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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the March issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,



At last, Spring is upon us and recently we have had a few gloriously sunny days. The vaccine program is well on target and many of us have had our first dose.



So brighter days are now in sight and I am looking forward to once again filling Spotlight pages with what's going on in and around the village!!!.

Best wishes, Elaine



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Come into the Garden

with *Kate Gardner*



Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days means that there are more opportunities for getting out into the garden. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up anything that you didn't get around to earlier.

This year there seem to be loads of slugs around, maybe it's the relatively warm winter that we had, but I've noticed lots of holes in leaves on some of the emerging spring plants. They can cause damage throughout the year on a wide range of plants, but seedlings and new growth on herbaceous plants in spring are most at risk. Some birds, frogs, toads, hedgehogs, slow-worms and ground beetles eat slugs, and these predators should be encouraged in the garden, but simply raking over soil and removing fallen leaves will expose any eggs making it easier for the birds to find and eat them.

Hardy annuals can be sown in pots or modules to provide colour in the garden. As the month progresses and the weather warms up you can sow seeds directly straight into the ground. Marking out irregularly shaped seedbeds and broadcasting drifts of different seed gives a more natural look. A 'Hardy Annual' will take twelve months to go from seed sowing to seed setting. Many hardy annuals are winter hardy which means that they stand over the winter without damage and flower in early summer. Some of my favourite to grow include **Ladybird poppy, Orlaya grandiflora, Nasturtiums 'Whirlybird series', Love in the mist and good old Poached egg plants.**

Cut back ornamental grasses and other perennials left for winter interest if you have not already done so. Even if they still look good, you need to make way for the new growth. Cut off old leaves of hellebores that produce flowers from ground level to expose the flowers and remove possible leaf diseases such as hellebore leaf spot. If you have clumps of snowdrops or bright yellow winter aconites you can easily create new drifts around the garden by lifting and dividing the bulbs while they are still in 'the green'. Just make sure that you replant them to the depth that they were original planted to.

Continue to deadhead winter-flowering pansies and other winter bedding as this will keep them flowering for longer. Deadhead the flowers of daffodils as they fade but allow the foliage to die down naturally so that leaves continue to feed the bulb. Bending and tying the leaves stops nutrients flowing into the bulbs resulting in fewer or no flowers next year.

Clear up weedy beds before mulching with a deep layer of organic matter which helps to condition the soil, suppress weed growth, insulate plant roots from temperature fluctuations, and conserve soil moisture during the summer.

It's important to check whether containers need watering as despite all of the recent rain that we have had they can dry out. Pots that are sheltered by eaves can miss out on any rainfall. If in doubt, check the compost at a hand's depth to see if it feels dry. Aim to keep pots moist, not wet, and don't let them dry out. Pots and tubs will benefit from topping up with fresh John Innes compost. Old compost can be removed and replaced with new if there is not much room for topping up. Some grit used as mulch will also deter slugs.

Happy Gardening

St Mary's School News



We have completed our first half term of the Spring term and what a term it has been! We wanted to again share our thanks with our wonderful families for their ongoing support, during these challenging times experienced by all. We are hoping that by the time Spotlight goes to print we will have had news about when children are able to return to school.

We have continued to remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children during the national lockdown, plus provided remote learning for those children remaining at home. The children have taken part in:

- Children's Mental Health week. This has included wearing bright clothes as part of the Shine Bright, Wear Bright campaign, and donations were made via CHUMS Just Giving page
- National Storytelling Week
- Internet Safety Day
- My Smile – Nursery children.

Please also check out our **Website** - <https://www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk/> and **Facebook** page - <https://www.facebook.com/clophillstmarysschool>

Acorn Nursery News

Our Early Years curriculum benefits from following a topic each term, which provides a focus and a starting point for learning for our children.

As always, we've been extremely busy this term; exploring traditional and modern fairy tales through adult led and child-initiated activities such as making a giant beanstalk with a life-size giant, building our own castle as well as learning about a local castle - Cainhoe castle. Our children then wanted to find out more about our Queen who lives in Windsor castle and the Royal family, which led to our role-play area becoming a full size Queen's carriage covered in glitter and sparkle!

We are always intrigued to follow the children's interests and find out where it takes us. For example, exploring the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' provided opportunity to investigate root vegetables, do vegetable printing, plant



beetroot and beans, grow beans and cress to take home as well as re-enacting stories with puppets and carrying out puppet shows. We love being creative and flexible with our role play area and it then turned into 'Grandma's house' with the children painting a door (mostly with their hands!), making a life size grandma, wolf, a basket full of goodies for grandma and numbered stepping stones through the forest!



Acorn Nursery News

Continued

We are completely integrated into the main school and our children started a new experience this term, enjoying a PE lesson with SSG (our Sports Partners) which they have thrown themselves into with much delight and enthusiasm.

All the children (even our 2 year olds) have loved learning ball games and learning how to work in small teams.

We are truly proud of our Nursery offering, if you are interested and would like more information, please contact Mrs Hayes, Nursery Manager at nursery@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk or call the main school number on 01525 860206.

Jake (the school dog)



Jake has really enjoyed his first experience of snow. Whilst he loves playing outside, it does mean he gets quite muddy.

Mrs. Hayes took this picture during his most recent bath. He looks so different! He does

Our Value for March is *Friendship* (*Caring & Thoughtfulness*)

We will be thinking about the fact that Friendship is all about living the values of Caring and Thoughtfulness. We will talk about Caring for ourselves, our belongings and others – our pets, our families, our friends and others less fortunate than ourselves. We will also think about Caring for the environment and our world. We will think about how our actions as well as our thinking (our Thoughtfulness) shows our Caring and Friendship.

At home, you can consider your Friends both inside and outside of school. You can talk about how we show Caring and Thoughtfulness towards them as well as to our family members, pets and home.

Clophill Preschool News



Hello everyone,

It seems Spring has finally sprung, and the weather is warming at last, but we have been out and about all throughout the cold days. We have explored the ice, sliding and skating, chipping it out from the tyre rims and watching it melt. To keep warm we keep moving; being busy in play and learning and making sure we respect the elements by dressing appropriately so that we can really enjoy ourselves safely.

On the wettest and coldest days, we have been model making indoors. Children have got creative, planning, fixing and then playing with their creations. Our newly developed preschool library is running well with the children helping themselves to books, sharing stories and making characters to tell their own. As the children that were at home for the start of the lock down have gradually filtered back in, everyone is getting to know each other again, building relationships and confidence.



The start of February was children's Mental Health week and although mental wellbeing is a constant consideration at our preschool, it gave us the opportunity to send bags of activities home for everyone. From yoga to ideas for bird spotting walks, colouring to cupcakes, these were little bags that offered simple ideas for parents to take time, and enjoy a gentle activity together with their children. It has been

extremely easy in this most recent lock down to feel down with the cold weather and monotony of week after week. As a setting with such an open-door policy offering a cuppa and a chat is what we do, it is how we have previously opened our arms to our parents and brought them into our little community, it is how we supported them giving a safe place to vent, to ask for help and to make friends. To try to emulate this a little we are holding Zoom 'coffee mornings' to bring our families together and offer the support we are known for.

One good way for our children to share their feelings is round the fire pit. On a nature nurture Friday, this becomes a safe space and allows children to talk and discuss ideas, thoughts and feelings creating a strong and crucial bond with peers and adults.



After what felt like a long wait since we were announced as finalists in the Nursery World National Awards, we were very pleased to find ourselves awarded with a highly commended. Since then, we have also been proclaimed Greensand Champions for the work we do to support and promote our natural environment. We are delighted to fly the Greensand Ridge flag as we are immensely proud of where we live and all that our environment gives us. It is very important we look after it, lead by example and teach our children how to value and care for their surroundings.



As we near Easter, we are sad that we are yet again unable to hold our famous Egg Hunt. This year, however, we wanted to do something to get everyone out and about and hopefully do some good at the same time. We will be holding a fun activity hunt round the village. Follow the map to find the eggs around the village and complete the simple activities. In return for a map, we ask that you donate something for the Bedford foodbank. More details and ideas of what to give will go out on Facebook and posters nearer the time.

Imogen, Chris and the team

www.clophillpreschool.co.uk clophillpreschool@gmail.com



Mushroom & Mustard Chicken (*Serves 2*)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 150g mushrooms, sliced
- 4 chicken thighs, skin removed
OR 200g diced chicken
- 200ml chicken stock
(made with 1 stock cube)
- 2 heaped tablespoons wholegrain mustard
- Ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon oil for frying
- 4 tablespoons Crème Fraîche
(optional)



1. Gently fry the onions in oil until they begin to soften.
2. Season the chicken with the black pepper, add to the pan and brown for 3-4 minutes.
3. Add the mushrooms and cook for another 2 minutes.
4. Add the stock and mustard, bring to boil, then reduce the heat and cover. Cook gently until the chicken is cooked through – about 10 minutes. Check the seasoning.
5. If using the crème fraîche, then lower the heat before stirring in and cook for a further 20-30 seconds. Serve on a bed of rice, quinoa or couscous and green beans.

Clophill Brownies

Brownies

On the 11th of March 2020 we held our usual weekly meeting not knowing then that it would be our last face to face meeting at the village hall for a long time. Like many people and organisations, we have had to adapt. So, we have been using Zoom to hold our virtual meetings, like so many people have been doing at work.

Our first online meeting was 29th April and we have been meeting every Wednesday during term time as we would normally. Girlguiding quickly provided leaders with the necessary tools and guidance to enable us to begin having our meeting online. In May, Zoom kindly gave Girlguiding licences for the Pro Account which was greatly appreciated. We were fortunate that we could go past the 40-minute limit anyway as Mr Brown Owl uses Zoom for his work, but we are still grateful for their offer.

Since meeting online, we have had 4 girls join the unit and a total of 8 make their Brownie Promise which has been great. There have been changes of course, no running around the village hall with our somewhat noisy activities like Sharks and playing their favourite the Pea game. But we have been doing other things such as scavenger hunts and one of our most popular activities has been cooking. We have made Lemonade Scones, Mug cakes and Rocky Road in a plastic bag! It is great to see parents, siblings and pets getting involved as well.

If your daughter would like to join their friends at Brownies, go to the Girlguiding website and register online please. Finally, I would like to thank Laura, Katie, Katherine, Clarrie and Mr Brown Owl for their continued support: without them the online meetings would not have been able to run.

Brown Owl

St Mary's Church News



We are delighted to tell you that St. Mary's Church is once again open for worship, and also for personal devotions on Wednesdays. We held our first service after the latest lockdown on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Normally at this service congregants receive an ash cross on their foreheads from the minister. As this wasn't possible under Covid rules, we each applied our own crosses from individual petit four cases. Where there's a will.....!

We now feel able to hold our regular Sunday Worship at 10.45 every week. All are welcome, but as we are limited in numbers because of necessary distancing, it would help if you let Steve Grylls know if you wish to come; so that we can make sure we have adequate seating. He can be contacted on 01525 860076 or email steve.grylls24@gmail.com.

We haven't yet finalised arrangements for Holy Week and Easter, so please look out for posters and on Grapevine and our website for information.

Stories of the Landscape, Call for Local Voices

Do you live or work in Greensand Country?

Do you visit Greensand Country and feel passionate about the area?

Would you like to help preserve your community's stories for future generations?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, then we'd love to hear from you!

We'd also love to hear from you if you have a particular connection to:

- Moggerhanger Park
- Shuttleworth
- Chicksands and Chicksands Priory
- Woburn Abbey
- Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre and the Marston Vale Line
- Sandy RSPB The Lodge
- Rushmere Country Park

What are we looking for?

Greensand Country Landscape Partnership is looking for locals to share their memories of Greensand Country as part of our Oral History Project.

How will it work?

Trained Volunteers will interview you and help capture your stories.

The interviews will all be conducted remotely and take place from February – May 2021.

The stories you share will provide inspiration for our commissioned artists, whose work will be presented in May 2021 and form part of the Greensand Country Oral History Suite.

Commitment and requirements

You will need access to a computer and a quiet place to be interviewed.

We will ask for you to sign an agreement which allows for your memories to be shared publicly.



How to apply:

To find out more about the project please email Community Arts Officer, Sally Christopher on sallyc@greensandcountry.com.

Please note: We are committed to ensuring that this opportunity is accessible to everyone. If you experience or anticipate any barriers within the process, or require any, please contact us. We can also be contacted at The Old School, Cardington, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK44 3SX.

Free Workshop for those who live or work in Greensand Country: -

Wednesday 11th March (and following 2 Wednesdays): Adult Creative Writing Course with Dr Tim Jarvis (18+).

<https://www.greensandcountry.com/event/adult-creative-writing-course-with-dr-tim-jarvis-18/>

12 photography workshops can be found on the What's On pages here: -

<https://www.greensandcountry.com/experience?interestedin=whats-on>

Do you have any Archive material?

It would be great if you could share any artefacts linked to Greensand Country you may have hidden in offices or back cupboards! We're looking for photos, postcards, maps, leaflets, inventories, forms, worksheets, tickets etc. from days gone by and modern times. We'd love to share these with our artists to inspire and feature in their work. Scans are great but we'd also love original copies if you don't mind them being used in art work (cut up!). If you could send those to sallyc@greensandcountry.com with a reference to what it is, where it's from, the date and whether we have permission to use it. If you have original copies please drop me a line and I can arrange to pick up.

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Bedfordshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/beds is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own, or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John says: *'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bedfordshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites- one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.*

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris
www.walkinginengland.co.uk
john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Further information on matters mentioned here are posted on the Parish Council website: www.clophill-pc.gov.uk.

A well-attended meeting saw some twenty parishioners 'Zoomed' in at 7.45pm to follow the proceedings.

During question time concern was raised over the continued **heavy goods traffic** using The Causeway noting that the lorries were often too large to negotiate the tight turn into the High Street. This was noted by CBC Ward Councillors in attendance; who also encouraged as many parishioners as possible to complain direct to CBC who enforce such matters, if they can obtain vehicle details and ideally photographic evidence.

The **fallen tree off Back Street**, which was causing a problem along the footpath to the side of the quarry, has been removed and the footpath is open, even though the signage stated otherwise.

A large amount of **litter** deposited by the bridge in Old Silsoe Road has become a concern and it was suggested that local volunteers would get this cleared more rapidly than Highways UK.

Ralph Brough then **thanked** the whole village for their kind words of condolence and support following the death of his wife, Anna.

Our Ward Councillors gave CBC updates:

- a **Highways meeting** is being held on 3rd March concerning the A507 recommendations and the potential 40mph speed limit.
- there is a new Government grant for the improvement of **insulation in Park Homes**.
- the development of retirement accommodation and a crematorium in **Steppingley Road** is going ahead.
- the Local Plan has been favourably received by the Inspectorate and this should give protection against random planning applications.
- the **vaccine roll-out** is going well at Chicksands and the Rufus Centre, it being dependent on the flow of vaccines with each centre only knowing weekly how many they will receive.
- exciting information has come to light through LiDAR investigations, that there was a **large Iron-Age hillfort** on Sharpenhoe Clappers.
- the Greensand Trust has applied for a grant to plant a large number trees in the Lakes area.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 23rd March at 7:45pm, online via Zoom.

Clophill Parish Council

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Other business was discussed, including:

- a proposed Woodland School; Townshott Plantation and allotments, possible letting of Hay Close, and planning enforcement at Land South of Top Farm, Beadlow.
- the **Lakes development** where the contract is not quite completed.
- the streetlight removed in **Jacques Lane** is to be sold.
- Councillors reported on a consultation with developers promoting a new 'village' at Beadlow Manor.
- it was suggested that volunteers be sought to help **tidy the lands** at 'The Clump' and Townshott Plantation as there is a potential Health and Safety issue when walkers enter the area. Some trees also need to be felled and it was suggested that GST be approached. Barry and Jane Breed, who have the relevant certification to do some of the work were thanked for their offer to remove the brambles and scrub.
- the **Neighbourhood Plan** is with a consultant for review.
- an update on the two pieces of land at the entrance to **Cainhoe Road**.

Councillor Mantini finally gave a brief update on the Finances noting that there was neither income nor expenditure in January. The meeting was then **concluded** - another really good job done by all.

Vaccination Volunteers needed for Priory House, Chicksands

**Can you help at the new vaccination centre at Priory House
(Central Bedfordshire Council's Head Office), Chicksands?**

Volunteers are needed to undertake a range of roles, including:

- Car park marshals – outdoor and on foot. Warm clothes necessary (also waterproof when rain is forecast)
- Front of House – meeting and greeting patients to check they have appointments, may also be outdoors
- Internal marshals – ensuring the flow of patients through the centre and monitoring the post-vaccination area (a seated area whereby patients wait for 15 mins before they leave).

Volunteers should be able to offer to undertake a minimum of 4-hour shifts. Rotas are covering 8am to 8pm, 7 days per week. Volunteers who could commit to a pattern of shifts either weekly, fortnightly etc, are especially welcome.

Appropriate training, supervision and PPE will be provided to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers and patients.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Priory House site, please email bedscgg.covid.workforce@nhs.net, specifically mentioning Priory House in the subject line, and then include your name, contact details and availability in the body of the email.

Planning

CB/21/00156/FULL

Location: 2 The Gables, Great Lane.

Proposal: For the retention of existing dwelling and garage as a detached garage/garden storage facility and an ancillary residential annexe.

OBJECT

CB/21/00357/VOC

Location: Land at 68 and 66a, High Street.

Proposal: Variation of condition number 21 of planning permission CB/20/01067/FULL Resubmission of planning permission CB/19/01862/FULL (Proposed demolition of 66a High Street followed by the erection of 5 no. dwellings including the creation of a new priority junction and access road, as well as associated landscaping and ancillary works) - Dwelling design alterations, additional garage accommodation and alteration to parking spaces.

OBJECT

CB/21/00396/FULL

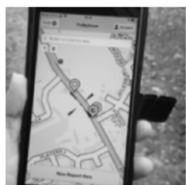
Location: 124 High Street.

Proposal: Dismantle and reassemble chimney stack on eastern flank of property with increased height of 600mm.

SUPPORT

CBC have launched new, quick and easy, highways reporting system - FixMyStreet

You can now report highways issues quickly and easily, and track their progress, through a new online system launched in February.



CBC have partnered with 'mySociety', creators of 'FixMyStreet', a system that allows residents to make reports directly against many things including potholes, faulty streetlights, blocked drains and roadside ditches, overgrown roadside hedges, gullies, streetlights, trees and many more. The user-friendly reporting system allows reports to be pinpointed on a map, photos to be added and shows residents' reports that have already been created, plus any planned roadworks, which saves time and avoids multiple reporting.

The level of updates you'll receive is much improved too. You'll now receive an update during every step of the repair, meaning you'll know when works are booked in and when the repair is complete.

It's not just highways issues that can be reported, the new system allows reports on fly-tipping, weeds, litter and dog waste bins and graffiti.

FixMyStreet Pro already works seamlessly on smartphones, tablets and desktop computers and can be downloaded on [Android](#) and [iOS](#) devices. It's free and easy to do and doesn't take long to create a report. To start reporting issues you see on the roads and for more information please visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/reportit.

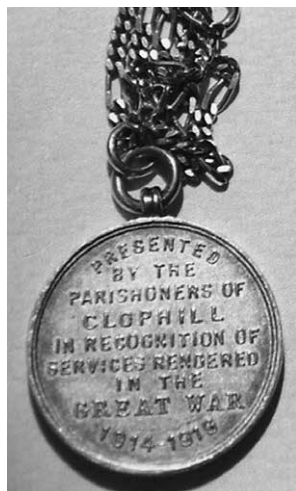
Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1

By Sue Pearson

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

Alfred William Jeffrey

Alfred was born in Clophill in 1897 and lived with his father William, and mother Mary, on the High Street in 1911. William then worked as an Agricultural Labourer (see below) and Alfred as a Farm Labourer. He later became a self-employed Market Gardener. In the 1911 census their surname is given as Jefferies. We have been unable to trace Alfred's military record, but we know from his daughters that he was a drummer boy and served with the Dorset and Hampshire Regiments in India and in Mesopotamia.



Among his memorabilia are 3 photographs taken when he was serving and the medals that he was awarded; these were the Victory Medal and the British Medal. In addition, the family also has the medal "presented by the parishioners of Clophill in recognition of services rendered in the Great War 1914-1919", which was inscribed with the recipient's name on the reverse. There is also a tin given as a gift from HRH Princess Mary's Christmas Fund 1914. This contained a packet of cigarettes and a packet of tobacco along with a card wishing a Happy Christmas and a Victorious New Year. There were 426,000 of these tins. We wonder how many, like this one, still contain the cigarettes and tobacco?

Alfred lived in Clophill for the remainder of his life, marrying Frances Mary Cook in 1929. He was Church Warden at St. Mary's Church, Clophill for 40 years. He died in 1987.

Percy Jeffrey was a Private in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. He joined in June 1918 and in October of that year was drafted to France. He fought at Cambrai and Ypres and **he was present at the entry to Ypres at dawn on Armistice Day**. He was demobilised in August 1919. In the 1911 census he was 11 years old and at school. He lived with his parents William and Mary on the High Street along with his brother Alfred William (see above) and his 2 sisters Florence and Gladys. Percy married Lilian in 1927 and they had a son, Denis in 1929. In 1939 Percy and family lived in Ampthill and he worked as an Agricultural labourer. He died in Luton in 1974.

Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1

Continued

William Jeffrey (presumably father to Alfred and Percy,) was a Private in the Labour Corps. He was 39 years old at the time of the 1911 census and was an Agricultural Labourer. He volunteered in February 1915 and served on important agricultural duties. He was not transferred overseas and was demobilised in January 1919. Because of William's age he may not have been considered for "active" service but, nonetheless, he served his country for 4 years.

Ernest Johnson – born in Bedford in 1884 was a Sapper with the Royal Engineers Inland Water Transport. He enlisted in 1914 and was demobbed in 1919. He lived in Back street with his wife Elizabeth (they married in 1907 in Bedford, where they had previously lived) and their 4 children. Ampthill News reported in February 1918 he was "home on leave from France." Also, in 1918 he had had an accident when a ladder broke and he fell in a dockyard, head first onto a plank placed between a barge and the dock. He was a machinist. He died in 1940 in Bedford.

Village groups

Beverley Court	860920
Brownies	https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk
Clophill Community Care	Duty Contact 07791 773705
Clophill Heritage Trust	Ali Bradbury 07894 710001
Clophill Preschool	Imogen 07765 887868
	Chris 07936 006381
Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery	Emma Topliff 860206
Clophill Toddler Group	Hannah Compton 07535 705711
Clophill United Charities	Richard Pearson 861110
Conservation Group	Brian Adams 862297
Flower Club	Gillian Hill 860539
Friends of the Cheshire Home	Sue Pearson 861110
Funzone After School Club	07903 167493
Indoor Carpet Bowls	Tony Meredith 860754
Messy Church	Victoria Higgins 07920 568861
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Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)	Mary Milne and Jenny Garnham
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Scouts and Cubs	Anita Errick www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved
Tea and Chat	Marilyn Browning 860695
Village Hall Booking Secretary	07821 643936

Useful numbers

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Central Bedfordshire Councillors		Michael Blair	01525 404513
		Paul Duckett	07988 184061
Clophill Parish Council	(Clerk) James Stirling	clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk	01462 887226

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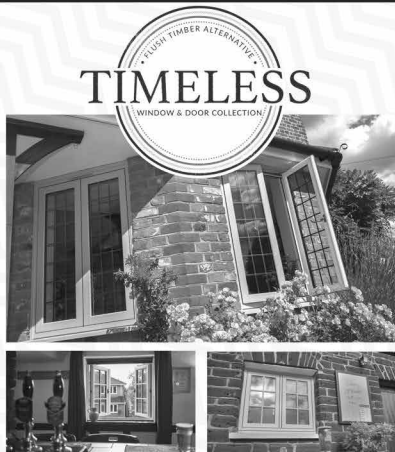
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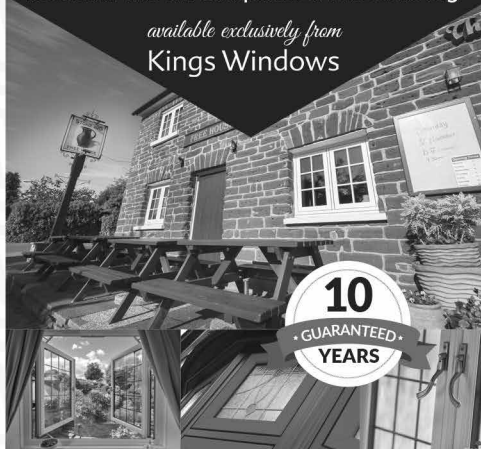


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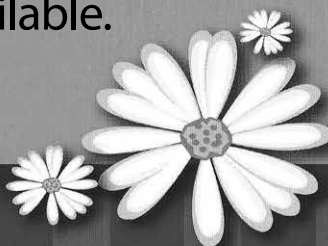
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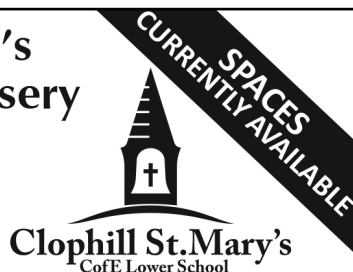
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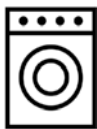
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