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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the September issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

Welcome back after our Summer break!!

I hope you all have had a fabulous summer, despite the few unbearable days when we all sweltered in the heat.

If anyone is a budding photographer and would like to join our team, please take a look at the Ad on page 4.

We are looking for someone to fill a new role to take local interesting and seasonal photographs for the front page.

Best wishes,

Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner



The last month or so has been one of the most challenging times for gardening in a long time but the recent rain has certainly helped revive some of the plants and fill the water butts too.

September is a month of transition as the temperature starts to drop and the days start to shorten, but there is still plenty of colour to be had and lots of growing to be done.

One of the easiest ways to add early spring colour is to sow some hardy annuals directly into gaps in your garden. As you weed or remove plants that didn't survive the summer, mix some compost into the soil, and then thinly sow the seeds, rake so they are lightly covered and remember to add a label, so you don't weed them out!! There are lots to choose from including cornflower, poppy, larkspur, poached egg plant, snap dragons, and marigold. If you want a mix of plants, then many of the seed companies are offering mixed packets of butterfly and bee friendly seeds.

If you have been growing in pots, then you might have noticed that the edges of the plants have been nibbled or have suddenly died. It's very possible that you have Vine Weevils. The white grubs will eat the roots and the adults (all female) will eat the leaves while laying eggs in the soil. The only way to solve the issue is to use nematodes in the pots to break the life cycle and now is the best time of year to apply them.

If you want something edible then its not too late to sow varieties of winter lettuce, oriental greens such as Pak choi, winter spinach and spring onions. These will all grow very happily in pots in a sheltered spot or cold greenhouse and will enable you to add fresh greens to your meals through the winter months. You can still get hold of plug plants of leeks and some of the loose leaved kales and these will also grow well in containers. You will just need to protect the cabbages from the pigeons with some fleece.

Now is also the best time of year to divide those early flowering perennials. The following is a list of those that would benefit from this. Agapanthus, Anemone, Aster, Bergenia (elephant's ears), lily-of-the-valley, Crocosmia, Delphinium, Epimedium, hardy Geranium, daylily, Hosta, and primula.

Lift plants gently with a garden fork, working outwards from the crown's centre to limit root damage. Shake off excess soil so that roots are clearly visible. Some plants, such as Ajuga (bugle), produce individual plantlets which can simply be teased out and replanted. Small, fibrous-rooted plants such as Heuchera, Hosta and Epimedium can be lifted and pulled apart gently. This should produce small clumps for replanting. Large, fibrous-rooted perennials, such as daylily, require two garden forks inserted into the crown back-to-back. Use these as levers to loosen and break the root mass into two sections, before dividing them into smaller clumps.

Plant them as soon as possible and water them in well. They can either be replanted in the same area, taking the opportunity to mix in a little garden compost or other soil improver first, or moved to a new part of the garden. Alternatively, pot up individually to build up size, overwinter them somewhere sheltered and then they can be shared with friends and neighbours or replanted somewhere else in the spring.

This has been a challenging summer but with a little planning and preparation our gardens will look fabulous all year round.

Happy Gardening

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

After the hectic time in June, life at St. Mary's has settled back into the routine of weekly services during the holiday months. We were delighted that the school returned to the church for the first time since the pandemic struck for the leavers' service, and we're looking forward to welcoming them back many times in the future.



In August we held a Summer Praise service instead of the usual Family Service, when people chose and introduced hymns and readings that were significant in their lives. This was much appreciated. The following week we went to Maulden to celebrate our joint Patronal Festival, where the Archdeacon challenged us to emulate 5 attributes of The Virgin Mary. This was followed by a most enjoyable barbecue under the trees in the churchyard. At that service both churches received the bronze Eco-award for our efforts to protect and enhance the environment. Now we will set to work to achieve the silver award, building on the work we have done over the past 20 years.

In September we are starting 2 new initiatives. A new group has been formed to go into the school to restart Open the Book, dramatising Bible stories. Then on alternate Monday afternoons there will be a Bible study session at 59, High Street. Please let us know if you would like to join us. You'd be very welcome.

We are also giving people more opportunities for prayer, especially at this time when life is feeling precarious. We have a regular informal Prayer Group meeting on Thursdays at 9.30 am. If that feels daunting, there is a Prayer Tree on the altar in the Chapel with leaves for your prayer or you could light a candle for your prayer. Alternatively, you can leave a prayer request in the box in the porch. We hope you will find one of these opportunities helpful.

SPOTLIGHT

INTRODUCING

New role on the Spotlight team

**We are looking for an Amateur
photographer who would like to join
the Spotlight team as Frontpage
manager.**

Someone to take seasonal pictures in and around the
village for the magazine front cover.

Are you interested?

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



Clophill Parish Council

(Meeting held on 27th July 2022)

Volunteer of the Month – The Chairmans Fund.



Julie Benson was presented with the certificate for June's award, for all her untiring work across multiple groups and charities within the village, including CUC, St Mary's Church, Clophill Community Care and Spotlight.

Steve Rodell also caught up with our busy April nominee's, Kat Southin and Emily Roberts (picture below), to present them with their awards and see the ambulance they have raised funds for and just sent to Ukraine.

We encourage all parishioners to nominate individuals who have contributed to the village in a voluntary capacity. 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 the public session a member of CAUSE spoke to the meeting on their concerns with the proposed 38 new houses on the land adjacent to the current Hayfield Homes development. These included overlooking issues, loss of hedge rows, and ecology. They also requested the possibility of a public meeting.

Other items:

1. An update was provided on the petition for the 30 mile per hour reduction in speed limit off of the A6 roundabout and removal of the bridge. 436 signatures were gathered and delivered to CBC. These were disallowed, as no addresses were given. After a further huge push 240 addresses were added, and the petition was delivered on 2nd August to the CBC executive meeting.
2. The Neighbourhood Plan is now moving forward with the return of the Green infrastructure Plan. Consultation dates with the village will be released shortly, and are likely to be in September.
3. New benches have been installed at the green and the recreation ground for the enjoyment of the village.



Planning

CB/22/02288/VOC

Location: Land north of Shefford Road

Proposal: Variation (or removal) of condition number 4 of planning permission CB/21/04453/FULL (Construct a detached bungalow with associated works)

OBJECT

CB/TCA/22/00327

Location: Westfield House, 3A High Street

Proposal: Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Reduce height by approximately 1m and sides by approximately 1.5m to secondary growth points and crown lift over path and drive to 3m to Crab Apple tree (T1).

SUPPORT

CB/22/02337/VOC

Location: Land at the former Fullers Earth Quarry

Proposal: Variation of condition number 4 of planning permission CB/16/05127/OUT (Hybrid Planning Application to deliver the Clophill Lakes development. Part A: Full planning application for a series of general improvement measures. Part B: Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except for access) for a residential development of up to 50 dwellings.) Amendment sought to approved condition wording.

OBJECT

CB/22/02705/FULL

Location: 16 Goodwood Close

Proposal: Loft Extension approved under application CB/21/04794/LDCP. The windows are obscure, but the opening height of windows is 1.6m, instead of 1.7m.

NO COMMENT

CB/22/02550/LDSP

Location: Roundabout at the Junction of Ampthill to Maulden Bypass Bedford Road and Clophill Road, Ampthill to Maulden Bypass, Ampthill

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: General works and improvements to roundabout, approaching carriageways and associated infrastructure. Certificate of Lawful development.

Resolve to send a strongly worded letter to CBC challenging.

Hayfield Homes Proposed Development for 38 further houses, adjacent to existing development. Planning submitted but currently no papers on portal.

Resolved to set up a public meeting with working party/ sub- committee.

Ravensden Neighbourhood Development Plan

Ravensden Parish Council have submitted their Neighbourhood Development Plan to Bedford Borough Council. Bedford Borough Council is inviting representations on the plan for a period of 6 weeks.

The submission plans and supporting documents are available to view on the Council's website at: www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

NO COMMENT

CBC Enforcement number: CB/ENC/18/0303

Address: Paradise Farm, The Causeway

Alleged breach: Unauthorised works to land east of planning permission
CB/15/02482/FULL re: land excavation/hard core.

CPC Resolved to support CBC

**The next Parish Council meeting is on
Tuesday 13th September, at 7:45pm in the
Clophill Village Hall.**

CLOPHILL PARISH COUNCIL
will be organising

Christmas Lights

Switch On

Sunday 27th November 3 - 6pm

We are looking for local businesses support
for donations towards event costs:

Lights, brass band, choir, Father Christmas
and gifts for children.

Also interest from potential stall holders.

If you would like to help please contact:

clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk



Clophill Heritage Trust

With Summer drawing to a close we're planning our Pumpkin Festival!

We'd love to do another big event like the ones pre-covid, but we need volunteers to be able to make that happen. If you are available and could help for even an hour on 29th October, ring, text, or e-mail us and Izzy will get back to you.

As always, we also welcome anyone who might want to help us guard the track on Halloween night (free drinks and food will be provided of course!).

Izzy

Facilities & Visitor Experience Manager

Clophill Eco Lodges



**Pumpkin Festival
2022 needs you!**



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

Nature Notes:

What to see in the hedgerows and verges.

August has come and gone as is usual without our "Spotlight". The swifts have gone; you may have seen a few this year in Clophill. The cuckoo won't be heard again until next April, I heard him this year over the Cainhoe Castle hills.



When the garden birds (which have deserted us for their moult) come back, they will find plenty of food in our hedgerows. You cannot miss the bright red haws, fruit of the hawthorn (or May). Some of the earliest berries are the purplish, black elderberries, pinch the elder leaves to sniff their distinctive odour.

The brambles will have been full of blossom in July and August, so now is the time to go blackberrying. The blackthorn of early spring blossom has now produced its small black sloe berries and you may see in our hedgerows some small yellow plums.

There is little bird song but the robin is marking his territory with a rather melancholy song, and there are a few twitterings at first.

Don't miss the sweet chestnuts along the A6, in their prickly cases. And don't be fooled by the brown horse chestnut tree in late summer; they appear to change colour very early but not to the lovely buttery yellow many of us remember; they are now looking as if they have been burnt to an unhealthy crisp: caused by disease. We still have the lime trees on the Green and they are the first to change colour, the oak trees the last.

In the verges many summer flowers are still blooming. Some we may have missed earlier are Herb Robert, a very low growing plant with reddish aromatic leaves: it grows near the Aldwyk houses.

If you drive along the Western Bypass, you will have seen the beautiful blue scabious and amongst these are yellow, fluffy, ladies bedstraw. They have a lovely scent if you can find it somewhere accessible. Another later flowering plant is the lesser celandine not a bit like the winter celandine. This one can be found on the church wall, it can stain your hands yellow and is best left alone. Silver weed is interesting and quite common, its leaves are ferny and silvery, its flowers yellow small and cup shaped. I once read the Romans put their leaves inside their sandals as they marched; to keep their feet cool. Trust me it doesn't work!!

September and October are the months for fungi. We have the fairy toadstool, red with white spots in our garden. Beware of fungi unless you are an expert! September can be peak time for wasps attacking our picnics; perhaps they (like us) really need a sugar rush. So, let us live and let live whenever we can.

Highlights. All the berries and the changing leaves.

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...

Frederick George Skipwith lived at "The Gables", High Street, Clophill. He was born in Wokingham in 1870. He was the son of Sir Grey Skipwith (a baron) and Fanny Elizabeth Tudor. He was educated at Wellington college, Berkshire. Frederick married Bertha Sylvia Chapman, an American, in Illinois in 1903. He fought in the Sudan Campaign in 1898 (the year he also became a Freemason) and in the Boer War. He also fought in the First World War, where he was mentioned in dispatches. He gained the rank of Colonel in the 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

He was made Companion, Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.) in 1919. Also, in 1919 he returned to Clophill briefly due to an accident involving his wife- he later returned to Germany. The couple lived at The Gables from at least 1914 to 1926.

At the unveiling of Clophill memorial, it was reported that

"Colonel Skipwith, C.M.G., who saw considerable active service with the Warwickshires, said that when war was ruthlessly forced upon us by Germany, the men of Clophill, who had previously lived a peaceful country life, went out to fight in the most gigantic and terrible struggle the world had



ever known, and to face horrors which those who had not been to the front could not possibly imagine. How they acquitted themselves would stand in history. By their self-sacrifice they were instrumental in removing that menace which had been steadily growing and over-shadowing the peace of Europe, and ever becoming a menace to our very existence as a country. They fought and died as heroes for the glory of old England, and the loyalty of anxious ones at home was a fitting background to the glorious heroism of those fighting in the line. It was the duty of the living to those who were now dead to see that Germany never again attained a position in which she could threaten the peace of the world."

Bertha died in 1944 at which time their address was given as the Corbett Arms Hotel, Merionethshire.

He was married again aged 84 to Nora (died 1958), in 1954. He died in 1964 in Hove at age 93, without issue.

Charles Smith was the son of Sarah Ann Lomas (née Smith). He was born in Haynes in about 1886 and was probably half-brother to fellow survivor- Jack Lomas. The family lived at Mount Pleasant (now Back Street). Charles was a farm labourer and enlisted with the Bedfordshires in 1915 and was a Private in the London Yeomanry. Nothing further is known about Charles.

Frederick Hargreaves Smith was born in 1869 in Lancashire and had been a Major in the army at the turn of the century. He married Elizabeth Hamilton in 1900 and they went on to have 2 children. By 1915 until at least 1919 his address was Clophill House, High Street. During WW1 he was a Major in the Army service Corps. His other occupation was given as "artist." The couple lived for some time in Kent. In the 1930s he travelled to Australia and America. He died in Jersey in 1955.

Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Bedford

Sign up to Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Bedford and walk 5k or 10k under the stars to celebrate the memory of your loved one this October. Get together with family and friends to remember someone special, raise funds and help Sue Ryder create a future where everyone has access to care and support at the end of their life or following a bereavement.

Join hundreds of supporters at Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Bedford on Saturday 15th October 2022. It will start at Everard Meadow and follow a 5k or 10k route along the beautiful Bedford Embankment and through Russell Park. During the event there will be an opportunity to place a dedication in memory of someone special.

Crossing the finishing line, you will be rewarded with a well-deserved medal and the knowledge that you've done something amazing to remember those close to you.

The funds raised will help Sue Ryder to provide even more expert and compassionate care, ensuring that the end of people's lives can be filled with friendship, family and love in those final moments together.

Sign up now at sue Ryder.org/bedfordstarlight or contact the Sue Ryder St John's Hospice Fundraising Team via email stjohnsfundraising@sue Ryder.org or call 01767 642412.

Tickets are £15 for adults and £6 for children aged 6-12. Children under six go free. Family and group ticket options are also available.

Hannah Britton Regional PR Officer - Palliative Care



Clophill and District Flower Club

Beverley Short “A Touch of Summer”

7th July 2022



On a warm July evening we enjoyed the inaugural visit of Beverley Short who had made the journey from Shakespeare country to entertain us with the appropriately titled “A Touch of Summer”. It was indeed a balmy evening - a nice respite from another day of barmy British politics dominating the news!



Much of the earlier chatter was about our own news, many people were still talking about the 45 +1-year anniversary dinner of the previous month, which was a great success! And talking of success, another topic of conversation was the news that our member Linda O'Toole had gained a first and second prize, and runner-up in Best in Show, in the National Virtual show “Chasing Rainbows”; this is an amazing achievement – really well-done Linda!

Beverley regaled us with stories about her recent cruise up the Amazon - fantastic sightings of sloths, dolphins, a tarantula, and of giant waterlilies - not all in the same

place!

Members enjoyed her six presentations, which included memories of Beverley's time in Australia at the time of the fires in 2019 - twisted willow on a black trellis, combined with palm leaves and burnt forest colours of fire red gerberas, protea and burnt orange roses, evoking the raging fires and sad destruction which was heart-breaking to see at first hand.

Another design was three placements on a trellis using purple liatris and statice, with lime green Chrysanthus to illustrate the Wimbledon colours!

The fifth arrangement of blue delphiniums and yellow roses in a tall blue vase was very striking.

Beverley commented on the current discussions at national level regarding the use of non-biodegradable floral foam versus other methods of support for flower arranging, none of which are totally satisfactory. No real replacement for foam is available on the market just yet and foam is not allowed for use in the big national shows. Quite a problem for the future of flower arranging as we know it today.

At the end of the evening members came back into the real world, wondering how many more government ministers had resigned whilst we were watching the show! Was this all “Much ado about Nothing”, or “A Comedy of Errors”?

Joan Tarmu, Committee Member



Wildlife Trust for
**Beds, Cambs
& Northants**

Wildlife walks & talks

September : October

Sunday, 4th September, 10.00am-12.00, Flitwick Moor (TL045354)

Fungal Foray with Steve Kelly

A combined event with the Herts and Beds Fungi Group (HBFG). Hoping for a mix of damp and mild weather to guarantee a good showing of mushrooms and toadstools. Steve and other experts will help you identify your findings and tell you more about the wonderful and sometimes weird world of fungi.

Free but donations welcome

Saturday, 8th October, 10.00am-12.00, Stockgrove (LU7 0BA)

Wildlife walk* with Bob Hook

Walk round the fabulous Rammamere Heath with Bob Hook. With history back to the 15th century, this woodland, the largest area of broadleaf in Bedfordshire, is as diverse as it is rich. Meet in the car park at the Stockgrove entrance, Brickhill Road, Heath & Reach at 10:00. There is a car parking charge (1hr-3hr £4.00) for details see: www.greensandtrust.org/parking-at-rushmere.

*£3 per adult

Sunday, 30th October, 9.45am-3.00pm, Houghton Conquest (TL044412)

Seed collection with Colin Carpenter

Join Colin and other volunteers to collect seed from native trees and hedgerow plants. These will be planted and nurtured for distributing to various organisations to create and re-populate woodlands throughout the UK. A vital conservation activity and enjoyable too!

Park and meet in Rectory Lane, Houghton Conquest at 9.45am. Please have appropriate footwear and clothing for this activity, and a packed lunch if you are staying until 3.00pm.

Free but donations welcome

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

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Flit Vale Local Group

Reflections – Clophill in July and August 1977

Voices from the past

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

Just as now, there was no specific August 'Outlook' 45 years ago. It gives the brilliant staff and the 'deliverers' a rest for a few weeks. So, what does the July / August Magazine 1977 tell us of the activities that went on in June? They are all a month 'late' in reporting of course.

The **cover picture**, taken from the church tower, probably in the 1920's and 'kindly supplied by Mrs A. Izzard', is of the junction of Little Lane, Great Lane and the High Street. "It shows houses which have been modernised and others which no longer stand today. It shows a school which now faces demolition and The Causeway as country land with poplar tree reaching up into the skyline. Let us think today what will be left of this attractive country scene in a few years' time" (ah me – we don't need to think, we know!).



The Parish Council have planted trees and put a fence in the Village Hall grounds as part of the Jubilee project – and after handing out commemorative mugs to all children; there was a surplus of about 60 and they were for purchase at 45p each. Interestingly "A public meeting is to be held in October with representatives of the District and County Councils to arouse interest in the conservation area". This is one to follow!

The Village Fete was a great success (nothing changes there then). The float procession was led by the Carnival Queen, who then opened the fete. The fancy dress competition had prizes won by (3-6 years) Helen, Erica and Francis Grant who were dressed as Beefeaters; Stuart Armitage who came as a clown and by Ian Bousted – the Lollipop Man. The 7-11 year category saw Robert Warner winning as a Bottle of Guinness; Michael Page as a gypsy and Elizabeth Broker as Wa Sing Chinese Laundry; while in the 'Pairs', winners Joanne Constance and Francis Wood were dressed as 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat'; Claire O'Connor and Joanne Hudson - Clophill Shoe Shiners and Justine Hudson and Catherine Damby were a ballet duet. The very high standard of decorated bicycles, saw Susan and David Errick and Amanda Parker winning the 5-9 years and Carole Jeffcoate, Malcolm Barker the 10-13 years. The poster competition saw budding artists Adrian Farr, Rachel Naylor and Helen Trudgill winning the 5-9 years and Adrienne Gardiner, Joanne Constance and Patsy Barker the 10 – 15 years.

The Dog Show, regarded as pre-Crufts, was once again a great draw and the traditional pub Tug-O'-War was won by 'The Compasses' with 'The Rising Sun' as runners up. Among the seventeen drawn prizes a continental quilt was won by Mr Clare; G. Long - an electric knife; Mrs Henman - a Dinner for Two; Hampson – bottle of sherry and R. Speake – 4 bottles of lager while F.W. Young also won 4 bottles of lager and a 50p voucher! (you might have noticed that I love the range of the prizes; and of course remembering many who have won them). Amongst other prizes for other draws 'an oven ready chicken, talcum powder, a portable radio and a model boat kit' were won (times have changed).

The **WI** was busy. Mrs Warner beat Mrs Everitt in the darts final and was presented with a trophy by the WI President Mrs Janet Myers. Janet also gave trophies to Mrs Everitt and the runners up, Mrs Errick and Mrs Hampson. At the July meeting "The Drama sub-committee has been formed" (such a shame that it has all folded). The Church Summer Fayre raised funds for the Church tower restoration fund with sideshows of 'the stocks', 'Put out the flame' (can't remember what that's about), 'Ball in the jar' and 'Coin in the bucket' (perhaps these should be reinstated next year!).

The **Flower Club** held their annual flower show, themed this year on the Silver Jubilee. In the children's category there were 9 winners; E. C. and R. Naylor, Joanne Hudson, Sarah Gibbs, Claire Cranswick, J. Clarke, L. Nation and Juliette Gordon. The **Guides** enjoyed a camping weekend at 'Windysayles'; the **Methodist Church** was busy with Sunday School Anniversary services, a tea and coffee evening at the home of Mr & Mrs Bernard Sharp and a successful Jumble Sale. "The '**Stone Jug**' is to be re-opened by a new licensee" (that was the one before Arthur as he - and his super family - came in 1981).

Katherine Concerts now running to the end of December.



Continuing the outstanding classical music series set in the beautiful acoustic of Ampthill's Methodist Church.

Katherine Concert's Thirds Series will begin on Friday 16th September, every Friday until December. The 45-minute recitals at Ampthill Methodist Church begin at 2pm, and are followed by tea and cakes in the upstairs School Room. Tickets (£10) are available via Absolutely ShabbyLass or www.ticketsource.co.uk/Katherine-Concerts

An eclectic range of performers are lined-up, including international concert pianist Jill Crossland.

Parish Registers for September

1821

Baptisms

- 02 Mary Ann Cooper, d of William and (?).
16 Thomas Tiring (?), s of William and Dorothy.
17 Thomas Bushman (?), s of William and Sarah.
Rebecca (?) Cooke, d of William and Mary.
19 Mary Ann Johnson, d of William and Mary.

Marriages

- 21 James Addams to Charlotte Mann.

1822

Baptisms

- 01 Elizabeth Barrit (?), d of William and Jane.

1871

Baptisms

- 24 Emily Elizabeth Stimson, d of Bennet and Sophia.
Ann Summerfield, d of Eben and Sarah, f a tailor.

1872

Baptisms

- 29 Clara Parkins (?), d of George and Lucy.
Elizabeth Wittamore, d of John and Diana.
Lucy Grummitt, d of Thomas and Elizabeth.

Burials

- 10 William Bosworth, 84.

1921

Baptisms

- 04 Raymond Maurice Stimson, f a market gardener.
Annie Elizabeth Shotbolt, f a boot repairer.

Burials

- 28 Emma Cass (?), 68.

1922

Baptisms

- 03 Harold Charles Richard Pepper, f a carpenter
Reginald Bertram Brown
Miriam Kathleen Clarke

1971

Baptisms

- 12 Michael Douglas John Thompson.

Marriages

- 19 Haydn John Bird to Susan Ann Williams.
25 James Charles Day to Victoria Elizabeth Geere.

1972

Baptisms

- 17 Kathryn Hewitt from Birmingham.

Marriages

- ?? Colin Raymond Spickett (?), to Susan Diane Harris.

St. MARY'S CHURCH REGISTERS JULY 2022

Baptism

- 07 Blake Edwin Martin

Thank you....



I would like to thank everyone who kindly supported me at my sale for Keech Hospice Care. It was a great success even though it did rain throughout the day, and we managed to achieve a marvellous amount of money: £682.07. Keech were so pleased with the amount collected.

I would also like to thank Jill Wyann for her support on the day and also for helping me at the Open Gardens. She was such a great help and I really appreciated her helping me on both occasions. We raised £114.00 for the church by having a tombola during the Open Gardens weekend.

Once again, **thanks to everyone** who donated such wonderful goods and donations.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cora Sheppard

Are you in need of some deep relaxation?

Join us for

A Mindful Day of Self Care

Guided Meditations Mindful Movement
and Mindful Lunch included.

Clophill Eco Lodges, Old Church Path

25th September 2022 - 11.00 a.m. to 4 p.m.



For tickets please contact Berni on:

Web: www.mindlightmeditation.com

Email: berni@mindlightmeditation.com

Tel: 01234 405024



Online and Face to Face
Courses and Events in
Mindfulness and
Meditation.



Join Our Choir!

Ampthill & District Choral Society is for singers who enjoy performing some of the best and most popular choral works. This season marks our 75th Anniversary. The choir rehearses on Monday evenings during school term-time. We always welcome new singers, or past members who wish to re-join. No audition is necessary.



Monday 5th September 7.45pm

**The Music Dept, Redborne Upper School
Flitwick Road, Ampthill, MK45 2NU**

For more information, please call 07985 263012
or you can find us on Facebook or our website
<https://ampthillchoral.wordpress.com>



**AMPTHILL
— & DISTRICT —
CHORAL SOCIETY**





Clophill Methodist Church
Harvest Fundraiser
Saturday 10th September

Coffee and
Croissants
in aid of
The Historic
Churches Trust
Bike & Hike
10am to 12 noon

Local Food Bank
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Clophill Preschool News

Hello everyone, welcome back to a new year at Clophill Preschool and our tenth year since opening! We hope you all enjoyed a fun and safe summer.

We hosted our Sports Day on a Saturday this year which meant we had an even more fantastic turn out than ever. Children moved around the setting testing their skills as they climbed and jumped, balanced and swung their way through the activities. Then came the running races; from children to parents to staff and the day was rounded off with hotdogs and cold drinks. Our summer term ended in style with a bit of a musical extravaganza. We hosted our usual leaver's graduation picnic, our children brilliantly performed songs with confidence and then it was the staff's turn much to everyone's delight! Animal Edge Farm joined us and all of the children and their families were invited to join us for a sunny afternoon chatting and relaxing together.



Over the summer we have held our Stay and Play sessions which have been packed each time. As usual we have been behind the scenes developing the setting for the coming year. We would like to thank Clophill Charities for their kind donation as well as Angela Barker, Andy and Julia and the Village Hall Committee who have all made contributions to help us improve the setting.

We are starting this term with lots of new children and their families joining us and have been developing our nature-based curriculum further. Our children will have the opportunity to do lots of planting and growing independently alongside our allotment. They have been using the new Perspex painting board to great

effect and can explore clay work, drawing and sewing. We are introducing more cookery using food from the land making wild garlic scones and other yummy foods. Children are learning to identify plants, trees, animals, and insects, they learn what is safe to touch and what to stay away from. We are developing their language further with more story times, singing and opportunities for conservation and discussion.



Our ethos has always been about really listening to the children and engaging with them, it is so important to actually listen to what they are saying and help develop their conversational skills and language. We certainly have a lot to talk about at preschool... from how the chickens are getting on to who is visiting today, from exploring some tiny creature they have found under a log to telling us what they have been doing at home. It is very important to give each child a voice. Our staff also share their experiences and ideas, their stories and thoughts, this is how they create the great bonds and relationships with the children and their families.

Our Adventure Fridays have started up again with the first being a visit to Silas at the Methodist Church for Harvest. The children collected foods to donate and delivered them to the church ready for the Sunday service. We have missed Silas over the summer and all our local friends, we look forward to having Katie and Rachel back for dance and yoga and have made new friends at the Eco-Lodges of Izzy and Dave who we look forward to collaborating with as well as Kate Gardner who will be sharing her extensive plant knowledge with us.

Our tenth year is going to be one of the busiest we have had and no doubt one of the best!

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Saturday 10th September
Saturday 8th October
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What's on in and around Clophill

Sept

Saturday 10th

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

Sunday 18th

Harvest Festival Service, Methodist Church, 10:30am
See poster in this issue.

Oct

Saturday 8th

Coffee and Croissants, Methodist Church, 10am – 12noon
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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1st Sunday	8am, Holy Communion.
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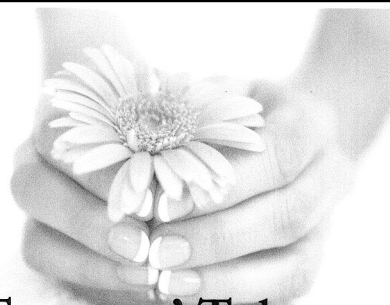
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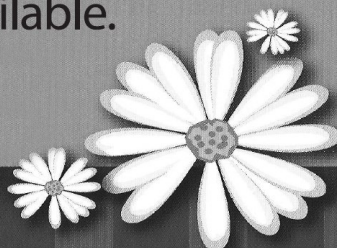
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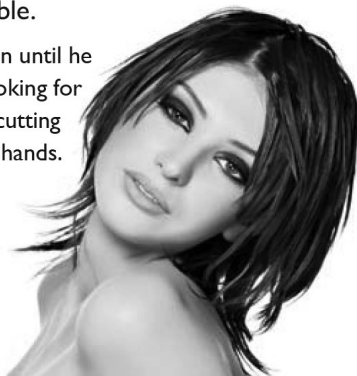
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