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# A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the November issue of Spotlight

## Lest we forget...

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
WE SHALL NOT SLEEP,  
THOUGH POPPIES GROW  
IN FLANDERS FIELDS.*

*by John McCrae*

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## Clophill Toddler Group News

Clophill Toddler Group would like to say a hearty “Welcome back!”.

We have currently been able to resume our Friday morning sessions – although with quite a few changes! Government rules permitting we will be running our 10-11.30am sessions during term time, with our new booking scheme on our Facebook page. Please search for “Clophill Toddler Group”, Charlotte or Lucy will be on hand to answer any questions.



We have been so pleased with the success of the group in our first few sessions back, it did feel strange to have such limited numbers, but the noise of happy children soon filled the hall and we are working hard to ensure that anyone we can't fit in each week is offered a space in the next session.

We are open for any parent or care givers with children from birth until 3 years old, with a lovely small baby area, ride on cars, a new craft each week and lots of interesting toys to keep everyone busy.



It has been so wonderful catching up with old members and meeting new ones from Clophill and the surrounding villages and we hope to continue to do so.



We are a really friendly group so if you are feeling nervous about coming along due to Covid or being a first time parent please do get in touch so that we can reassure you and welcome you along.



# Come into the Garden

*with Kate Gardner*



**November** is a good time to review the garden, cutting back and tidying borders and making a note of any changes that you might want to make. That could be plants that you want to move, new plants that you want to add or divisions of perennial plants that you wish to make next spring. It's easier to do this whilst the thought is fresh in your mind, as it's hard to remember back to how it looked once spring comes around next year. Leave seed heads on flowers and shrubs and delay cutting these back until late winter, as they provide a home for overwintering insects as well as providing winter interest. Tidy up leaves from around the garden as these can provide a home for pests and spread fungal diseases such as blackspot. They can be added to the compost heap, or placed in separate bins or black sacks to make leaf mould. Some leaves, such as plane and sycamore, are slow to break down, and can delay you using your compost if you mix them into the general heap. Leaf mould makes an excellent soil improver and can also be used as a seed-sowing medium.

Digging the soil, especially bare patches, will expose pest larvae and eggs to birds and frost, as well as clearing weeds. Don't leave soil uncovered for too long, however, as it runs the risk of erosion and washing away of valuable nutrients. Add a mulch and this not only protects the soil over the winter, but the action of worms pulling the mulch into the depths will help improve the vitality of our sandy soils.

Divide perennials that flower before June, such as oriental poppies, peonies and lupins, as well as spring-flowering hellebores, pulmonarias and Solomon's seal. Dig up, divide and replant them straight away. Now is also the best time to cut away the old leaves from your hellebores which will allow the flowers to be seen through the winter.

Perennials that flower after midsummer are best divided in the spring – that's a good general rule. Taking root cuttings is also a good way to make new plants for free and now is a good time to take root cuttings from perennials like phlox, verbasum, oriental poppy and acanthus.

Select young, vigorous roots, about the thickness of a pencil, and cut them off, close to the crown of the plant. Only remove a maximum of 1 third of the roots and then replace the parent plant, as soon as possible, back into the border. Discard the thin root end and remove any fibrous side roots. Cut each root into 5-10cm (2-4in) lengths making a horizontal cut at the upper end and an angled cut at the lower end. Fill pots with a free draining compost – such as equal parts peat substitute and gritty sand or perlite. Insert the cuttings about 4cm (2in) apart so that the horizontal cut surface at the top of the root is just below the surface of the compost and then cover with a thin layer of grit. Water the compost lightly and place the pots in a sheltered space or cold-frame outside. In the following spring, pot up into individual pots when the cuttings show signs of growth and are well-rooted.

Prune wall-trained pyracanthas, removing any shoots coming out from the wall, and shortening other new growth to about 8cm (3in). This encourages spur formation which will give you more flowers and bright berries next year. Now is also a good time to tie in climbing and rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible. This will restrict sap flow causing more side-shoots to grow along the length of stem: therefore more flowers will be produced for next year.

**Happy Gardening**

# St Mary's School News



We have been very excited to welcome a new member to our school community – **Jake**, the school dog.

**Jake**, who is a Cavapoo joined us at the end of September. He has just started his training, and once fully trained his job in school will be both a Reading dog and Well-Being dog. Children will be given the opportunity to read with Jake (and also an adult), for the dog's enjoyment. Research also shows children worry less when reading to a dog. In addition, the soothing presence of animals, such as dogs, has long been recognised as a way of reducing anxiety. You can follow Jakes progress via our



Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/clophillstmarysschool/>

We also had great news when we were advised we had secured funding to upgrade our IT network and equipment. This has been on our wish list for a number of years now, so we are delighted that we can finally progress it. The children will be able to use the new laptops and iPad's from the end of November.

Thank you to our wonderful Friends of St Mary's (PTA) for their amazing fundraising we took delivery of a new fort in half term and the children are really looking forward to playing on it.

By the time Spotlight is published, we should have a brand new, professionally created virtual tour of our school. So, if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our wonderful, small and friendly school please spread the word. Access to the tour can be provided by **Mrs. Topliff**.



**Important information for Parents with children moving to Middle School or requiring a Reception class place for September 2021**

Applications online: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Deadline for both Middle School Place/Starting School Place: 15TH JANUARY 2021**

We have produced a virtual tour of the school, please contact Mrs Topliff on 01525 860206, or email at [generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk](mailto:generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk) for more information

# Acorn Nursery News

This term's focus for Art and Design is investigating the work of Picasso. We've started to look at a variety of his artwork, in particular how different his paintings are depending on how he was feeling when he created them. It was interesting that the children immediately grasped how he was feeling when he painted 'The Old Guitarist'. The children were fascinated to look at examples of Cubism, many finding them a 'strange' way to create a picture! As part of colouring our own Picasso pictures, we explored primary, secondary, warm and cool colours together.

Continuing with our 'All About Me' topic, we've enjoyed discussing who is in our families and talking about their relationship to us, creating some lovely lolly stick family collages. We've also talked about who lives in our house and some of its physical features and built houses of our own on the Smartboard using the Simple City program.

We currently do have spaces in our nursery setting, please contact Mrs Hayes, the Nursery Manager, at [nursery@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk](mailto:nursery@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk) for more information.

## **Our Value for October is** *COMPASSION and FORGIVENESS*

Compassion' and 'sympathy' have much in common but both are stronger in meaning than simply 'feeling sorry for' someone. The words have their roots in the idea of putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to do something. It is not about 'doing good' or simply 'remembering those less fortunate than ourselves'. Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others.

This also links to the value of Forgiveness – making a conscious decision/act to forgive others who may have upset or wronged us.

We will be helping the children learn about compassion through imagining what it might be like in someone else's position and thinking about what we might be able to do in support of this. With forgiveness, we will explore times when we have forgiven others and how this made us, and the other person, feel.

You may wish to help your child think about compassion when you share stories or experiences; you could discuss the actions of the characters, what led them to behave in a certain way, how they may have affected others, how it might have made them feel and how they might do things differently. You may wish to think of people in need of a friend and put things in place to help and support them. When thinking about forgiveness, you may want to talk about how you reach a decision to forgive someone and how you can put forgiveness into action.

# Clophill Preschool News



It has been another busy month at preschool with more new children joining us, they have been settling in brilliantly. Spending all sessions outside has allowed them the freedom to find their own space, to watch others until they feel ready to join in, and to explore in an environment which makes sense to them. Nature is a familiar space, it brings calm, creativity and a sense of wellbeing.

The children have been running around as they play, getting lots of exercise, developing their muscles and working hard in the allotment. They have been

preparing the soil, planting onions and garlic and learning about where our food comes from, how to nurture it and sharing our strawberry runners with the Young Farmers allotment. We harvested our huge pumpkins and held a guess the weight competition so the children could win them.

The children have also been looking at the flora in and beyond our setting and discussing the changing seasons. They found fallen coloured leaves and threaded them onto sticks to make autumn caterpillars and used sticks and leaves to make a massive dinosaur picture.



The mud kitchen is still a firm favourite at preschool, children have made 'dinosaur food' and talked about all the different dinosaurs they know. It goes to show how wonderful children can be at learning new words and that they will learn anything if they are interested enough. The children knew words such as brachiosaurus and diplodocus, it is a great way to develop their knowledge of letter sounds. The children find the words fun, learning how to use their tongues and teeth to explore the sounds they can make, trying out new words, repeating the sounds they hear and increasing their vocabulary.



One of our children knew about the meteorite that hit the earth destroying all the dinosaurs and Chris scribed his story for him to go with the picture he drew all about it.

We do a lot of storytelling at preschool; the children love to retell stories they know well and act them out as well as making up their own. The breadth of learning and development that can come from this when paired with great teaching is wonderful to see

# Clophill Preschool Continued

At the start of this month we have been repainting our poppy stones and walking them down to the war memorial at the church. Last year our stone poppy wreath was a fitting representation of preschool's respect for the fallen soldiers.

It was lovely to have Silas from the Methodist Church come up and sing some Harvest tractor songs with the children outside, we have missed him. Our community both at preschool and beyond is important to us and finding ways to keep up our usual levels of contact and communication has led us to be creative. We look forward to sharing some of our ideas with you next time. Meanwhile we continue to evolve and thrive in our wonderful woodland setting.



Our Happy Bags collection of usable clothing, handbags, shoes and accessories is on Wednesday 11th November. If you have anything to donate, please drop to preschool or 57a High Street. Thank you for your support.

**Imogen, Chris** and the team

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# Chocolate Brownies

## INGREDIENTS

- 185g unsalted butter
- 185g good quality dark chocolate
- 85g plain flour
- 40g cocoa powder
- 50g white chocolate
- 50g milk chocolate
- 3 large eggs
- 275g golden caster sugar



1. Cut 185g unsalted butter into small cubes and tip into a medium bowl. Break 185g dark chocolate into small pieces and drop into the bowl.
2. Fill a small saucepan about a quarter full with hot water, then sit the bowl on top without it touching the water. Put over a low heat until the butter and chocolate have melted, stirring occasionally to mix them. Remove the bowl from the pan. Alternatively, cover the bowl loosely with cling film and put in the microwave for 2 minutes on high. Leave the melted mixture to cool to room temperature.
3. Place a shelf in the middle of your oven and turn on to 180C/ 160C fan/ gas 4
4. Using a shallow 20cm square tin, cut out a square of non-stick baking parchment to line the base. Tip 85g plain flour and 40g cocoa powder into a sieve held over a medium bowl. Tap and shake the sieve so they run through together and you get rid of any lumps.
5. Chop 50g white chocolate and 50g milk chocolate into chunks on a board.
6. Break 3 large eggs into a large bowl and tip in 275g golden caster sugar. With an electric mixer on maximum speed, whisk the eggs and sugar. They will look thick and creamy, like a milk shake. This can take 3-8 minutes, depending on how powerful your mixer is. It's ready when the mixture becomes really pale and about double its original volume. Another check is to turn off the mixer, lift out the beaters and wiggle them from side to side. If the mixture that runs off the beaters leaves a trail on the surface of the mixture in the bowl for a second or two, you're there



7. Pour the cooled chocolate mixture over the eggy mousse, then gently fold together with a rubber spatula. Continue folding in a figure of eight movement, until the two mixtures are one and the colour is a mottled dark brown. The idea is to marry them without knocking out the air, so be as gentle and slow as you like.
8. Hold the sieve over the bowl of eggy chocolate mixture and resift the cocoa and flour mixture, shaking the sieve from side to side, to cover the top evenly. Gently fold in this powder. The mixture will look dry and dusty at first, and a bit unpromising, but if you keep going very gently and patiently, it will end up looking gungy and fudgy. Stop just before you feel you should, as you don't want to overdo this mixing.
9. Finally, stir in the white and milk chocolate chunks until they're dotted throughout.
10. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin, scraping every bit out of the bowl with the spatula. Gently ease the mixture into the corners of the tin and paddle the spatula from side to side across the top to level it..
11. Put in the oven for 25 mins. Open the oven, pull the shelf out a bit and gently shake the tin. If the brownie wobbles in the middle, it's not quite done, so bake for another 5 minutes until the top has a shiny, papery crust and the sides are just beginning to come away from the tin. Take out of the oven.
12. Leave the whole thing in the tin until completely cold. If you're using the brownie tin, lift up the protruding rim slightly and slide the uncut brownie out on its base. If you're using a normal tin, lift out the brownie with the foil. Cut into quarters, then cut each quarter into four squares and finally into triangles.

They'll keep in an airtight container for a good two weeks (if you hide it!!) and in the freezer for up to a month.

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## St Mary's Church News

It was a very strange Harvest Festival this year, which we held on October 6th. "Come ye thankful people, come" and "We plough the fields and scatter" were mumbled into our masks. There was no fruit and veg decorating the window ledges and our gifts of dried packets and tinned food had to be left by the door rather than offered at the altar. These were then removed next day to be taken to charities for homeless people. The cash collection was sent to the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal which this year is going to Nepal.



Despite all the problems we are encountering at St Mary's we are still able to support those less fortunate than we are, both locally and overseas.



# Clophill Preschool

## FUNDRAISING

Help the school to raise funds  
by bringing all your unwanted  
yet reusable clothing, paired shoes,  
handbags & accessories.  
**Happy Fundraising!**

Bring clothing on

Any weekday in November to Clophill Village Hall  
and leave on the patio between 8:30 and 1:30  
ready for the collection on the morning of  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, please ensure  
clothing is in bags. Thank you

Or contact us – [clophillpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:clophillpreschool@gmail.com)



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# St Mary's Church Letter

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, CLOPHILL  
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Clophill  
MK45 4AJ  
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October 2020

What is the expression? "It never rains but it pours!!". Well this is very salient, but not salty!

Many of you have generously supported St Mary's financially; with our request to fund the stone-work repairs and repointing via our Gift Day Appeal held a year ago. Now we learn that the rain water gutters need to be replaced at a cost of £30,000 (the original product used is no longer available) so it has to be all new.

Our architect and building team realise there is no sense repairing the stones and repointing if water is to pour down them when it rains (no brainier).

So we hope you agree and will enable the funds you have so generously given to be used for this urgent project. The masonry and pointing project will have to wait! Except for the wall at the front, we have sufficient money to crack on with this.

If you do not want to support this rather urgent project, please write to or e-mail the Church - address above.

Thank you again for your continuing generosity,



Rosemary Ilett  
Churchwarden

# Fundraising Team of St Mary's Church



People need help in so many ways and so does the Village Church



## *Auction of Promises*

The promises will now continue until 10<sup>th</sup> December – all below still available

Promise	Reserve or suggested cost
1 Reading	
2 Dog walking	
3 Prescription collecting	
4 Gardening	
5 2 hour Zoom based training – intro to Excel, Word or PowerPoint or	£100
6 Guidance in CV writing and job interviews	£100
7 8" square Christmas cake	£15
8 10" Victoria Sponge	
9 Christmas door wreath – in fresh foliage and natural decorations	£20
10 Christmas table decoration - to suit bidder	£10 + flowers
11 Christmas face masks - in cotton fabric with a filter	£4 each
12 Hand knitted child's Aran jumper or jacket	£20 including wool
13 Curtain alteration - shortening or adapting	£10 / per hour
14 Festive Shortbread	£5
15 4 x weekend cake and pudding	£10
16 4 x casseroles	£10
17 Festive door ring or table arrangement	£20
18 Christmas door ring	£20
19 Walking companion	
20 Shopping	
21 Prescription collection	
22 Car washing	
23 Decorating - painting and wallpapering	
24 2x12 mince pies	£10

### Items

- 25 George carpet cleaner
- 26 Antiquarian prints – Southill Park and Luton Church (hand coloured)
- 27 'Me to You Collectable – 'Ice Angel

**We are happy to receive more promises and will extend the Auction of Promises until December**

If you are interested in making a bid for one of these please contact

**[juliebenson@talktalk.net](mailto:juliebenson@talktalk.net) or 01525 860497**

Julie will then put the two parties in touch with one another to discuss details and timing.

The fee paid will be donated to St Mary's Church.

It should comply with Covid 19 restrictions, reach the wider village community and provide a service; as well as raising much needed funds for St Mary's Church.



## **Clophill Community Care is running again**

Over these past Covid-19 saturated months, naturally, folk have been wary of going to medical appointments, although they have been very much supported by Clophill Covid-19 Support (CCS) volunteers, who have shopped and collected prescriptions for many Clophill residents who have been isolating and shielding.

This is to inform you that Clophill Community Care (C3) has now resumed its normal function – mainly that of transport – as we now have a stock of relevant PPE. This ensures that the client has a facemask if they don't have their own and that, when they sit in the back of the car, there is a disposable seat cover to shield them from any lurking bugs. The driver will also be using a face mask. So, it is all very safe.

Requests to CCS have remained low for some months now and it therefore seems a good time to integrate fully with C3. All involved are happy that CCS could be re-started quickly should it ever need to be. The CCS telephone line and email address will still work - as a 'fail safe' - but we shall stop publicising them.

The number to ring if you need any sort of help is our Clophill Community Care discrete line:

**07791 773705**

## **Could you be a volunteer?**

C3 volunteers are on standby to help villagers and if you have a bit of spare time we'd love you to join our team.

### **How it works**

There are two ways in which you can volunteer:

1. Join C3 as a full volunteer to help with all requests from Clophill residents, including providing transport to medical appointments. As with all C3 volunteers, you will need to obtain clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service; this is a simple process at no cost to the volunteer or to C3.
2. Join C3 as an "associate", to help with shopping and prescription requests, but not transport to appointments or other personal tasks.

**Contact C3 on 07791 773705 if you would like to discuss how you might help.**

# Parish Registers for November

## 1820

### Baptisms

Nov 05 Thomas, s of Thomas and  
Rebecca Payne (?)

### Burials

Nov 16 John Chapman

## 1870

### Marriages

Nov 12 James Sinfield, 24 to Rhoda  
Izzard, 22

### Burials

Nov 26 Mary Ann Upton, infant

## 1920

*No registers recorded*

## 1970

### Baptisms

Nov 29 David James Hardy

### Burials

Nov 23 Edith Carrie May Pitts, 84

## St. Mary's Registers for October 2020

### Marriages

Oct 06 Royston John Burns to Martina  
In Flanders fields the poppies

# Village groups

- Beverley Court
- Brownies
- Clophill Community Care
- Clophill Heritage Trust
- Clophill Preschool
- Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery
- Clophill Toddler Group
- Clophill United Charities
- Conservation Group
- Flower Club
- Friends of the Cheshire Home
- Funzone After School Club
- Greensands Community Choir
- Indoor Carpet Bowls
- Messy Church
- St Mary's PTA
- Scouts and Cubs
- Tea and Chat
- Village Hall Booking Secretary

- 860920
- <https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk>
- Duty Contact 07791 773705
- Ali Bradbury 07894 710001
- Imogen 07765 887868
- Chris 07936 006381
- Emma Topliff 860206
- Hannah Compton 07535 705711
- Richard Pearson 861110
- Brian Adams 862297
- Gillian Hill 860539
- Sue Pearson 861110
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- [www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved)
- Anita Errick 860695
- Marilyn Browning 07821 643936



# Useful numbers

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

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<b>Mid-Beds MP</b>		Nadine Dorries	01462 811992
<b>Central Bedfordshire Councillors</b>		Michael Blair	01525 404513
		Paul Duckett	07988 184061
<b>Clophill Parish Council</b>	(Clerk) James Stirling	clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk	01462 887226

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		Appointments	01234 359012
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<b>Ampthill Station</b>			01234 841212
			101

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<b>Clophill Methodist Church</b>		Jim Davies	01525 860829
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		(Shefford) Hazel Arnold	01462 812564

## SCHOOLS

<b>Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School &amp; Nursery</b>	(Headteacher Mrs K Bingley)		01525 860206
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<b>Robert Bloomfield Middle School</b> , Shefford			01462 628800

# Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1

By Sue Pearson

*Continuing our series in celebration of Clophill's brave men who fought in and survived the First World War...*

**John Gray** was initially a Private with the 5th Bedfordshire and in 1914 lived at Church House (now 91) High Street.



He later transferred to the Royal Defence Corps and in 1918 was promoted to Corporal. He was demobbed in 1919.

It is believed that he was John Palmer Gray, born in Marston Moretaine in 1865.

He married Florence Clarke in 1889, but by 1895 he had been widowed and remarried Florence Welch Sheffield.

He kept the George pub in Silsoe from 1890 to 1914. From 1918 to 1935 he lived in Bedford. He died locally in 1936.

**Arthur Grummit** – born in Clophill in 1876, he served as a Private with the Royal Defence Corps. In 1911 he was a market gardener living in The Slade with his parents George and Ellen. His mother had 12 children, 4 of whom had died. He died locally in 1925.

**Reginald Grummit** - born in Clophill in 1899, his parents were Emma and Frederick. In 1911 the family lived in Sand Hill, Back Street. Reginald served with the Rifle Brigade, having joined up in 1918, aged just 19. In 1922 he married Constance Sharpe. By 1939 the couple lived in Luton, and he worked as a roller driver and road repairer. From at least 1951 to the end of Reginald's life in 1979 they lived at 6 The Green. He is buried at the Old Church.

**Frederick John Gudgin** was a Private in the Agricultural Labour Corps and lived on Great Lane. In 1911 he was 24 years old and lived with his parents, John and Alice on the High Street. Frederick was a Farm Labourer. One of his younger brothers, Charles is commemorated on the Clophill Memorial.

**George Gudgin** - born in 1882 in Clophill and lived at 6 The Strand and listed his mother, Eliza, as next of kin. He worked as a labourer. He joined the Bedfordshire Regiment but was transferred to the South Wales Borderers in May 1916. George sailed from Devonport in June 1916 and travelled to the Middle East. He suffered a gunshot wound to the head in April 1917 while serving in Mesopotamia. He was invalided to hospital in Bombay in July 1917 but returned to Basra and in November 1917 transferred to "34 Welsh" with a return to the field on the 29th of that month. He took part in numerous engagements until the cessation of hostilities including those at Kut and Baghdad. He was granted "Proficiency Pay Class 1" in June 1918 and joined the Army Reserve on demobilisation on 27th April 1919. George died in 1941.

**Frank Gudgin** lived on Back Street and was a Private in Queen's Royal Regiment West Surreys. Frank was the younger brother of Philip (below) and in the 1911 Census is described as a Farm Labourer. He was born around 1887. In August 1918 "Amphthill News" reported that Frank was in hospital suffering from pneumonia. In February 1919 he had returned to his usual occupation having been demobilised.

# Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1

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**Phillip H Gudgin (or Philip)** was Private in the King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) and Labour Corps. He joined in June 1916 and was drafted to Salonika in November of that year. He served in the Advance on the Doiran front and also at Vardar. During this period of service, he was wounded. He was demobilised in April 1919. He lived at 2 Forester's Cottages, Little Lane, Clophill.

Philip was born in Clophill in about 1877. In 1881 he lived in the Strand with his parents. Later they lived on the High Street and Philip was a Farm Labourer. In 1901 Philip was living as a Boarder in Cheshunt, where he was a Domestic Gardener. In 1911 he had returned to live with his parents and brother in Back Street, Clophill and worked as a Gardener. Philip married Ellen Sharman in early 1912, he died in June 1938.



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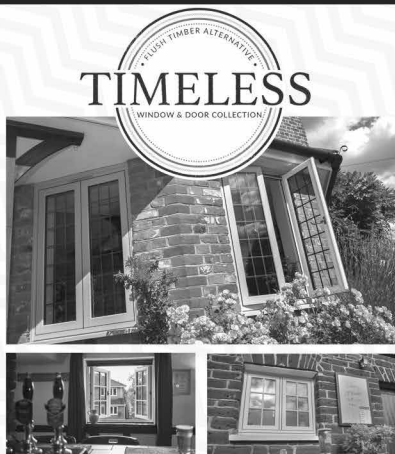
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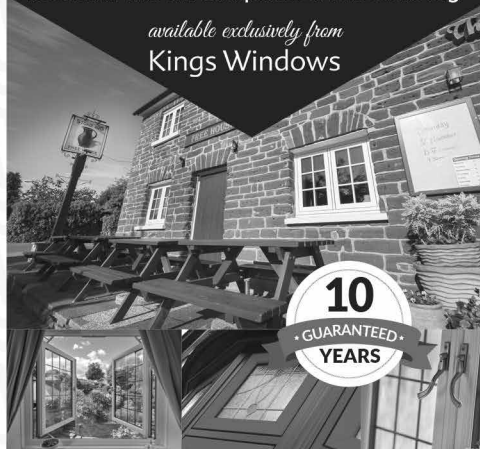


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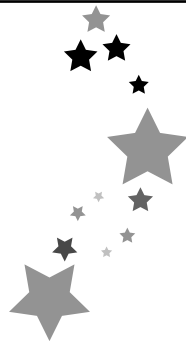


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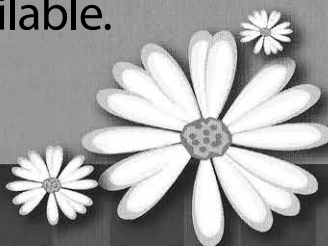
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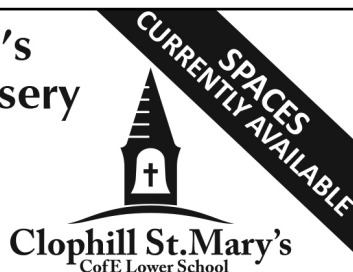
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