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CLOPHILL SPOTLIGHT

JULY 2022

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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the July issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

Thinking of something to write today, I turned back to last July's edition. We were looking for new staff, and had serious worries we could not continue.

A year later we have a full complement of volunteers on the team. Hurrah...

As well as the distribution team, we now have Colin our design manager, Jon our treasurer and most recently 2 new volunteers, Angela and Nigel, to take over the Ad management.

Thank you to you all.

Spotlight takes a break in August, but we will be back with the September issue.

Here's hoping for a glorious summer.

**Best wishes,
Elaine**



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner



It was great to see so many people visiting our wonderful Clophill Gardens during the Open Gardens weekend. Visiting gardens is a great way to gain ideas for your own patch and there is plenty of evidence that just being out in the garden is good for our health and wellbeing.

There are plenty of jobs to think about over the summer, as Spotlight takes a break until September; so this time I've concentrated on things that we can do to keep our gardens full of colour through what I hope will be a warm summer. If you have been growing in pots then keep giving them a weekly feed of a comfrey, nettle or tomato feed to encourage plenty of new flowers. Part 2 of the growing in pots will follow in September when we look at what to grow into the autumn and winter. In the meantime, sowing little and often will keep you in edibles over the summer.

Some of my favourite plants are at their best during July. Delphiniums, Agapanthus, lavender various Clematis, Achillea, Nepeta, late flowering Peonies, Day Lily, Roses, Sweet peas and Honeysuckle are all blooming and the garden is full of beautiful scents. To keep summer plants and bedding at its best and to prolong flowering, it is essential to dead head. The purpose of dead heading is to encourage more flowers. If the flower heads are left on, then the plant switches to seed production and is then very reluctant to flower again. Dead heading, which is cutting off the spent flower head, forces the plant back into the cycle to produce flowers again. Cut the spent flower off just above a leaf node which is where your new flowers will break from.

For some plants, it can be easier to take the shears to the top growth and very often a second growth and flush of flowers will follow, as with Alchemilla mollis and hardy geraniums. This looks drastic but is a great way of rejuvenating these plants.

Early flowering perennials can begin to look a bit tired by July and their foliage is becoming tatty and brown. If these plants are cut back now, many will produce fresh green growth to liven up the border and sometimes even a second flush of flowers. Good candidates for this treatment are Oriental poppies, Alchemilla, hardy geraniums, and Nepeta. Cut back close to the ground, feed and wait a couple of weeks. It can look a bit bare when you first do this but the new growth will soon fill the space.

Now is also a good time to prune early summer-flowering shrubs such as philadelphus, flowering current and weigela after they've blossomed, so they can put on new growth this year that will hold the flowers next summer. As well as cutting back for shape, look for any damaged or dead shoots and cut them out.

There's still time to plant summer bulbs for very late flowers. Try gladioli with deep colours including dark purple Gladiolus 'Espresso' or the beautiful Gladiolus communis subsp. byzantinus with its magenta flowers.

And this month is the perfect time to plant bulbs that will bring colour in autumn; for instance, Autumn crocus, amaryllis and nerine will flower in September and October. The nerines are particularly welcome as they have all the brightness of the early summer blooms with their blasts of pink and white and can make a real difference to the garden as winter draws in.

And finally, now the lawn if it's not parched and, if it's looking tired, July is the last opportunity to apply a summer fertiliser. If it's dry you may need to water it into your lawn.

Happy Gardening

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

The last few weeks have been very busy for our amazing fund-raising group at St. Mary's Church. Following the very successful Village Fete in the churchyard in May, they set to work on the Jubilee celebrations. Nearly 150 orders were taken for picnic boxes for the Garden Party at Clophill House, which were assembled the previous day. There was some



concern when the heavens opened at 1.30 on the day, but prayers were answered and by 2.00 the sun had broken through and more than 200 people of all ages enjoyed wonderful afternoon in Abi and Giles's beautiful garden. We were entertained by a singing group formed of members of Clophill and Maulden churches, with songs from the shows and patriotic tunes for us to join in. Pimms flowed like water and everyone had a jolly good time!

The next morning we held a special Jubilee service of hymns and readings, followed by yet more Pimms!

There was no time for rest for the group as they turned to organising the Open Gardens weekend. 12 gardens were generously opened across the village, with a variety of types and sizes on show, all of them very inspiring to the visitors, who came from far and wide to enjoy our lovely village.

We are truly grateful to all who opened their gardens and all who visited.

For all 3 events we were blessed with fine weather and the resulting funds raised will help put the church back onto a better financial footing, so that we can begin to think about carrying out the essential repairs to the building which we started on before Covid struck.

St Mary's School News

*from Mrs. Bingley our
Headteacher*

We're having a lovely last half term of the academic year here at St. Mary's.

We started off the half term with some of our Year 4's representing St. Mary's at a Tennis Festival alongside other local schools. As usual, the children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and had a really fun morning.



On Friday 10th June we held our Jubilee celebration day in school. In the morning each class made a time capsule box, with children bringing in items that they would put in the box that they would want children in 70 years time to know about! Of course, we didn't bury their items! Instead we took pictures and the children wrote why they would want children of the future to know about these things. We got an amazing variety of ideas and a sample of what was brought in can be seen in pictures on our Facebook page.

In the afternoon we then all processed around our playground, wearing crowns we had made and waving flags. We stood and sang the National Anthem before sitting down together on long tables in the back playground to enjoy an 'afternoon tea' of scones and fruit! Whilst we ate, we held our very own pageant where brave children demonstrated some of the talents and skills they learn in clubs out of school. We had fantastic gymnastics displays, Irish dancing, Tae Kwon Do and musical performances. It was truly a special afternoon.

As we moved through the rest of June and into July there was lots of transition work going on. Preparing our children for their next class or, with regards particularly to Oak class, their next school. We will miss our Oak class children, it's always sad to say goodbye to them every year, but we know they will go onto doing even greater things in the future and we send them off with all our love and luck. Of course, Oak are not allowed to leave without travelling to Caythorpe Court, the outdoor and adventure location we take them for their residential treat! This happened at the very end of June and, as always, the children had an amazing time tackling heights and problem solving together!

Our Year 2s also got a bit sporty attending a Cricket Festival at Woodland Middle School. Again, having a really fun time and representing our school brilliantly.

Speaking of sports, we could finally hold our annual Sports Day in front of an audience of parents for the first time in, it feels like, forever! This is always a popular morning with group activities followed by our usual races!

We really enjoyed working with the local community to be part of the Open Gardens at the end of June. FOSM had worked really hard to make our grounds even more beautiful than they usually are and each class also created planters, out of recycled materials, to showcase some of our green fingers! It's lovely being part of the special community that is Clophill and we are looking forward to growing this link again now that we can over the next academic year.

We will be back to school on **Monday 5th September** and, until then, we wish you a wonderful Summer.

If you would like to find out more information about our wonderful school then please contact us by email; generaladmin@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk or check out our website; <https://www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk/> and/or Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/clophillstmarysschool>

Jake the School Dog:

Jake really enjoyed attending our Jubilee celebrations. Probably mostly because it meant he could catch crumbs of errant scones that escaped the table tops after the children had eaten ☺. He has also been involved in our transition processes – visiting some of our new children who are due to join us from pre-school. As you know, Jake is our Wellbeing dog, but we've also been considering his wellbeing so, from the middle of June, Jake no longer comes into school on a Thursday. He spends that day having some much needed rest and relaxation in doggy day care instead!



Acorn Nursery news

from Mrs. Hayes our Nursery Manager and Early Years Leader

Every day in Acorn Nursery is full of adventure with space and opportunity to explore, experiment and play freely both inside and outside - children have a choice to move where they would like to - this is called Free Flow Play to enable them to become independent learners and give them the choice to find the learning style that suits them best; and play where they are most comfortable.

The children enjoyed activities to prepare for our school Jubilee party, including making crowns, designing crowns by placing buttons, colouring bookmarks, playing with 'royal crown' glittery playdough, junk modelling castles, and pretending to be the Queen in our role play area. The children were very excited to show us the items they bought in for our class time capsule and it was lovely to see so many.

We celebrated World Ocean Day by exploring why our oceans are full of rubbish and looked at how we can help to save sea creatures from it. We enjoyed playing 'Octonauts' and having undersea adventures, coloured, cut out and discussed creatures that live in the sea and of course lots of water play outside rescuing sea creatures and also giving them a good wash with a flannel!

As it was Healthy Eating week in June, we enjoyed making, cutting out and wearing vegetable masks, ordering fruit by size, problem solving vegetable jigsaws, sorting food into healthy/unhealthy, guessing which vegetable in the 'what am i?' game and fitness with a special 'Munch and Crunch' Sticky kids! With the funds raised at the Church fete, we have also bought a blender and christened it by making 'Vegtastic Smoothies' which the children enjoyed tasting.

We have spaces available in our superb Nursery for September 2022, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in a place please email me at nursery@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk. We take children from 2 years old at any point in the year, accept 2- and 3-year-old funding and welcome visits to come and experience our fantastic setting.

Explore Greensand Country

As residents of Greensand Country there is a wealth of beautiful countryside for you to explore. Start your exploration by visiting the recently launched Greensand Country website www.greensandcountry.com, where you will find

lots of new local walking, running and cycling routes. A free interactive map will lead you on your way, it will show you lots of points of interest and is easily downloaded to your phone ready for your adventure. Over the next six months we'll be widening your possibilities with more walks, cycle routes and horse riding routes to keep you finding new things to explore by visiting our website.



Acorn Nursery News Cont.

Our Value for July is: *Courage and Confidence*

In school, we try to link our values to key events during the year; sometimes the Church calendar and at other times, related to school life. Our Y4 children are all moving on to new schools and the children within the school are moving to new classes. It is a challenging time for all of them and so 'Courage' seems an appropriate value to study at this time. We hope that the children will be able to approach their new challenges with confidence, and be able to articulate and understand their feelings at this emotional time. We will consider how to overcome fears by being with and confiding in other people, friends and family. Nothing is ever as frightening when you are not alone. We will look at examples of people who have shown courage and reflect on times when we have been brave, examining how that made us feel. It is important that we stress that bravery doesn't just relate to physical feats but also to daily words and actions such as being honest and owning up to something, even when you know you will be in trouble, or standing up for what you know is right even when others might be against you.

At home, you could discuss our thought for the month' with your children and decide what you think it means:

'Sometimes the biggest act of courage is a small one.'

This month, as a family, you could have a go at doing something reasonably challenging and see it through to the end; it could be something like jumping into a swimming pool for the first time, having a shot at ice skating or removing stabilisers from a bike. Encourage your children to be honest about their fears and try to overcome them bravely and confidently together.

Katherine Concerts **running to the end July.**

Bringing outstanding classical music to the heart of Amptill. In the beautiful acoustic of Amptill's Methodist Church, the weekly afternoon recitals feature local musicians and graduates from the Royal College of Music.



The next 45-minute recital is on Friday 15th July at 2pm. Come and enjoy some wonderful music from Freya Turton and Margaret Johnson, Soprano and Piano, then enjoy a cuppa and a cake with your fellow music lovers. Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Katherine-Concerts> or cash sales at 'Absolutely Shabbylass'.

CLOPHILL UNITED CHARITIES - Vacancy

The Clophill United Charities - or 'Dearmer Money' as it is often referred to locally, is the combination of several charitable trusts some of which were set up nearly 400 years ago. It has an obligation to help those in need in the parish of Clophill, although 'no person is entitled to benefit as of right'.

Through the forethought and benevolence of residents and friends of former centuries, the current Trustees of CUC are able to continue the tradition of helping Clophill residents where all applications for Relief in Need are treated with the greatest confidentiality.

Trustees serve a term of four years after which they can be re-elected.

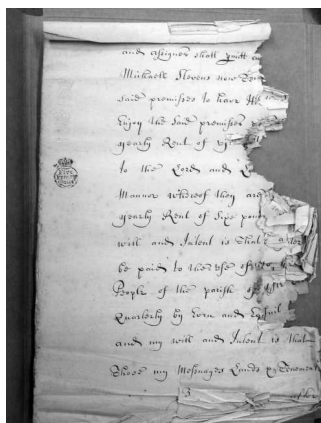
Sadly, there will be a vacancy in January 2023, due to a long serving and greatly valued member standing down when his current term of office comes to an end. If you would like to help those in need in your village and apply for this position, please contact the Clerk, Mrs Valerie Martin 01525 860900 / cucclerk@gmail.com - for details.

Thomas Dearman's Charity (Now part of Clophill United Charities)

Thomas Dearman died in 1630 and is buried in Old St Mary's churchyard. In his will he left "2 acres and 2 allotments of 6a, 3r, 29p and 1a, 3r, 2p". The rent from this land was to be used "*For the benefit of poor labourers not receiving parish relief*".

This is the epitaph written on the gravestone of Thomas Dearman in a quaint manner. (The gravestone has since been lost.)

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The will of Thomas Dearman.
Bedfordshire Archives & Record Office [P45/25/01]

The Children's Jubilee Party

Creating this exciting event brought different communities from the area together all in one place, the wonderful village hall. Clophill encouraged, engaged with theatre, listened to stories and played and created art together. This Children's Jubilee Party in Clophill was a project that sparked conversation, creativity and most importantly celebration, increasing engagement for the children and local families of Clophill.



The event was opened by the first group of children as they arrived at the Clophill Village Hall for 11am. Once officially opened the day grew in terms of numbers of the community of Clophill. The day consisted of a programme of activity including

Theatrical Performances from Riki Cycle a puppet musical encouraging recycling; and Pidges Big Adventure a suitcase story all about our Greensand Country. We had the amazing St Marys School and The Studio performing for everyone as well as Gemma the teacher delivering an interactive and exciting workshop.



Discovery Stations included designing Garden Pots with the Eco Lodges, Nature

and Play with the Clophill Pre-School; and various games and activities with the local stall holders.

The Interactive Trail finding the word QUEEN around the village was a terrific addition to the event, with the audience leaving with a delightful bag of sunflower seeds that should encourage an interest in nature and our countryside.

The Celebration Parade was the finale of a truly positive and successful day. The children from Clophill showed everyone at the event their newly created crowns and flags made at the Arts and Crafts area with Mary. A bubble party and celebration of the day with everyone involved was the perfect end to the day.

I would like to thank everybody in the village who helped make this day possible; and for those who attended and had a wonderful time. Let's hope a similar event will happen again next year!

Aaron Spendelow - Creative Producer



Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1

By Sue Pearson

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

John Sheppard was born in 1887, one of 11 children born to Market Gardener David and his wife Lucy. The family lived in the High Street. John married Kate Roberts in 1913 and was called up in 1918 when he had a thriving Market Gardening business and a young family. He joined the Staffordshire Regiment but developed Meningitis later in 1918 and was dangerously ill. He recovered slowly and was demobbed in 1919. His wife died in 1938 and in 1939 John was living in Simpson's Hill (just to the west of the A6 garage) with his 2 daughters and they all worked as agricultural labourers. John died in 1941 and is buried at the Old Church with his wife.

Ernest Shotbolt was born in 1891 – son of Mary Ann. It is believed that Mary had 8 children. He was a Private in the 2nd/4th Royal Scots Fusiliers. He joined in June 1916. After training in the UK he was declared medically unfit and because of ill health invalided out of the service in March 1918.

He lived at 4 Barton Cottages, High Street, Clophill in 1911 and was a Farm Labourer. The head of the household was his Step Father, James Page, a 62-year-old Police Pensioner. James had been married to Ernest's mother, Mary Ann for 4 years. Ernest had also been married to James's daughter, Grace for 1 year. So not only was Ernest James's Stepson but he was also his son-in-law. Also residing at the house were Ernest's brother, Walter (see below), a farm Labourer and James Edward (an infant), the son of Ernest and Grace. Ernest died in 1924.

Walter Shotbolt – brother of Ernest above, was born in 1894. He was a farm labourer. He joined the Grenadier Guards in 1915 and so was awarded the star medal. He married Ethel Sheppard in London in 1917. At the time of his marriage Walter states that his father is Arthur Shotbolt, (deceased) a veterinary surgeon, however his mother has stated in every Census that she was single.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Grenadier Guards

Regimental No. 1528 Rank Pte Name Shotbolt Walter

Enlisted (a) 1-1-15 Terms of Service (a) 5 years or War Service reckons from (a) 1-1-15

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Date	Report from whom specified	Place	Date	Remarks
6.10.15	O.C.	Transferred to 4th Battalion.	6.10.15	
6.11.15	G.O.C.	Embarked Southampton	6.11.15	
14.10.15	O.C. S.F.A.	Joined Battalion	14.10.15	
19.10.15	O.C. S.F.A.	Adm. S.F.A. <u>Wounded Shank</u>	19.10.15	
19.10.15	O.C. S.F.A.	1. Sub. Hosp.	19.10.15	
5.11.15	O.C.	To duty Guards Div Base Depot	5.11.15	
18.11.15	O.C. S.P.A.D.	To 7th Entrenching Battalion.	18.11.15	
23.12.15	O.C.	10 Battalion.	23.12.15	
5.1.16	O.C. S.F.A.	Adm. S.F.A. <u>Disch</u>	5.1.16	E.P. 1572
7.1.16	O.C. S.F.A.	1. Sub. Hosp.	7.1.16	
10.1.16	O.C. S.F.A.	2. Sub. Hosp.	10.1.16	
12.1.16	O.C. S.F.A.	Can. Depot	12.1.16	
23.2.16	O.C. S.P.A.D.	Arrived Guards Div Base Depot	23.2.16	Class A
29.3.16	O.C. S.F.A.	Adm. S.F.A. <u>Infirmary</u>	29.3.16	
30.3.16	O.C. S.F.A.	Can. Depot	30.3.16	
14.4.16	O.C. S.P.A.D.	Arrived Guards Div Base Depot	14.4.16	Class A

(To be completed by the commanding officer of the unit to which the soldier is transferred.)

In his military papers it is stated that he now lives in Ripley, Derbyshire and had been working as a Collier. Ampthill news reported several times on Arthur- In 1915 "Pte. Shotbolt, of the Coldstream Guards, has written home stating that a shell burst near the trench he was in, and he was buried in the debris. His ears are affected, and he is at present in hospital at Rouen." Then in 1916 that he had written to his brother Ernest, that he has returned to the trenches. Later in 1916 the paper says no news has been received of Walter, for several weeks. It is believed that he had been a Prisoner of War during 1918. Walter was demobbed in 1920. By 1939 he and Ethel were living in Wimbledon with their daughter and he was a Police Officer. He died aged 79 in Merton, London.

A S Simpson was a Corporal in the 1st Queen's (Royal Surrey Regiment). He joined in April 1917 and in March 1918 he was despatched to France. He saw service at Albert and Le Cateau. He was also engaged on clerical duties with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at GHQ at Wimereux and Boulogne. He was demobilised in April 1920 and he received the General Service Medal and the Victory Medal. He lived at High Street, Clophill. This is probably Alfred Simpson but nothing further is known for certain.

Frederick Simpson was born in Clophill in 1885. The family lived on the High Street. At the age of 15 he was living as a boarder and working as a "sizer" in Rushden. By 1911 he was working as a tailor in Peterborough, living with his future wife Madeline Sharman and her father. In 1919 Ampthill News reported that he had been home to visit his father (thought to be William Harwood, husband of Sarah née Simpson) and was in billets east of Cologne and was still working as a regimental tailor. It is believed that he died in 1933 but nothing further is certain.

Part-time Vacancy - Clophill Village Hall

Clophill Village Hall are looking for a part-time (about 10 hours per month) handy person to help with general maintenance support including basic repairs and general gardening duties in and around the hall.



The role is for the summer and autumn months but may eventually be permanent. Would suit someone living in Clophill, possibly retired, and likes to work very flexibly.

Payment is £10 per hour and the individual would act as a 'sole trader' rather than an employee of the Village Hall.

As we operate a Pre School at the hall on most days of the week, the successful applicant will have to be willing to undergo a basic CRB check which will be funded by the Village Hall.

If you are interested in this role, just email me with some basic details about yourself and why you think this role might suit you. My email address is slanghorn101@gmail.com

Steve Langhorn

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*



This very topical cover photo from June 1977, shows “a **fancy-dress parade**, a decorated bicycle and the Union Flag prominently displayed. We believe the photograph was taken shortly after the First World War, probably as part of the victory celebrations, however on this point we are uncertain. We thank Mrs Tufnell for the use of the photograph, together with the residents whose photos have appeared on other recent editions.” This was the ‘Cover Picture’ write-up and first article of the magazine.

Following this, details of “our first ever **Holiday Photograph Competition**” are announced. There were to be two categories – ‘Most Amusing Holiday Photograph’, the winner to “receive free admission for two persons at any Luton or Bedford cinemas” and ‘Most

Impressive Holiday Photograph’, the winner to be “taken on a guided tour of a photographic processing unit, by courtesy of Kodak”.

Of course, this was **Jubilee year** – her Majesty’s Silver - so all things Jubilee were advertised (does this remind you if anything more recent?). At the **Summer Fete** there was to be a Fancy dress competition (3 age groups), entrants to join the float procession; a Silver Jubilee Decorated Bicycle (2 age groups) and a poster competition (3 age groups). Also, in April “eight girls competed for the coveted title of ‘**Carnival Princess 1977**’ Those taking part were Adrienne Gardiner, Shanette Telford, Clare Gee, Karen Sizeland, Linda Howell, Donna Dobrowloski, Elizabeth Brennan and Bryony Brown”. Shanette won, with Bryony and Donna as “maids of honour on the Jubilee float which will lead the procession to the fete”. (I well remember helping to decorate many a fete float for the school along with Carolyn Cranswick and Carol Whysall back in the day). Other exciting Jubilee events were planned “**Win a Jubilee Doll** – make a list of as many words as possible from the letters in SILVER JUBILEE– and the lucky winner will receive a beautifully dressed Jubilee Doll valued at £2; a **children’s Disco** on 1st July and on 2nd July - a Silver **Jubilee Dance**, with tickets @ £1.75 including buffet.

A Fete Committee fundraising Sponsored walk had taken place in Wrest Park on 15th May when “twenty walkers battled away in an attempt to win one of the two awards for raising the most money for the fund”.

Now, here are some of the walkers you might recognise:

Raymond Alford, Jane and Mark Ashton, Phillip Barratt, Donna and Lee Beatty, Jackie and Sarah Eaton, Adam, Jane and Janet Latchford, Elizabeth Lawrence, Jonathan McGrath, Gavin Selth and Tim Sheppard.

An extra half-page slip was entitled '**Little Lane Jubilee Street Party**'

and it gave an account of this lovely day which saw adults and children resident in Great Lane, the central part of the High Street and The Causeway, enjoying sports for all in the garden of Mrs Edwards (6, Little Lane). “To complete the sporting activity, Little Lane and Great Lane proved their superiority over the High Street, by winning both the children’s and father’s Tug O’War. Tea was now waiting, mountains of sandwiches, cakes, sausages, crisps, ice cream and jellies, prepared by Mrs Baldwin, Mrs S. Myers and Mrs Betty Hampson. The Rector sang grace, and undaunted by two showers, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.



The Lane was decorated with flags and the sixty or so children received jubilee paper crowns made by Mrs Sizeland. Smarties were given by Mr & Mrs Sharp and lollipops by Mrs Stokes”. Now doesn’t that just resonate with the wonderful Jubilee afternoon and weekend we enjoyed over June 4th and 5th?

Parish Registers for July

1821

Marriages

- 25 Alexander Gordon Carter (?) to
Mary Ann Sherlock (?)

Burials

- 28 Ann Wild (?)

1822

Baptisms

- 21 Thomas Webb, s of John and
Sarah.
28 George Odel (sic), s of William
and Susannah.
30 Matthew Sharp, s of Henry and
Rebecca.

Marriages

- 17 William Walduck (?) to Martha
Masters.

Burials

- 12 James Ansil (?)

1871

Marriages

- 05 John Edwards, 30 to Rosa Lois (?)

1872

Baptisms

- 28 Edward Goodhall, s of John and
Laura.
Henry Tingey, s of Thomas and
Ellen.
Benson Doggett, s of William
and Hannah.
Ellen Bottoms, d of Sophia.
Lizzie Page, d of Edward and
Charlotte.

1921

Marriages

- 01 Frederick Edgar Kirby, 29 to
Florence Sarah Jeffrey, 20.

Burials

- 07 George Grummitt, 89.
15 Caroline Harris, 76.

1922

Baptisms

- 02 Herbert William Augustus
Endersby.
Phyllis Sylvia Kate West.
09 Freda Hellen Perkins, f a
signalman.

Burials

- 31 William Joseph Fennemore, 78.

1971

Baptisms

- 04 Gareth Lewis.
18 Andrew Charles Craig.
Graham Paul Everitt.

1972

Baptisms

- 30 Daniel Gavin Charles Holmes.

Parish Registers for August

1871

Baptisms

- 27 Thomas John Fisher Sharp, s of George and Elizabeth.
Frederick Bushby, s of John and Emma.

Burials

- 02 Susan Stevens, 21.

1872

Baptisms

- 10 Arthur Gaylor, s of Samuel and Charlotte.
12 Harriet Ellen Chapman, d of Laurence and Mary-Ann f a bricklayer.
25 Albert Roberts, s of John and Ann.
Elizabeth Bone, d of James and Charlotte.
Albert William Clark, s of William and Mary.
Florence Whittamore, adult.

Burials

- 24 Lucy Lincoln, 29.

1921

Marriages

- 05 Alfred John Daniels, 23 to Nellie Dorothy Durston, 21.
28 Herbert Archibald Gibson, 30 to Florence Daisy Ellis, 30.

1922

Baptisms

- 06 Frederick Charles Lincoln.
Frank Mead, f a carpenter.

1971

Baptisms

- 20 Rebecca Victoria Humphries.
Kerry Jane Bates.
Peter Kenneth James, all of Maulden.
Jonathan Christopher Dibb.
Lisa Ann Foster.
Elaine Lisa Cook.

Marriages

- 30 Clive Robert Baxter, 21 to Dorothy Mary Bristow, 17.

1972

Marriages

- 12 Sidney Christopher Bradshaw, to Helene Elizabeth Emily Schumann.

St. Mary's Church Registers for June 2022

Funeral followed by Burial at the Old Church

- 08 Nicola Jayne Jenner (nee Maughan) 57.
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Clophill Methodist Church News

We have had a busy few months. We supported St Mary's church at the Village Fete in May with a stall, followed by having a stall at the Queens Jubilee Party at the Village Hall. We will have also opened our church garden for this years Open Gardens Scheme. Thank you to all who continue to support our weekly Tea and Chat on a Wednesday and our Coffee and Croissants on the second Saturday of the month.

Future events to look forward to, are our Harvest Festival in September along with the Sponsored Bike and Hike in aid of the Historic Churches Trust.

Nicola Wood on behalf of Clophill Methodist Church.



Coffee and Croissants Clophill Methodist



Church
10am to 12 noon
Saturday 9th July
All Welcome

Welcome Back!!



Messy Church @ Clophill Methodist Church

Saturday 9th July

4-5:30pm including hotdog supper

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Clophill Parish Council



The village Jubilee celebrations were a great success and enjoyed by all. The winners of the best dressed House competition were:

1st Prize of a champagne meal at the Flying Horse goes to Rebecca Bullough - Little Lane.

2nd prize of a gift from the Co Op goes to Michelle Akay - High Street.

Volunteer of the Month – The Chairmans Fund.

Jane and Barry Breed were presented with their certificate for May's award, for all their hard work in conservation and ecology in the village (see photo). Next month's proposals were discussed and Julie Benson was proposed for untiring work across multiple groups and charities within the village.



Nominations are welcome from villagers for individuals who have contributed to the village. There is no age limit on the award. Please email the clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk.

The purpose of Clophill Parish Council's Chairman's Fund ("the Fund") is to foster and promote community spirit by rewarding examples of community-oriented behaviours, thereby enabling:

- a. Improved wellbeing – by reminding people to be on the look-out for unsolicited acts of kindness, generosity, etc.;
- b. Improved recognition and appreciation of people who contribute to village life.

In other news the GST have put in planning for the visitor centre and have had feedback from CBC that they are taking on board. They have also found remains of a medieval village. Events up and coming include, hedge planting in Aug/Sept, and tree planting in September for 3.5K. trees. Next meeting to be set up for July.

There was much discussion over the A6 Roundabout consultation. Including the bridge, reducing speed limits, and moving of the bus stops. The consultation is still open and everyone is encouraged to make their views known via the CBC website before it ends. The CPC resolved to object to the scheme in its current format, and draft a letter covering all the areas of concern. The CPC also resolved to try to meet with the design team for the scheme.

Heyward Homes requested an update meeting with Cllr Walford and Rodell. They made CPC aware of their intention to consult with the village on a potential development behind the old water works. HH have been successful in a tender with 3 landowners. They are looking at possible planning for up to 38 units, a mix of affordable and market homes. HH are consulting on Wednesday 6th July with the village, at the Methodist Church.

Planning

CB/22/02060/FULL

Location: 5 Fossey Grove

Proposal: Single storey front and rear extensions

SUPPORT

CB/22/02058/FULL

Location: The Retreat, Kiln Lane

Proposal: Erection of a rear extension **SUPPORT**

Reply to Greenwoods consultation as agreed at CPC meeting 31/05/22

OBJECT

CB/22/02109/FULL

Location: 2 Tanqueray Avenue

Proposal: Ground floor rear extension, first floor side and rear extension. Garage conversion and alteration to the entrance.

NO COMMENT

CB/22/02204/FULL

Location: 2 Pear Tree Close

Proposal: Garage loft conversion with new dormer and change the roof pitch to 45-degree.

OBJECT

CB/18/01969/OUT

Location: Land between Brogborough, Lidlington and Marston Moretaine

Proposal: Outline Application: development for up to 5,000 new homes specialist residential accommodation, up to 30ha of employment land, retail, community, open spaces, leisure and sport uses, hotel uses, four lower schools, two middle schools, one upper school, woodland planting, waterbodies and waterway links, ecological areas, accesses, cycle and pedestrian routes, supporting infrastructure, ground remodelling, landscaping and demolition works.

NO COMMENT

**The next Parish Council meeting is on
Tuesday 26th July, at 7:45pm
in the Clophill Village Hall.**

A Letter of Thanks to Clophill:

Pat and Bill want to say a sincere '*Thank you*' to our wonderful neighbours and friends in Jacques Lane and Clophill for the beautiful flowers and cards sent on our recent bereavement. We especially want to thank our special friends Kim Bray, Dawn Eaton and Eileen Palmer and all who have supported us at this very difficult time.

Pat & Bill Maughan

Clophill and District Flower Club Sapphire Anniversary



On 9th June the current members had a very special evening to celebrate the 45+1 Anniversary of Clophill and District Flower Club. On arrival they were greeted with a glass of fizz and had the opportunity to meet up with friends and to look at an exhibition of flower arrangements from the past four decades. Styles have changed over the years with influences from Europe, leading arrangers and contemporary design.



A delicious buffet meal was served with more drinks. The tables were decorated with sapphire blue and white flowers. Then after dinner everyone was entertained by various members, past and present, giving their reflections and reminiscences of Club activities over the past years. We were joined by our Area Chairman Audrey Balderstone and past Chairman Judy Pitts.

The Club was started in 1976 by Barbara Hudson but many of the existing Committee were founder members. The Club then moved to the old Village Hall and now to the 'new' one. The Club has flourished over the years and now has 76 members from a wide area. It has had many successes such as winning medals at Chelsea, winning competitions in the Home Counties Area and exhibiting at many Flower festivals, including Westminster Abbey. The Club is very active and regularly arrange the flowers for weddings, dinners and other special occasions. Part of the income is donated to charity. Each year we give an average of £1,000 to local charities.

We, also, hold workshops and classes and organise trips to gardens and flower Shows. Our aim is to entertain, inspire and provide a warm, friendly Club for all who love flowers, floral design and enjoy the company of friends.



**Our next meeting is
1st September with a
demonstration 'Autumn Glory'
by Alan Smith.**

Visitors are very welcome

Hello everyone, we have all been busy enjoying the lovely sunny weather. The impact of the Jubilee lasted long into this half term with the children painting the 'queen screen' for them to add their faces to and lots of play involving queens and kings, princes and princesses....and of course the odd dragon! The children also had a Jubilee tea at preschool wearing the crowns they made and drinking from real tea cups.



Our children are always very creative when outside, this half term they have been making up their own stories, painting on the clear painting board and building dens. Some of our children designed their



own trim trail and built it, when we consider the skills used in just this simple process it can be a little staggering: the needed to firstly understand what we had that they could use, then draw out a plan of what should go where, then work together to carry the resources and work to the plan to copy the design – look at all those ideas, that creativity, the maths, the mark making and collaboration needed, to mention just

a few skills.

The Adventure Friday troop took a walk down to the post office to buy stamps and post their achievement postcards that the staff send to parents to celebrate the big and little events in children's lives. They also posted a parcel of their own drawings and writings to their pen pal over in America. Jesse and his family had been part of preschool for quite a while with Jesse joining us just after Easter last year. A few weeks ago, the family moved back to America, and we have been keeping in touch with them; sending videos and letters from the children and Jesse sends us things back. The children are delighted to see their friend on screen and Jesse's mum shares videos of Jesse opening up his parcels from preschool.



We'd like to thank all the various teachers for visiting us from the 14 schools our children are venturing to. It has been great to meet them and get the opportunity to discuss the children joining them, a big shout out to Jake the dog from St Mary's who also took a trip up to us, thank you Tracy.

This half term always flies by and we have some exciting events to look forward to as we head towards the holidays. We are holding our sports day on a Saturday as we have so many parents wanting to come. We will have a mixture of activities from sandpit jump to tyre skittles and the log scramble followed by children's races and the pinnacle..... the parent's race! Always a great day.

We are holding another parent social, no children required, a chance for parents joining us, staying with us and leaving us to meet, relax and chat. We also have Animal Edge farm visiting us and our graduation picnic for our leavers which generally has everyone sobbing.

Before we know it, it will be the start of a new preschool year and not just any year, but our 10th. How far we have come! We look forward to meeting all our new children and their families. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Village groups

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Conservation Group	Brian Adams	862297
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Indoor Carpet Bowls	Tony Meredith	860754
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	fosmclophill@gmail.com	
Scouts and Cubs	www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved	
Tea and Chat	Anita Errick	860695
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Marylin Browning	07821 643936

What's on in and around Clophill

JULY

Saturday 9th

Coffee and Croissants, Methodist Church, 10am – 12noon
See poster in this issue.

Saturday 9th

Messy Church, IS BACK!!, 4pm – 5:30pm in the Methodist Church.
See poster in this issue.
Future dates will be published on this page when they are released.

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...

1st Sunday	8am, Holy Communion. 11am, Family Praise
2nd and 4th Sundays.	11am, Parish Communion.
3rd Sunday	11am, Morning Praise

Regular services at Clophill Methodist Church...

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Mr Steve Grylls stevegrylls24@gmail.com	01525 860076

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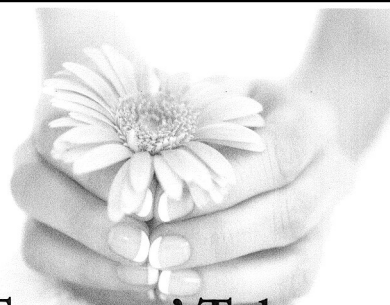
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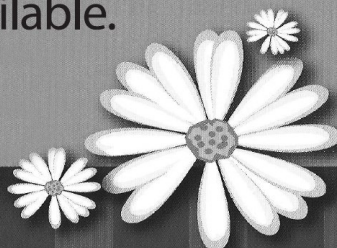
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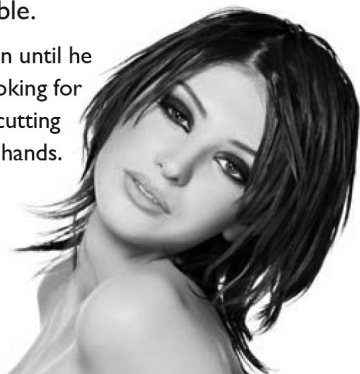
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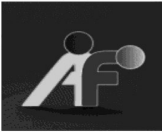
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