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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the March issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

It is always a pleasure to bring good news and especially so when we have such terrible events unfolding in the world today. I am delighted to write that the Rector of St. Mary's Church, the **Rev Canon Lynda Klimas**, has been made **Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen**.

Congratulations Lynda.

What a huge honour for you and such exciting news for the village.

For more information, see St. Mary's News on page 7.



Best wishes, Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner



It's been a funny winter this year but as I'm writing this the sun is out and the winds from the recent storms seem like a distant memory. As nest building begins robins, sparrows, blackbirds and other garden birds fly back and forth with twigs and other plant debris to build their amazingly intricate homes.

Hedgehogs and frogs become active after hibernation, so if you want to attract frogs, but don't have room for a pond, an alternative is to use an old plastic washing up bowl. This can be sunk halfway into the ground in a quiet and shady spot. A large stone put inside it helps frogs climb in and out. You can also attract amphibians into your garden by leaving some damp places, such as long grass and piles of stones for shelter.

In the garden, one of the first signs that spring has arrived are the bulbs, such as crocuses, daffodils and chionodoxas along with the primulas, pulmonarias and hellebores.

March is a good planting month, as the soil is starting to warm up while plants are still largely dormant and don't mind being moved. Plants can be divided successfully at almost any time if they are kept well-watered afterwards. However, division is most successful when the plants are not in active growth.

Perennials are any plant living for at least three years. The term is also commonly used for herbaceous perennials which grow for many years. Perennials benefit from division every two to three years to maintain health and vigour. If you want to increase the number of plants you have by dividing them, the task can be done more regularly. Some of the plants that can be divided successfully are Agapanthus, Aster, Bergenia (elephant's ears), Convallaria (lily-of-the-valley) Crocosmia, Delphinium, Epimedium, Eryngium (sea holly), Geranium, Hemerocallis (daylily), Hostas and ornamental grasses.

If you grow red or yellow-stemmed dogwoods, cut these down now before they come into bud, to encourage fresh brightly coloured stems to grow for next winter. If you have space, you could think about planting a shrub or group of shrubs to attract birds through the year. Nectar-rich flowers will attract many flying insects, including butterflies.

If you are looking to increase biodiversity in your garden then consider planting a collection of small trees. Any of the following are great for providing habitats and food sources for lots of different species. Buddleja, cherry (*Prunus avium*), Cotoneaster, crab apple (*Malus*), goat willow (*Salix caprea*), hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), hazel (*Corylus avellana*), mountain ash (*Sorbus aucuparia*) and Pyracantha.

Early spring is an ideal time to plant herbaceous perennials, including Geranium, Aстранtia and Oriental poppies. Cut back ornamental grasses and other perennials left for winter interest before they start putting new shoots out.

Continue to deadhead winter-flowering pansies and other winter bedding. Pansies will carry on into the spring and even to early summer and would benefit from a liquid feed too.

Deadhead the flowers of Narcissus (daffodils) as they fade, but allow the foliage to die down naturally.

Happy Gardening

**Amphill & District Archaeological
& Local History Society**



Programme 2022

The Society will continue with Zoom for the rest of the programme.

Monday, April 4th & AGM

Tudor Houses; Architecture and Ways of Life

Speaker - Adam Smith

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Clophill Parish Council



The Methodist Church was full at the last meeting with CBC presenting plans for the **Flying Horse Roundabout Improvement**. CBC Highways gave an overview of the process and scheme. The junction is a recognised congestion hotspot and CBC applied for Central Government funds under the Levelling Up scheme in 2018 and have been allocated £6.8 million of funding to support a £7.8 million scheme with CBC topping up the balance. At the time options were considered and based on some feedback (unclear from who) an improved roundabout was preferred.

The CPC meeting was the start of formal engagement with surrounding Parish Councillors attending a further meeting shortly. Full consultation will follow in the coming weeks and months to include community liaison consultation, representatives from PC's, and businesses. Anyone will be able to submit views as part of any formal consultation.

The key elements of the proposal are to dual each entrance and exit, replace the footbridge to Goodwood Close with a Toucan crossing, add a further Toucan on the North side between Maulden and Clophill, then remove the A6 bus stop (southbound) with all buses via Clophill using bus stops at The Green.

The Chairman gave feedback from the village received to date, which centred on whether in fact there is a need to improve the junction based on x2 peak time rush hours measured pre pandemic. Most importantly he questioned removal of the footbridge. This was constructed by the developer of Goodwood as a planning condition imposed by CBC who at the time said a level crossing (such as a Toucan) would be too dangerous. There followed lively discussion and feedback on the scheme from parishioners. Followed by a short poll:

- In favour of entire scheme as proposed: 3 in favour, 53 against
- If the scheme goes ahead,
those in favour of bridge removal: 0 in favour, 56 against

The Chairman thanked Jane and Barry Breed and their team of volunteers who spent many hours **clearing scrub and brambles from the Townshott allotment and Readshill quarry areas**. Nominations were then sought for Vice-Chairman, Data Protection Officer and responsible financial officer to replace Cllr GP Mantini who resigned at the last meeting. The Clerk took on the two latter roles while the Vice-Chairman position would be resolved as and when there was a necessity.

CBC Ward Councillors updated the meeting including news that a **new Aldi will be built in Flitwick** and **BP Pulse** has won the CBC contract to install electric vehicle charging.

Lakes Update – Cllr Walford confirmed completion of the land transfer to GST with whom Cllr Rodell and the Clerk met recently. A Management Plan will be shared with the village soon. Monthly meetings will enable an ongoing framework for CPC/GST to keep track of developments and give parishioners a platform to discuss any matters. The next meeting is 22nd March 2022.

Other Matters:

- The Clerk reported that the **Neighbourhood Plan** was with consultants and could now be completed as The Lakes problem has been resolved. £6,000 is budgeted against this. The Plan will be submitted to CBC with a village consultation to follow.
- The PC resolved to support any Grant Aid application for up to £400 / £500 to **repair the church clock** for the benefit of all.

Planning Applications

Applications requiring comment prior to the meeting:

CB/TCA/21/00660

Location: 114B High Street

Proposal: Works to trees within a Conservation Area. Fell Two Conifers.

NO COMMENT

CB/TCA/21/00678

Location: 108A High Street

Proposal: Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Trim roots to Walnut Tree.

NO COMMENT

CB/21/05666/FULL and CB/21/05667/LB

Location: 19 High Street

Proposal: Conversion of existing granary and barns to form a single residential dwelling and garage.

OBJECT

Applications considered at meeting:

Location: Readshill Quarry – Fairliving Foundation: following extended consultation and additional information.

Proposal: Removal of access to Back St, additional footpath & comfort on traffic / ownership models.

Current CPC response unchanged

Location: The Green

Proposal: Disabled Parking Bay consultation.

Parishioners invited to comment

The next Parish Council meeting is
Tuesday 29th March, 7:45pm in the Clophill Methodist Church

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St. Mary's Church News

EXCITING NEWS AT St. MARY'S



On February 13th we heard that our rector, the Rev. Canon

Lynda Klimas has been appointed one of the Honorary Chaplains to the Queen. She was ordained in 1994, one of the first women to become priests, and has served all her ministry in St. Albans Diocese. She is currently Rector of Clophill and Maulden and Rural Dean of Amphill and Shefford Deanery.

Lynda said "I am deeply honoured to be appointed a Chaplain to the Queen, although I feel the honour is not mine alone but is

rightly shared with all in the parishes who have supported me in my ministry".

The Bishop of St Albans welcomed the news saying "Lynda has been an effective and much loved parish priest in the Diocese". "She is a bundle of energy and new ideas, accompanied with a great sense of humour which has endeared her to so many people."

Other news

We've had a quiet time in St. Mary's over the past few weeks, but we are now gearing up for Lent and Easter, one of the busiest times of the church's year. Our Lent Lunches for Shelter Box are taking place, and there is a Bible study course on Monday afternoons in the Rectory in Maulden.

Mothering Sunday this year is on March 27th when there will be Family Service with distribution of flowers. All welcome.

The main event in March will be our annual church meeting after the service on the 20th when those on the church electoral roll vote for the church council and other officers. Most people don't realise that this is preceded by the Meeting of Parishioners, which is open to all residents who are on the Parliamentary Roll, who are entitled to elect the churchwardens. Why don't you come along?

St Mary's School News

We hope everyone continues to stay safe and well and did not experience too much damage due to Storm Eunice! The school got off relatively lightly – just the door of the PE shed that was blown off!

The children have enjoyed a busy March. We have celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of the month, followed by British Science week and then fundraising for Red Nose day. For the latter, the children took part in a number of activities all arranged by our brilliant School Council. We thank our families for their kind donations to this worthy charity. Pictures from all of these events were posted on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/clophillstmarysschool>.

In addition, our Year 3 children and their class teacher were very excited to work with Erika from Greensands Trust to support them in developing the Clophill Lakes, by planting trees.

We held our virtual parent consultations this month, reports were sent out in advance and we enjoyed seeing our parents/carers online. We thank them for their continued support.

Our wonderful Friends of St Marys also worked with our children on a brilliant Mothers' Day gift - we won't say too much this month as we don't want to spoil any surprises but we hope all recipients are happy with what they receive.

Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this term. We do have spaces in most classes at present and if you would like to find out more about what our fantastic village school can offer then please contact Mrs Topliff (our School Business Manager) on 01525 860206 / generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk and she can arrange for you to visit the school.

Jake the School Dog:

Apart from his usual day job (hearing readers, working and playing with children!), Jake has now taken up a role as a fashion model! Here he is sporting the very latest in Acorn Class couture!

Yes, the very exciting news is that Acorn Class have their own range of uniform now and it even comes in staff sizes too! Some of our wonderful Nursery staff have already been seen sporting their purple fleeces around school but they now have gorgeous coats to match too!



Acorn Nursery news:

We've had a fire in Acorn Nursery!! Well.... an imaginary one made of cardboard and paint at the top of our playhouse! The children have worked together as a fire engine and put it out with plastic hoses and pretend water. Our role play home office has been turned into a Post Office and the children have been busy writing letters and postcards to each other, cutting out and sticking stamps on packages and delivering them.

Being of Chinese descent herself, Mrs Hayes was excited to celebrate Chinese New Year with the children in February – they looked at the story behind the Chinese Zodiac, played with rice, noodles, Chinese crockery and chopsticks, tried on my jade jewellery and Chinese clothes, learnt about the traditional red envelopes and made dragons.

Our weekly walk on a Tuesday afternoon took us to the park where the children were delighted to run around and play football together. Our little adventures take us all around Clophill and its lovely to see the children's stamina for walking further and further increasing. The children also enjoy exploring the great space at the front of the school and also playing in the Reception class garden.

Finally, we'd like to say a huge thankyou to FOSM for the assortment of robots and remote-control toys. The children were thrilled to receive them and have absolutely loved discovering and playing with them, they are a massive hit!

Our Value for March is Love

In school, we will explore the real meaning of Love and how we should show Love for others by caring, respect and kindness. We will encourage the children to demonstrate Love through kind words, deeds and plenty of smiles! As Mothering Sunday is in March, we will also be considering our Mothers, their love for us and ours for them. Our message will be that from a feeling of Love comes happiness and we want every person in our school to feel loved and happy!

At home, you may want to consider that word Love is connected to the Latin word 'lubere' which means 'to please'. When you Love someone, you want to please them and make them happy. You could also encourage your children to make something special (e.g., a card, biscuits, cake) for someone they Love and discuss the fact that something made with Love is always received with Love. You could also use the internet to explore the lives of people like Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela who demonstrated unconditional Love in their lives.



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...

The Richardson family sent at least 4 sons to war. They were probably all descended from William Richardson – born in Clophill about 1796. During the course of this research, it appears that Arthur – born in 1893 did not survive, he does not appear to be commemorated on any memorial.

(Alfred) William Richardson – born in 1887 was a Private in the 2nd Bedfordshire Regiment. He enlisted in December 1910. In 1911 he was living in Aldershot Barracks. He had served and been wounded in the Boer War. At the outbreak of WW1 he was sent to the Western front. He was in action at Ypres and Neuve Chapelle and had a gunshot wound to the knee at Festubert in May 1915. He re-joined his unit and took part in engagements including the Battles of Ypres and Vimy Ridge. He was invalided home on account of a wound to the face received at Dickebusch on 21st April 1917. After medical treatment he served at the depot of his Regiment until he was demobilised in March 1919. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the General Service Medal and the Victory Medal. He lived in The Strand, Clophill and had previously been employed by local farmer J Madams as a labourer. His parents are noted on his military records as James and Eliza (nee Richardson) Northwood.

Alfred Richardson was born in 1894, the son of Alfred and Elizabeth Richardson and lived in Jacques Lane with his family (1901 and 1911 censuses). He and his father both worked as Agricultural Labourers. Later he lived on the High Street and was a Private in the 1st Bedfordshires and also the Machine Gun Corps. He was wounded twice. It is thought that he married Nellie Whinnet and they later lived in Ampthill. He was brother of Arthur below.

Arthur Richardson –born in Gravenhurst in 1889 to Alfred and Elizabeth of Jacques Lane. He was married in 1910 to Lillie Tuffnell and by 1911 they lived at Cross Tree (junction of Great Lane) on the High Street. Arthur worked as a horseman on a farm. Ampthill News reported in 1916 that he served in the 8th Bedfords and had gone missing after being posted to France. It states that Mrs Richardson (presumably his wife but possibly his mother formerly resided at Clophill Rectory. The paper later reports that Arthur had been badly wounded in April that year at the Battle of Mons) and had been taken prisoner. He had written to his wife informing her that he was only just able to walk about the ward at Karthausurgasse Hospital,

however he was receiving parcels. In 1917 it was reported that he had written to his relative F Page in a “cheerful mood, but his enclosed photograph shows a thin and careworn face.” In May 1918 the paper states that he had escaped but later advises that he was now interned in Holland. He was seriously ill and not out of danger. The paper states that he had written to his wife complaining of his treatment by his captors who had “taken everything from him, even his child’s photograph.” Arthur returned home via Holland in August 1918. It is thought Arthur died in 1921 in Cranfield.

Arthur Richardson was born in Clophill to Mary Richardson in 1893. His mother had married Charles Young by 1901 and the family lived in Campton. Unfortunately, the family (excluding Arthur) were registered in the Workhouse from at least 1908 to 1911, but Arthur by this time had enlisted and in 1911 was living at Kempston Barracks. He later lived in Willian, Hertfordshire. He served with the 5th Bedfordshires and died of wounds in Palestine in 1918.

George Richardson served with Essex Regiment and was wounded in 1917 and sent to hospital in Cardiff. Nothing further is certain about George or his connection to the other Richardsons. Possibly he was born in 1880 and his parents Thomas and Elizabeth lived in Great Lane.

Maulden Walking Football Club

Join Maulden Walking Football Club today – limited number of new spaces available!

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- team shirt for regular members.



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Join our facebook group and @ClubMaulden on twitter.

Training is every Sunday 6-7pm at Flitwick Leisure Centre. Extra training sessions are coming soon. All ages and abilities welcome.

Join our friendly team today!

Email OBMauldenWalkingFootball@outlook.com today to find out more.

Reflections – Clophill in January 1977

Continuing our series looking back at previous issues of **Spotlight and Clophill Village life**..... *By Julie Benson*

So, here we are 45 years on from 1977, that year marking the Silver Jubilee year of our Queen. Looking through the Jan/ Feb 1977 edition of 'Outlook', I read that three proposals were put forward as suggestions for a permanent memorial – 'a stage for the Village Hall, a garden of trees on a site adjoining the Hall and a permanent bus shelter'. The trees were chosen. Also, all the children of the village up to school leaving age, were each to be given a commemorative mug.



The covers for the 1977 'Outlook' magazines featured **historic photos** of the village. This one depicts 'Sailor Perkins' standing by the old well by "the thatched cottage (now demolished) and Frank Ashley's sweet shop – later a garage at no 2, Back Street - at the junction of Back Street and The Slade. This well supplied the area with water, the residents filling their buckets and taking them back home." The actual photo on my magazine is incomplete, so Mike kindly supplied this one – with his explanation on the top. On the reverse of the front cover - I. Stokes advertises as "Wavy Line" general stores and free off licence. Her shop was at 104 High Street, opposite the junction with Great Lane.

If you had attended the **Parish Council** meetings back then, the items discussed sound very similar to those of today! Namely "**Fullers Earth** has been working sporadically in Clophill over the last decades. Planning permission must be granted on each occasion. Evidence is on hand should any pressure be put on Clophill following a decision at Woburn". I'm not sure what that was about, but the current agenda item is under 'The Lakes' – and joy of joys, this has just now been resolved – 45 years on! Another item noted: **Oak tree** – The District Council has offered an oak tree to each parish to help replace diseased elm trees. A site on suitable soil will be found for Clophill's tree. Any ideas as to where this is? What about a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year? Also, another site on the current agenda, different emphasis though: "**Quarry north of Back Street**: the dangers of children playing on the old machinery, will be brought to the attention of the owners".

The **PTA held a Cheese and Wine evening** on Friday 28th January where “The new school hall, attractively decorated was well filled for an evening of music, dancing, good food and entertaining cabaret.” This latter was provided by the ‘Smooovers’ dance group and the Redborne Barbershop singers. Now, I am sure that I would have been there, being a member of staff, but this memory has not yet been retrieved!

There are **reports** from the **Guides** – nine enrolments; nine First Aid badges awarded and a Nativity play repeated for the **Beverley Court Residents**, who had also enjoyed a Christmas meal served by WI members and were later entertained by Bobby Voltaire “Clophill’s own world-famous illusionist”; while fifty-six members of the **Darby and Joan Club** had enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Village Hall, after which they sang old time songs and carols. “The evening came to a close with the last waltz” (remember those?).

The evening before this, the Village Hall was again the venue for a Christmas dinner, this time for the **WI** when “games and competitions followed” and “a sing-song rounded off the evening”.

The **Flower Club** held its AGM in the school hall after which “Members were finally refreshed with sherry, mince pies, pâté and crisps which were served to conclude the evening in a festive atmosphere”. I note that the **1st Clophill Brownies** had four ‘going up’ to Guides after which a quiz was arranged by Mrs D Hughes – and games by a Mrs Benson.

At the **Christmas Sunday carol service in The Methodist Church** a large congregation sang ‘lustily the traditional carols’ and each of the children received a Christmas gift. Now here’s a **lovely idea**: “At lunchtime on Tuesday 11th January, fifty-four O.A.P.’s from Clophill arrived at the ‘Flying Horse’ for a Christmas lunch. All the food and drink provided was sponsored by the Darts and Dominoes teams and the patrons of ‘The Flying Horse’”, (whatever happened to that?).

Then there’s a ‘pop’ page; gardening tips, First Aid help (wounds and bleeding part 1) and a classical record review finishing with a recipe for a ‘Homespun meat pie’. So many interesting things going on in Clophill during a previous Royal Jubilee year. They say “Some things never change” – and I say “Yippee – they just evolve!”

What a windy time we have been having. While we really enjoy experiencing the elements, 10 on the Beaufort scale was a bit much even for us! We spent the first day after half term in the outdoor shelter area safe from the wind. Luckily, we keep a regular eye on the safety of our trees checking for dead wood etc with the help of Michael, thank you, so we didn't have any major damage.

We have been busy as ever making a new wheelbarrow storage area and loading 7 tonnes of new chip onto the outdoor surface, thank you Gary. The children have helped to move a delivery of gravel, shovelling it into wheelbarrows and refilling the gravel pit. We also had a sand delivery, this one started off badly when the driver couldn't get the pallet off the tailgate as it was so heavy, luckily one of our dads jumped aboard and got the sand safely off then more helpers appeared in the form of staff children and other parents to transport some 50 bags of sand over to the sandpit. Thank you, a really great team effort!

We have also been topping up the mud pit, again with the children wheeling in barrow loads of soil from the allotment. It's such a great opportunity for the children to help manage and maintain their own space, it helps to give them ownership as well as a feeling of responsibility and appreciation. The children are encouraged to care for their setting and the surrounding environment and have been out litter picking and making bird feeders by pushing seeds into apples to hang from the trees.

Our coffee mornings have taken off again with Jane from Flitwick Children's Centre joining us to meet the parents and share what resources and facilities the Centre offers. We also have some art class coffee mornings as well as some on home education and transition to school. We have staff doing oral health learning ready to feedback to the families at another coffee morning.



Just sharing in setting about teeth and how to keep them clean has resulted in children using new small tyres as dentist chairs in their role play. Other creative play has included: pots and pans used as drum kits, being able to hear and repeat rhythms and patterns in sounds is a great building block to phonics and reading, the children have also created their own stories to tell each other in groups, showing an understanding of characters and plots.

We have welcomed two new members of staff to our team who have started to settle in well as they discover what it's like to work in an outdoor setting. We have also had a local school visit us with a view to us helping them to create a bespoke outdoor space for their youngest children to play in.

We have been able to relax into our newly tidied setting sitting in the bright spring sunshine and enjoyed having snack outdoors, sitting on the stage and sharing out food and drinks to each other. We love seeing the seasons change as we make our way through the year and how this impacts the children's play, being able to offer such a great outdoor environment means we can enable the children to learn and explore in a way that isn't forced and that allows their creativity to blossom.



Coffee and Croissants

Clophill Methodist Church

10am to 12 noon

Saturday 12th March

Saturday 9th April

All Welcome





Clophill Heritage Trust

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came up to help us move, prune and plant trees.

We will be having another planting day this month – keep an eye on our Facebook page for details www.facebook.com/clophillecolodges.

Spring is always a busy time and we are already planning events for both the Easter and Summer terms, starting with our always popular Animal Encounter on 10th April. This free event is run with Teaching Talons and features a range of interesting and unusual creatures – plus children have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with an owl (for a small fee). Our café will be open offering

homemade cakes and hot & cold drinks as well as a selection of locally made retail items. The event runs from 11am to 3pm, dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads please. If you require blue badge parking, please let us know in advance on 07935 911207.



We are asking people to register for the event to give us an idea of numbers, which you can do here:

www.ClophillEcoLodges.co.uk/events.

We also have several dates for guided walks now available to book – these 2 hour strolls take in some lovely Clophill countryside and focus on plant identification and uses (both herbal and medicinal). Tickets can be booked via our

website or call / email us for more information.

We are looking for new volunteers to join our Tower Tours team – if you can spare an hour or two a month and enjoy local history / architecture and meeting people we would love to hear from you! Please contact us on 07935 911207 or info@ClophillEcoLodges.co.uk.

Please join Clophill Methodist Church
in Supporting the Bedford Food Bank this Easter



**Donate items via the boxes at the front of the
Methodist Church**

Saturday 9th April between 10am and 1pm

The Church is also open for Coffee & Croissants so please
drop in and join us!



URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS THAT WE ARE SHORT
OF AT THE MOMENT:

- CUP-A-SOUP
- FRUIT JUICE (LONGLIFE)
- TINNED POTATOES (LARGE)
- COFFEE (100G)
- HOTDOGS (JUMBO)
- TEABAGS (40/80)
- TINNED MEAT IN SAUCE (E.G. CHILLI,
CURRY)
- JARS OF CURRY SAUCE
- SPONGE PUDDINGS (LONGLIFE)
- WASHING UP LIQUID
- SHAMPOO
- ANTI-BAC SPRAY

St Mary's Church, Clophill

Church Fete

& Village Event

Saturday 14th May

12 – 4pm in the Church grounds

FUN for ALL

Lots of stalls

Sideshows

Barbeque

For further information –

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St Mary's Church, Clophill

Future events for 2022

Lent Lunches - a simple lunch served from 12 noon.
Donations in aid of Shelter Box.

16th March, - St Mary's Church.

23rd March - Clophill Methodist Church.

30th March - St Mary's Church.

6th April - St Mary's Church.

16th April **Easter Coffee Morning / takeaway.**

14th May *Village Fete in the Church grounds.*

4th June **Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea.**

In the garden of Clophill House

by kind permission of Mr. And Mrs. G. Warner.

25th / 26th June **Open Gardens.**

17th/18th September **Art and Craft Festival.**

Other details to be published later ...

Clophill and District Flower Club

On 3rd February we welcomed Helen Chambers, a florist from Lincolnshire, who champions British -grown flowers. She sources flowers and foliage mainly from the Isles of Scilly, Cornwall and Lincolnshire but also from ethical growers in Ecuador and Israel where the flowers are grown naturally outdoors. She explained UK tulips are grown hydroponically and can be stored with the bulb attached so require no compost. The discarded bulb is used as cattle feed.

Her arrangements celebrated February; firstly, using pussy willow with the first daffodils of the year from Isles of Scilly, Helen set them behind semi-circular wood slices. Then the first Lincolnshire-grown tulips were included in her window-box style arrangement along with white primula, cyclamen, anemone, dried teasels from her garden sprayed white and some stems of Lisianthus from Israel. Helen then celebrated Chinese New Year with Choisya and Bamboo foliage adding apricot tulips – carefully opening the petals so they resembled water lilies – Ranunculus, variegated Phormium leaves and dried heads of Buddleia.

After a refreshment break, bare branches were layered with Bergenia leaves, white hyacinths and tulips to resemble the full moon later this month. The final two arrangements celebrated Valentine's Day. Firstly, one for a girlfriend or sister in a tall recycled vase with Eucalyptus, pink tulips, Lisianthus, mini purple brassicas and a stem of Callicarpa. This illustrated the use of a *FloraGuppy*, a novel flower arranging holder made from recycled clear plastic which is recyclable and reusable. Finally, a more traditional Valentine arrangement with brilliant red tulips and roses along with fatsia leaves and silver-sprayed Ruscus was displayed in the arms of an athletic model!

We meet on the first Thursday of each month starting promptly at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome to join us - visitors fee is £5, which includes refreshments in the half time break.

See our website www.clophillflowerclub.com for more information.



Parish Registers for March

1821

Baptisms

Mar 14 Isaac, son of James and Martha Webb
Elizabeth daughter of the above
Amos, s of George and Elizabeth Garner

Burials

Mar 22 Sarah Odel (sic)

1822

Baptisms

Mar 24 John, s of Thomas and Hannah Richardson

Burials

Mar 11 Susannah G?

1871

Baptisms

Mar 26 Lucy, d of James and Sarah Garner
Minnie, d of William and Ann Bottoms
John, s of William and Ann Galer (?)
John, s of Francis and Susan Peat
Katie Elizabeth, d of Thomas and Mary Morehen (?)
Leonard, s of Samuel and Mary Anne Hall
Elizabeth, d of John and Charlotte Lammas. F a railway porter
Sarah Elizabeth, d of George and Ann White

Burials

Mar 02 Mary Anne Hall, 27 (see Baptisms above)

05 John Mossman, 8
13 Thomas Fennimore, infant
21 Ann Rust, 33

1872

Baptisms

Mar 02 Leila Frances, d of Gustavus and Cecilia Bosanquet, the Rector
(There is a memorial to both Leila and Cecilia in the church).

Burials

None recorded

1921

Baptisms

Mar 06 Robert Charles Roberts

Burials

Mar 09 Joseph Chapman, 74
12 Esther Mitchell, 70
14 Archie Reginald Richardson, 4 weeks

1922

Marriages

Mar 04 Benjamin James Peat, 26 to Florence Turner, 24

Burials

Mar 21 Thomas Henry Turner, 51
25 Frederick William Titmas, 63

1971

Baptism

Mar 21 Peter John Dorrell
Ian Mark Bousted

1972

Baptism

Mar 05 Sarah Elizabeth Robinson

Memorial Service at the Methodist Church

Feb 22 James (Jim/ Jimmy) Richard Davies, 87



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Monday 25 April, start at 7.30pm – On-line Zoom talk

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(Site visit - 14 May, details to follow.)

Also see - www.wildlifebcn.org/banking-butterflies-project)

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Wednesday 16th and 30th

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Wednesday 23rd

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APRIL

Wednesday 6th

Lent Lunch, St Mary's Church, 12noon – 2pm.

Saturday 9th

Coffee and Croissants, Methodist Church, 10am – 12noon.

Saturday 16th

Easter Coffee morning/ takeaway, St Mary's Church, time tbc.

MAY

Saturday 14th

Church Fete and Village event, St Mary's Church, 12noon – 4pm,
see poster in this issue.

Plus...

Tuesdays... in term time

• Clophill Preschool, Stay and Play sessions on Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am and Thursdays 1-2pm, at the Village Hall. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

Wednesdays...

* Tea and Chat, Methodist Church, 10am – 12noon.

Thursdays...

• Thursday Leisure Club – TLC – St Mary's Church, 2pm.

Fridays...

• Clophill Toddler Group, 10am-11.30am, Village Hall. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

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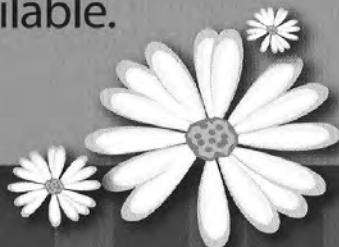
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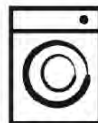
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