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LOCAL NEWS**

Front cover photographer: Laura Woollard



A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the November issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

Well!! What a challenge it has been to fit everything in this month, congratulations Colin. Also congrats to our lovely new Ad managers Angela and Nigel who have already found 4 new Advertisers; helping swell our bank balance and keep Spotlight afloat.

In these challenging times it is fantastic to see how many initiatives we have in the village to support those who are finding it tough. Turn to page 8 and the leaflet posted with the mag (thanks to Toni Elston and our delivery team for helping with this), to find out about the new Clophill Community Hub. We also have the Winter Warmers on a Thursday run by St Mary's church, the Methodist Church fund-raising for Bedford food bank, and the Clophill Community Care group. What a wonderful village we live in.

Best wishes,

Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner



Now is a good time to review the garden, cutting back and tidying borders and making a note of any changes, additions or divisions you wish to make next spring. Leave seed heads on flowers and shrubs and delay cutting these back until late winter, as they provide a home for overwintering insects. Tidy up leaves from around the garden. They can be added to the compost heap, or placed in separate bins or black sacks to make **leaf mould**. Some leaves, such as **plane** and **sycamore**, are slow to break down, and can delay you using your compost if you mix them into the general heap. Leaf mould makes an excellent soil improver and can also be used as a seed-sowing medium.

Digging the soil, especially bare patches, will expose pest larvae and eggs to birds and frost, as well as clearing weeds. Don't leave soil uncovered for too long, however, as it runs the risk of erosion and washing away of valuable nutrients. Add a mulch and this not only protects the soil over the winter, but the action of worms pulling the mulch into the depths will help improve the vitality of our sandy soils.

Perennials that flower after midsummer are best divided in the spring – that's a good general rule. Taking **root cuttings** is also a good way to make new plants for free and now is a good time to take root cuttings from perennials like **phlox**, **verbascum**, **oriental poppy**, **Japanese anamones** and **acanthus**.



Select young, vigorous roots, about the thickness of a pencil, and cut them off, close to the crown of the plant. Only remove a maximum of 1 third of the roots and then replace the parent plant, as soon as possible, back into the border. Discard the thin root end and remove any fibrous side roots. Cut each root into 5-10cm (2-4in) lengths making a horizontal cut at the upper end and an angled cut at the lower end. Fill pots with a free draining compost - such as equal parts peat substitute and gritty sand or perlite. Insert the cuttings about 4cm (2in) apart so that the horizontal cut surface at the top of the root is just below the surface of the compost and then cover with a thin layer of grit. Water the compost lightly and place the pots in a sheltered space or coldframe outside. In the following spring, pot up into individual pots when the cuttings show signs of growth and are well rooted.

Lots of you have asked if I can make suggestions for tricky planting spots. Today its north and east facing walls and fences which can be dry, as they often have a rain shadow from overhanging house eaves. When planting in these areas make sure that you plant at least 45 cm (18in) away from the base of the wall. East facing walls get the sun first thing in the morning so during winter and early spring that can damage frosted plants. Plants to consider include **Pyracantha** (winter berries), **Clematis 'Nelly Moser'** or **Montana**, **Hydrangea anomala subsp. Petiolaris**. Plants for north facing walls and fences include **Crinodendron hookerianum** (the lantern tree), **Garrya** with its amazing winter catkins, **Mahonia's**, with their honey scented bright yellow flowers or **Akebia quinata** whose flowers smell of chocolate and vanilla. Shaded area ground coverplants include **Gaultheria procumbens** (wintergreen), **vinca major** (periwinkle), **cyclamen hederifolium** (autumn flowers), **Epimedium** (spring flowers) **Geranium macrorrhizum** (summer flowers), **Hosta's**, **Pulmonaria** (spring flowers) and **Tiarellas**.

Happy Gardening.

Next Parish Councill Meeting
22nd November, Methodist Church @ 7:45pm.

CLOPHILL UNITED CHARITIES

Christmas donation to Widower(s) and Pensioners – December 2022

This year the distributions will take place in early December: **Saturday 3rd December** 10-11 am in the Oakley Room, St. Mary's Church, and **Sunday 4th December** 10.00am at Beverley Court.

Please note that the Sunday distribution will be for Beverley Court Residents ONLY. Anyone else should visit the Church.

No person or group is entitled to receive this benefit as of right. Please be aware that forthcoming Christmas donations should only be claimed by those widow (er)s and pensioners who are really in need of extra help at an expensive time of year and not by those who don't need it. This will enable us to provide help to others throughout the year. Posters will be displayed in the village during November as a reminder of these times. Please remember too that all through the year, Clophill United Charities are pleased to be able to help Clophill villagers of all ages in times of hardship. If you, or anyone you know who lives in the village, is experiencing financial hardship please contact me (on 01525 860900) in total confidence.

On behalf of the Trustees: Val Martin, Clerk.

Quintessential
brass quintet

GREENSAND
COMMUNITY CHOIR

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Festive
Favourites

Audience
carols



Monday 12th December, 7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Clophill

Free entry.
Retiring collection
in aid of Sue Ryder and
St. Mary's Church
Refreshments provided.

in support of

Sue Ryder
St John's
Hospice

Clophill Methodist Church



Alternative Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 10th December

10 to 4pm

Enjoy our Christmas Trees made by our
local community.

Entry is FREE, but we would be most grateful if
you are able to make a donation to our Food Bank
Tree, for Bedford food bank this Christmas.

Christmas stalls/ Raffle/ Refreshments
Coffee & Croissants, in the morning.

Join us young or old for our Pop -Up Nativity at
3pm. You can dress up if you wish.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

Harvest week was very busy. On Thursday 29th September the School came into church for their Harvest Festival Service bringing gifts of food, which were donated to the local charity, Need. The next day the church was pleased to host the annual Coffee and Cake event for MacMillan Cancer Care, which raised a fantastic £1,050! Huge congratulations to Lindsey Jones and her team.



The Church's Harvest Festival was a Family Praise Service, with a dramatized version of the Parable of the Sower. Finnley Abrahamson was welcomed into the congregation after his Baptism. The gifts that were donated at the service were passed on to the Hub at the Village Hall. Our Harvest Lunch was held on the Wednesday and raised £400, a very welcome addition to church funds.

Our **Winter Warmer lunches** of home-made soup and a hot drink started on October 13th with about half a dozen customers, which rose to 15 the following week, which is very encouraging. The lunches are **open to anyone**, regardless of personal circumstances and are an opportunity to enjoy the company of friends old and new. They will continue on Thursdays throughout the winter.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY this year is on November 13th and the service will start in the church at **10.15am** culminating with the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11 o'clock.

Let's decorate Clophill for Christmas...



to bring joy and pleasure to all in the Village.

Please decorate your door, a window, your gate or somewhere at the front of your house for people to enjoy as they walk around the Village.

There will be a special Christmas Evening in the Churchyard on Saturday 17th December, and the Church and Churchyard will be decorated.

Let's make it a special Christmas Evening all around Clophill.



St Mary's Church, Clophill

An invitation to a

Christmas Evening

in the Churchyard

Saturday 17th December

from 4.30pm

Carols with the Clophill Christmas Choir at 5.30pm

(A collection will be made for Crisis at Christmas)

Festive refreshments Christmas tombola

Activities for children



The Churchyard and the Church will be decorated

Introducing Clophill Community Hub: Foodbank+



Earlier this year the Village Hall Committee discussed how we could further reinforce our position of being the 'hub' of the local community. Alongside our role as a great meeting place for a range of social events, entertainment and the home of the wonderful Clophill Preschool, we were looking to find ways of helping the needy in our community. Thus, was born the "Clophill Community Hub".

Our aim, to harness the excellent efforts already underway in the community by providing further support for those who are finding it tough in these challenging times to make ends meet. We decided to create a central point in the village where we could collect and facilitate the distribution of essentials such as food, toiletries, small toys for kids and books for young and old alike.



After a very successful fundraising effort we now have our building in place. At this point it would be remiss not to mention the much-appreciated donations from Clophill United Charities, Clophill Parish Council, Central Beds Council, Tesco, and Clophill Coop. We have also had great support from St Mary's Lower School, Clophill Pre School, St Marys Churches in Clophill and Maulden, and possibly Clophill Methodist

Church all of whom will act as collection points for contributions. Thanks too to Louise Hodge from Fidelity Solutions for their support for our marketing and signage plan.

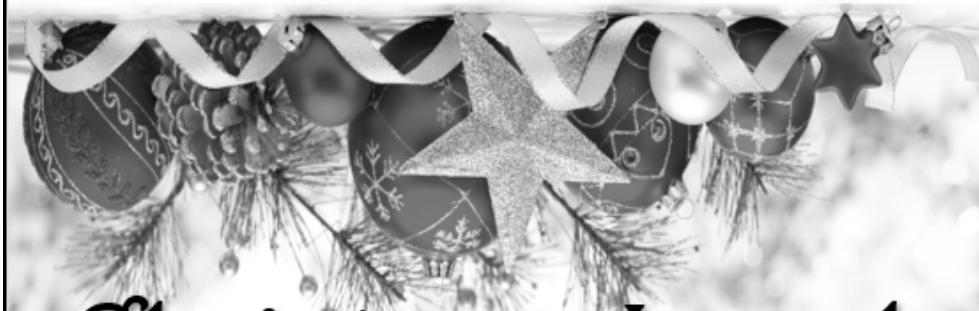
More details will be shared in the coming weeks, and you will hopefully get a leaflet through your door in November with everything you need to know about how to contribute to the Hub or indeed how and when to access it.

We will need a small band of volunteers to help in the ongoing operation of the Hub, so if you feel like you would like to give an hour every now and again to help, please contact me by email on: clophillhub@gmail.com.

Steve Langhorn

Clophill Heritage Trust "We want to say a loving farewell as **Emily** Hakansson leaves her role here at Clophill Eco Lodges. As our longest standing employee, she will be dearly missed by everyone! But we are ecstatic that she'll still be popping in to help out, as well as being an amazing mum, and running her own business - Swamp Witch Solutions, selling her incredible herbal remedies, handmade jewellery, unique artwork, and so much more. **Thank you for everything Em**, and the best of luck with all your future endeavours!!" **Izzy**

St Mary the Virgin Church, Clophill



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December

12 noon – 2pm

A 3 course festive meal with drinks £12.50

Roast with berry coulis, Turkey and leek pie with vegetables,
and a selection of desserts. Tea/coffee and mints.

Christmas Raffle Everyone very welcome

Booking is essential - to reserve a place please contact

Enquiries to juliebenson@talktalk.net or 01525 860497

Reflections – Clophill in September 1977

Voices from the past

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

Thank you to those folk who enlightened me as to the whereabouts of Sand Lane – it's the short stretch between the top of Readshill and the A6! October is Harvest Month – and the theme of October 1977's **Spotlight** was just that, even though most of the news was from September. The photo of harvesting in yesteryear on the cover shows "a group of Clophill locals farming in the grounds of Wrest Park Silsoe."



Further on there are Harvest Festival Services, a harvest poem, a harvest recipe (veg soup) and a harvest story for children. There are also advertisements for local events, one being (ticket price of £1.25) that of a '**Spotlight** fundraiser, their 10th Anniversary Buffet Dance, and dancing to our very own 'Home Brew'! Prior to this, the **Methodist Church** had celebrated their **Harvest Festival** when the lessons were read by Lyn Pressland (her mother was the brilliant cook at school), Christina Lammas and Anne Cooper. "In the unfortunate absence of Mrs Brown, Mrs Mason (music teacher at school) kindly played the organ at the services." St. Mary's Church held its Harvest Festival a few weeks later and again an auction was held, "in a very light-hearted manner by Mr John Robertson, ably assisted by Mr Dick Sheppard and Mr Mike Henman" this time in the Village Hall.

Wednesday, 14th September was a memorable one for Katy Bousted (now Gardner), Joanne Constance and Catherine Naylor. It was their last night as **Brownies** and were received into the guides by Guiders Mrs Gordon, Mrs Bodlily and Mrs Haw. Up at the **Old Church** "progress has been made for the legal transfer of the burial ground to the Parish Council, but this will not be completed for a while yet." There was a plea for willing helpers to help a paid parishioner to tend the burial ground. The **Village Hall Committee** heard that the annual expenses were about £2,000 and rising and they adopted the 'improving the heating and insulation' suggestions with a probable outlay of £750; with hiring charges kept at the same rate until March. There is interesting information about the **Flying Horse** – the name "derived from the winged horse 'Pegasus' an insignia associated with the coaching service". The grounds of the inn have since been used as a local bus garage and have housed the blacksmith's shop. The Inn has been tastefully renovated, without detracting from its 'old world' charm. **That was in 1977 – just look at it now!**

Coffee and Croissants

Clophill Methodist Church



10am to 12 noon
Saturday 12th November
Saturday 10th December
(tree festival)
All Welcome

ROOTED CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE AND HIRE

Non needle drop, rooted and sustainable

(They can be replanted back into the ground again after Christmas)

- **A SELECTION OF DIFFERENT VARIETIES AND SIZES FOR SALE AS BARE ROOT OR POTTED SPECIMENS TO ORDER**
- **SPECIES INCLUDE:**
Norway Spruce @ £5.00/Ft (for all bare rooted trees)
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Please contact Mr Colin Carpenter on 07751 356094 for prices and advice.

St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingley our Headteacher

Our Harvest Festival at the end of September was a great success and we collected LOADS of food for the NEED project – 23 full bags to be precise! Thank you to all of our parents who were so generous with their donations. October saw us recognising “Cycle/ Scoot to School Week”. We encouraged as many of our children as possible to cycle or scoot to school or park further away and cycle or scoot the rest of the way! Lots of children took up the challenge and sent some great pictures of them mid cycle/scoot! Thank you again to all the parents who encouraged their children to do this – increasing their physical activity whilst also being eco-friendly!



Speaking of being eco-friendly, we have launched our first ever Eco-Committee in school. Led by Miss Clements, this group of children (voted in by their peers after writing amazing manifestos) will be supporting our school to become even more eco-friendly and work towards us being accredited as an Eco-School!

October also saw a group of our Year 2's heading off to a Multi-skills Sports Festival at Samuel Whitbread. The children were wowed by the size of the 'big school' but really enjoyed the activities and, as always, did us proud being amazing ambassadors for our school.

We also all dressed as Fireworks mid-October to gather prizes for FOSM's Fireworks Night event. We are really looking forward to the event at the beginning of November. It is FOSM's biggest fundraiser, making lots of money that is then spent directly on the children within school to enhance their St. Mary's experience so we hope to see lots of people there!

At the time of writing, we are approaching the end of our first half term. It has been incredibly busy but lots of fun.

Jake the School Dog:

We are very passionate about both pupil and staff wellbeing at St. Mary's and staff extends to our beautiful School Dog, Jake. Jake's wellbeing is just as important as everyone else's and we ensure he has a 'day off' a week to have his own down-time within his busy schedule.

Acorn Nursery news

from Mrs. Hayes our Nursery Manager and Early Years Leader:

The children enjoyed practicing songs to sing when the older children joined the whole school community for Harvest Festival service in Church this week. The children were very excited to be there and sat absolutely brilliantly, listening attentively and joining in singing. As always when we are out and about, we are super proud of the way in which they conduct themselves and more importantly - they are always very proud of themselves!

We've also been exploring all aspects of the change of season to Autumn. Some children went on a woodland walk where they found acorns, conkers, pine cones, twigs and were fascinated by different coloured leaves. When we returned, we made conker hedgehogs to place in our future Fairy Garden.

Finally, we're delighted to announce the return of our Nursery Bookshare where parents can borrow a book from our Bookshare Library (located just inside the front door) to read at home with their child/children.

Exciting news!!! Due to children and parents moving on, the future of the **Clophill Toddler Group** was looking very uncertain and we are pleased to say that we are now running the group along with parent volunteers: enabling the group to continue. If you would like to come along - it's every Friday (term time only) at Clophill Village Hall from 10am to 11.30am for children from birth up to 3 years old. No booking is necessary, you can pay on the day £3 for your first child and £1.50 for additional children or pay half term blocks for a discount.

Our Value for November is: Compassion and Forgiveness

In school, we will learn that 'Compassion' and 'Forgiveness' have much in common but both are stronger in meaning than simply 'feeling sorry for' someone. We will discuss how the words have their roots in the idea of putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. It is not about 'doing good' or simply 'remembering those less fortunate than ourselves'. We will discover that Compassion requires an act of imagination and humility to share in the lives of others. We will be helping the children learn about this through imagining what it might be like in someone else's position and thinking about what we might be able to do in support of this.

At home, you may wish to help your child think about Compassion and Forgiveness when you share stories or experiences; you could discuss the actions of the characters, what led them to behave in a certain way, how they may have affected others, how it might have made them feel and how they might do things differently.

Clophill Preschool News

Hello everyone,

When I asked the staff what they have really enjoyed doing with the children this month, everyone gave me a different answer. How wonderful, to hear all these different ideas and activities from everyone, all coming from different angles, with different approaches and teaching different things. Our children are getting such a broad experience and being taught in so many different ways. Here are just some of the things they have been doing:



Baking our own snacks and exploring different recipes as we ensure our foods are low in sugar and vegan, the children follow instructions, weigh the ingredients, mix them together and take to Julia who cooks it for them, they then get to eat it for snack.

The poly tunnel is being decorated with branches of rosemary, feather mobiles and leaf 'ghosts', we have a growing collection of plants in there that children are caring for and learning the difference between indoor and outdoor plants.

They have been planting Christmas trees from seed (it might be a while before they can be harvested) and they are growing amaryllis and avocado stones.

Out in the glade spring bulbs have been planted and the children have been sweeping up the autumn leaves to keep the setting tidy.

Emma and the rest of the SEND team have spent lots of time exploring the autumn leaves making leaf prints and paintings, playing in the sand pit and doing lots of gross motor play.

Jemma used her rugby warm up exercise as a physical story telling time getting all the children involved. Kirsty has been conker rolling with the children, Becky has been showing them how to make bouquets with leaves and Kelly has been surrounded on the log as she reads stories.

As we look towards Christmas, we have enjoyed having parents in to help sort our resources for our Magical Woodland Walk and we have signed up our favourite Santa for the event. We are also delighted that Carolyn and the Flower Club are back to do wreath making again with our parents this month; we have missed them. It is a great opportunity to get our parents together and talking, this kind of activity allows for hands to be busy and minds to relax so people can build connections with each other. We are also employing Annette,



a counsellor, to work with our staff giving them a safe space to talk about their own mental health; she will also be doing some mindfulness workshops with them and the children and we hope to roll this out to the parents.

The Autumn term allows the children to experience such a huge change in their environment through the weather and the colours, from leafy green trees to bare branches. Our children are deep in

nature, exploring these differences, the wet and damp environment is just a different playground to them and one they enjoy as much as the dry and sunny. Their resilience is a wonderful thing to watch develop.

Nature Notes: What to see in the hedgerows and verges.

This is the season when autumn glides into winter, in some years more rapidly than others. It may seem a bleak season. Surely there cannot be much to see outside?

The trees will be completely denuded of leaves by mid-December. It is a time to appreciate their different shapes from the delicate silver birches, the sturdy oaks and other angular alders, all may be seen in our area. It is time too to notice the many evergreen trees and shrubs, look out for the yew trees by the churchyard and by the A6 bus stop full of red berries which are poisonous to humans but not to the blackbirds which dive right in to find food. Watch the ivies, they have a berry which is a godsend to the pigeons.

There are usually plenty of birds on our bird-tables in these months. We all know the greats tits and the smaller blue tits. Sometimes they are joined by a flock of long tailed tits.

Our resident bird population is increased by visitors from Scandinavia. You may see fieldfares in your garden or in the fields; they are like very large thrushes. Another member of the thrush family is the redwing, comparatively small with a flash of red under its wings. I once saw these among the trees opposite the hospital entrance in Britannia Road, Bedford. Once too, there were waxwings in Cainhoe Road. They look quite exotic and are uncommon visitors.

A common thrush may be heard singing on mild winter days, a foretaste of spring. There won't be many flowers in the verges, just an occasional stray.

But as you walk along our High Street notice the lovely moss on the walls. Hopefully it will have recovered from the summer drought.

Highlights - The visiting birds and the bare trees against the winter skies.



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

Wildlife walks & talks

Monday, 21st November, 7.00pm start, St Mary's Church Hall, Maulden

Conservation Agriculture* with Brian Sims

(Preceded by our brief AGM) Conservation Agriculture is based on three tenets: minimum soil disturbance, maintenance of permanent soil cover and use of crop rotations with a diversity of crop species. Brian has spent the last forty years as a consultant improving agricultural productivity with environmental sensitivity, and the last ten years at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN developing Conservation Agriculture for smallholders.

*£4 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 Beds, Cambs, and Northants
Registered charity number: 1000412
www.wildlifebcn.org

Flit Vale Local Group
www.flitvale.org.uk

Katherine Concerts now running to the end of December.

*Katherine
Concerts*

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

Katherine Concert's events in November are:

Friday 11th November - The Daphne Trio, violin/cello/piano

Friday 18th November - Vanessa Hristova, viola

Friday 25th November - Yu Duo, violin/piano

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

Village groups

Beverley Court		860920
Brownies	enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk	
Clophill Community Care	Duty Contact	07791 773705
Clophill Heritage Trust	Ali Bradbury	07894 710001
Clophill Preschool	Imogen	07765 887868
	Chris	07936 006381
Clophill St Mary's C of E Lower School & Nursery		
	Emma Topliff	860206
Clophill Toddler Group	Charlotte Messer	07538 150058
Clophill United Charities	Val Martin	860900
Conservation Group	Brian Adams	862297
Flower Club	Gillian Hill	860539
Friends of the Cheshire Home	Sue Pearson	861110
Funzone After School Club		07903 167493
Greensand Community Choir	Luke	07975 520085
Indoor Carpet Bowls	Tony Meredith	860754
Messy Church	Victoria Higgins	07920 568861
	victoriajhiggins@hotmail.co.uk	
Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)	Mary Milne and Jenny Garnham	
	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

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...

Arthur Edward Stevens was born in Clophill in about 1882, he lived with his parents-Samuel and Ann in the High Street. In 1901 he worked as a railway labourer. He married Bertha Pitts in 1909 and in 1911 they lived in Southgate and he worked as an insurance agent. He served as a Private in the 6th reserve section of the Royal Veterinary Corps. By 1939 the couple lived in Devon where he worked as a motor fitter. He died in Devon in 1939.

Cecil Stimpson or Stimson- born in 1881 in Clophill, son of Bennet (a church Sexton) and Sophia, brother to Frank below. In 1911 Cecil lived with his parents in the High Street, he worked as a market gardener. Cecil married Hilda Gudgin in 1915 and attested in 1916. After returning from the war Cecil lived the rest of his life at 1, Jacques Lane whilst working as a smallholder. He died in 1958 and is buried at the Old Church.

Frank Stimpson or Stimson was born in 1888 was younger brother of Cecil above. He married Elsie Claydon in 1913 and by 1915 was serving as a steward in the Merchant navy in Malta. He served aboard the Carisbroke Castle which had been



Commandeered two days before the formal declaration of war, she started as a hospital ship with 439 beds, and crossed the English Channel to bring wounded troops home from the Western Front. She shifted roles to that of an Army Troop Ship in the Mediterranean for most of the war.

After the war it is believed that Frank worked as a contractor's wages clerk and lived in Luton. He died in 1965.

Reginald Walter Stratton was born in Kempston in 1876. He married Annie Maud Quenby in Clophill in 1905. In 1911 Reginald was a verger, living with Annie in Bedford. He attested in 1915, firstly serving with the 3rd Battalion, Northampton Regiment, then the 3rd Royal Lancaster's and finally he became a Lance Corporal in the 201st Labour Corps, Royal Artillery Medical Corps. He served in Salonica with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. He was demobbed in 1919 and his papers state that at this time he was considered 20% disabled. His address in the 1920s until about 1935 was Back Street and later it was given as 12 The Slade and his occupation as Decorator (disabled). Reginald died locally in 1945.

Next month read of the village's connection to the Tanqueray Gin empire!!

MAULDEN WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB



Walking football for adults of all ages and abilities in Central Bedfordshire

Mens: Sunday 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Tuesday 8.00 pm - 9.00pm
Womens: Sunday 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

We meet at Flitwick

Find out more

Email OBMauldenWalkingFootball@outlook.com

Visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/mauldenwalkingfootballclub2

Or find us on Facebook or Twitter @ClubMaulden

Affiliated to The Walking Football Association



We need your help to create a new nature reserve!



The Greensand Trust is creating a new nature reserve at Clophill Lakes to conserve and enhance the site's natural beauty, wildlife and heritage, while providing sensitive, sustainable public access to promote understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Greensand Country area to local communities and the wider public.

While some initial funding was provided by the site's former landowner L&Q Estates towards the costs of establishing the public access and

landscaping works, The Greensand Trust requires further resources to enhance the reserve's habitats, conserve and protect the Cainhoe Castle scheduled monument and to provide toilets and visitor facilities.



We have therefore launched the **Clophill Lakes Nature Reserve Appeal** asking the local community for their support to create what will be a cherished site for the area – furthermore, **all donations made until the end of the year will be matched** by the Trust's Patron and Former Chairman Peter Smith MBE via The Peter Smith Charitable Trust.



Donations can be made at www.greensandtrust.org/Appeal/clophill-lakes.

Clophill and District Flower Club

October 2022 Report



Our October demonstrator was Gill McGregor, her theme '**Floral Flair & Fantasy**'. Gill had visited our club before and members who had previous knowledge of her were really looking forward to the evening. They were not disappointed.

Phoenix Palm, Typhalaifloia (small bulrushes), twisted dried Aspidistra Leaves, and Tiger stemmed grasses gave height and depth to the first arrangement with beautiful, bright yellow Sun Flowers flowing through from top to bottom. Placed on a high pedestal with a second placement of sunflowers and foliage at the bottom.

A lesson in no foam holders followed. Aspidistra Leaves woven to look like a neck tie were used as a holder for the flowers. Bear grass, small Bulrushes, Taxus Baccata (Yew), placed through the tie with gold bronze Calla Lilies as the focal flower. Placed with a second arrangement into silver cylinder holding vases

Hand held golden roses, fluffy tree Fern and white Gypsophila. Displayed in a glass bowl placed between the wings of a ornamental container together with a second placement. Absolutely beautiful.

A rustic twig container, adorned with Cockulas Laural, Pine, Yew, Birch sticks, Ivy flowers and leaves. Physalis (Chinese Lanterns), Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Leucospernum and small pumpkins brought Autumn into the room.



Large Aspidistra and Bergenia leaves formed a triangular outline in a low container together with Tree Fern, Yew and various foliage. Orange Gerbra and Carnations flowed high and low through the foliage. Shown against a background of all things nature and true colours of Autumn.

Lastly, beautiful tall drift wood, dried grasses, twisted Palms, red and white Bunksia, and large red Anthuriums. Adorned with Blue Parrot's depicted Paradise. The stage was a picture of beautiful Autumn colours together with Snowy Owls a Black cat a Scarecrow and a trip to Paradise.

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1821

Burial

04 Charlotte Lammas, infant,
(Baptism in October).

1822

Baptism

21 Mary Kedge, d of James and
Hannah.

1871

Burial

25 Ellen Doggett, infant.

1872

Baptisms

24 Mary Louisa Carter, d of Joseph
and Jane.

Thomas George Bowler, s of
George and Elizabeth.

? George Barry, s of George and
Mayanne, f a groom.

Leonard Stimson, s of John and
Kate Elize.

1921

Baptism

29 Madge Dunham.

Marriage

12 Philip King, 17 to Clara Beatrice
Parkinson, 25.

Burial

12 Sarah Garner, 84.

1922

Baptism

05 Ronald James Peat.

Marriage

04 James William Harris, 55
(widower), to Elizabeth
Whittamore, 50.

Burials

18 Alice Elizabeth Gudgin, 64.

20 William Joseph Harris, 69.

1971

Marriage

06 Alan George Porter, 22 to Jennifer
Watkins, 24.

1972

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18 David Martin Albert Hull, 21 to
Jane Elizabeth Eaton, 18.

Burial

29 Gladys Dorothy Stafferton, 64.



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Friday 18th

Quiz Night, St Mary's Church, 7:30pm start. *See previous issue.*

Sunday 27th

Christmas Lights switch on & more, Village Green, 3–6pm. *See prev. issue.*

DEC

Saturday 10th

Coffee and Croissants, Methodist Church, 10am-12noon. *See poster.*

Christmas Tree Festival, Methodist Church, 10am-4pm. *See poster.*

Monday 12th

Greensand Choir Christmas Concert, St. Mary's Church, 7:30pm. *See poster.*

Wednesday 14th

Christmas Lunch, St. Mary's Church, 12noon-2pm. *See poster.*

Saturday 17th

Christmas Evening, St. Mary's Churchyard from 4:30pm. *See poster.*

Plus...

Mondays...

* **Greensand Community Choir**, St. Mary's Church, 7:30-9pm.

Tuesdays... in term time

* **Clophill Preschool**, Stay and Play 9:30-10:30am and Thurs 1-2pm, Village Hall.

Wednesdays...

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

Thursdays...

* **Lunchtime Winter Warmer**, St Mary's Church, 12noon – 2pm. *Followed by:-*

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

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* **Clophill Toddler Group**, 10am-11.30am, Village Hall.



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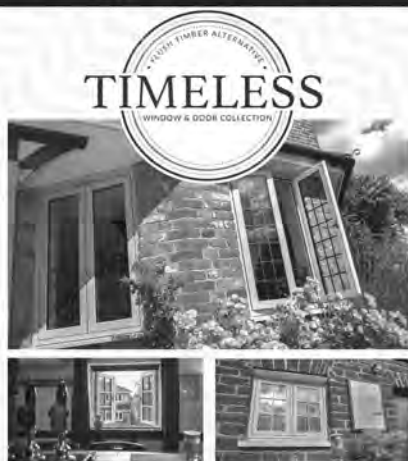


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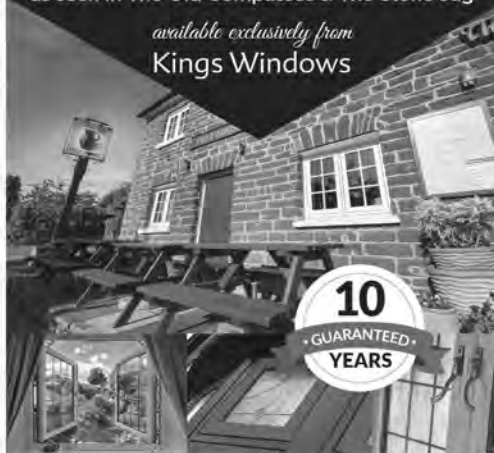


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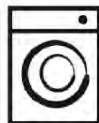
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