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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the May issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

As always, Spotlight this month is full of local news, events and interesting articles from our wonderful contributors, thank you everyone for continuing to support the magazine.

May sees the welcome return of the Village Fete on the 14^{th,} in the grounds of St Mary's Church (see poster on page 6); and of course, many of us are building up to celebrate the Queen's 70th



Jubilee in June (I have just bought my bunting and flag!!).

The Mid-Beds Ukraine appeal is still very much active and focusing now on supporting refugee families who are living in Clophill and the surrounding villages (turn over the page for a more detailed update).

Finally, a plea from me. We are still looking for a new Advertising Manager (see page 18). I am filling in for the role at present but need someone to take this over as soon as possible. If you can help, please call me or drop me an email (details below).

Best wishes, Elaine

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Central Beds Ukraine Appeal

An update from Kasha Southin and Emily Roberts...

Just before the Easter weekend (8th to 13th April), we decided to take a trip to Poland to see for ourselves what was happening locally.

We flew to Krakow where were able to help out at a local refugee centre - we brought with us a suitcase full of toys and colouring books for the children there. Once we got there, we also bought local food and more supplies for the Women.



From there we drove to the Central Station in Krakow where after a huge



shopping spree we delivered ingredients to make sandwiches and food bags for the vast numbers of refugees that are flooding into the city. £200 is enough to provide 200-400 people meals for a day. It is run by a group of Polish Scouts called ZHP. ZHP is a member of the World Organization of the Scouts Movement.

From Krakow we drove 300km to the outskirts of Warsaw, to the orphanage

that we have been sending supplies to for the previous 3 weeks and where all

our transportation was heading to from Clophill. There we prepared presents ready for the next day for over 136 orphans. We dressed up as Disney characters and delivered the presents and chocolates that were equally distributed to all of the children. The children were very grateful and excited - one of the boys mentioned his dream came true when he received a gift from us, it was the ball with paw patrol.

The trip was exhausting at points, intense and emotional; but well worth it.



After our return home feeling very motivated and proud of our achievements so far; our plans now are to provide support to local refugees in Clophill and the surrounding villages.

So far, we are:

- setting up an English school for the adults in Flitwick hoping to start early May
- offering Welcome Packs for guests to take from Maulden Church hall
- working on setting up Field trips for refugee children; such as a trip to the zoo
- looking for a space where we can offer clothes that the refugees can collect
- setting up a Black-tie event at Clophill Village Hall in September to raise funds.

All the families are settling in well and looking forward to being part of the community. The children are keen to start school and the adults to start learning English and begin working.



*Find the Central Beds Ukraine Appeal on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> groups/384457343404854

Katherine Concerts launched this Spring, bringing outstanding classical music to the heart of Ampthill. In the beautiful acoustic of Ampthill's Methodist Church the weekly afternoon recitals featuring local musicians and graduates from the Royal College of Music, sees a return to the joys of live music.

The next 45-minute recital is on Friday 13th May at 2pm, and features the brilliant young pianist, Osman Tack. Come and enjoy some wonderful Chopin and Schumann, then enjoy a cuppa and a cake with your fellow music lovers.

Tickets from <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Katherine-Concerts</u>or cash sales at 'Absolutely Shabbylass'.

Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner

Having spent last month's article explaining to you how to improve your lawns it may seem perverse to now be extolling the virtue of not mowing your grass. However, there is a reason for this. **#NoMowMay** is a national campaign run by Plantlife, the British conservation charity that is working



nationally and internationally to save threatened wild flowers, plants and fungi. From 29th April 2022 they are encouraging us to resist mowing our lawns until the end of May' in order to boost the flowers and nectar available to pollinating insects, such as bees, butterflies and moths.

At the end of the month, participants are invited to record the flowers that have grown in the grass with the "Every Flower Counts" survey on the Plantlife website. You are asked to count the number of flowers in a square metre patch of lawn and Plantlife will be able to tell you how much nectar they're producing and how many bees they'll feed with your own Personal Nectar Score.

Campaign research has revealed that mowing your lawn less frequently can provide enough food for ten times the number of bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and other pollinators. A recent study found that rural honey bees have to fly further to find food than their urban counterparts, which suggests that wild flowers are much less abundant than those grown in the gardens of more built-up areas.

As the weather is warming, the days are lengthening, and the risk of frost is lessoning, there is suddenly lots of activity on the plant front. New dahlia tubers can be directly planted into their flowering positions. If you have tubers that have been overwintering in pots, the early shoots can be taken as cuttings, not only making more plants (for free) but often the flowers on these cuttings will have a more vibrant colour to them.

If you are looking to add some tender summer bedding plants into the mix then hold off planting theses out until towards the end of the month when the risk of frost is over. If weather conditions are still too cold, delay for another week or two and give them a liquid feed to keep them happy until you can get them into the ground.

Insert plant supports for tall perennials to prevent stems snapping. Adding the supports in now while the plants are shorter makes the job easier, and try not to make the supports too obvious, gently support rather than a straight-jacket is the aim of the game.

Sowing hardy annual flowers is a great and cost-effective way to extend the flowering season of your garden. Mark out the area that you want them to flower in and sow directly into the soil. If you sow then into straight lines that will allow you to differentiate the young seedlings from the weed seeds.

Pinch out the tips of your perennial plants like fuchsias. Removing the growing tips will encourage your plants to become bushier and produce more flowers. At the end of the month, you can also cut some of the plants down by half with a 'Chelsea chop' which has the advantage of delaying flowering for a few weeks.

As temperatures rise, keep checking pots and containers to make sure they receive sufficient water and don't dry out. Start feeding your container and hanging basket displays with liquid plant food.

Now is also a good time to Re-pot any pot-bound containers and freshen up larger pots by top dressing with fresh compost.

Happy Gardening

St. Mary's Church News

It was a great joy to be able to celebrate Lent and Easter normally this year. The Lent Lunches in St. Mary's and the Methodist Churches were well attended and greatly enjoyed. Altogether approx. £1,500 was raised, including Gift Aid and donations at the Agape Supper, for Shelter Box, an aid charity which is working with Ukrainian



refugees. For most of Lent St. Mary's was also the centre of the magnificent collection of goods of all sorts for the Ukraine Appeal.

Holy Week began with a Palm Sunday service jointly with the Methodist congregation. On Maundy Thursday we were joined by members of St. Mary's Maulden for our Agape Supper. This commemorates the Passover Feast and the Last Supper, with a celebration of Holy Communion. The evening concludes with Compline, the final service of the monastic office. The service for Good Friday was held in Maulden, remembering the last hour of the Crucifixion.

On Holy Saturday we held a Coffee and Cake event which raised £413 for Plan International to support Janina, our girl in Paraguay. We are truly grateful for the generous support we receive from the village in our charitable enterprises.

The week culminated in a joyful celebration of Parish Communion on Easter Sunday with a specially convened choir.

During the rest of April we will sadly say "Farewell" to Martin and Kath Randall, who are moving to St. Ives (Cambs). They have both contributed much to St. Mary's over the years and Martin has done sterling work leading services, especially during the interregnum. We shall miss his excellent sermons!

Clophill Christians Together gathered at 7.30am at the Old Church on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection in a joyful service in glorious weather. This was followed by a bacon butty breakfast in The Hive at the Eco-Lodges.



Attractions

Greensand Community Choir St Mary's School Maypole Team Clophill Pre-School display For further information – call Gill 01525 861058 or Carolyn 01462 815433



Everyone welcome

St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingley our Headteacher

We welcomed families back after the Easter break and, as we write this, the sun is shining! It's certainly been a busy start to the summer term.

Our older children went on a trip to Holdenby Hall as part of their "Fabulous Finish" for their World War II History topic. At



Holdenby, they got to experience what it would have been like for children during World War II, including cooking with rations, visiting an Anderson shelter and even being evacuated! The children had a fantastic trip and we had amazing feedback from the centre staff about their behaviour. The Holdenby staff commented about how attentive and well behaved our children were and that they were the only school who could answer a specific question correctly! Wonderful feedback - we're so proud of our children!

Our Year 4 children have been enjoying **Swimming** lessons, and we would like to say a huge thank you to Happy Tiddlers and Flittabus for enabling this to happen. Our Year 3 children took part in a Bikeability course at school where they learnt how to look after their bike and ride safely and Year 3 and 4 have begun Cricket lessons with Howard from Flitwick Cricket Club!

We are so pleased that we were finally able to start our Forest school just before the Easter break and the children are having a wonderful time and learning so much from this experience. The children are also very excited to perform the maypole at the Church fete this year, after a two-year break. They have been practising very hard and a huge thank you to Mrs Burraway who has been teaching them the dances.

Parents who applied for a **school place starting in Reception Class in September 2022** will now have received confirmation of this. We thank you all for choosing St Mary's and really look forward to welcoming you and your families into our school. If you have any questions at all then please contact Mrs. Topliff, our School Business Manager, at generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk.

Jake the School Dog:



Before the Easter break Jake helped Mrs. Burraway and myself spread some Easter cheer to our wonderful staff with a little sweet treat to mark the end of term.

He also managed to sneak his way into Rowan Class' Easter performance of 'The Three Trees' by getting a cameo part in one of the scenes!

Our Value for May is: Thankfulness (Appreciation and Simplicity)

In school, we will start by learning to appreciate ourselves and the qualities we possess. We will then move on to raising awareness of the world around us and all the things that we should be actively showing our appreciation for, especially the simple things in life that we tend to take for granted. The children will be reminded that, 'Thank you' isn't difficult to say but it means a lot to whoever is receiving it. We will stress that appreciation shouldn't just be shown by material gifts, but also for friendship, care and support given freely when needed. The importance of appreciating our environment, and showing that appreciation by looking after our surroundings, will feature this month as will showing appreciation for those around us: our families, friends and people in school.

At home, you could make sure that everyone says, 'Thank you' appropriately. You could also discuss as a family all the different ways that you can show your appreciation and put them into practice. Hopefully it will soon become apparent that expensive gifts are not the only way of showing our appreciation for something J. You may also like to encourage your child to make a thank you card for someone they appreciate, as we know that everyone appreciates something handmade that comes from the heart.

Acorn Nursery news:

from Mrs. Hayes our Nursery Manager and Early Years Leader

The children were fascinated when we sat inside the Planetarium that visited school at the end of March; looking up at the stars and planets. They loved watching and were enthralled the whole time! We're so proud to be able to offer such amazing experiences to all of our children - even the youngest ones - our Early Years Curriculum is truly ambitious and unrivalled!

We've been investigating the signs of spring including the growth of plants and trees - we spent a delightful afternoon in the field in the sunshine exploring the blossom on the trees, looking at which insects were collecting nectar, making daisy chains, chasing bubbles and balls and utilising all the wonderful space available, finishing off with a story under our lovely Oak tree. We've also looked at what spring means for the animal kingdom - learning about lambs, chicks and tadpoles.

Reflections – Clophill in April 1977 - Voices from the past

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



Now, because I can't find an April 1977 Outlook – haven't a clue where it is - I am going to show you a couple of photos from previous decades. They belong to Joan Izzard whose mother-in-law is the lady by the well at the junction of Mill Lane / Back Street/ The Slade, mentioned in previous articles. The thatched cottage is now long gone, mind you I am sure that it was there when we moved to the village in 1974.

Joan reckons that this other photo could have been taken around 1968 – ish when Sally Myers and Diane Hughes ran the Brownies. It looks as if they (plus a few parents I daresay) have all been very busy knitting squares, which have been made up into

this huge blanket / counterpane / throw. Can you recognise anyone? It's just a bit before my time. Don't they all look smart in their uniforms though.

None of the Brownies in the photo can still have been Brownies in 1977, but I am pretty sure that Mrs Hughes and Mrs Myers were still there. It's lovely to note (from the March 1977 Outlook) that the Brownies "donated the prize money they received at the road safety quiz, to the children's fund at Bedford South Wing Hospital".

Further perusal of March's Outlook tells me that there were **several dances** to go to **in April –** all having



'licensed bars'. On 1st April, you could have gone to the Village Hall and danced to 'Copperfield' – tickets £1.75 including buffet and the finals of the Darts Competition (bargain!); and then there were **two** to choose from on 15th! There was the 'Chicken & Chips Supper Disco' at the Village Hall, dancing to 'Steve's Disco' – tickets £1.50 "available from Mr K. Fossey, Mr P. Nichols, Mr D. Smith and Miss C. Lammas" - or the CCFRC (not sure what this is/was) 8th Annual Spring Ball at Maulden Village Hall. "Evening dress or dark lounge suit" and dancing to "The Ajax Trio". Tickets available from Miss Ann Jeffrey were £2.50, supper inclusive. Those were the days eh!

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> J.C Bach Magnificat

Hummel Mass in Bb (Op. 77)

> Franck Psalm 150

SPRING CONCERT

Musical Director: Alan Childs

Soprano Soloist: Lucy Miller-White

Organist: Ian Runnells

Saturday 21st May, 7.30pm St Andrew's Church, Ampthill

Tickets £10 on the door, includes refreshments after the performance

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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...

In preparing this month's article another Clophill man who was killed has been discovered.

Frederick Warren Rogers was born in Doncaster in 1894 – son of Lilly and Frederick - licensee of the Flying Horse from 1911 to 1913.



Frederick was а volunteer of the "E" Ampthill Company. He later joined the 5th Bedfordshire Regt. and initially went to Gallipoli, and was then transferred to another battalion on account of his health. He went to France in September 1916, attached to the London Regiment and was with the regiment

until he was killed in action in October 1918.

He is commemorated on the Luton memorial and laid to rest in the Windmill British Cemetery, Pas de Calais. At the time of his death his father ran the aptly named Volunteer Inn in Luton, however Frederick was still listed as a Clophill resident in 1918.

George Gordon Rolfe was born in London in 1883. He married Elizabeth Collip in 1906 in Wandsworth where he worked as a Coachman. They had 4 children. In 1918 his address was given as the High Street, Clophill. He was a Driver in the Royal Field Artillery and wrote home detailing his service. In 1917 he wrote that he had spent 18 months in the vicinity of Ypres. In April & July 1918 he advised that he was "in the thick of it." In August '18 he wrote that his Battalion was on the Somme and had been involved in a "brilliantly successful operation," and that they were constantly under fire. He died in Maulden in 1958 - where they had been living since his return from the war. He worked as a Builder's Labourer.

Joshua George Rose was born in Newark, Notts in 1882. By 1911 he was a teacher living with his parents - George and Mary Jane at 41 High Street, Clophill. He served as a Corporal in the Royal Artillery Medical Corps. He continued to be based in Clophill until at least 1919. He married Ethel Evelyn Berwick in 1919. By 1939 they were living in Herne Bay and he continued to work as a teacher. Joshua died in Bournemouth in 1950.

Frank Rutland was born in Gravenhurst in 1894, his parents were Thomas and Mary. He was a Private in the 23rd Middlesex Regiment. He joined in March 1917 and was drafted overseas the following July. He served on the Western Front and took part in several battles including Passchendaele and Dickebusch. He was sent to Italy in February 1918 and after a brief period of service on the Italian Front he returned to France in April 1918. He fought at Kemmel Hill and was gassed in June. He was demobilised in February 1919. Over the years, he and his wife Emily and 3 daughters lived in Back Street, The Strand, and from 1933 to his death in 1945 -23 Mill Lane. Frank worked as an agricultural labourer. He is buried at the Old Church.

Next month will detail the WW1 activities of the service of the Sharman family.

Greensand Country Festival

The annual Greensand Country Festival, returns this May and June, with local groups and organisations encouraged to sign up activities as part of its successful programme of events. The festival, which has been hosted by the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership since 2018, aims to promote a wide range of events taking place across the local area, encouraging people to explore more of Greensand Country and its unique parks, woodlands, heritage sites, attractions and much more.



Events already signed up include Forest Bathing at Rushmere Country Park, an early morning dawn chorus at RSPB The Lodge, historic talks by Bedfordshire Gardens Trust about the Swiss Garden at Shuttleworth and Ickwell Bury, a plant fair, ultra-trail run and celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

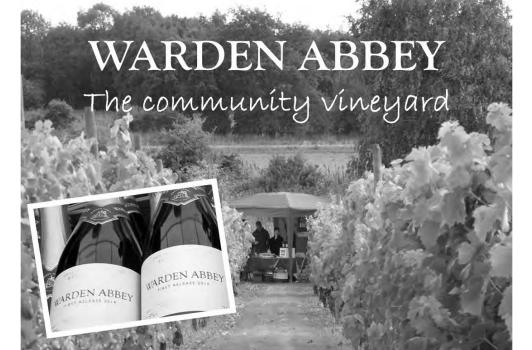
Shuttleworth Executive Director Rebecca Dalley explains how adding your event to the Greensand Country Festival can help promote your local group/ organisation/ business and benefit local people and priorities:

"Supporting the local environment, from nature to commerce and everything in between, has never been more important, in order to ensure we create a sustainable and healthy future for the landscape and the people that live, work and enjoy it.

"Each year, we include our events at Shuttleworth and the Swiss Gardens within the festival programme to help us reach new audiences; share activities hosted by other local organisations to our visitors; and to raise the profile of the unique and much-loved Greensand Country area."

Find out more about the Greensand Country Festival 2022 and add your event or activity to our programme at <u>www.greensandcountry.com</u>. Stay up to date with all of the latest information by following @greensandsocial on Twitter, and @greensandcountry on Facebook and Instagram.





Did you know Bedfordshire's medieval vineyard is now an exciting community project?

This beautiful field near Old Warden was first planted by monks at Warden Abbey. Centuries later, the "Lyttel Vineyard" was re-planted and now produces award-winning wines.

Today, it's an army of volunteers who tend the vines all year round as well as run tours and events, school visits, social & therapeutic horticulture, wildlife and heritage projects.

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Clephill Prescheel News

Hello everyone, we hope you all had a lovely Easter. We hosted Stay and Play Easter Hunt sessions which were very busy despite them being in the first week of the holidays when the sun was hiding away!

We love all seasons here at preschool but there is something about the summer one that just makes our setting even more fun to be in especially as those children due to leave us for their next step in education, be it to schools or on to home ed. just make such a huge amount of progress in this term more than perhaps any other, they mature and really find their feet ready to take the next big step.

We have new children joining us this term and we look forward to welcoming them and their families and we have a new staff member joining us too, Kirsty, she is settling in brilliantly and thoroughly enjoying our outdoor setting.

We have had two other new additions to preschool over the Easter break, one is the willow tunnel very kindly donated by Craig from Habitat



Landscapes. He brought us up a huge bundle of live willow that we planted in as a tunnel that sneaks from the glade area to the climbing hill. It is being keenly looked after by the children and they are ensuring it is kept regularly watered. We can't wait to see it grow and develop, thank you Craig!

Our second addition is a tarp roof over our allotment space, this is so that we can pretty much take ourselves completely outdoors and have snack and lunch out there too. This means there are fewer transitions for the children allowing them to



and learn with fewer engage interruptions. Now the children run the snack shop. We have a shop keeper who receives each child's token and offers them their snack options. The children have loved this easy relaxed snack time and the opportunity to help each other. Thank you very much to our unsung hero Gary, Chris's husband, who has gone above and beyond to help us create our fantastic outdoor area and has once again done a fantastic job.

The children have really enjoyed water play this term and lots of creating concoctions in the mud pit area. They have been painting on our new acrylic painting screen instead of the easel, using the swing, building in the large construction, caring for the chickens and planting sunflower seeds ready for the church fete. We are so pleased that the fete has manged to return so we really appreciate Carolyn and the team pulling it all together again. We are



looking forward to our new staff experiencing this great village event and our children will once again be doing a dance with Katie!

Another event we are delighted to be part of is Clophill's Children's Jubilee Party. Aaron is doing a fantastic job of coordinating a wonderful program of activities for everyone to enjoy. Our area will be open for children to come and explore on the day with staff on hand to chat to them and their families. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone connected to our village come together at what we are sure will be a fun and entertaining community event.

We are very lucky to have people willing to put in such effort to create events such as these, as well as the work put in by other organisations in the village who work hard to bring our community together, it has never been more needed.

Clophill Heritage Trust

Thank you to everyone who visited for our Animal Encounter Event, it was lovely to see so many people enjoying both the animals and tower tours of old St Mary's church. More information on the church can be found online, and you can book tower tours as well:



https://www.clophillecolodges.co.uk/tower-tours

If you would like to become a tower tours volunteer with us please get in touch on 07935 911207 or info@ClophillEcoLodges.co.uk The church has many interesting archaeological and geological features and full training is provided - plus you get to enjoy the spectacular views!

We have some guided walks scheduled for the summer, for all the dates and to book please go to

https://www.clophillecolodges.co.uk/events.

We are also thrilled to announce the return of our musical comedy trio – Kenneth! Back with a whole new show on $19^{th} \& 20^{th}$ August, tickets available online.

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Clophill and District Flower Club

On a lovely April evening Barbara Collins from Peterborough came to demonstrate at our Club meeting. She should have come two years ago but

had to postpone her booking due to the restrictions. Her demonstration lifted

our spirits as the title was 'Brighter Days are Coming' and her designs and flowers were bright, reflecting happy times and she kept us amused by some interesting stories and observations.

She began with a Spring 'window design using pussy willow and yellow and white tulips. This was followed by a tall all-round arrangement with purple and yellow Spring flowers. Then she brightened the stage with a large design using yellow gerbera and orange protea that made us think about exotic holidays. Barbara remined us of occasions we have missed during the past two years and she 'took us to Wimbledon' with a green and purple interpretive arrangement and



stories of visiting and watching the



tennis. She created a beautiful hand-tied bouquet that everyone wanted to win in the raffle before her final design that was in pastel pinks using roses and anthuriums.

There was a large attentive audience and many went home carrying some lovely flowers.

In May we have an Open Meeting with a National Demonstrator from Rugby coming to entertain us and we hope that members and visitors will continue to enjoy our excellent demonstrations and friendly atmosphere. In June we are celebrating our 45th year Anniversary when members will have a social

meeting and reminisce over the past years.

Carolyn Cranswick

Chairman of Clophill and District Flower Club

<u>1821</u>

Baptisms

13 Isaac Coleman, s of William and Mary.

Burials

- 04 Mary (?).
- 20 Mary Garit (?).
- 21 Charles Burley.

<u>1822</u>

Baptisms

12 Sophia Tingay, d of John and Ethel.

Betsy Barnard, d of Thomas and Catherine.

Sarah Thompson (?), d of

- Samuel and Mary.
- Elizabeth Hide (?), d of Thomas and Anne.
- 26 Elizabeth Underwood (?), d of Thomas and Elizabeth.

Burials

29 Mary Ann Horn.

<u>1871</u>

Baptisms

26 Harold Brown, s of Amos and Ann, f a butcher from Maulden.

Marriages

 John Sinfield, 22 to Sarah King, 21.

Burials

- 03 Sophia Titmas, 83.
- 15 John Day, 76.

<u>1872</u>

Baptisms

26 Sydney Roberts, s of Charles and Ellen.

Arthur Brittain, s of Frederick and Julia, f a tailor.

- Peter Peacock, s of (?) and
- Susan, f a shoemaker.

Jane Roberts, d of Alfred and Kezia.

<u>1921</u>

Marriages

11 Henry James Gruber (?), 39 to Ada Hare, 37.

<u>1922</u>

Baptisms

07 Edith Vera Saunders, f a clerk. Kenneth Francis Gibson, f a painter.

Frederick James Harris, f a market gardener.

Sidney James Woodcroft.

Alfred Charles Taylor.

Marian Isabel Roberts, f a miller.

Burials

- 01 Stanley Bushby, 3 weeks.
- 17 Joseph Webb, 77.

<u>1971</u>

Baptisms

09 Julie Justine Chapman. Samantha Jane French.

Burials

17 Florence Mary Ann Lammas, 81.

<u>1972</u>

Baptisms

- 07 Philippa Louise Mayo.
- 21 Darren John Baxter.
- 24 Rosemary Ann Alford. Thomas George Mann.

St Mary's Church Registers for March and April 2022

Baptisms

Mar 27 Dulcie and Dottie Dibden.

Burial of Ashes

Apr 09 John Roland (Jack) Herbert, 95.

Confirmations

Apr 28 Ralph Brough and Joanne Webb.



Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire Northamptonshire

Wildlife walks & talks

Saturday 14 May, start at 10.30am – Totternhoe Nature Reserve (LU6 1QF)

Banking on Butterflies - Field Trip**

Follow-up to our April Zoom talk, join Dr Gwen Hitchcock (Senior Monitoring and Research Officer) for a guided trip to see earthworks created for the 'Banking on Butterflies' project at Totternhoe Quarry reserve. Shaped like a giant 'E' the north and south facing sides will offer butterflies opportunities to warm and cool themselves, something climate change may be making more difficult. (Also see - www.wildlifebcn.org/banking-butterflies-project)

**£3.00 per adult

Open to all.

To reserve a place or for further information please email Ann at

flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring or text on 07580 178889.

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Northamptonshire Registered charity number: 1000412 www.wildlifebcn.org Flit Vale Local Group www.flitvale.org.uk

MILE ROAD ALLOTMENTS Plant Sale Weekend



Our monster plant sale weekend is on the **14th &15th of May**

Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 10am-1pm

Fruit, Flower and Vegetable plants are available and some special little bits for the kids to spend their pennies on. All are welcome!

Mile Road Allotment Association, Mile Road, Bedford, MK42 9UP. Registered Charity Number 1155301

What's on in and around Clophill

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Saturday 14th

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

Thursday 2nd

The Children's Jubilee Party, Clophill Village Hall, 11am – 4pm. See poster in this issue.

Saturday 4th

Clophill Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Clophill House, 2pm – 6pm. *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.

CHURCH SERVICES

Regular services at St Mary's Church, Clophill...

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Regular services at Clophill Methodist Church...

Weekly Worship at the Church, Sundays at 10:30am.

If you have any diary dates that you'd like included on this page, please email clophillspotlight1@hotmail.co.uk



The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 31st May, 7:45pm in Clophill Village Hall.

Village groups

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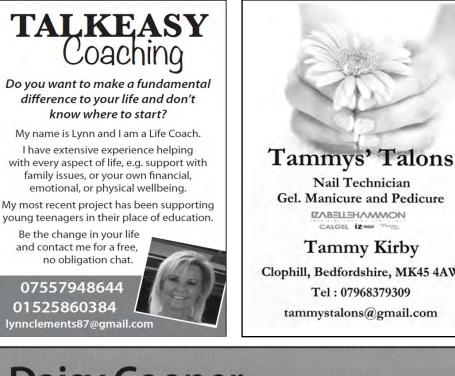
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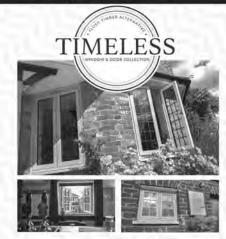
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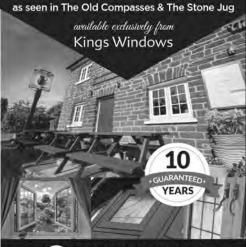
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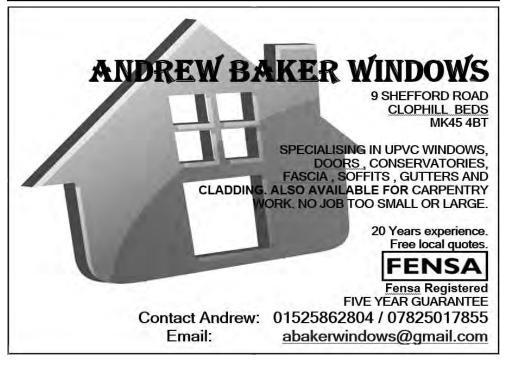
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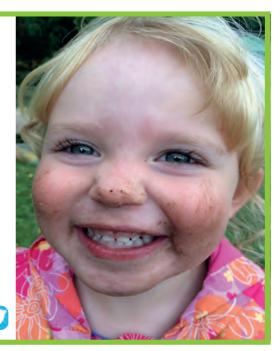
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