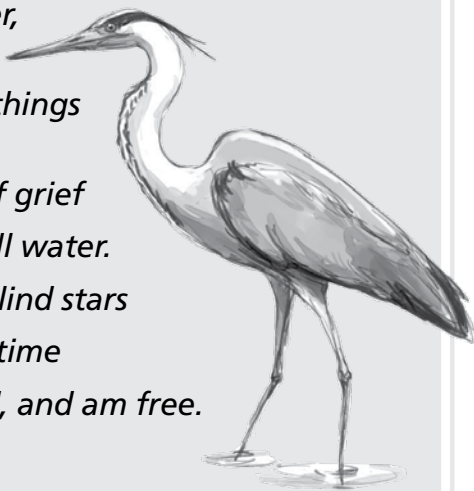
Most of us have been enjoying time in the garden, or the outdoors when we can, in this lovely sunny spring weather. The birds, a few bees and butterflies and even the crocus and daffodils are all getting on with the business of being, and not a bit concerned about our present predicament. I find that strangely comforting. Here is a poem by **Wendell Berry** which seems to me to sum it all up.

## *The Peace of Wild Things*

*When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water,  
and the great heron feeds.*

*I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives  
with forethought of grief*

*I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*



## **News from Clophill Heritage Trust**

It is with very heavy hearts that we had to close the Eco Lodges on Monday 23rd March, for at least 12 weeks, in line with the government guidelines around the Covid-19 outbreak.

We hope you will all join us for a reopening celebration once this is over!

***Till then please look after yourselves and stay safe. The Eco Lodge Team***

**For info call 07935 911207 or email [info@clophillecolodges.co.uk](mailto:info@clophillecolodges.co.uk)  
[www.Facebook.com/ClophillEcoLodges](https://www.Facebook.com/ClophillEcoLodges)**



St Mary's Church. Clophill

## Church Fete and Village Event

to commemorate 75 year Anniversary of VE Day

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May    12 noon – 4pm**

**Cancelled due to the Coronavirus**



An Exhibition by local artists and craftsmen

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in St Mary's Church

**Postponed due to the Coronavirus**

**We would like to thank those who have shown an interest  
and will hopefully arrange a date later in the year**



# St Mary's Church News

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Because of the Corona virus situation, the Archbishop of Canterbury has directed that there shall be no services in Church of England churches for the near future. We are particularly disappointed to have to cancel all our Lent Lunches and the Agape Supper. There will be no Palm Sunday service at St Mary's and I will let you know about services during Easter week nearer the time.

It has also been decided to cancel the Village Fete, and the Arts and Crafts Exhibition is postponed until later in the year.

St Mary's church will be open daily and accessible to anyone that wishes to come in, all we ask is that you should wash your hands when you arrive: hand washing facilities are available in both toilets in church.

We do hope that everyone can stay well, and if you feel you would like contact (I can't promise that we will visit) from anyone from St Mary's then do please let me know.

*Rosemary ILETT - Churchwarden*

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## Clophill & District Flower Club



Members and visitors came to a relaxed evening to chat, get to know new members, have tea and biscuits served by committee members, learn new crafts and 'dabble'. Four tables each offering a different craft. Our ladies moved around the tables or stayed on one preferred table.

**Table 1 Card making:** Templates of ladies, birthday cakes and animals; together with coloured paper, beads, glitter and glue. Some beautiful cards were made. Some cards looked as if they could outshine Ascot with hats and earrings, birthday cards with happy wishes, flowers and ribbons, and animals all looking very smart in their new outfits.

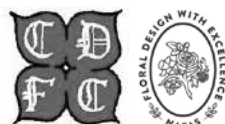
**Table 2 Wire work:** Coloured wire woven into rounds to create a holder that fitted into the top of a vase, allowing the flowers to stand perfectly and look beautiful. With encouragement from NAFAS to stop using wet foam, this type of holder is the perfect answer.

**Table 3** Tin cans covered with fabric became pretty holders for flowers. Cork, Hessian, beads and ribbons gave tin cans a new lease of life. Contorted hazel, daffodils, snap dragons, delicate wax flowers, together with assorted greenery were among the flowers used in the arrangements: which were stunning.

**Table 4 Quiz night:** Guess the name of 30 different types of plant material carefully gathered from the garden of one of our members. Eucalyptus, Cocculus, Goldheart Ivy, Euonymus, Fatsia and Pittosporum, to name a few.

*Our April and May demonstrations have had to be cancelled because of the Coronavirus. We are not sure about June and July at the moment. All ticket sales for May will be refunded.*

*Christine Baker – Committee Member*





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# Come into the Garden

with *Kate Gardner*



Spring is now well underway and everything in the garden is putting on lots of green growth. In previous articles, I've look at grass maintenance, shrub pruning, taking cuttings and dividing herbaceous plants which are all key 'To Do's' now of year. For this month's article, I'm going to turn my attention to fruit and veg.



There are plenty of ways to include fruit and veg into your garden without turning into Tom and Barbara Good from the 1970's BBC sitcom "The Good Life" and rotovating up the lawn. One way is to incorporate some Square Foot Gardening (SFG) principles into the way you use your garden space. This idea was developed in the USA in the 1970's and was a way of creating easy to manage gardens with

minimum maintenance to grow fruit and vegetable for the family at home. The basic idea was to create a raised planting area 4 feet x 4 feet x 1 foot deep (1.2m x 1.2 m x 0.30m) and lay a 12inch x 12inch (30cm x 30cm) grid on the surface creating 16 different planting squares.

Traditional veg planting is carried out in rows with lots of empty soil between the rows which means lots of weeding. This way each square holds a different fruit or veg with very little room for weeds to form and the raised bed means that you don't walk on the soil.

Good veg needs good soil so on our very sandy free draining soil you will need to add plenty of compost and well-rotted horse manure (don't use fresh as the nitrogen content is too strong for the plants). This can just be added straight onto the top of your grass or soil, but it's worth removing any nettles, docks or dandelions first.

Good plants to use in your new growing space include lettuce, carrots, dwarf beans, peas, tomatoes, outdoor cucumbers and strawberries. You can even include a tall Cavello Nero or Black Kale plant to eat during the winter. Leeks, onions and lots of herbs such as basil, parsley and thyme grow well in these conditions too. There are plenty of resources available that give lots of advice about growing fruit and veg at home.

If you fancy growing a courgette, then these need to be planted in their own space as they can grow enormous and will end up taking over your raised bed. Courgettes need warmth and sunshine so don't be tempted to plant them outside too early as they will be affected by any frost – I typically don't plant any courgette seeds until the beginning of May. The warmer nights and days mean that they get growing quickly and usually start producing courgettes within 6 weeks.

It's very tempting when you open your seed pack to sow everything in one go, but if you want to eat fruit and veg all through the growing season you need to sow little and often or you end up with all the veg ready faster than you can eat it.

Blueberries are easy to grow but there are a couple of key things to do to make sure that your plants are happy. Blueberries need acid soils so you will need to plant them into ericaceous compost and they don't like being watered with our very hard water so use rainwater from water butts. To get the best crop of fruit put your plants in an area of the garden which is partly shady as they prefer this to full sun all day and once the fruits start to turn dark blue they are ready to harvest. Be warned, blackbirds love blueberries so once your fruit starts to ripen to may want to protect the plant with some fleece or netting otherwise the birds will eat the berries before you get a look in!! **Happy Gardening**



# Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed

## Agate House

Agate House is looking for Volunteer Drivers for local short trips to support our Service User's to attend church groups, clubs and hospital appointments.

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# Clophill Preschool News

**Hello everyone. What a difference a month makes...**

We hope this article finds you well in these difficult times. Preschool, as we know it, has had to close its doors for the foreseeable but we are still working hard behind the scenes. We are keeping in touch with our parents, keeping them informed and offering help where we can. Our ethos is to push the education of life skills for our children. We want our parents, especially those of children due to start school in September, to continue this and to enjoy the time they will spend together doing everyday things with their children; teaching without the formality of a 'lesson'. They could cook or bake, take walks in the woods and do gardening, build dens with the sofa cushions and explore what lives under stones in the garden. We hope they can encourage resilience and help build confidence, our children are already filled with wonder and interest of the world around them, let their imaginations find portals to new lands in puddles and turn a bedsheet den into a giant's castle. And so we are sending them recipes and ideas for scavenger hunts, suggestions for creative play and games to try.



Before we had to close our doors we did manage to squeeze in a little Mother's Day celebration, not quite the one we wanted as the Flower Club ladies sadly could not come up to us, but they did give us the resources. Thank you, Carolyn. We created our flower gifts with daffodils in upcycled tin cans and sang and signed our song, posting it on our Facebook page as a gift to all the mummies out there.

We have been perfecting our cooking skills both indoors and out, with Chris trying out our new fire pit. Chris has been making lots of bread, popping popcorn in sieves and baking bananas. Spotty and Dotty are continuing to lay eggs every day, tiny eggs but perfectly formed. The children are learning to listen out for the recognisable 'I've just laid an egg!' clucking and race to open the coop to retrieve the warm eggs.

We have entered, and been selected, to have a plot at the Hampton Court Budding Gardener Competition in July. As it stands this event will still go ahead, so we are crossing our fingers. So far it has been disappointing for us that so many events have had to be cancelled, our first year since we opened without a preschool Egg Hunt!

We have also signed up to the RHS Social Gardener Project, and will be promoting this as part of our Community Allotment venture which we will be working hard on over the coming weeks. We have rented an allotment space for everyone to use to help with mental health and wellbeing, to stop loneliness, and encourage our community to come together while growing fruit and vegetables; some of which we shall be donating to the Ampthill Food bank. Who knew that this idea would become so much more appropriate as we are plunged into these uncertain times? We will update you of our plans and progress in next month's article.

***Until then, we wish everyone well and let's look after each other.***

# Sausage and Cannellini Bean Casserole

**INGREDIENTS** Serves 4: 20 mins to prepare and 25 mins to cook **FREEZABLE**

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 8 pork sausages
- 1 onion, 1 celery stick and 1 carrot, all finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 400ml chicken stock
- 1 tsp smoked paprika (or ordinary paprika will do)
- 400g tin cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 100g sliced greens



1. Heat the oil in a large, lidded non stick frying pan or flameproof casserole dish over a medium-high heat. Add the sausages and cook for 5 mins, turning frequently, until browned all over. Remove from the pan and set aside on a plate.
2. Add the onion, celery, carrot and garlic to the pan. Cook over a medium-high heat for 10 mins until softened and lightly golden. Return the sausages to the pan along with the tinned tomatoes, stock and smoked paprika. Season lightly and stir. Bring to the boil, then reduce to a simmer for 20 mins until the sauce has thickened slightly.
3. Stir in the beans and greens, then cover and simmer for a further 5 mins until the greens have softened. Spoon into bowls and grind over some black pepper to serve.

## Freezing and defrosting guidelines

Once the dish has cooled completely, transfer it to an airtight, freezer-safe container, seal and freeze for up to 1-3 months. To serve, defrost thoroughly in the fridge overnight before reheating. To re-heat: Loosely cover with foil and bake until dish is thoroughly heated through. Re-heat until piping hot.



# St Mary's School News



It has been a challenging few weeks for the school, as it has been for the wider community, nation and the World. The school closure was unprecedented, but we are really pleased we have been able to remain open for those children in our school whose parents are critical workers and undertaking such a tremendous and important job in these difficult times.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful children, parents and volunteers. The support we have received from our families has been amazing and really helped us through these challenging times.

We are really pleased to be able to stay in touch with our families through our school website – where we are supporting parents and carers with home schooling by providing daily activities under the Home Learning Section (split by class). We are also sending home emails and letters on a regular basis and using our Facebook page to spread positivity, which also includes a regular story told by one of our teachers.

Whilst the school is closed, if you do need to make contact with us then please use the school email address: [generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk](mailto:generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk)

Fortunately, prior to the school closure, the Years 3 and 4 were able to visit Holdenby House, to support their topic of WWII. They learnt what life was like as an evacuee and all dressed up for the trip looking fantastic. Our Year 2 children visited Robert Bloomfield Academy for a Multiskills sports event, participating with other schools. They had a wonderful time and were a real credit to the school. Our Year 1 class led Class Worship and told their Bible story brilliantly, it was great for so many parents to be able to attend and support them. Also our Nursery and Reception children have been loving their topic about super heroes – enjoying the book 'SuperTato'. Finally thank you for to those people who attended the recent Nursery Stay and Play session, which was very successful. We are looking forward to holding more regular sessions once the school reopens. Details will follow.



We miss our children and families and really look forward to the school reopening – we hope we don't have to wait too long. In the meantime, if we can support you in any way then please contact us at the email address above.

## Our value for April is *Unity*

Our Value for April will be Koinonia (Unity), which is especially pertinent for our current situation. We will look to share stories on our Facebook page about this Value, focusing on how actions and initiatives involving a number of committed people are more likely to result in a successful outcome than things which are approached individually. We will emphasise the importance of everyone: children, staff, parents and Governors working together in unity to ensure success. At home you could take on a simple project as a family and work together until it is complete; for example prepare a meal where each person has a part to play. Also, especially with older children, you could emphasise the importance of us all following the Government advice and staying at home in order to be united in the support of the NHS to fight against the Coronavirus.



# Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1

by Sue Pearson

*In celebration of Clophill's brave men who fought in and survived the First World war...*

**Humphrey Ladds Cunnington** was born in Surrey in 1889. By 1891 the family lived in the School House, High Street. His parents were Humphrey and Mary (Ladds), both teachers. He had 2 brothers (see below) and 2 sisters.

He served as a Sergeant with the East Surrey Regt., from 1914 until he was discharged on medical grounds in 1916 - the year he was wounded.

The following intelligence was sent to Clophill by the Rector, who was a chaplain in France; in July 1916 He wrote: *"I am sorry to have to tell you that Humph is wounded. He came in just as I went on duty this morning. He recognised my voice and called out. He has been hit in the face and right eye, but we hope he will be all right very soon. The eye is alright at present and it is hoped that it will be saved. He is very fit and well in himself, and is not suffering shell shock or anything like that. His "tin hat" undoubtedly saved him."*

Ampthill News reported – *"Sgt. Cunnington has been out nearly 12 months and for the greater part of the time has been in the trenches. Although he has had one or two narrow escapes, he has not been actually hit before. In a letter home," he says:- "We have had three days of the most awful bombardment in history, so the time for real action must come very soon. These 3 days have been absolute hell, especially for the Boche; our guns have smothered his trenches with huge shells and trench mortars; we have given him periodical doses of gas and filthy smoke, and there have been nightly bombing raids. After every dose of gas or smoke, when he must leave his dug-outs for fear of suffocation, we have rained shrapnel on him. What a difference from those days at Ypres and Hill 60, when the boot was on the other foot! He hasn't replied on anything like the same scale, but we have suffered pretty heavily, as our Company has been 'up' all the time, and I believe our 'heroic remnants' have the honour of leading the attack. I hope so. I think this war should make another unthinkable, for this isn't war, it is murder pure and simple, and the side that can use most frightfulness will win. If everything goes on alright we should finish them off pretty quickly, and be home again, never more to leave the shores of old England. I don't think any of us quite appreciated the old country till we came out here."*

Humphrey married Edith Green in 1919 at which time he was a civil servant, a job he would have until at least 1939. He died in 1945 in Clapham Common.

**Lionel Healey Cunnington** was born in Clophill in 1898. He enlisted in 1917 and was a Telegraphist in the RNVR on HM Tug "Marsden" serving in the Mediterranean. By 1918 he had also become a member of the cathedral choir in Gibraltar- where his boat was stationed. In 1919 he was seized with Malaria whilst on a voyage from Port Said to Aden and spent time in hospital in Suez. He returned home later that year.



Lionel became a schoolteacher and in 1924 he married Daisy Warwick. They had 3 children. They lived in Twickenham for many years but by 1939 they lived in Ottery St. Mary, Devon. In 1945 they lived in The Vicarage at Eaton Bray and later in Heath & Reach. Lionel died in Chichester, aged 93.

**Raymond Cunningham** was born in Clophill in 1891.

In 1918 Ampthill News reported on Raymond's short life as follows:- *"It is with much regret that we record the death of Raymond Ernest Cunningham, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Clophill. The deceased was 26 years old, served in the Royal Navy for nearly 4 years. A severe attack of pleurisy left a weakness in his lung, and in 1911 he was invalided suffering from tuberculosis. After a period at home his health improved and he entered the Mercantile marine, making voyages to South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. At the outbreak of war in 1914 he enlisted in the 6th Bedfords, being passed medically sound; but*



**Front seated:** Humphrey Cunningham, Lionel, Mary Ann and Raymond.

**Back seated:** Ruth, Humphrey and Kathleen. Ruth was married to George Appleby who also served and survived WW1.

*after a month's training at Aldershot his health gave way, the lung trouble reappeared. He was discharged in December 1914. In 1915 he spent some months in a sanatorium, but did not derive much benefit. He has since been getting gradually weaker. His long illness was borne with exemplary patience and cheerfulness, and the end came on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The remains are at the Old Church."*

**Leonard  
Cheshire  
Disability**

## Grand Jumble Sale

Clophill Friends of the Bedfordshire Cheshire Home, regret to advise that they will not be holding their jumble sale as planned on the 24th April in the Village Hall.

It has been decided that in the interest of all concerned, the sale be deferred until the current health issues are resolved.

We will be in touch as soon as possible

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

# Village groups

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## Wildlife walks & talks



### Coronavirus Update

*We have been actively reviewing the government's advice and have decided to cancel all events up until the 13th June. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but ask for your understanding in our decision to do so. We will continue to monitor the situation and will update our home page as soon as we receive any new information or guidance. Please visit our home page for ideas on how to stay connected with nature over this difficult time.*

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# Ampthill Community Safety Group

We cover Maulden and Clophill too, met in March and next meet on 12th May at the Fire Station, subject to the new distancing rules.

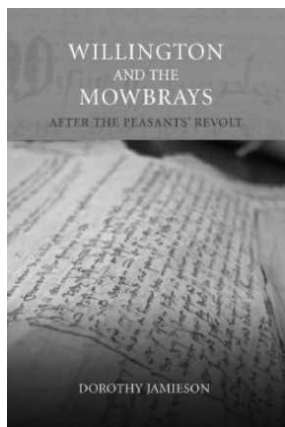
Matters effecting Clophill discussed in March were the (now so topical) need for an effective Neighbourhood Watch Group; appreciating that previous efforts were made, but this is 'now', and as a village we might be more interested in formalising the community volunteering that so many are committing to.

Also discussed was the A507. There have been two serious road traffic incidents in recent weeks that forced the road to be closed by the blue light services near Beadlow. And of course as a result there was the usual impact on the village. The Ampthill Community Safety Group have challenged our CBC Ward Councillors, CBC Highways and Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service (they lead on accident prevention) to look at how these incidents might be prevented in the future. The Fire Service have made this a priority for Ampthill Fire Station to focus on, and things like reducing the speed to 50MPH might be considered. In addition, the Fire Service are going to look at how they might educate young people on the risks and issues that dangerous riding of pedal cycles might bring about.

During the last quarter ACSG Members reviewed the local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups Falls Prevention Strategy and fed back through Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire. This is something that particularly impacts (bad pun!) on the elderly.

Ampthill Community Safety Group is made up entirely of volunteers (see previous Spotlight entries), and is recognised by Central Bedfordshire Council as both a partner organisation and a community interest group. We are under-represented by Clophillians. Meetings are once every six months - last only an hour, with the Police, Fire and Healthwatch all recognising the value we add to community issues. We welcome new 'members'.

*Paul Downing Chair ACSG – Telephone: 860350*



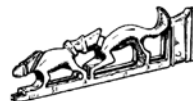
***Due to the current Coronavirus infection risk our April meeting has been postponed until a future date – please see [www.adalhs.org.uk](http://www.adalhs.org.uk).***

## **AGM and From Box to Book**

To transcribe a large box of Medieval parchments from Latin would daunt most people, our speaker persisted and twenty years later wrote a book about her village of Willington.

*Speaker: Dorothy Jamieson*

**Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society**



# Parish Registers for March and April

**1820**

## **Baptisms**

Mar 23 Stephen, son of Stephen Mathews

## **Burials**

Mar 08 ? Wainwright

Apr 05 William Baker (?)

**1870**

## **Baptisms**

Mar 27 Mary Elizabeth, d of Leonard and Sarah Hal  
Joseph, s of Ambrose & Sar. Coley  
Ruth Elizabeth, d of Joseph and Elizabeth Sharman

Apr 01 Susan, d of James & Salome Lomas  
Elizabeth, d of Charles and Eliza Bottoms, father Marine Store Dealer

Apr 24 Ann, d of George and James (?) Braybrook  
Brenda Amelia, d of Isaac and Elizabeth Coburn, father a bricklayer from Maulden

## **Marriages**

Apr 11 Albert Coleman, 21 to Mary Ann Albery, 19

## **Burials**

Mar 21 Albert William Albery, infant

Mar 24 Rosa Simpson, infant

Mar 28 James Edward Goodall, 3

Apr 01 John Underwood, 67

Apr 02 Mary Elizabeth (?), infant

Apr 14 Herbert William Low, child of William Low, 1

Apr 16 Edwin Payne, child of John Payne, infant

Fanny Elizabeth Monehew  
(?) infant

**1870** *(continued)*

Apr 18 Susan Denton, infant

Apr 19 Mary Upton, infant

Apr 20 Sarah Gobby (?), 3

Apr 22 Ann Page, infant

Apr 28 Arthur James White, infant

**1920**

## **Baptisms**

Mar 21 Enid Daphne d of Harold and Beatrice McClymont father a railwayman from Liverpool  
Apr 18 Janet Rae Waddell d of Frederick and Margaret Tysome father an ex-soldier

## **Marriages**

Mar 20 Clement Parsons Taylor 25, bank clerk to Nina (?) Frances Helena Bishops, 25, widow

## **Burials**

Mar 04 Eliza Webb, 59

Apr 13 Kate Eliza Stimson, 78

**1970**

*No baptisms or marriages recorded*

## **Burials**

Mar 21 Gwynedd Mary Everingham King, 60

Mar 24 Raymond Albert James Hills, 64

Apr 16 Nellie may Cole, 75

Apr 24 Annie Maud Odell, 74

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS FOR MARCH 2020**

### **Burial of Ashes**

Mar 09 Brian Peter Izzard (Briz), 77



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<b>Ampthill Station</b>		01234 841212
		101

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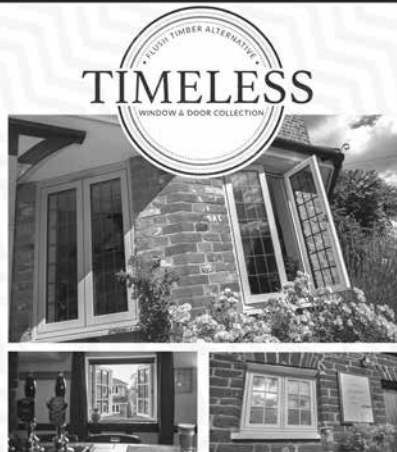
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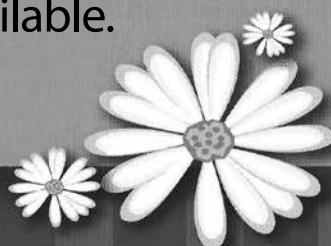
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### CODEWORD (above)

Numbers are substituted for letters in this crossword grid. 3 have been inserted to get you started.

Use these clues to complete your first word.

Check your letters on the alphabet list opposite as you complete them.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



### POLYWORD (left)

Using the given letters no more than once, make as many words as possible of four or more letters, always including the central letter. Capitalised words and plurals are disallowed. You can also make one using all nine available letters.

**How did you rate?**

10 words – Average, 13 – Good, 16 Very good, 19 Excellent.

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MEDIUM

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8				9		4		7
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**SUDOKU** (above)  
To solve this puzzle each 3 x 3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9.

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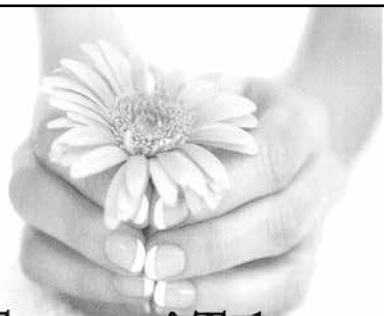
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