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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the March issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

March is here already and despite the cold and sometimes dull days, Spring is clearly on the way. The evenings are getting lighter, the daffodils and Crocus's are up and the early birds are singing away. So what better time to get out and about and enjoy what Clophill and the local area has to offer? This month we have the Ampthill choral society and Friday afternoon concerts, a fund raising event at Pulloxhill, the Flitton fun run and Wildlife Walks and Talks; as well as the events running in the village on the What's on page.

I am still interested in your feedback about the magazine, so if it slipped your mind last month, do send it in. What would you like more of, or less of!! Do you have something you would like to share with the village in your local magazine? Drop me a line at *editorial@clophillspotlight.co.uk*

Best wishes,

Elaine

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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner

With the arrival of spring, there is plenty to do in the garden in March. The days are getting longer and warmer so now is the time for sowing your hardy annual seeds. Hardy annuals can be sown directly where you want them to flower; just prepare the ground well first, by clearing it of weeds and



raking to a fine tilth. Don't be tempted to enrich the soil with any compost or horse manure. Try calendula, corncockle, cornflower, godetia, sunflowers, nigella and phacelia. If you didn't start your sweet peas in the autumn, now is a good time to get these going too. Sweet peas can be sown under cover from October to March. They like a long root run, so sow into deep pots or modules. If you got ahead of the game and your sweet peas are already sprouting, then now is the best time to pinch out the tips to encourage side shoots which in turn will produce lots of new shoots.

You can sow some half-hardy annuals too, but wait until the middle of the month when the light levels are better and the nights are less cold. Some to try include cleome, antirrhinum, zinnia and cosmos.

If you want to have a go at growing something edible then now is a good time to sow some seeds of lettuce, spinach, beetroot, salad onions, and pea shoots. These can all be started off in pots or trays and then transplanted out once they have developed some of their true leaves. Give them a little shelter and cover with some horticultural fleece if the temperature drops to below about 5 centigrade

If you have snowdrops and aconites in your garden now is the perfect time to lift and divide them. We call this moving 'in the green' and this is the best way to move these early flowering bulbs. Just remember to replant them to the same depth that they were originally planted and give them a water in. The improving weather means it's a great time to plant roses and lift and divide perennial plants.

If like me you, love the hot colours of dahlia flowers then now is the perfect time to start your tubers in pots under cover. If you only have one or two, plant them individually into a three-litre pot, so they can grow on happily until the frosts are finished and they can be planted in the garden. If you have lots, lay them out in a shallow tray, packed in tight, and cover the tubers with moist compost. They'll start to sprout in a few weeks and you can then take cuttings which often have a stronger colour than the parent plants.

Later in the month, start a regime of deadheading spring bulbs (e.g. narcissi, muscari and daffodils) as the flowers finish. Leave the foliage to die back naturally and don't be tempted to cut or bend the leaves, as this will prevent the plant from returning the nutrients into the bulb to feed it for next spring. No food at the end of the season will often mean no flowers next spring.

Other jobs in the garden over the next few weeks include splitting polyanthus after flowering, pruning shrub roses (removing all dead and crossing wood on your rose bushes and cutting the rest back by at least a half, aiming to cut just above an outward-facing bud), and pruning your forsythia as soon as they have finished flowering, (cutting back to strong, young shoots). It's also the best time to hard prune shrubs such as dogwood, willow, eucalyptus, cotinus, elder and catalpa to encourage multiple stems and good-sized foliage for the summer.

Here's hoping for great weather over the coming month.

Happy Gardening

St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingley our Headteacher

February was another busy month for us at St. Mary's! On Thursday 2nd February we were in Church to celebrate Candlemas. Rev'd Lynda led the service for us, supported by members of Oak Class with the Reading and Rowan Class leading prayers. The rest of the school also did us proud with their beautiful singing.



At the end of the first week, we recognised the NSPCC Number Day. The children wore their own clothes and took part in Maths-themed t-shirt decorating as well as solving a Maths themed escape room as classes! We raised £130 for this important charity through parental contributions.

On Monday 6th February, our latest pupil group, the Wellbeing Warriors, launched Children's Mental Health week, supported by our Wellbeing Leaders: Mrs. Burraway and Miss Grassi. The theme this year was 'Let's Connect' and at the end of the week all the classes wore their own clothes to represent who they are and what they like and shared an activity they had completed linked to the theme.

Tuesday 7th February was Safer Internet Day, and again the children all took part in a special Computing activity on the day linked to the theme of 'Want to talk about it?' and we held a special assembly about this important day too. We talk a lot about internet safety throughout the year with the children, so it is good to reinforce the message of staying safe online on this national day.

As we now start back to the second half of the Spring Term, we are beginning the 'Eat them to defeat them' campaign at lunchtimes. Encouraging children to try and eat more veg in their school dinners or packed lunches!

As always, you can find more information about the school by visiting our website: <u>www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk</u> and we regularly post pictures of our events on our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/clophillstmarysschool</u>

Jake the School Dog: Not only do we think about the children's wellbeing, we also consider Jake's wellbeing on a weekly basis. Every Thursday, Jake visits 'Michelle's Happy Pets' in the village for some much needed RnR (as well as charging around with his doggy pals!). Here's a couple of pictures of what he gets up to on his day off!



Acorn Nursery news

from Mrs. Hayes our Nursery Manager and Early Years Leader

We loved exploring the very traditional tale of Snow White during February. The experience of making our own small world resources - including a forest, toilet roll, princesses, dwarfs and woodland animals - provided children with the opportunity to develop skills in all areas of the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage).

We also made crowns and mirrors to re-chant the famous line said by the Queen and created and painted a rather large castle out of boxes as we listened to and joined in with the song 'Whistle while you work', printed with apples and made up our own princess story during Helicopter Stories sessions!

We joined in with NSPCC number day with lots of number songs, number block activities and the children were delighted to decorate their t-shirts which they wore proudly! We continued exploring maths concepts with Numicon activities, matching numbers to quantity games, weighing and sorting bears, counting objects as we rescue them from the 'giant spiders web', counting the bricks in the tall towers we've made and measuring water and sand with different containers.

For Mental Health Awareness week, we made a handprint wreath together to symbolise how we connect. The children were proud to show the whole school during the special assembly, and it will be on display in our Nursery.

Our Value for March is Friendship, Kindness (and Thoughtfulness)

In school, we will be thinking about the real meaning of friendship, why friends are so important to us and what qualities we look for in a true friend. We will emphasize the importance of loyalty, kindness, trust and support as the framework of friendship. We will be talking about making and keeping friends and how we should treat our friends.

At home, you might like to focus on bedtime stories in which 'Friendship' is the theme. As a family you could also write your 'Ten top tips' for being a good friend and then everyone could use this as a check list to try their best to live up to the top tips!

<u>TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY -</u> <u>FUNDRAISING CONCERT</u>

The April 1st concert below is a fun way to raise money for the disaster the Turkish and Syrian people are enduring. If you, or any persons you know, **including any members of our Turkish and Syrian communities**, are involved in any activity relating to the Earthquake and would benefit from promotion or a presence at the concert please get in touch.



There will be a Big Prizes raffle, so we are

seeking local traders, restaurants etc who would like to donate a significant prize. Donating businesses can be assured of deserved publicity.

Those of you with access to the social media channels and local outlets **please do your bit and promote the concert over the next month**. Posters/ leaflets will soon be in circulation.

Help of any kind will be appreciated: <u>tony.duke@btinternet.com</u>.

THE CROSS KEYS

High Street PULLOXHILL MK45 5HB

Saturday April 1st

The Flitwick Singers, CK Jazz & Turkish Troubadours

£22.50pp

MUSIC - TURKISH MEAL – RAFFLE

Call 01525 712442 /email hello@thecrosskeys.co.uk to book

Doors open at 6pm - Guests to be seated by 6.45pm

Clephill Prescheel News

Hello everyone,

It's been lovely to have some sunshine warming the ground. It has meant our children have been able to look out for the new shoots growing. They have been looking after all our seeds that are starting to sprout along with our bulbs and getting the strawberry beds ready for spring. We have also been observing the Jewish festival of Tu BiShvat which celebrates the rebirth of trees for the new year, another opportunity to raise awareness of care for the environment and follows on from our exploration into the pagan festival of Wassailing (old English for 'be healthy') when we sing to the apple trees to encourage a good harvest. This has led to much discussion and observation of the trees in and around our

space. We are buying some new tree signs to help everyone identify them by leaf and fruit.

We have been celebrating Shrove Tuesday by making lemon flavoured play dough, doing pancake races with frying pans and tasting pancakes at snack time. We have made bird feeders from pine cones, fat and seeds, done some fine motor weaving and continued with our map work looking around the village, reading and recognising signs and drawing our own maps.

We have used some of the money from our Christmas event to buy new books which cover interesting topics related to our children. We have some about diabetes, speech and language difficulties and tube feeding. It is a great way to familiarise our children with the differences within our preschool community, to explain them in a



positive way is the key to their continued embracing of new things without prejudice.

Books are such a vital resource for us at preschool, feeding our children's imaginations and understanding, while looking at a book about the body they came across a picture of a skeleton. This led to a game of heads, shoulders, knees and toes but with parts of the skeleton so we learnt about skulls, ribs and pelvis. Our Friday children were then able to relate this to the dead bird that they investigated, they had the opportunity to cut it open and see its heart and other organs. They then respectfully buried it and said a few words of thanks to it for helping to teach us.

While we at preschool understand the importance of being out in nature and all the health benefits it gives us, we are also aware that we are all suffering from a collective trauma of a post pandemic world. To help our staff and children in setting, we have been working on mindful moments, implementing them throughout the sessions as ways to stop and connect with each other and the world around us. We have found that even a small 2-minute intervention to focus on breathing or do a fun physical activity allows us all to rest our minds, develop our awareness of our surroundings and of each other. Teaching our children to manage their own feelings, to be able to express themselves and how they feel is so important, now more than ever.



Clophill Nature Reserve receives funding boost

We're delighted to announce our Clophill Lakes Appeal has received a huge boost in funding, thanks to The Peter Smith Charitable Trust, bringing our new nature reserve ever closer.

As promised all funds donated during 2022 were doubled thanks to a generous offer by the charitable trust led by our patron and former chairman Peter Smith MBE to match all donations made in 2022 – this resulted in a £10K donation. In addition a further £120K has been awarded, bringing us almost half way to our funding target of £295K.

We still need your help to raise the funds we need to complete all establishment works - please donate now! Donations can be made at

www.greensandtrust.org/Appeal/clophill-lakes.

Public tree planting event

As part of our establishment works to transform Clophill Lakes we held a public tree planting day in February. We were pleased to be joined by around 35 locals who worked alongside our volunteers and rangers – they managed to plant around 700 trees, according to our Ranger Bob, so well done to everyone who lent a hand!

Otters spotted on site!

Our Ecologist Dr Sue recently spotted two otters swimming upstream! They swam a short distance before getting out onto the bank and disappearing into the bramble. She thinks it was probably a female and an



almost full-grown cub as the second was following closely and slightly smaller. Dr Sue said: "That's my first sighting of an otter in Bedfordshire which goes to show how elusive they are. I've seen loads of trail cam footage, and lots of their spraint (droppings), but never actually seen one in the wild. Although otters had declined to the point of being thought extinct in Bedfordshire by the 1980's they've slowly made a comeback. Signs were first seen in the Clophill area in the early 2000s and since then have become more regular. It's likely otters have been well-established along the River Flit for at least 10 years now. It's amazing how such a big animal is so rarely seen, although it isn't difficult to find the signs they leave behind if you know what to look for."

AMPTHILL CHORAL SOCIETY 75th Anniversary Concert

Vivaldi - Gloria Purcell - Te Deum Laudamus and Jubilate Deo

Mozart - Splendente te

Director of Music Katie Trethewey Clare McCaldin Mezzo-soprano Organist

Alan Childs Soprano Ian Runnells

Saturday 25th March 2023

7.30pm **Ampthill Methodist Church**

Tickets £12 in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ampthill-district-choral-society or available on the door

www.ampthillchoral.wordpress.com

<u>Coffee and Croissants</u> Clophill Methodist Church 10am to 12 noon



<u>Saturday 11th March</u> Saturday 8th April Saturday 13th May All Welcome

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...

Lewis Carl Tiffin was born in Kent in 1890. By 1911 he was working as a footman in Ramsgate. There he met Flora Whittamore who had been born in Clophill and was working as a cook just a few doors away. They married in 1916 and went on to have a daughter called Myrtle. During WW1 Lewis was a Corporal in the Motor Transport Army Service Corps, giving his address for the Absent Voter's list as the High Street, Clophill. After the war the family lived in Wandsworth, where he worked as a grocery shopkeeper and where he died in 1973.

Bertie Tuffnell was born in Clophill in 1884. His family kept the Stone Jug from 1876 to 1959, apart from 1892 to 1903. Sadly, Bertie's father Frederick died when he was 4 and so his mother Mary, took over as licensee of the Jug. (Mary died in 1892.) In 1891 we find Bertie and one of his sister's living with an aunt on the High Street. It is believed that in 1901 he was living as a boarder, at the age of 16, in Hendon. He was working as a General Labourer. His whereabouts are not known until his activities are reported on in Ampthill News. It states that he was wounded in 1915 whilst serving in General Botha's Army in South Africa. In 1916 the paper reports that he "is enjoying the beautiful breezes in Alexandria" and that he served throughout the Boer War and has since been in many military engagements under Botha and had been wounded. Later that year it states that he has again been seriously wounded and is in hospital in London. He is promoted to Corporal in 1916.

In January 1917 Ampthill News reports "Bert. Tuffnell, South African Infantry, has been discharged as medically unfit for further service. He was in South Africa at the commencement of Hostilities, his regiment helped conquer German South West Africa. Later he served in Egypt, where he was badly wounded in the shoulder. He has spent a long time in hospital, but has not been able to regain the use of his arm, and has consequently been invalided."

Post-war Bertie lived in Back Street and he married Alice Sutton in 1926. It is thought that he continued working in the licence trade in Surrey and that he died there in 1953.

Frederick Bruce Tuffnell was brother to Bertie (above), he was born in Clophill in 1988, a few months before his father's death. In 1901 he was living with his brother Frank at the Stone Jug. By 1911 he was working as a Zookeeper (one of 6) at Ampthill House, now site of the Wingfield Club in Church Street, Ampthill.



His employer, Mr Wingfield kept a small zoo as was the fashion at the time. His collection included Llamas, Zebras, Cheetahs, Ostriches Camels, Bison, Bulls and Pigs. All ridden on and very popular with his visitors. The collection was scaled down in the 1920s and by 1930 most of the animals were transferred to the new Whipsnade Zoo. Perhaps Frederick is in this photo (previous page) tending to the needs of an ostrich!

By 1915 Frederick had joined the Bedfordshire Yeomanry and, in that year, married Annie Ansell- a local assistant schoolteacher. He had just received orders to leave for the front.

After the war the couple lived in the High Street and by 1930 had taken on the licence of the Jug. Frederick retired from the pub in 1959 and lived at 51 Readshill at the time of his death in 1961.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

What a change from last year, when the church was transformed into a clearing house for the Ukraine appeal! Sadly the war is still causing immense hardship for the people there.



There have been many events in the church in the past weeks. The annual Coffee and Cake morning for Janina was very well supported and raised over £600 for her and Plan International, the sponsoring organisation. The weekly Winter Warmer lunches have been popular, creating a lovely fellowship among the attendees. Although there was no charge people were very generous with their donations and we have been able to buy goods for the Village Hall Hub. By now the Lent Lunches are in full swing every Wednesday, raising money for Marie Curie Cancer Care and Christian Aid. All welcome, no need to book, just turn up and enjoy!

Easter will soon be upon us and the following services and events are planned for Holy Week and the Easter weekend. On Maundy Thursday we shall be resuming our Agape Supper in the church, when we remember the events of Passover and the Last Supper. If you wish to come, please sign the list in the church. On Good Friday we shall be joining with Maulden for a service at 2.00pm, marking the last hour of the Crucifixion, and the weekend culminates on Easter Sunday with a Sung Parish Communion at 11.00am.

Looking forward we will be celebrating the Coronation with Tea on the Lawn at Clophill House on Bank Holiday Monday, and the service on the Sunday will be a special Family Praise with a kingly themed drama and lively hymns at 11 o'clock. Why don't you come along and join our celebration?

Parish Registers for March

<u>1823</u>

Baptisms

30 Ann, d of Thomas and Lucy Lomas. William, s of Thomas and Sarah Wilshire.

Burials

- 03 Edward Burrows, s of Samuel.
- 05 Betsy Barnard.
- 20 Richard Waller (?).

<u>1873</u>

Baptisms

- 16 Harry Horace Quenby, f a baker.
- 30 Sarah Ann Lomas. Amy Elizabeth Burton, f a gardener.

Burials

- 11 Elizabeth Kedge, 69.
- 19 Emily Simpson, Infant.

<u>1923</u>

Baptism

11 Elsie Joan King, f a miller.

Burial

- 14 Elizabeth Ann Young, 61.
- <u>1973</u>

Baptism

11 Neil Mark Sizeland.

Burial

30 Florence May Smith.

St. Mary's Registers February 2023

20 Memorial Service and Burial of Ashes.

Clophill and District Flower Club

On 2 February, in a packed hall, we enjoyed our first demonstration of the year when Graham King from Surrey took us on his 'Journey to Creativity'. What a journey it was, as he unveiled the containers he had made from spiralled wire, re



-formed tin trays and many unique shapes all raised by being fixed to a stand!

His first design of spiralled wire set off the deep orange roses and cerise Gerbera. His second container started off life as a tin tray which he had then cut and curled back the central part into coils. He explained it was from a Moroccan inspiration. To one side he attached some floral foam which showcased pale orange and pink roses with deep red carnations and Hypericum berries. For his



third design, seven different-sized wreath rings had been cut and twisted, then covered in ochre-coloured wool through which Graham entwined Phormium leaves. After showing us how he manipulated Aspidistra leaves, he added them with other green foliage before pink Astilbe, Skimmia and pink and cream roses completed the design.

After a break for refreshments, we were treated to a wintry look with twisted wire covered in white wool shaped into gracefully curling swirls. To this Graham added Seneccio then white roses, cream carnations and pale pink spray roses, completing the design with small amounts of Gypsophila. A very pretty design.

As flower arrangers, we are all trying to use less floral foam and Graham's penultimate design was formed from chicken wire; shaped into two off-set cones covered in blue material giving the impression of a tropical waterfall. He then added Asparagus fern and Bergenia leaves before some pale lilac and white Calla lilies. Finally, by adding Gypsophila, we could visualise the spray from the cascading water.

The sixth, final, container was intriguing. Graham explained that he had melted fabric to drape onto spherical shapes and included beads to a raised candelabra and the effect was a purple haze. To this he added Garrya Elliptica, Sea Lavender and Chrysanthemum blooms in pale purple and after the dark purple carnations were added, five lit candles completed the design. Graham gave us an amazing evening and certainly food for thought as to what we can use as our next container.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month, although please note that in view of Easter dates this April it will be the second Thursday, the 13th. Visitors are always welcome, check our website and Facebook pages as well as the village noticeboard for more information. <u>www.clophillflowerclub.com</u>



You are invited to the

Coronation Celebration and Afternoon Tea in the garden of Clophill House

– by kind invitation of Abbie and Giles Warner



Come and meet your friends and share in the village celebration

of the Coronation of King Charles

Bring your own chairs/ Picnic rugs and decorations. You can bring your own picnic

or order a:- Celebration homemade Afternoon Tea box £10 a box

Including a variety of finger sandwiches, Cheese straw, scones jam/ cream, homemade cake and strawberries

> To be collected at the gate on the day. Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Clophill

Pimms and Prosecco Soft drinks and cakes Entertainment Raffle We hope that everyone will wear something red, white or blue to join in the fun. Further details in the next Issue of Spotlight, Church website and posters

Enquiries to juliebenson@talktalk.net





15th March Clophill Methodist Church 22nd March St Mary's Church 29th March St. Mary's Church

12 noon -2pm

Donations will be given to Christian Aid & Marie Curie

Everyone very welcome

Raffle

For information phone Carolyn 01462 815433 or Gill Jones 01525 861058

Please call if you require transport

Reflections – Clophill in March 1978 Voices from the past

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

I am going to cheat quite a bit here as the **cover picture** is described perfectly by the Editor. It ".. shows part of the village High Street, no longer with us in its entirety. I wonder how many of you will realise exactly where it is at first glance? To the left of this picture Mr & Mrs Scholar's cottage can be seen adjoining a row of cottages, which has since been demolished. The home



of Mrs Lammas can also be recognised on the right-hand side of the photograph. For those who still cannot place it, it is part of the area between the entrance to Cainhoe Road and the local butcher's shop." (This is the house to the left of the entrance to Howard Mews).

Looking inside the magazine we read that the 23rd March Parish Council meeting heard Mr. Sidney Morris speak about "the national review of parish boundaries, a once-in a lifetime chance to iron out anomalies. However, any takeover proposal (e.g. for Clophill to annex Hall End, Maulden) will be opposed by the neighbouring parish, which would lose population and rateable value." Also "£650 is being spent on a new brick bus shelter. Residents are asked to cooperate by looking after it and preventing vandalism." Further on "There is a lot of valuable Fuller's earth under Clophill and the Parish Council must be prepared in case industry decides to use it." (It is now 'The Lakes'!) Mrs J. Cobbold was the March demonstrator of the Flower Club when she "captured spring with eight beautiful arrangements..." At the Methodist Church, on March 1st "about fifty people enjoyed a Ploughman's Supper delightfully organised by the ladies of the church." While on Friday 3rd March at St. Mary's Church the 1977-78 winter season of concerts ended with "an entertaining performance given by the Samuel Whitbread School Band." The Fete Committee was getting into full swing by asking for cracked or broken crockery. They would also "be pleased to hear for any ladies interested in taking part in the annual Tug o' War contest." (I did not apply.) There was to be a sponsored 'Fill the Matchbox' competition, the matchbox to be of standard size and filled with as many different items as possible, but no livestock is allowed - spiders, flies or other insects!

The **recipe** of the month was '**Lemon Crème Pie'**, involving 6oz digestive biscuits, 3oz melted butter (mixed together for the base), ½ lemon jelly melted in ½pt boiling water and cooled, added to the juice & rind of ½ lemon and whisked evaporated milk (small tin) – (worth a try?)

It doesn't sound as if Sid likes Kate Bush's 'Wuthering Heights' record, but he does mention The Stylistics 'Wonder Women', Showaddywaddy's I wonder why' and Wings follow up to 'Mull of Kintyre', 'With a little bit of luck'.

Some of the films on the circuit mentioned are 'The Sting' with Robert Redford, 'Abba the Movie', 'The Man with the Golden Gun' and 'Star Wars'. (Wow that's 45 years ago!)

I am much indebted to Robert Berrington who tells me that our very own – and I quote from him: "'Homebrew' band is still 'alive and kicking and can be seen Rockin 'n' Rollin around the local area at least once a year, actually twice last year. That famous photo was: Chris Lewis: Bass guitar, Robert Berrington: Rhythm guitar, Terry Carr: Drums, Roger Diggins Lead guitar. They actually went on to form Chris Cole and The Rockets. They were back in Clophill recently at the Green Man, October 2022 - 45 years later. Now that's rock'n'roll!" (It sure is.) Thank you as well Robert for telling me that my "theory of Barry Inskip being Sid Sidney of Sids Scene is definitely wrong! Clophill's best kept secret 💭" (Cheers Robert! Now, I wonder who it could have been?).

Clophill Community Hubdate

January and February have proved to be pretty busy months in terms of demand from the Community Hub and I guess we are now facing a challenge that will become part of normal life as we attempt to maintain a balance between supply and demand.



Over the last two weeks we have seen a situation where our reserve stock was pretty much wiped out despite the ongoing contributions from our network of donation points, hence many of you will have seen my appeal on the Clophill Grapevine for more supplies. I would like to thank all those kind people who responded quickly and generously to get us back on an even keel. Hopefully by maintaining a high profile through updates such as this, the donations will continue to flow through.

Short term items we are in need of are:

- Baked beans, spaghetti
- Tinned Veg
- Tuna
- Tinned fruit

Donations can be left in the storage unit next to the main Hub building or at 32 Back Street if preferred.

Corned beef

Rice pudding

and...... Pot noodles

A final note, the Clothes Bank is now in situ next to the Hub. Feel free to drop your unwanted clothing in there to help support the Clophill Pre School and obviously the ultimate recipients of the clothing items you donate.

Remember, please donate generously and take thoughtfully



Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants

Wildlife walks & talks

March : April

Monday, March 20th, Maulden Church Hall, 7:30pm Talk by Dr Wilf Powell – 'Wildlife of Estonia'*

Although a small country, Estonia has a wealth of wildlife and one of the lowest population densities in Europe. For example, it has over 100 butterfly species despite being on the same latitude as northern Scotland. It also lies on a major bird migration route, the East Atlantic Flyway, with around 2 million birds along its western and northern coastlines in Spring.

Wilf has been lucky enough to visit Estonia six times since 2009 and in this talk, he will discuss some of his favourite sites for wildlife and show a range of fauna and flora that can be encountered there. *£4.00 per adult

Saturday, April 22nd, Pegsdon Hills (TL131307), 10:00am

Walk to Knocking Hoe Nature Reserve with Dr Graham Bellamy*

A walk round this lovely reserve looking for the Pasque Flowers and other chalk grassland plants which can be found here. We will also be looking out for birds, especially early migrants and anything else of interest.

Park at the rear of 'The View' pub or in the lay-by near The Lodge. Please do not park in the pub car park, or drive across it. *£4.00 per adult

Open to all, but please reserve, as space is limited.

For additional information or to reserve your place please email <u>flitvale.info@gmail.com.</u>

(If you don't have email, please ring Ann on 07580 178889 between 6-8 pm.)

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

Registered charity number: 1000412 www.wildlifebcn.org

Flit Vale Local Group: <u>www.flitvale.org.uk</u>

Clophill Parish Council

The meeting commenced with a big thank you to all involved in the lobbying to successfully retain the foot bridge over the A6. Thanks, in particular to Cllr Elcome and Paul Allen who provided the engineering drawing and report that were sent to CBC.



The February Tree Giveaway at the Green was a huge success with all 300 trees being collected and adoption certificates filled out. All as part of the Queens Green Canopy.

Cllr Fehr and Cllr Rodell attended a meeting with Flitwick Town Council, re: the closure of Barclays Bank and the Post Office in Flitwick. The Town Council are looking into providing a Banking Hub initially at the Rufus centre, and subsequently in the old Barclays Bank Building once purchased. CPC Resolved to support the Hub and confirm this in writing to Flitwick.

The Hayfield planning application for the Land the rear of Waterworks House, The Old Waterworks, The Pump House, 12 and 15 Shefford Road and 11 to 21 Jacques Lane. **CB/23/00467/FULL** has been put in, this is now for 33 houses. This came in too late for discussion at the meeting and a planning subcommittee will take place on 9th March to consider the application.

This year is an election year and it will take place on the 4th May. Photo ID will be a requirement for the first time, so remember to take it with you to the polling station! Additional staff will be in place at polling stations to mitigate the risk of queues. Anyone interested in getting involved and standing for election to the Parish Council, can do so by contacting the Clerk, or finding the details on the CBC web site.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 28th March, Clophill Methodist Church, @ 7:45pm

Planning Applications

Decisions Required Prior to Meeting:

CB/TCA/23/00007

Location: 7 Little Lane

Proposal: Works to tree within a Conservation Area: Removal of Lime Tree (T1) due to becoming too large for its environment.

CB/TCA/23/00024

Location: 114 High Street

Proposal: Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Remove large Pine Tree to the front of the property. NO COMMENT

CB/TCA/23/00028

Location: The Old Watermill, High Street

Proposal: Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Reduce Sycamore tree by 50%, reduce Alder tree to previous reduction points, reduce Sycamore tree to previous reduction points, fell Willow tree. **NO COMMENT**

CB/23/00137/FULL

Location: Sand Pit, Great Lane

Proposal: Erection of detached chalet bungalow & associated works. OBJECT

For Consideration at meeting:

CB/TCA/23/00031

Location: 112 High Street

Proposal: Works to a Tree in the Conservation Area: Fell front Horse Chestnut Tree and replant with another suitable tree. SUPPORT

CB/HDG/23/00014

Location: Sections of land running between Flitton and Meppershall

Proposal: Hedgerow Application: hedgerow removal/vegetation clearance/

overhead branch tree trimming for the Anglian Water @one Meppershall pipeline installation scheme. **NO COMMENT**

Consultation A00379 Bedford Road, Clophill (Clophill Roundabout Scheme) – 30mph and 40mph Speed Limit. SUPPORT

CB/23/00454/VOC

Location: 33 Bedford Road

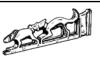
Proposal: Variation of condition numbers 2,4,7,13, 18 of planning permission.

CB/22/00190/FULL Partial demolition of existing bungalow and garage with extensions, raising of roof and insertion of dormers and external alterations. Erection of an additional detached dwelling. Variations to plans (condition 18) and to the wording of conditions 2,4,7 and 13. **SUPPORT**

CB/23/00345/FULL

Location: 1 Longacre Place

Proposal: Installation of two electric roller shutter doors to front of double carport. SUPPORT



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What's on in and around Clophill

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Saturday 11th

Coffee and Croissants, Methodist Church, 10am-12noon. See poster. **Wednesday 15th, 22nd and 29th**

Lent Lunches, Methodist Church/ St Mary's Church, 12noon-2pm. See poster.

Saturday 8th

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

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Monday 8th

Coronation Celebration, Garden of Clophill House, 2pm-6pm. See poster. **Saturday 13th**

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

Plus....

Weekdays during term time

* Clophill Community Hub is open, Village Hall, 9am to 3pm.

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 Thursdays 1-2pm, Village Hall.

Wednesdays...

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

* Beverley Court Bingo Night, in the Residents lounge, 7pm. All welcome.....

Thursdays...

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

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

Fridays...

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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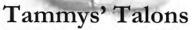
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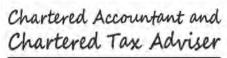
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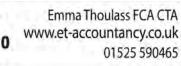
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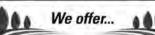






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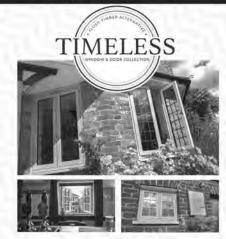
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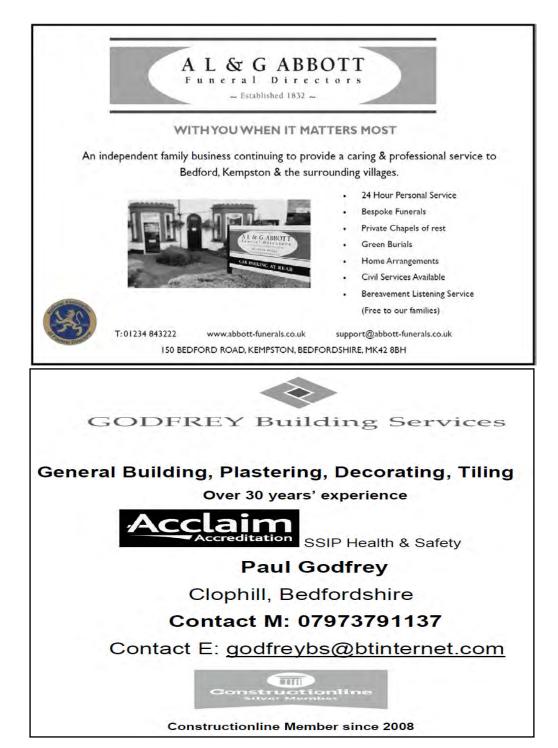


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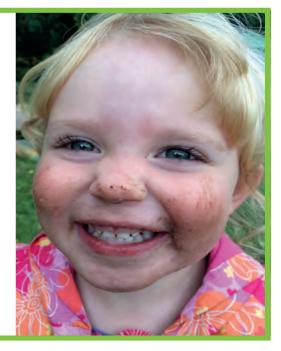


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