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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the September issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

Welcome back after our summer break.

I hope you have had a fabulous summer, despite the weather, although as I write this it looks like we are due a glorious week of warmth and sunshine at last!!

This month I am delighted to welcome Sophie and Megan “The Fledglings” to our wonderful team of regular contributors, see page 11.

We look forward to hearing about your activities and adventures over the coming months, and seeing you at the Scarecrow festival at St Mary’s later in the month.

Other articles to note; the annual update from Steve at the Village Hall on page 8 and a note about a new Banking Hub planned for Amptill (page 18).

Best wishes, Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner



August may not have been as warm and dry as we might like, but as we move into September, the garden typically becomes billowy as the plants and shrubs move towards the end of the growing season. While the days are starting to become shorter and a little cooler, there is still plenty to do in the garden.

September is one of the best times to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year, collect seeds from your favourite summer plants and divide your perennials (I'm all for extra plants for free!). Most perennials benefit from division every two to three years, to maintain health and to ensure that you have a good show of flowers next year. Some of the plants that respond well to dividing include; Agapanthus, Anemone, Aster, Bergenia, lily-of-the-valley, Crocosmia, Helianthus (perennial sunflowers), daylily, Hosta, Iris, ornamental grasses and sedums (ice plants).

To divide plants, lift them gently with a garden fork, working outwards from the centre of the clump to limit root damage. Shake off excess soil so that roots are clearly visible. Some plants, such as Ajuga (bugle), geraniums and ladies mantle, produce individual plantlets which can simply be teased out and replanted.

Small, fibrous-rooted plants such as Heuchera & Hosta and can be lifted in a clump and pulled apart gently. This will produce small clumps for replanting. Large, fibrous-rooted perennials, such as daylily, require two garden forks inserted into the crown back-to-back. Use these as levers to loosen and break the root mass into two sections. In some cases, a sharp knife may be needed to cleave the clump in two. Plants with woody crowns (e.g. Hellebores) or fleshy roots (e.g. Delphinium) require cutting with a spade or knife. Aim to produce clumps containing three to five healthy shoots.

Add some fresh compost into the area that you have dug plants from to refresh the soil, before replanting the new divisions. Water them in well and mulch around the plant to conserve water. Any spare or small plants can be put into pots individually (potted up) to grow on over the winter in a frost-free environment such as a porch or green house.

Collecting seed is another easy way of adding more plants for free into your garden. Collect ripe seed on a dry day, as soon as the seed heads ripen (they typically colour change from green to brown/black or red, but must be before they open and shed their contents). Pick the seed heads, either singly or on stalks and put them into paper bags or envelopes and allow them to fully dry. Don't forget to write the plant name on the bag. If they don't open when dry, gently crush pods and capsules to release the seed.

Collect seed from fleshy fruits and berries by mashing them in a fine sieve and then rinsing away the pulp in cold water.

Some seeds (e.g. hellebore) are best sown immediately as their viability reduces with storage. However, for many species, sowing is best delayed until a more suitable time of the year, such as autumn or spring, so the harvested seed will need to be safely stored until sowing. A cool dry place in an old cake tin in the garage is good until you are ready to sow them in the spring.

Its also a good time to visit your local garden centres to get some great ideas and plants that will extend that late summer colour. They also have knowledgeable staff who will be able to help plan what to plant during the autumn ready for the winter and spring.

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...

Ernest John Willmore (pictured with his parents) was born on 13th March 1884. In 1891 he lived in Back Street with his father, George (a carter) and his mother, Charlotte Lammas (a Straw Plaiter). In the 1901 census Ernest is described as a Gardener's Labourer, while his father is now a Sheep Shearer. George died in 1909 and in 1911 Ernest was a Farm Labourer living with his widowed mother and a cousin, Harry Negus.



He enlisted in 1916, aged nearly 32. He was 5' 8.5" tall. He moved between the Middlesex Regiment, the Labour Corps and the 29th Battalion of the London Regiment. He left the Army in 1919. Ernest married Gertrude Ethel Swindon in Market Harborough in 1919. By 1939 Ernest and his family lived in 6 Back Street; he worked as a farm labourer. Ernest died in 1965, when he was living in Readshill.

Charles and Ann Willmore of Hill Top Villa, Back Street saw 3 sons go off to war. They were cousins to Ernest above.

John Willmore was born in Clophill in 1893. By 1911 the family had moved to Keighley, Yorkshire where he lived with his parents and family and worked as a Warehouseman for a Worsted manufacturer. He served as a Private with the Yorks and Lancs regiment and was wounded at the battle of the Somme in 1917 after which he was sent back to the UK. He was discharged in 1919 and received a pension recognising his 30% disablement. He married Gwendoline Jobling in Yorkshire in 1918. By 1939 his new family lived in Keighley and he worked as a Loom fitter. John died in Yorkshire in 1961.

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Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1 continued

Samuel George Vivian Willmore (known as Vivian) was born locally in 1898. By 1911 he worked as a Worsted Spinner, still living with his parents and their other children. He also served with the Yorks and Lancs. Ampthill News reported in February 1918 that "Mr and Mrs Charles Willmore of High Pole Farm, Sutton, near Keighley; have been officially informed that their son, Private **Vivian Willmore**, formerly of the York and Lancaster Regiment, has received the Military Medal for saving dispatches which likely to fall into the hands of the enemy." Vivian married Bertha Milnes in 1921. In 1927 his occupation is listed as a farmer. He died in 1931.

Arthur Charles Willmore was born in Maulden in 1899. He was with his family in Keighley in 1911 when he was still at school. It is not clear which regiment he served with, possibly the East Yorks. By 1939 he worked as a Woolcomber and lived in Yorkshire with his wife Eileen (née Gorman) and children. He died in Yorkshire in 1979.

Reflections – Clophill in September 1978—Voices from the past

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



Well, what a transformation from this 'Outlook' cover picture of October 1978 to what the site looked like last year – and how it looks today! It's the 'Green Man' of yesteryear. Note the garden (fenced and the petrol sign and pump). The dress of the children gives it a rough idea of the date, but I don't know exactly when it was taken. Anyway, the very first article inside is from the **Editor**, giving notice that he

will be stepping down in February 1979 and asking if anyone would be "interested in joining the committee, or who have interesting suggestions to make for the furtherance of a new local magazine." (This came as a huge and very sad shock to the villagers I can tell you.) Further on there are reports on **various July events** – The **Playgroup** held a very successful' sports and coffee morning when £21 was raised; The **Beverly Court** residents enjoyed a day trip to London; "the **Mid-beds Conservative Association** held its annual garden party and fete in Sir Douglas Howard's beautiful Garden at Clophill House" and in September rather than July, **St. Mary's Church** held its 'Fayre' in the school grounds and it was opened by the Pearly King of Kensington. The Redbornestoke Morris Men entertained the crowds; £370 was raised from stalls, sideshows and raffle (Mrs Speake winning gin, Mrs Errick apricot wine and Richard Sheppard orange squash) and The Rising Sun won the Tug O' War.

There are two reports from the **Parish Council** where, amongst other topics, the diversion of the public footpath round Holly Bush was discussed in July and the decision in September was that “Only when the footpath has been officially diverted will the tenant be told to leave this path free.” Now, it seems that there was a bus “shelter on the West side of the roundabout; it had been vandalised. “It might be possible to replace it with a brick one next year cost about £700.

In their July meeting, **WI members** heard “an interesting and informative talk” by a District Trading Standards Officer, while their August meeting was a home-spun one with demonstrations and displays of handicrafts. In September, a “well attended meeting” enjoyed “an interesting talk illustrated with beautiful coloured slides of the Cecil Higgins Museum and Art Gallery”.

The Flower Club’s demonstrator was Barbara Hudson whose “seven arrangements depicted the theme of ‘Hallowe’en”. There was wonderful news from the guide company when Jane Dyson became a Queen’s Guide “the second member of the company to achieve this coveted badge.” Amongst the **‘Letters to the Editor’** there was one from the new Rector, Philip Swindells, thanking the village for his welcome and asking for suggestions for “anything that the Church should be doing here.” There was also another **“History of Clophill**. On Monday 4th August 1873 a meeting of the Clophill Branch of the Agricultural Labourers Union was held. Mr. Rickett Green of Bedford was the Chairman, and in his opening address he called attention to the improved position attained by those connected with the union. He strongly censured the custom that compelled labourers and their wives, when past work, to seek refuge in the workhouse. Mr. Abbott described the powerless condition of the labourer, and Mr. Butcher, the District Secretary, related how, as a labourer, he had ‘dragged up’ a large family with the low pay he received, and that no family could live properly on the wages of the day. The meeting was very successful and concluded in the usual way with loud cheers.”

Recycling for charity

Just a note to let you all know that I am continuing to collect used postage stamps for **Redwings Horse sanctuary** in Norfolk <https://www.redwings.org.uk/>, so please do carry on sending them in.

If you would like to drop them into 59 High Street, Clophill, I will forward them on.

Many thanks, **Angela Barker**



Ampt Hill & District Archaeological & Local History Society

Monday 2nd October 2023

150 Years of Flitwick Methodist Church 1873-2023

From an eighteenth-century movement within the Church of England, Methodism grew to become a significant force in British religious and social history. The talk outlines its origins, its impact in Bedfordshire, and the history of Flitwick Methodist Church on its 150th anniversary.

Speaker: Richard Luscombe

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre:

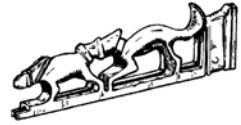
MK45 1QJ, 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start.

Members free, visitors very welcome £5.00 payable on the door.

The talk will also be broadcast live via Zoom to Society members.

Next meeting: Monday 6th November – Flitton and Greenfield in WWII (part 2)

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Grand Jumble Sale in aid of Sue Ryder St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger.

Friday 6th October 2023 - 7pm - Clophill Village Hall

By popular demand the Jumble Sale is back! As the Leonard Cheshire Home in Ampt Hill has been closed, we are holding our usual jumble sale in aid of the Sue Rider Hospice. We have a huge amount of stock so please pop in for a bargain!!

Admission 50p per adult. Children are free. Refreshments will be served.

All proceeds will be donated directly to the Hospice in Moggerhanger.

Look forward to seeing you there!!

St Mary's Church. Claphill

Village Scarecrow Festival

23rd & 24th

September



Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Sunday 12 - 4pm

Lunches and teas in St Mary's Church

Programmes with voting forms and maps available from
The Green, 55 High Street and St Mary's Church £5

An event for all the Community

Entry forms available from :- the Post Office & Church Porch
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Clophill Village Hall Annual Report

Summary of 2022-2023

The year-ending 31st March reflects a full year of post Covid operation and demonstrates obvious growth in income from the difficulties of the Covid restrictions but encouragingly shows healthy growth on pre Covid trading.

Finances: Our accounts remain strong, demonstrating a small surplus. One of the issues that impacted severely on the hall and its users was the unprecedented increase in fuel costs. The level of increase was over 400% on the previous year and required us to increase hire rates by 35% which give the scale of the increase on one of the major cost areas, was not a bad outcome; albeit this was still a steep increase for regular users. There was a reasonably happy ending to this story in that we applied to Central Beds Council for a community fuel support grant. Despite the fund being oversubscribed we were fortunate to receive the full amount of our application of £4000. This was passed on to our community users and thankfully we were able to reduce the previous increase to 10% which was obviously well received by those groups.

There was also enough money left from the CBC grant for us to invest in a longer-term fuel saving initiative by installing a Hive heating management system which will enable us to remotely match heating to the user profile and avoid using energy when the hall is unoccupied. This system required the installation of Wi-Fi at the hall which was something we had been considering for quite a long time, so all-in-all it was a win-win all round.

Clophill Community Hub: After its launch last December, the Hub has become somewhat of a fixture in the village and enjoys plenty of use. Many thanks to Clophill Pre School who open and close the Hub every weekday which helps us take pressure off our limited volunteer pool. Balancing the volume of contributions with demand is a constant battle and at times our offering can look a bit 'thin' but we do our best and are very grateful to those who contribute at our various drop-off points. In addition to this we have opened a Just Giving Page where we receive occasional valuable monetary donations, so thank you to all those who have donated so far. If you wish to donate, just go to Just Giving and type in Clophill Community Hub. And the final appeal, **if you would like to join our small army of regular donators and contribute a small amount each month by direct debit this would be so welcome.** We currently receive around £50 per month via this route which enables us to go 'shopping' and buy the goods that our regular donations do not cover. If we could get this amount to £100 per month it would really help take some pressure off us to stock the Hub. Just email me on steve.langhorn@gmail.com and I will provide you with our bank details.

Extension to the hall: We are now in a position of having proper plans drawn up but face a real task in raising the funds to carry out the project. Like most other things building costs have risen exponentially and we would need considerable support to actually get this project off the ground.

We are working with the Parish Council to explore sources of funding so remain hopeful it may happen sometime in the near future.

Village Hall Committee: We are always looking for new members to join the Committee. We have a regular monthly meeting, but beyond that (with the exception of the specific 'officer roles') there is limited demand on our members beyond bringing their ideas and enthusiasm to our team.

Finally, I would like to **thank the Management Committee** for their continued support throughout this year.

Steve Langhorn - Chair - Clophill Village Hall Management Committee

Monastic Heritage in Greensand Country

A new resource pack, designed to provide a detailed introduction to the monastic history of the unique, beautiful and much-loved local landscape is now available.

The document provides a springboard for people to read and discover more, visit sites and get involved with volunteering. It includes information about the role of religion in medieval society, different religious orders, individual religious houses across Greensand Country, the Dissolution and the legacy thereafter.

Available on the Greensand Country website www.greensandcountry.com this



is the perfect resource to reference when you're out and about exploring the local area. With its interesting 'Did you Know?' facts, it's a great way to find out more about why religious houses are so significant within this landscape and to understand what life was like for those in and around the abbeys, priories, chapels, hermitages and colleges.

The resource pack was produced by Margaret Roberts, a volunteer historian at Warden Abbey Vineyard, who used contemporary sources, such as charters and financial documents, as well as satellite imagery, mapping and archaeological research to provide a direct insight into monastic history.

Find out more and download the Monastic Heritage resource pack at <https://kamino.fra1.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/greensands/app/uploads/2023/08/Monastic-Heritage-in-Greensand-Country-1.pdf>

Clophill Preschool News

Hello everyone,

We hope you had an opportunity to enjoy some sunshine this summer. We held our holiday Stay and Play sessions each Friday and were amazed at the huge numbers who attended. With the funds raised we hope to repair and replenish our outdoors with some new small figures and diggers, more sand and gravel and fixing anything that's broken.

Our nature garden continues to take shape and we would like to thank Jonno and Sarah for the kind donation of the stones and Nigel and Angela for giving us the picnic benches, thank you! We often have people offering us resources or wanting to contribute to preschool so we have added a donation button on our website on the parent info page.

Our end of term was also very successful, with the children performing beautifully: singing and signing their end of year songs. There were many tears. Our lovely parents all donated money to buy us a guinea pig hutch and run, complete with a beautiful leavers' plaque.



The children raised nearly £100 from their allotment sales and decided they would like to have some guinea pigs at preschool so the leavers' gift will be a long lasting legacy for our current and new children to enjoy.

It was lovely to have Animal Edge join us once again for our end of term event, the sun even shone! We had many of our families join us to celebrate the end of our 10th year.

What a ten years it has been, we have been looking back to see how much we have changed in this time and it is almost beyond compare. From 2 children and 2 staff to over 70 children and many more waiting to join us. This year our children went off to 19 different schools. We have taken our preschool fully outdoors, created a bespoke SEND provision and been awarded Ofsted outstanding twice in a row. We couldn't be prouder of our staff team and the families that have supported us along the way.

Its been a great year for us and extremely busy and our waiting list is growing every week. Parents often now book in their children's place while they are still pregnant, something we just couldn't have envisaged 10 years ago! We of course wouldn't be what we are without the great relationships we have with local businesses and organisations like the Methodist and St.Mary's churches, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council, its what makes our setting a real community experience. Our recent visit to Taymer nursing home is a particular favourite event for our children.

We have worked with some local settings too, advising on how to take their settings outside well as enjoying our collaboration with Fledglings, the new outdoor school, as well as Little Forest childcare.

And so we look forward to this new year with new bat and bird boxes kindly donated by Octavia, our new chick, Poppy and many new families joining us.



I have been writing an article for the Spotlight for 10 years now and would just like to thank Elaine and all those who volunteer to run our village magazine, it's a great asset to our community. Look out for our scarecrow at the festival this year and thank you to all those who have supported us for the last 10 years.

We are Sophie and Megan, the faces behind The Fledglings.

Inspired by the amazing Clophill Preschool, we have created a follow-on independent education setting based at The Clophill Centre.

You will likely begin to start seeing us around the village; popping in to 'Tea & chat' at the Methodist

church, tending to the community allotment, buying ingredients at the shop and delivering baked goods to Beverley court. You may even catch us litter picking in our hi-vis jackets, all as part of our community and nature based curriculum.

We are really looking forward to being involved with the community events in the village this year.

Most notably, the children are very excited for their scarecrows to be on display for all to see later in the month!

Please do come and say hello if you see us out and about, we are all rather friendly!



122a, High Street,
Clophill.



Dear Editor,

May I, through the pages of 'Spotlight' say a big *'Thank You'*.

As you know I raise money for charity, usually for Keech Hospice Care and I have been doing so again over these past few months but I couldn't have done it without all the help from Jill Wynn and Rosemary Franklin and of course, without the fantastic support from you, the village.

I recently held a garage sale which raised £472; at the Church Fete in June another £214.75 was added, then the Stone Jug generously donated £50.60, making a grand total of £737.35. Your kindness and generosity made the fundraising events a huge success.

Your support is helping Keech Hospice Care, who do everything they can to ensure their patients and families are able to make the most of every day.

Today, the world is a little brighter because you cared.

Thank you all so much,

Cora Sheppard



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS



This all seems a long time ago now but back in July we held a service for Sea Sunday, when we heard from Ralph Brough about his time in the Merchant Navy, and how he benefited from the services of the Mission to Seamen when he was taken ill on board. A collection was taken for the renamed Mission to Seafarers which amounted to just under £250.

On Weds 19th we held the last event of the season with a Summer Lunch when nearly 50 people enjoyed a choice of Coronation Chicken, Quiches or Sausage Roll with new potatoes and salad, followed by a selection of delicious puds, all prepared by our brilliant fund-raising group. Approx. £600 was raised for church funds.

In August we repeated the successful Songs of Praise style service with members of the congregation choosing and introducing their favourite hymns. Then the following Sunday 26 of our people joined with our friends in Maulden in a joyful celebration of our Patronal Festival, after which we moved to the Rectory garden for a most enjoyable barbecue prepared by St. Mary's, Maulden.

Now our thoughts are turning to the Scarecrow Festival, when we hope to see visitors thronging our lovely village, as long as they can find a way into it!

Meantime the regular worship and prayer continue, and you would find a friendly welcome at any of them. The church is there for everyone in the parish, and the congregation is simply the custodian on your behalf.

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Parish Registers for July and August

1823

Baptisms

14 Charles, s of William and Hannah
(?) Brown (?) f a Gamekeeper.
20 James s of Thomas and Ann Sinfield
(?)
No marriages or burials recorded.

1872

Marriages

14 Charles Izzard, 31 to Elizabeth
Kedge, 23.

1873

Baptisms

21 William and Rhoda Herbert.
25 (?) Everitt.
28 Ellen Eliza Stimson, f a hawker.
Charles Chapman, f a bricklayer

Marriages

30 George Croxton Walker, 19 of
Langford to Elizabeth Mary Bonfield
(?)

Burials

23 Mary Peck (?) 75 of Greenfield.

1923

Marriages

15 Herbert Whittamore, 24, carpenter
to Lilian Rose Sharp, 24.

Burials

? Emily Doggett, 72.

1973

Marriages

01 Randolph Earl Geoffrey Cresser, 24
to Jennifer Margaret Carr, 18.

Village groups

Beverley Court		860920
Brownies	enquirym.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 and Preschool	Tracy Hayes	860206
Clophill Toddler Group	Laura West	01525 860206
Clophill United Charities	Val Martin	860900
Conservation Group	Brian Adams	862297
Flower Club	Gillian Hill	860539
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 Parish Council



A well-attended meeting was held at the village hall in July which saw newly co-opted Chris Moffat attend his first meeting as a Parish Councillor.

A main topic of discussion was inevitably Highways. **Roundabout works** are on time and generally going well. A variety of A507 closures / diversions are imminent. Keep an eye on the **CPC Facebook page** for last minute changes or the CBC website by searching "**Central Bedfordshire Council Clophill Roundabout**" for current bulletins. The PC continues to work towards a permanent 20 mph speed limit through the village with other measures.

In some good news the Council has been successful obtaining an £8,566 National Lottery grant to provide **water to Townshott allotments**. This has been an issue for allotment holders with the ever-warmer summers. Installation will now be scheduled with our contractors.

A **Toddler Slide** has been purchased for the recreation ground to supplement the existing equipment. This will be installed during September.

The continuing issue of **school transport** is being promoted to CBC by Cllr Hutton. The Ward Councillors are addressing with the school transport team also. The solution is not straight forward and may require a change in school catchments.

Your Village needs you!! Do you like getting out in the fresh air and helping keep our village beautiful? Would you like to join our volunteer group? Typical activity includes clearing paths / vegetation. *Please contact the clerk by email at clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk*

Planning Applications

CB/23/01796/FULL Clophill House, High Street

Proposal: Restoration, conversion and alterations to outbuilding to create an Annexe.

NO COMMENT

CB/23/00467/FULL Land the rear of Waterworks House, The Old Waterworks, The Pump House, 12 and 15 Shefford Road and 11 to 21 Jacques Lane

Proposal: Demolition of existing structures and erection of 33 dwellings, a new access, public open space and associated works.

OBJECT

CB/23/00430/FULL Land South of Top Farm, Riverside View

Proposal: Retention of existing barn, kennel, walls, gate and redefine hard standing. Relocation of stable.

OBJECT

CB/23/01814/FULL Warren Farm, Warren Lane

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension with link to new annex. Demolition of conservatory, store block and outbuilding (annex).

SUPPORT

ENFORCEMENT NOTICE CB/EN/20/0533 Plot 4 Paradise Farm, The Causeway

For Information

The next meeting will be held on 12th September at 19:45 in the Village Hall.



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A Banking Hub is coming to Ampthill

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Which days of the week will the Banking Hub be open?

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Will the Banking Hub have free Wi-Fi?

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Will the Banking Hub be accessible?

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What's on in and around Clophill

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Shefford Craft Show.

Friday 15th

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

Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th

Scarecrow Festival, 10-4pm and 12-4pm, St Mary's Church. *See poster.*

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Friday 6th

Jumble Sale (for Sue Ryder hospice), 7pm, Village Hall. *See article.*

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 school holidays—2024

* Clophill Preschool, Stay and Play, 10-12 noon, Village Hall.

2nd to 5th April Easter Hunt, first 5 Fridays of the summer holidays, all £3 per child.

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.

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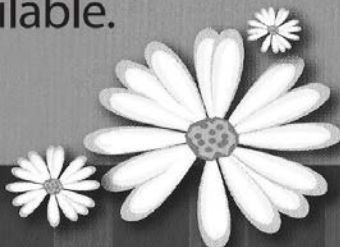
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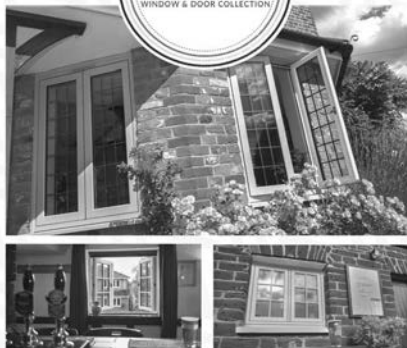


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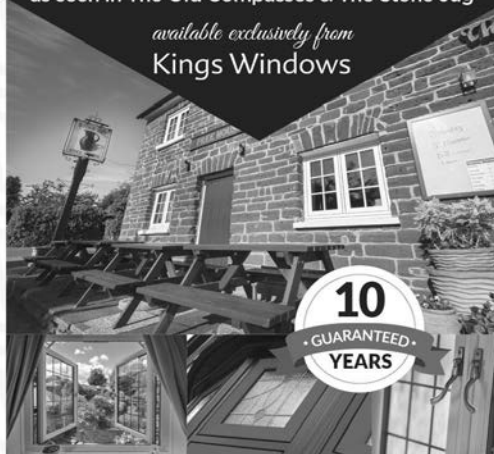



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