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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the June issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

So here we are in June, and summer has arrived!!

There is lots going on this month, here are just a few. In the Village we have the Church Fete and Village event at St. Mary's church on the 17th with the Messy Church at the Methodist church just before it on 16th. There is the new King's official birthday on 17th and Father's Day on 18th and the summer solstice on 21st.

With the weather looking much more promising, how about celebrating National Picnic Week which takes place this year between 17th – 25th June. Go to www.nationalpicnicweek.co.uk and you will find some delicious recipes, some great ideas for family activities and some interesting facts about the humble picnic. So, dig out your blankets and baskets and get out into the great outdoors.

Or just sit back and enjoy this month's issue of Spotlight.

Whatever you do in June, I hope you all have a lovely month.

Best wishes,

Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner



Welcome to June with and to one of the busiest months in the Garden. As I'm writing this, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is in full swing and this year there is a big push towards all things sustainable. Lots of ideas come from the show gardens, but how about the trend for growing weeds. Who knew that we all have the makings of a 2023 Chelsea Garden! Whatever your thoughts on weeds it's great to see a trend towards a more relaxed style of gardening. If you have been following No Mow May then you should be starting to see a whole raft of wild flowers appear which in turn will attract a wide of insects to your gardens.

The 'June gap' is a strange phenomenon. The term refers to a period when there is a sudden reduction in the amount of pollen and nectar around to feed honeybees. This is a problem for bees because in May, the colonies of many bee species are growing rapidly. Honey bees will be reaching peak colony size and bumblebees will have their workers out in force.

During spring, in addition to many early flowering herbaceous plants flowering there are vast volumes of pollen and nectar produced from trees and hedges; especially from the Hawthorn. In May, the rapeseed flowers can bring a serious glut, but suddenly in June this can all be over and the grass is starting to suppress many of the wild flowers. By the middle of July many of the tall herbaceous plants start to flower and often go on until September, but the challenge is what to do to bridge the gap.

This is where our gardens come into their own. With some careful plant choices, it is possible to not only have a beautiful garden, but also provide a food haven for our bees and other pollinators.

Hebe, Choisya, Pyracantha and Cotoneaster all are popular with bees and are good for providing shape and structure to our gardens. Ceonothus or Californian Lilac is one of my favourites, with its flowers ranging from the palest blue to an incredible deep bluey purple. Right now, in my garden the Nepeta, perennial Geraniums, Campanulas, Thymes, Sage, red Valerian, Wall flowers, and Osteospermums are in bloom attracting large numbers of bees. As June progresses the lavender, sweet Williams and blue Echinops thistles will add to the mix.

June 21 is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions and add mulch around your plants. Not only will it help to keep the weeds down but all mulches will help to keep the soil moist and reduce the amount of watering.

Hanging Baskets and planters are starting to make an appearance too. Argyranthemum, Lysimachia (creeping jenny), Dichondra 'Silver Falls', Fuchsia, Pelargonium (geraniums), Lobelia, Viola (pansies), Petunia, Salvia and Nicotiana (tobacco plants) are great for adding colour while being good for the bees too.

Hanging baskets rely most on the gardener to ensure they do not dry out, so to ensure that your baskets look their best throughout the whole summer make sure that you use enough water to keep the baskets moist, but not soggy and give them a liquid fertiliser feed once a week.

Happy Gardening

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...

Alfred Webb gave his address as Beadlow for the Absent Voter's Register; however his family connection cannot be proven. He may have been a son of Henry & Sarah Webb who lived at Beadlow and lost two sons, Augustus and Herbert in the Great War. Alfred was a Private, Motor Transport., Aux. Patrol Co., Army Service Corps.

Bertie John Webb was born in 1894 in Clophill. In 1911 he worked as a gardener and lived on the High Street with his parents William and Ann Case. He was a Driver with Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport) and he volunteered in June 1915, being transferred overseas the following month. While on the Western Front he undertook transport duties in the Loos, Arras, Cambrai and Somme sectors. He received the 1914-15 Star and the General Service Medal and the Victory Medal. The military records for the end of the War give his address as The Nook, (now 2 Mill Lane) – the same address as Len Izzard. Bertie was a first cousin of Frank and Walter below. It is thought that he married Sarah Jane Tunn in 1918 and that the couple emigrated to Australia in 1921 where he died in the 1960s.

It is possible that Bertie's brother – Walter Fredrick died in Palestine in 1917. The records seem a little confused as they have been amended to a different regimental number – 210419 and 201419. The correction shows the mother as a widow named Ada, and his birth place as London, however Bertie's and Walter's father was still alive at this time. The original record shows Walter as living in Lilley at the time of his supposed death, having been born in Clophill in 1891. There is a W F Webb on Lilley's war Memorial. In 1911 "our" Walter lived as a boarder near Tunbridge Wells and worked as a gardener.

Levi and Sarah Webb had two sons who served and survived. Both sons were born in Clophill. The family lived in 81 High Street Clophill.

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Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1 –continued

Frank Webb was born in 1894. He enlisted with the Bedfords and was then connected to the 7th Royal Fusiliers Intelligence Dept. He served on the Somme and by 1917 had served for 2 years in France. In 1918 he was gassed at Armentiers. Later that year he was “back in the thick of it.” It was reported in November 1918 that “on one occasion he had just dressed 2 wounded comrades, and was rendering other assistance when a shell burst close to them and killed them both, leaving him unhurt.”

Frank married Ivy Odell in 1922 and by 1939 they were living in Ampthill and he was working as a Public Works Contractor. It is believed that he died in Biggleswade in 1973.

Levi Walter Webb (known as Walter) was born in 1884. In 1901 he was working on a farm in Ripley, Derbyshire, but by 1911 he had returned to Clophill. He enlisted in 1915 and was a Gunner in Railway Construction Troops Depot in the Royal Engineers. He served in Mesopotamia in 1916 and Salonica in 1917. Walter lived in The Nook – now 2 Mill Lane with Violet (née Sutton) his wife. After the war the family moved to Clayhill Cottages, Maulden, where in 1939 Walter was a Forestry worker. He died in 1956.

William Webb lived on the High Street and was a Private in the 692 Agricultural Company, Labour Corps. It is probable that William is the brother of Bertie John (on the previous page) and was born in 1879 in Clophill. By 1901 he was working as a Groom in Uckfield and in 1911 as a Gardener in Welwyn. It is believed he married Jeanie Rae Hope in 1915 and by 1939 was living in Luton with his family, working as a Floor Cleaner. It is thought that William died in 1958.

Reflections – Clophill in June 1978—Voices from the past

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

How fitting that the cover picture on July's edition of 'Outlook' is of Elizabeth Brennan, the Carnival Princess Amanda Walker and Donna Dobrolowski on the float taking them to the Village Hall on – yes guess which day – **Saturday 17th June** – the very date when this year's **Village Fete** is taking place in the Church grounds! OK, so we now no longer hold a fete procession down the High Street, a fancy dress



competition or dog show, but we do have stalls, refreshments “and plenty of enjoyment for all the family”. While the “rather overcast and very windy conditions” of forty-five years ago will not be welcome, it would be lovely to welcome any of the then fancy-dress winners, among them - Lisa Armitage, Adrian Puddephat, Sharon Collis, Michael Page, Ian Bousted, Jane & Nicholas Moore and Jason & Claire Cranswick.

The 20 Grand Draw prizes look good too (as are ours as always) - perhaps a Teas made, a camera, whisky, bathroom scales, cigar case & cigars or a basket of vegetables (I just love to compare what was so special then to what we do now. Fascinating!). "After a quick and general clearance of the Hall, the Committee prepared for the Fete Dance. Dancing was to the lively music of 'The Megatonnes'." What has struck me with all of this reminiscing is the amount of work the very active **Village Hall Committee** put in to make money for the Village Hall and on this occasion, to create a great day for the village. Thank you for giving us a 'new' hall and now a 'Hub', although I am not sure who comprises the Committee; apart from Steve Langhorn. Perhaps he might welcome a load more support?

But back now to the July 1978 'Outlook' and the **Guides** entertained 'parents and members of the Brownie Pack to a display of Country Dancing, hoping to gain their entertainer badge.' Then 'Twenty members of the company, with their 3 Guiders, went to Hundred's Farm, Woburn, for a weekend camp. The weather was cold and blustery" (They had a good time though.) Just across the A6, the '**Commander in Chief**' welcomed new licensees, Babs and Alan Wicks, who wished "their predecessors Eileen and Dennis Garrard a very happy retirement".

WI members enjoyed a Mystery Coach outing round "beautiful Hertfordshire villages and country lanes to St. Albans Abbey" where they had a conducted tour. "The title for the June meeting of the **Clophill and District Flower Club** was 'Treasures of the World'. The demonstrator was Mrs. L. F. Sturdy of Luton." The **Parish Council** asked the "Residents of Mill Lane not to park their cars to obstruct access to the Village Hall.

Parishioners in general are asked to show consideration when parking in the village." (Some things haven't changed!) "Holly Bush (Field to the North of Back Street Quarry) has been let to a new tenant and been ploughed. A footpath has been left around the edge of the field and people are asked to use this, instead of the right of way across the middle, and an appeal is to be lodged regarding the development of the Old Pig Farm on the High Street.

At the **Village Hall Management** meeting, it was decided to raise the insurance cover to £30,000 for building and £4,000 for contents; £10 was to be spent on new wire for the fence, a new manhole cover with keys is to be bought, up to £15; and soil for landscaping to be purchased up to £10. "A 'pay phone' has been installed and can be used during hall bookings at the discretion of the hirers."

To end on something lovely, "Pupils of St. Mary's School had time off from their lessons on Thursday 8th June, when they gathered in the new school hall with members of staff to give **heartfelt farewell to the Rev and Mrs Cousins**, on their retirement. The Rev. Cousins and his family came to Clophill in 1971. They soon became involved in the spiritual interest of the parish and built up the congregation, started a new Sunday School and were involved with major repair works to the church." They were wished well in their new life in Weston Super Mare. (Well deserved.)

Clophill Lakes Update

Clophill Lakes – wildlife is thriving!

As the season moves towards summer, the Clophill Lakes site is now teeming with wildlife! Our ecologist



visits the site regularly and spotted a **green-winged orchid** in the grassland (pictured) – it

seems to be a good year for them! On the bird front a **cuckoo** is definitely back on site, as well as quite a few **sand martins**, **house martins**, **swifts** and **swallows** swooping over the lake as they feed. An **oystercatcher** was also heard but couldn't be seen!

A female **wheatear** was seen around the dry lichen area. This is a small mainly ground-dwelling bird that hops and runs on the ground – nice to think Clophill Lakes is providing a good stop for it on its migration from central Africa.

A **grasshopper warbler** was heard calling – it has a very distinctive call, like a fishing reel unwinding fast. It's on the Red List of endangered species so we were particularly pleased to hear this!

Our ecologist has been surveying **skylarks** and reports there are fewer skylarks than last year but more **meadow pipits**. She says this isn't really surprising as there's another year's growth meaning the habitat is getting less suitable for one and more so for the other – although once the cattle are grazing on site this will hopefully make it better for skylarks again.

Dogs on lead please! The arable field where the public footpath runs alongside has nesting **skylarks**, **meadow pipits** and possibly **grey partridge** at the moment – all nest on the ground and so dogs running about in there would really disturb them. When the adults are disturbed from the nests the eggs and chicks are vulnerable to crows so we advise dog walkers to please keep their pets on a lead when passing by to protect these bird species.

(Grasshopper Warbler image right taken by Martin Green at a nearby site).



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St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingley our Headteacher

The sun is finally here and we hope it's going to stay! Unfortunately, it wasn't here for our outdoor Fundraising Fun Day. After incredibly heavy rain prior to the event (when our site became flooded once again!), we had to postpone. We were disappointed in having to make this decision, but should be able to squeeze in an alternative date before the end of the school year!



We did manage to celebrate the King's Coronation as a school, albeit inside due to the thunderstorms that appeared in the afternoon!

The Year 3 trip to Shuttleworth also went ahead in May, with Rowan Class enjoying learning about lots of different vehicles and even getting to go inside some!

As I write this, we are rapidly heading towards our half term break. Before then, we are looking forward to recognising Outdoor Classroom Day, Key Stage 1 are visiting Woburn Safari Park and we are celebrating Pentecost in Church! As before, I will update you about these events in the next edition of Spotlight.

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

Volunteer opportunity: St Mary's Forest School Volunteer

- Do you love the great outdoors?
- Do you enjoy spending time with children?
- Would you like to learn new skills?
- Do you enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit around a campfire?
- Can you spare a morning or two each month?

If so, please visit our website here for more information:

<https://www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk/Voluteering-at-Forest-School/>

It would involve spending time in a local woodland on Wednesday mornings, with between 10 and 15 five and six year old children, supporting them in their chosen activities between September and July. Training will be provided on the afternoon of Wednesday July 5th 2023.

Jake the School Dog:

Jake joined in with our Coronation events in school. He especially enjoyed our whole school 'picnic' (when the children ate their biscuits) and for some reason, really want to help clear up the hall afterwards.



Acorn Nursery news

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

We had so much fun when we celebrated the Kings Coronation. We looked inside Buckingham palace online and, when the children saw how beautiful it was, it inspired their imaginations and they wanted to make our own palace. We found some boxes and they were all very creative putting one together then decorating it with lots of paint, gems, practicing using scissors to cut out soldiers and other royal pictures to add on as well as home-made flags. We talked about what a King may look like and drew our own King on the Smartboard together - the children had lots of very interesting ideas; he had a yellow and purple crown, a brown beard, lots of fingers and three legs!! We also joined the whole school celebrations and decorated biscuits and crowns which we ate and wore in the afternoon for our special school Coronation picnic. The children thought the story of the 'King's Pants' read by Mrs. Bingley was very funny.

We have been exploring all about mini beasts and their anatomy. We have been busy creating mini beasts with junk modelling resources as well as playdough using googly eyes, straws and pipe cleaners. We looked at pictures of mini beasts to see details of what to create and then made these as well as creating our own mini beasts – deciding how many eyes, legs, arms, wings, they would have. We've pretended to be birds looking for wiggly worms hiding in some soil, using tweezers and coat pegs to get them out. We then discussed who had the longest, the shortest and the most worms. We made a big butterfly by painting one side and then folded it over to make it symmetrical which everyone was fascinated to discover!

We have very limited space available in our Nursery. If you are interested in finding out more, please email nursery@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk.

Our Values for June are Humility (Selflessness), Integrity and Service

In school, we want our children to have high self-esteem, but we will emphasise how they can be proud of themselves and their achievements without boasting or undermining others. We will look at examples of when others have shown both humility and service towards others, for example, Jesus washing the disciples' feet. We will also explore stories like, 'The Tortoise and the Hare', reflecting on the integrity shown by the tortoise, as well as the humility shown by him, as opposed to the hare whose boastful actions didn't him to win the race!

At home, you may also like to look at the story of 'The Tortoise and the Hare' together as a family and talk about the moral behind the story. You could encourage your children to acknowledge the things they are good at, be proud of these things and think how they can use their strengths to help other people. You can also look out for times when children are helpful around the house without being told or expecting a reward.

Clophill Preschool News

Hello everyone,

We are very proud to announce that following a recent inspection by Ofsted on 24th April that we have been awarded OUTSTANDING for the second time. We are very proud of our fantastic team of staff and of course our children and hugely supportive parents.

Our newly revised nature curriculum was very well received and lauded as an *'innovative curriculum'* offering *'exciting play experiences that inspire children to explore and learn'*. Some good examples this month have been the children measuring and cutting straws to fit old bean tins to make bee hotels as they celebrated Bee Day, they learned how vital bees are to our planet. They have been playing rhyming cards games and picture bingo to develop language skills, as well as weaving to help promote fine motor for writing.



They created nail art, Sarah hammered in nails to a piece of wood in the shape of a bird and the children wrapped thread round and round, following the shape to create the image.

We have been planning our village tea party when we invite members of Clophill community to visit us, the children are making invitations and planning what food they will make. Mentioned in our Ofsted report about how are children are *'fully involved in community life, helping them develop a strong sense of belonging.'*



We were amazed at the high numbers of children and their families attended our coronation event despite the rain! Our Friday children sawed and drilled wooden medals and braided red, white and blue key rings to sell on the day. They made nearly £25 and are going on a trip to the shop for ice-creams one Friday.

There are a lot of events coming up this term. We have dad's week with dad's and grandad's being invited into preschool to play and explore, this is just after Father's Day for which the children have been making their own cards. We have also invited parents up to assist a local ecologist to dig out the pond for our nature garden, we will let you know how they get on.

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Clophill Playschool News—continued

The children have been digging and developing the space following the plans they drew.

We have sports day coming up as well as the Childhood Mile which the children will be participating in for a week at the start of the month to raise awareness and funds for the NSPCC. Thanks to mum Beth for helping us host this event.

Our presentation at the Parish Council AGM went down well, unfortunately we weren't able to share our recent Ofsted result at the time as the report wasn't published but it was great to be able to share all that we have been doing since the last meeting and to meet up with the other village groups.

Fledglings were also presenting, this is the home education group set up by two of our parents with a love of the outdoors. This teacher and counsellor are keen to continue the outdoor learning experiences for their children following on from their time at our preschool and look forward to seeing them grow.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

This month's news is entirely related to the Coronation weekend. On the Saturday you may have heard the bells briefly ringing from 3.00pm. On the Sunday we held a kingly themed Family Praise Service, but our main event took place on the Monday.



Following the success of last year's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party in the grounds of Clophill House, the plan was to hold another to celebrate the Coronation of our new king. However, the forecast on Sunday was so dire for the next day, the decision was taken to move the event lock, stock and barrel into the church. Our amazing fund-raising team packed more than 120 bespoke picnic boxes, shifted the church furniture and waited to see if anyone would turn up! At 2 O'clock people started to arrive to claim their boxes. Some came with picnic lunches and settled down to enjoy them and the company of friends and neighbours. All the planned activities took place, including a raffle, crafts for the children and entertainment by a scratch choir from Maulden and Clophill, with a programme from yesteryear and the years before that; which the assembled multitude joined in with gusto! In the event, the rain didn't materialise, but the weather was cold and gloomy and it had been a wise decision to go indoors.

With a few calculations still to make at the time of writing, about £1,400 has been raised for church funds, thanks to the fund-raising team, other helpers and of course, everyone who came to another most enjoyable and successful event.

We hope to see you all again at the Church Fete and Village Event in the churchyard on June 17th, when we hope the sun will shine.

St Mary's Church, Clophill

Church Fete

& Village Event

Saturday 17th June

12 – 4pm in the Church grounds

FUN for ALL

Lots of stalls Sideshows

Barbeque

Attractions and entertainment

St Mary's School Maypole Team

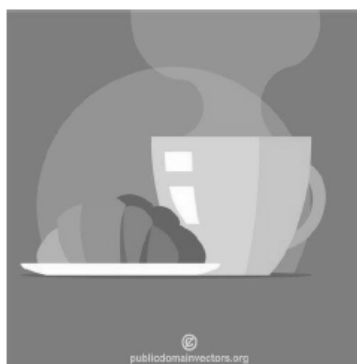
For further information – call Gill 01525 861058 or Carolyn 01462 815433

Clophill Methodist Church

Coffee and Croissants

Saturday 10th June

10am to 12 noon



Also to be held on
Saturday 8th July
Saturday 12th August

ALL WELCOME

Parish Registers for June

1823

Baptisms

- 22 George, s of Joseph and Maria Hare.

Burials

- 10 William Brazier
(a William Brazier is also recorded in June 1821)

1872

Marriages

- 18 William Clark, 24 to Sarah Simkins, 25.
21 Amos Roberts, 22 to Ellen Whittamore, 25.

1873

Baptisms

- 11 Alice (?) Bosanquet, father the Rector.
23 Ethel Margaret Low, f a farmer.
29 Emma Braybrook.

Mary Ann Garner.

William Peat.

William Whittemore.

Sarah Ann Osborne.

John Bottoms, f a Marine (?) store dealer.

Marriages

- 02 Alexander George Bottoms, 19 to Sarah Odell, 21.
19 George Bottoms, 27 to Mary Ann Inskip, 23.
(Different families)

1923

No registers recorded this month

1973

Baptisms

- 10 Nicholas Quinn.
Hayley Ann Quinn.
No marriages or burials.

Dear Angela and Clophill Residents:

Thank you so much for collecting and sending your used stamps to Redwings Horse Sanctuary. This is a great and easy way to help us raise funds for so many deserving horses, donkeys, ponies and mules. Your generosity in thinking of different ways you can help to make a real difference, means so much to us.

In 2022 we raised just short of £10,000 from recycled jewellery and used stamps alone. Providing an equine hay for one-month costs about £15.00 – that's a lot of hay! Many thanks again for your terrific support; we simply couldn't do what we do without people like you!

With best wishes.

Supporter Engagement Team





Songs from the shows!



Featuring hits from Disney, *Frozen*,
Miss Saigon and *Phantom of the Opera*
and a melody of Broadway classics

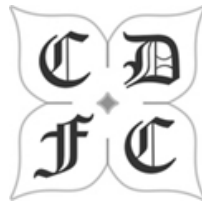
Saturday 24th June 2023

7.30pm, Maulden Village Hall

Tickets: Adults £10, children £5, includes light refreshments
From: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ampthill-district-choral-society
or available on the door
www.ampthillchoral.wordpress.com

Clophill and District Flower Club

www.clophillflowerclub.com



In May we held an Open Meeting when we have many visitors and members to come and enjoy watching a National Demonstrator who is given a large flower allowance so that we are treated to 7 large and exotic designs. There were 14 arrangements as raffle prizes so the lucky ones filled their cars with masses of flowers – it was a good thing they didn't walk or come on a bus!!



David Thomson from Chelmsford was our demonstrator and he was very flamboyant and entertaining. His designs were mainly monochrome as he like to use shades and tints of one colour in each arrangement so that everything harmonises. His flowers were unusual, large and mainly exotic. He used beautiful pink antirrhinums that he wove into a large circular frame and then some orchids on another frame. These did not require floral foam as we are encouraged to use it more sparingly.

David created a large exotic design in a big pot and put in birds of paradise flowers and gerbera.

He placed sunflowers into a yellow container to make a really sunny design. In a white design he used some rose lilies that were most unusual as they are a double with frilly centres and no stamens to drop pollen that stains. Everyone loved his last design that has several

placements all in shades of lilac and purple and he received a standing ovation!

In June we have another gentleman from Essex coming to entertain us. David Wright and his title is 20/20 A Vision, so we will have to see what that brings!

Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings at the Village Hall on the 1st Thursday of each month and they will receive a warm welcome.

On 17th June we will be holding a plant stall at the Village Fete at St Mary's Church in aid of our charity for 2023 and we hope to have lots of plants, cuttings and seedlings. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Carolyn Cranswick,

Chairman of Clophill and District Flower Club



Clophill Methodist Church News

We have had a busy couple of months with our Easter celebrations in April; where a few early risers joined a few from St Marys Church for a little service at 7:30am on Easter Sunday up at the old church to celebrate that Jesus has risen. It was a beautiful crisp morning.



We celebrated the Coronation with a special Coffee and Croissants morning as usual held on the second Saturday of the month. We hope you enjoyed our bunting etc decorating the front of the church as you walked past.

May has been busy as well with meetings, the Council elections and our weekly Tea and Chat on a Wednesday morning. Octavia, have used this opportunity to call in and keep everyone up to date on the roundabout improvements.

June is our Bible Month, and we will be looking at the Book of Revelation. During this time, we will be worshipping on a couple of Sundays with our friends in Ampthill and Flitwick, so if our doors aren't open as usual, we are with them.

Our next Messy Church, will be after school on Friday 16th June and then we look forward to seeing everyone at the Village Fete the next day. Please come and visit us on our stall.

Kind Regards,

Clophill Methodist Church

CLOPHILL FRIENDS OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE LEONARD CHESHIRE HOME



After approximately 50 years of supporting the local Leonard Cheshire Home in Ampthill, our group is saddened to advise that the Foundation has closed the Home and all Residents have had to find alternative

accommodation. However, the overwhelming majority of our regular jumble supporters (and a few new recruits!) have decided to continue to hold a **Jumble Sale**, this year on **6th October** in aid of the **Sue Ryder Hospice** at Moggerhanger.



palliative,
neurological
and bereavement
support

We're no longer storing jumble all year round and still have masses of stock as we haven't had a jumble sale since 2019 but if you're interested in supporting us, please ring **Sue Pearson** on 861110, or **John Collins** on 862942.

We'd like to say *thank you so much* for all the support we have received for Clophill Friends of the Bedfordshire Leonard Cheshire home. You've made such a difference for the residents that lived there.



Clophill Methodist Messy Church

Friday 16th June

2:30-4:30pm

including hotdog supper

Crafts and Activities for everyone from 0+

*(No fixed charge, donations welcome to cover costs,
children must be accompanied by an adult).*

For further information please contact Victoria at
victoriajhiggins@hotmail.co.uk or on 07920568861



**ALL ARE WELCOME – NO
SECRET BIBLE KNOWLEDGE
ADMISSION TEST - PROMISE!**

Clophill Community Hub*date*



The Community Hub continues to attract a healthy number of users and consequently creates the need to ensure a continuous supply of stock.

So, the theme is threefold this month:

1. June is the Isle of Man TT Race, so I thought we would have our own Community Hub TT, only in this case it stands for **TINS and TOILET ROLLS!**

We really need to boost our back up stock of **tinned goods** which are a staple for many of our users and always in demand, so if its in a tin and its in date we will welcome it, whether it be plum tomatoes or pet food, rice pudding or ravioli!



The other thing that fly out of the Hub are **toilet rolls** and we struggle to keep up with demand, so please keep them coming. Donation points are at St Marys Church, St Marys School, the Co-op and at the Hub itself, so you don't have to travel too far to drop off your items.

2. We have been fortunate that a few people have signed up to giving us a donation on a regular monthly basis, many thanks to them. This is a great help as we can "go shopping" to top up much needed items that are getting low.

If this works better for you then please just drop me a line on steve.langhorn@gmail.com and I will give you the bank details to set up a regular contribution. No matter how small or large your donation is; be assured it will be put to good use.

3. And finally, inspired today by an enquiry on our FB site, I have set up a Just Giving Page where you can make on one-off donation whenever it suits you. I will keep this open for as long as it generates contributions. Again, we can use this to stock up by "going shopping" for supplies.

Just go to the Just Giving page and type Clophill Community Hub into the search bar and we should pop up there.

Thank you again to every person who contributes to the Hub, your donations small or large, physical or monetary all go to filling the shelves in the Hub and hopefully in some small way make our users lives just a little bit easier.

Remember, please donate generously and take thoughtfully

Shefford Craft and Produce Show

Saturday 9th September 2023

The Show Committee would like you to put the date of the next Show in your diary.

The 41st Annual Show will be held as usual in the Methodist Schoolroom, Ampthill Road, Shefford on Saturday 9th September. The

schedules are now available and can be collected from the Library, the Post Office, Rosebuds Cafe, the Newsagents and other locations. There is something for everyone in the various classes, whether you are a gardener, crafter or photographer.

In the morning we hope lots of competitors will bring their entries into the hall for judging. In the afternoon, from 2pm, we hope that visitors will come to see how clever our local residents, both young and not so young, are at growing and making. Refreshments of tea and homemade cake will be served whilst you wait for the Prizegiving at 4pm.

The Annual Quiz sheets will also be available for £1 as this creates interest and helps to support the Show. We hope to make this year's Show bigger and better. So please have a go!

The Committee of Shefford Craft and Produce Show



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The 45-minute recitals at Ampthill Methodist Church begin at 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm), and are followed by homemade refreshments. Tickets available from Absolutely ShabbyLass (cash only) or [ticket source.co.uk/Katherine-Concerts](http://ticket.source.co.uk/Katherine-Concerts).





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Clophill Parish Council



This month's meeting started with Congratulations to Luton Town for promotion to the Premier League, and to our Ward Councillor Susan Clinch on being elected Mayor of Ampthill.

The Oxford/Cambridge East West Rail Link announcement went out this week in the news, and consultations over the next few weeks will be open. Details can be found online at <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/>.

The Village Hall had good news and were granted £5,000 additional funding from CBC to support community initiatives. This means that community Group rentals will only receive a small increase this year. WiFi has also been installed and will soon have a Hive heating system control to help manage costs.

The roundabout works and traffic calming/speed limits were also a hot topic. Following the recent election, a new Portfolio holder has been appointed to Traffic Management and Highways at Central Bedfordshire. The Parish Council will pick up the dialogue to further plans for lower speed limits around the village.

The Pinehill Volunteer Day held in May was a big success, clearing a lot of fallen trees and creating wildlife piles. A big thankyou to the volunteer group. If you wish to join our volunteers, please contact the clerk on clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk.

Planning Applications

CB/23/01280/FULL 1 Church Path

Proposal: Proposed single storey side and two storey rear extensions, following removal of the existing conservatory and first floor roof, alterations to external materials, and new windows.

SUPPORT

CB/23/01064/VOC Land including and to the rear of 68 and 66A High Street

Proposal: Variation (or removal) of condition number(s) 3, 11 and 21 of planning permission CB/20/01067/FULL (resubmission of planning permission CB/19/01862/FULL).

Updates to approved drawings referenced in Condition 3 and 11 to reflect the altered position of plot 4. Replacement of approved plans referenced in Condition 21 with updated floor plans, elevations and street scene.

NO COMMENT

CB/23/01243/FULL 1 Old Silsoe Road

Proposal: Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, insertion of new door to North elevation & alterations to fenestration on West elevation.

SUPPORT

CB/23/01345/LB Clophill House, High Street

Proposal: Restoration conversion and alterations to barn/outbuilding to create an annex.

SUPPORT

CB/22/02081/FULL Paradise Farm, The Causeway

Proposal: Stationing of 2 additional mobile homes (to the existing 2 tourers and 1 caravan) for residential purposes, a larger dayroom and area of hardstand ancillary to that use.

OBJECT

CB/23/01011/FULL 1 Hawthorne Close

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and re-positioning of garage. Revised Proposal Received.

SUPPORT

CB/22/02288/VOC Land North of Shefford Road

Appeal: APP/P0240/W/22/3310498

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

APPEAL SUCCESSFUL

The next meeting will be held on 27th June at 19:45pm in Clophill Village Hall.

Village groups

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	Chris	07936 006381
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	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

What's on in and around Clophill



JUNE

Saturday 10th

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

Friday 16th

Messy Church, Methodist Church, 2:30pm – 4:30pm. *See poster.*

Saturday 17th

Church Fete & Village event, St Mary's Church, 12noon-4pm. *See poster.*



JULY

Saturday 8th

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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Clophill Methodist Church	Revd Silas Wood, email: swood11@me.com,		01525 571392
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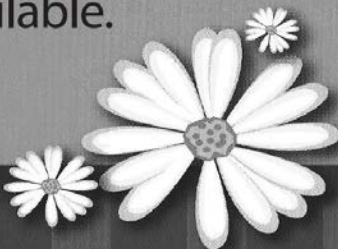
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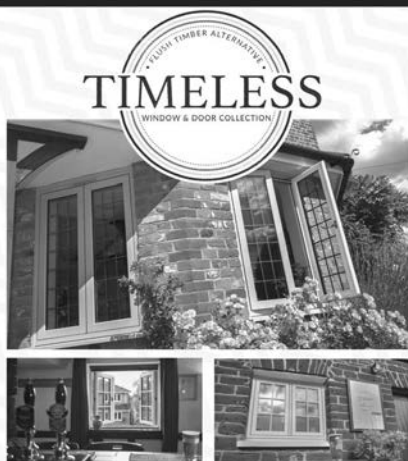
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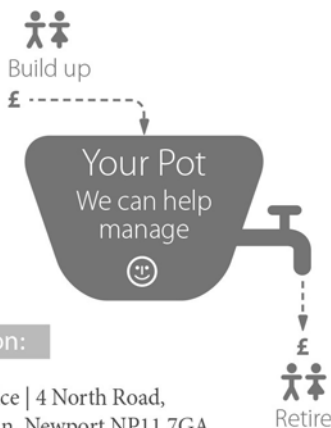
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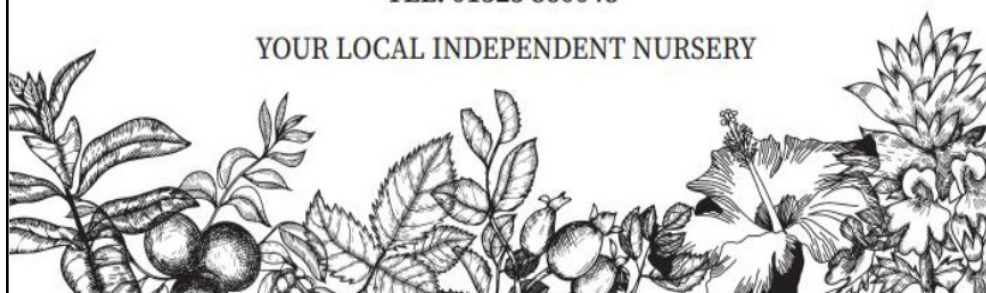
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