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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the April issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

Things are starting to brighten up now and I am delighted to write that the Eco Lodges will be reopening on 10th May (see page 21 for more details) and our Churches reopening too (pages 13 and 16).



We are advertising this month for a new treasurer; as after many years sterling work on our behalf, Richard is sadly planning to step down in the summer (see over the page for details).



If you can help please do get in contact, either by email or phone.

Best wishes, Elaine



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New Treasurer wanted for your local village magazine

After many years, Richard is stepping down from his role as Treasurer for Spotlight, so we are looking for someone to take over.

This mainly involves the paying of invoices, and keeping the accounts and finances in order.

Can you help?

For more information please contact Elaine on
07918 975823 or **editorial@clophillspotlight.co.uk**



**Going...
going...
gone?**



Spotlight relies on volunteers to keep going.
We are looking to fill this role with a face to face handover and
visit to the bank once things are opened up more,
so probably a June timeframe.

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

Come into the Garden

with Kate Gardner



In **April**, the weather remains unpredictable, and we can have anything from a heatwave to ground frosts and sleet, so it's important to be prepared. The best protection for any new bedding or tender plants when frost is forecast is horticultural fleece, which can cover the plants until the frost or cold weather has passed.

If you fancy saving some money, now is a good time to buy small bedding plants in plugs, which are cheaper than larger plants. These can then be grown on in the sheltered conditions of a greenhouse or cool conservatory or under some fleece. Garden centres have a great choice of plug plants for bedding and vegetables, just take care with watering, as too much at the early stages and the small plants can rot. It is best to increase watering slowly as the plant grows. When the plug plants arrive, they are often in small thumb sized pots.

These small plug plants need to be potted on immediately but take care to only use a pot that is slightly larger than the plug. If you put a small plug plant into a large pot, it will not thrive. If you are going to plant the plugs in containers or hanging baskets, (as opposed to borders,) it's a good idea to plant them directly into the container and grow on in the greenhouse or conservatory. This will help the plants establish a good root system in the container before placing outside.

When growing bedding plants nip out the growing points to produce a bushier plant, otherwise some plants, particularly petunia, fuchsia and verbena will grow leggy later in the season. It's worth remembering that bedding plants are not hardy, meaning they will not withstand a frost which could severely set back the plant, or even kill it, so to keep that fleece handy.

Early April is a good time to prune *Hydrangea Macrophylla*, the common hydrangea with its pink flower heads. If it is an established hydrangea prune down to a bud or a pair of buds and cut out about a third or a quarter of the older, more woody growth each year to make for new growth. If the hydrangea is newly planted, just prune down to a bud until the plant is more established with plenty of growth.

April is the last chance to prune *Cornus*. By pruning hard in March /April, *Cornus* will have a strong red colour next winter. This is a hard prune, cut down to within a few buds to the base. Early flowering Heathers can be trimmed back once flowering has finished and it's not too late to prune *Buddleias* which helps to keep them in shape and flowering. As the soil warms up and everything starts growing, April is a good time to give garden shrubs a feed just as the growing season is starting. Sprinkle a general fertiliser around the base of all the shrubs and plants. Suitable fertilisers would be blood fish and bone, Growmore, pelleted chicken manure and slow-release pellets. Handle with gloves and don't do it on a windy day unless you want to sprinkle yourself with blood fish and bone. Dig in gently just under the surface and water it in, especially if there is no rain in the forecast. Shrubs such as *Camellia*, *Rhododendron* and *Magnolia* need a specialist ericaceous feed and for *Roses* a specialist rose feed is best.

As the flowers fade on tulips and daffodils, dead head the actual flower, but leave the foliage to die back naturally and do not tie it up, as the foliage aids feeding the bulb for flowering next year.

Happy Gardening

St Mary's School News

Time has flown by and we are writing this as we approach the Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome all children back to school and they have settled in fantastically following the recent National Lockdown. The children also loved the well-being packs which were delivered to them during the half term week. Upon the full reopening of school, children in all classes took pictures of their favourite areas of school which were pulled together in a wonderful presentation; which is on our Website and Facebook page. The children have certainly been busy since they have returned. They have taken part in British Science week, Brain Awareness week and also celebrated Women's History Month and held an R.E day focused on Easter.



As part of Science Week, we learnt about the 'Crisp Packet Project'. It is made up of a team of volunteers that collect cleaned crisp packets and turn them into waterproof blankets and bags for homeless people. The children are very excited about helping the Crisp Packet Project efforts - we have a school full of Eco Warriors! If you would like to join in with providing the school with empty, cleaned crisp packets, please leave them in the box in the school entrance porch.



On 23rd March, we joined the nation to mark the Covid-19 National Day of Reflection. Our theme was, "Looking forward to a brighter future" and we focused on the positives that happened in Lockdown,



e.g., new skills we learnt, things we were thankful for, things we enjoyed. We also decorated our school site and produced postcards to send out to parents and members of our community too. In promoting our message of, "Looking forward to a brighter future", children also came to school in bright coloured clothes.

The School Council organised a fantastic fundraiser for Red Nose Day and we raised £180. Children came dressed into school as superheroes, costumes were fantastic and ranged from Spiderman to our wonderful NHS staff. Batman also made an appearance at the end of the day!

Hopefully some of the residents of Clophill were able to take part in the Scavenger Hunt, arranged by Mrs Collins (one of our Reception teachers and also our Geography lead). You can still complete the Scavenger Hunt for your own enjoyment and the details are all on our Website. I know the children who took part really enjoyed it. We also joined the village bunny hunt and hid some of the wonderful crochet bunnies, which have been made by a local resident, around the school. Did you see them?

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

Acorn Nursery News

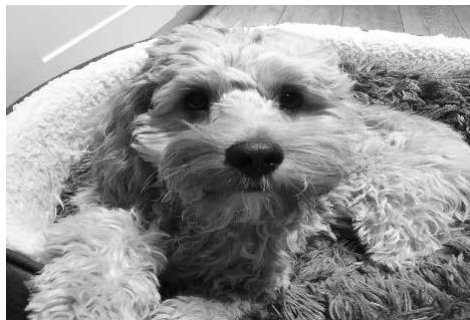
It has been wonderful to welcome all children back and also some new children who have joined us both following the lockdown and also the Easter break.

We joined the whole school in taking part in British Science Week by looking at different types of scientists and carrying out experiments such as making Gingerbread Escape rafts and parachutes for our toys! The children were particularly fascinated when watching stories read by Astronauts on the International Space Station and we extended our learning by junk modelling a huge rocket and space helmets to wear and hammering home-made moon rocks to find out what was inside!

For Brain Awareness Week, we explored the different parts of our brain and what they were used for and how special and unique they are. We made a huge collage of our brain for our classroom, to go next to our Growth Mindset Learning Superheroes, to remind us of how important our brain is for thinking and feeling.

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 loved welcoming all the children back and tries to go out and say good morning at least twice a week. Everyone has commented on how big he's got!

His training continues to go well and he has started training for time to talk sessions with the children. His new favourite thing is to shred toilet rolls and cardboard boxes – we think he is wanting to receive an Eco-Warrior commendation!

Our Value for April is *Joy*

Joy is an inside happiness that makes it through to the outside – like the bubbles and fizz in a bottle of pop when you shake it up.

At school we will be thinking about things that bring us Joy and how we can bring Joy to others. We will also be listening to different stories about people who have experienced Joy and brought Joy to others.

At home, you can think as a family about what gives you that feeling of Joy – what are the things that make you feel all bubbly and fizzy inside!

Clophill Preschool News



Hi everyone,

We have been having a fantastic time outside, there has been large construction as children of mixed ages negotiate, working together to create cars, boats, castles and even horses using tyres, planks, crates and rope. They have been painting on tyres and logs using brushes and water, and making letters using sticks after recognising initial letters on name cards.



They have planted seeds in the allotment and flowers in the wishing well. It is wonderful to walk into the setting and see all the children busy, not screaming and shouting, not all running everywhere but interested, productive and, most importantly, learning.



The Friday bunch have been going far and wide as usual as they take walks in our lovely countryside. They have been reading the road signs, looking out for numbers and spotting the first signs of spring. They have also been out in the allotments making a wildlife garden and planting it full of herbs, they even added tadpoles to the pond.

The mud pit and kitchen have been very busy this term. As new children join our preschool, it encourages everyone to play in different ways and in new areas. To help maintain it the

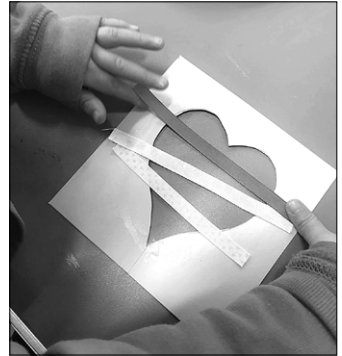
children also help to clean it, they are taught that they have to take responsibility for helping to look after their own space. A couple of buckets of soapy water and they are away! Playing in our mud area offers so much to the children; recent studies have shown we absolutely NEED to have dirt in our systems in order to develop a healthy immune system and this kind of rich and sensory messy experience is so good for mental health giving them the freedom to be children and to play without restrictions.



We have had some great virtual coffee mornings with parents and though we are starting up our face-to-face ones in the summer term, we intend to continue with some virtual sessions; as it gives those parents who cannot meet us at preschool the opportunity to join us. We will also be starting up our Stay and Play sessions after Easter.



We have really missed having people into setting. This Mother's Day the children made some beautiful cards, but it wasn't the same without the Clophill Flower Club ladies coming in and sharing their creativity and wisdom with the children. We can't wait to get parents and visitors from the local community back in, bringing new experiences and interest to our children. We are welcoming Katie from Silsoe Dance School back in April, the children have really missed her outdoor movement and music sessions.



Everyone enjoyed World Book Day week, sharing their favourite books, reading and listening to more stories than ever and exploring non-fiction books. Our children are extremely interested in sounds and noticing letters in and around the setting. We start getting children ready for their next steps in education the minute they join us at preschool, but the summer term is a time for consolidating those skills for our older children, ensuring they have strong social skills, are independent and have a curiosity about the world and a desire to learn; and there is no better place to develop resilience and confidence than out in nature.

Imogen, Chris and the team

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Clophill Toddler Group News



It has been a few months now since Clophill Toddler Group has been able to meet up at the village hall. We have genuinely missed



seeing you all so much, but looking forward to hopefully having our first session back on Friday 16th April. That is dependent on the government guidelines though so please follow us on Facebook to see all of our latest news and updates; if you search for "Clophill Toddler Group" you will find us!

When open we adhere to all of the most recent updates, including limited numbers in the hall. This means that our previously come as you go / pay termly can't be continued for now. Instead, we run a booking scheme weekly in order to keep it fair.

Whilst everyone has been apart, we have been working behind the scenes to get things ready for you all; including the renovation of our previously very popular train table!

Our group is suitable for babies and toddlers from new-born to three years old. We have a lovely baby area with



a padded floor, cushions and chairs for feeding and relaxing, ride on cars, duplo and role play toys for the older toddlers and a new craft each week!



You can message us any time via our Facebook page for more information, Lucy and I will always do our best to reply promptly.

Charlotte – Chairperson Clophill Toddler Group



A507 Speed Restrictions on A507 at Eagle Bends

Villagers will be aware of countless accidents over too many years on these bends at Beadlow and at the junction with Warren Lane, and they will be aware that enforced closures of the A507 frequently push diverted traffic into and along the High Street. The High Street is, as we know, not able to cope with A507 traffic and any action that can be taken to stop road traffic incidents on the A507 can only be a good thing for the residents of Clophill and indeed Warren Lane (along which diverted traffic is also sent).

The Ampthill Community Safety Group is made up of volunteers representing Ampthill, Maulden and Clophill and works with the blue light services, the Town & Parish Councils, CBC Council, CBC Councillors and the Street and Speed Watch groups in Ampthill & Maulden. Last November we asked Bedfordshire Fire Service - who have responsibility to prevent road traffic accidents in the County, to look at Eagle Bends. This was before the tragic loss of life of a motorcyclist there. The three CBC Ward Councillors supported the action and indeed are proposing that CBC look at the entire length of the A507 to make it safer. Beds Fire & Rescue produced a road safety film highlighting all of the many hazards from Warren Lane to the Golf Club and CBC Highways launched a public consultation before formalising some proposals. BBC Three Counties radio have been following developments.

Those CBC Highways Officers proposals were tabled at the CBC Traffic Management Committee on the 3rd March 2021 and a decision was made to make a number of changes during 2021. This includes a 50 mph speed limit along a section of Warren Lane, then 50mph limits on the A507 from near Warren Lane to the Golf Club, with an advisory limit of 40mph on the bends. Signage and bollards will be installed. The hope was that CBC would consider road safety down to the A6 Flying Horse Roundabout and so take in the junction with The Causeway - but this was not possible. However it will be part of the bigger review of the A507 put forward by our CBC Councillors. Issues such as Speed Cameras were discussed but discounted on cost. The hope is that the new limits will encourage drivers to use appropriate speeds and so make this section safer for all. Just because one can drive at the speed limit - does not mean that one should.

Ampthill Community Safety Group will continue to work with the Parish Council on other matters relating to Community Safety.

Paul Downing

Chair Ampthill Community Safety Gp.

Thank You

This poem is about my Tibetan Terrier, **Keely**, who died recently. She was a most lovely natured dog and my companion for fourteen years. I miss her so much every day and I would like to thank my friends and neighbours who have helped me overcome my loss.



KEELY

*I'm up so early, like a lark,
The fluffy ball beside me gives a bark.
She stirs and then at once decides to leap.
So cute is she – she knows I'm not asleep!*

*She smells the fridge. It starts the twitching
nose.
Her food and treats are kept in there - she
knows.
Could that be the special sausages inside?
No, surely not! Her meat and chicken I would
not hide.*

*Keely loves her food I put out today.
She pushes some instead the other way.
Then decides it's chicken she'll have this day -
And on now for walkies and some play.*

Thank you all. **Cora Sheppard**

*No telephone is safe when she's around.
She tears around and charges to the sound.
It's such a mess in her hurry to confound –
A total wreck when Keely's been around.
So down the lane. I hope she will not stray.
Her lead is on – she goes first, she knows the
way!*

*She likes to wander in the fields and roam,
Her nose then satisfied as we head for home.
She's older now and just a little frail.
The walks are shorter - and less the wagging
tail.
She has to run and check the kitchen door,
No visitors left – she has to be sure.
Keely's magic spot, she claims it as her own
As through these many years she's grown.
She always lies there – hers the spot to own
She curls up there, it is of course her home.*

*So, when you look to the stars in the dark
night-time sky
Keely's there, 'It's heavenly walks she now
enjoys', I sigh.
But she is looking down on all below.
And memories of her here will ever grow.*



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Tuesday, 23rd March was a beautiful, spring day, albeit with a rather 'brisk' wind, but it gave a cheery introduction to another meeting of your Parish Council. As always, after taking apologies, the Chairman made his announcements.

During the open public session, the council was updated that Jane and Barry have cleared **dead wood and brush and widened paths at The Clump** as suggested at the last meeting. Work on Townshott allotments is a much bigger job and will need a working party of volunteers later in the year when fauna allows.

Ward Cllrs Blair & Smith delivered their report highlighting:

- **The speed limit on the A507 is to be reduced to 40mph at the Eagle bends** along with other minor changes as a first step to improve safety.
- The problem of **heavy lorries using The Causeway** has been addressed and the developers of the building site behind 66 High Street has been made aware.
- The nearest **COVID vaccination centre** is now at Chicksands CBC offices.
- Rapid lateral flow tests currently available at the Leisure Centres will become mobile if the Govt road map allows. CBC is the first local authority to take on the **Track and Trace system**.
- Parents are being encouraged to **continue to take their children for routine (e.g., MMR) vaccinations** as numbers have dropped recently.
- **School transport** - residents are encouraged to submit views on a consultation which closes soon **to push for equal treatment of Clophill** children despite attending different schools (it is the school which currently determines its catchment area).
- The CBC local plan is in its 5th consultation period. No significant changes for Clophill but a large development of up to 5000 houses could be built in the Marston Vale near Lidlington/ Millbrook.

Clerks Report and other Matters Arising – (covered but not exhaustively);

1. Thanks to Jane and Barry Breed for starting **brush clearance at the Clump** (Pine Hill).
2. Quotes have been obtained for **the broken basketball backboard** at the rec, and the slide has been repaired.
3. The **Woodland School** proposal is progressing to agreement stage.

There was no further update on the **Lakes development** but it is hoped GST will provide an update at the next meeting. Fencing at **Readshill Quarry**: The Clerk has tried to contact Horizon Life unsuccessfully to repair the fence. The Neighbourhood plan is still with the consultant. **Hay Close** allotment has a potential tenant who is offering to reinstate the fencing and use the plot for grazing.

The meeting closed at 20.35hrs with thanks as always to our Councillors and clerk for the time they devote to our village.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 27th April at 7:45pm,
(provisional timing) in Clophill Village Hall.

Planning

CB/21/00669/VOC

Location: 118B High Street.

Proposal: Variation of conditions. The lack of clarity on the **footpath to Cainhoe Castle** was raised; the footpath must not be compromised.

NO OTHER COMMENTS

CB/21/00613/FULL

Location: 26 High Street.

Proposal: Pitched roof to replace flat roof above garage front and rear with rear canopy for log store. Open front porch and external improvements.

SUPPORT

Clophill Methodist Church



Greetings to everyone, we hope you are keeping well and hopefully life returns to being a bit more normal very soon.

As Churches have been closed during lockdown, Clophill Methodist united with Flitwick and Ampthill Churches to hold a Sunday Zoom Service with the congregation going into break out rooms for a chat afterwards. This has been a real lifeline to all. Our minister has also hosted a weekly Zoom Coffee Morning and a Thursday at Three Service which we are extremely grateful for.

One of our members completed a sponsored bike ride for Historic Churches Trust and we had a very successful food bank collection prior to our Harvest Service. This Mothering Sunday posies of daffodils were distributed to all the church members to brighten their

weekend and celebrate our Mother Church. We are now looking forward and hoping to reopen our doors to welcome people again very soon. This will be posted on our noticeboard, when a date is confirmed, but we are anticipating to be organising regular services from May onwards.

God Bless.

Nicola Wood (on behalf of Clophill Methodist Church)



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The Trustees of Clophill United Charities (CUC) are seeking a new Clerk.

This might suit someone retired, but is available to anyone interested in helping this worthwhile local Charity. Previous holders of the role are available in the village to assist anyone new.

The Trustees have three scheduled meetings lasting up to 2 hours each in the year, held in the early evening, generally in March, June and October but these dates can be adapted if they clash with holidays. The position requires the Clerk to be able to prepare documents to send out with the Agenda, undertake follow up correspondence plus distributing the Minutes to the Trustees. Also keep financial records up to date and produce an accounts balance sheet at the end of the year ready for the Auditor. The Clerk is also responsible for contacting Allotment tenants, including the collection of rental income and keeping an eye on the state/ upkeep of the allotments.

Approximately 1 hour per week between meetings would be required to deal with administration.

Sufficient familiarity with computers so as to manage email, Word documents and simple spreadsheets is necessary.

There is an honorarium of £1,000 per annum paid to the Clerk.

For more information or to discuss the position, please contact:

Richard Pearson, Chair of the Trustees 01525 861110

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...

Henry Jones lived in Mill Lane and was a Private in the 2nd Gar. Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. No further information is available for this person.

James Sydney Jones – born in 1895 was a Corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was mobilised at the outbreak of activities and in July 1915 was drafted to the Dardanelles and he took part in the landing at Suvla Bay and the engagements that followed. After the evacuation of the Peninsula, he was drafted to France, where he fought in many battles, notably Ypres, the Somme and Cambrai. He was twice wounded. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star and the General Service and Victory Medals. After the War his address is given as "The Rising Sun", High Street, Clophill, as his wife Annie was daughter of the Landlord, Charles Durston; (her brother Jack also served in WW1 and survived). James became Company Secretary at a Foundry and the family lived in Luton.

John James Joyce

John lived in The Strand from at least 1918-1921. He served as a Stoker on HMS Laurel a British Destroyer. HMS Laurel served with the 3rd Destroyer Flotilla on completion and transferred to escort duties after 1917. She was also involved in the Battle of Jutland in 1916, rescuing 18 of HMS Queen Mary's survivors. John joined the ship in 1917 having previously served on HMS Forward, Weymouth and Dido. John was born in Battersea in 1893 and worked as a farm labourer between stints in the navy from 1912-13 and 1916-19. He married Minnie Lambert in 1916 and moved to Toronto, Canada in 1921 where he died in 1958.



John Kedge – lived at 22 The Slade; he was a Gardener's labourer and in 1911 lived with his wife, Mary, their 2 sons, and his Grandson. He was born in Clophill about 1860. He was 5ft 7inches tall. From 1879 to 1888 he was not a stranger to Bedford Courts, (8 offences) starting with infringement of Game Laws, sentenced to 1 month hard labour or a fine of 32 shillings and sixpence; to Drunkenness and Trespass where he was sentenced to 14 days hard labour or 24s 6p and 1 month or 43s. He seems to have paid the fines. He served as a Private in the 43rd Protection Company of the Royal defence Corps. He died in 1930, aged 70.

Alan Ord Laurie was born in Birkenhead in 1884. At the time of the 1911 census, he was living with his widowed mother; Elizabeth still in Birkenhead. Later in 1911 he married Jessie Stevenson. He was sent to France in 1915, serving as a Lieutenant with the King's Liverpool regiment and then the Royal Engineers. After the war they lived in the City in London and then Kent, where Alan died in 1960. He had enlisted with the Queen's Royal West Surrey regiment in 1939. His address appears as Back Street, Clophill on the Absent Voter's list of 1918 but otherwise his connection to the village is unknown.

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.

Village groups

Beverley Court	860920
Brownies	https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk
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Clophill Heritage Trust	Ali Bradbury 07894 710001
Clophill Preschool	Imogen 07765 887868
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Clophill Toddler Group	Hannah Compton 07535 705711
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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

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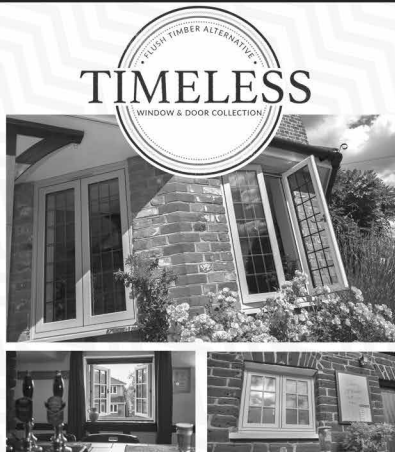
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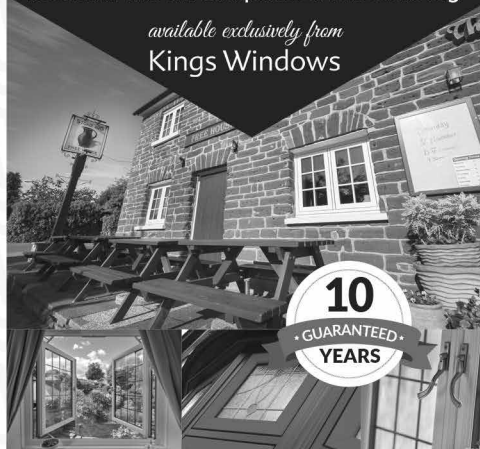


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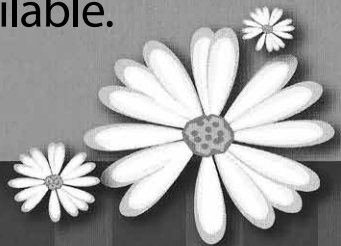


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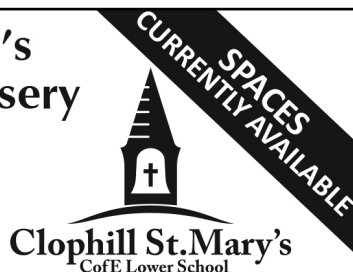
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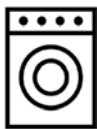
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