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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the November issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

This month sees the last in our series titled "Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1". This huge body of work by Sue Pearson started in November 2019 and finishes in this issue 4 years later!! What a triumph Sue, thank yow so much for continuing this through to the end. I always looked forward to receiving your article and learning about the brave men of Clophill who fought for our country and where their lives took them afterwards.

There is much going on in the village in the coming weeks. A few to note are a Quiz night in November at St. Mary's church, the Christmas lights switch on event on Sunday 3rd December; and following on from a very successful summer concert, the Greensand Community choir are holding a Christmas musical extravaganza! Make sure you book early for the concert; details are in the poster on page 19.

Best wishes, Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner

Its all change in the garden as the leaves change colour and everything becomes just a little less productive than it was in late summer. There's plenty to get on with to prepare for next year



but do take time to enjoy just being in your garden. The latest research is showing so many positive health benefits of gardening for mind, spirit and gut health. Increasingly evidence is showing that being outside in nature, getting our hands into the soil and just breathing in good lungfulls of air is hugely beneficial for encouraging good bacteria in our own personal microbiome.

Now is a good time to review the garden while making a note of any changes, additions or divisions you wish to make next spring. Its best to do this whilst the thought is fresh in your mind, as it's hard to remember back to how it looked once spring comes around next year. Leave seed heads on flowers and shrubs and delay cutting these back until late winter, as they provide a home for overwintering insects. Tidy up leaves from the grass, ponds and paths and add to the compost heap, or place in separate bins or black sacks to make **leaf mould**. Some leaves, such as **plane** and **sycamore and chestnut**, are slow to break down, and can delay you using your compost if you mix them into the general heap. Leaf mould makes an excellent soil improver and can also be used as a seed-sowing medium. Leaves left on bare the soil around plants will provide protection to plants and the soil over the winter. The earthworms will draw the leaves down into the soil where it will be broken down and add much need organic matter to our sandy, free draining soils.

Digging the soil, especially bare patches, will expose pest larvae and eggs to birds and frost, as well as clearing weeds. Don't leave soil uncovered for too long, however, as it runs the risk of erosion and washing away of valuable nutrients. Spreading your old spent compost from summer pots onto the borders is a great way to recycle rather than adding it to your green waste bin.

Divide perennials that flower before midsummer's day, such as **oriental poppies**, **peonies** and **lupins**, as well as spring-flowering **hellebores**, **pulmonarias** and **Solomon's seal**. Dig up, divide and replant straight away. Now is also the best time to cut away the old leaves from your hellebores which will allow the flowers to be seen through the winter.

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

Select young, vigorous roots, about the thickness of a pencil, and cut them off, close to the crown of the plant. Only remove a maximum of 1 third of the roots and then replace the parent plant, as soon as possible, back into the border.

Discard the thin root end and remove any fibrous side roots. Cut each root into 5-10cm (2-4in) lengths making a horizontal cut at the upper end and an angled cut at the lower end. Fill pots with a free draining compost - such as equal parts peat substitute and gritty sand or perlite. Insert the cuttings about 4cm (2in) apart so that the horizontal cut surface at the top of



the root is just below the surface of the compost and then cover with a thin layer of grit. Water the compost lightly and place the pots in a sheltered space or coldframe outside. In the following spring, pot up into individual pots when the cuttings show signs of growth and are well-rooted. Spare plants can then be shared with friends and family.

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...

Frank Reginald Young was the brother of E W Young who is commemorated on our memorial. He was born in 1895- Clophill and in 1911 lived in Hall End with his widowed mother — Hannah. His father was William, also a butcher. Frank worked as a butcher in the family business, until after asking the doubtful Medical Officer to allow him to enlist, he served as a trooper with the mounted section of the Bedfordshire Yeomanry, taking part in one of the last charges by the British Army - attacking German forces on the Western Front. He went on to marry Winifred Garton in 1924 and the family lived at 17 High Street (now the site of entrance to Cainhoe Road). The couple had a son called Robert and Frank continued to work as a Butcher. He was a Police Sergeant in Clophill during WW2. He died in 1984, having moved to 26A High Street.

George and Elizabeth Young had four sons who served. George was the brother of William above. They had also lost one son in infancy and then lost Sydney William who is commemorated on our memorial. In 1911 the family lived in 9 The Strand: -

Arthur Charles Young was born in Clophill in 1886. Arthur lost his first wife in 1917. He was in the merchant service and then served with the Royal Navy Division in Malta and the Dardanelles.

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Clophill's Serving Survivors of WW1 continued

Ampthill News described him as a "gallant naval man and hero of Gallipoli." He was hospitalised in Glasgow in February of that year and underwent several operations. He married Annie Dolan in 1928. They worked as servants at Tempsford Hall and by 1939 were working as Butler and Cook at Stonebridge House, Biggleswade. Arthur died in Clapham in 1968.

Edward George Young was born in 1887. He was Corporal in the Bedfordshire Yeomanry and became a Trooper in the City of London Yeomanry. He was on active service in France in 1917. Later he was seriously injured when a horse kicked him. He was taken to hospital in Warrington. Nothing is known about his later life.

Hubert Young was born in 1892, he had lived on the High Street and by 1911 was an Apprentice

Butcher living as a boarder in Dunstable. He enlisted in 1915 and was demobbed in 1919. He was a Private, Mechanical Transport Army Service Corps.

By 1931 he had emigrated to the US, and was living in





By 1931 he had emigrated to the US, and was living in Clarkstown, New York State with his wife- Ethel (née Reeves)- whom he married that year. By 1935 he was working as a farmer. He died in Indian Lake, New York, US in 1966.

This completes the articles relating to the fallen and survivors of Clophill from World War 1. We had hoped to find a link to at least one of the women who supported their country but any who may have existed have been impossible to trace as the first point of reference was the Absent Voters Lists of 1918 and 1919.

Many thanks to all those that have contributed or shown an interest in the articles, especially to the relatives of the men.

If you have any photographs that you would like to share or would like further information, please contact us on Richard.sue.pearson@gmail.com.

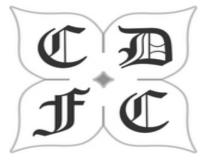
The above information will shortly be available on Colin Watt's website www.mooncarrot.org.uk/clophillhistory.

Many thanks to Colin for agreeing to host the information. You may also like to read a copy of Colin's book - "Clophill in The Great War."

Clophill and District Flower Club

Our October demonstrator was Sandie Draper, her theme 'Inspired by Nature'. This was Sandie's first visit to our club and members gave her a warm welcome.

The container for Sandie's first arrangement was a magnificent large ivy tree root (saved



from the bonfire). Red Robin, Spotted Laurel, Crocosmia Montrebria seed head sprays, dark green Hosta Leaves and Uronamus were the basic greenery used for this display. Woven into the greenery were orange Protius, Physalis Alkerkenhi (Chinese Lanterns), lovely orange and yellow Calla Lillies, Berries Long John and Soft Fern. Beautiful arrangement with all the colours of Autumn.

A hand tied (no foam) arrangement consisted of a twisted willow twig as the centre point. Sun flowers, Yellow Spray Roses, Purple Monkswood and Green Button Dahlias, arranged around the twig then placed into a glass and wood container. Soft fern sprays were added around the edge of the container with a second similar placement.

'Reflections' consisted of an open white wire box with oasis placed so that the arrangement could be positioned high and low. White sticks and fan shaped Phoenix Palm made the outline for flowers. White Stocks were placed high and low through the frame with Roses, Hydrangea, Pale Green Lilac, and Purple Clematis. Elephant Ear Leaves, Eucalyptus. and various garden foliage completed this elegant arrangement.

An oblong woven basket was the container for a 'Summer Garden' arrangement. Snap Dragons, Gladioli, Allums, Gerbera, Dahlias in various shades of pink and purple together with Lime Light Cone Shaped Hydrangeas tinged with pink and Astroemera, created a beautiful summer collection. Bergenia leaves, Eucalyptus, Phoenix Palm and Common Fern were among the foliage used.

A contemporary (also no foam) arrangement consisted of two beautiful white and red Orchid stems placed in cylinder holding vases mounted on a bright green backboard.

Finally, a Swan, with a tail of fluffy grasses and Crocosmia seed sprays. The head was fashioned from drift wood. White Roses, Lillies, Lisianthus, Aglaonema Silver Queen together with various green garden foliage adorned the body.

Our next club meeting is November 2nd with Connie Price. Tickets will be on sale for our Christmas Demonstration on December 7th demonstration with Robin White.

St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingley our Headteacher:

We are now the proud owners of an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award! Miss Clements and her team of Eco-Warriors worked incredibly hard last year to qualify for this award. We look forward to being able to fly our Eco-Schools flag soon!



School has been an incredibly busy place over

the last seven weeks. Our brand new Year 4 cohort of Sports Leaders have been trained and begun leading activities at lunchtime. This gives the children an opportunity to be even more active during the school day!

Our School Council organised their first charity fundraising event of the year – Jeans for Genes Day – raising £143 for this important charity.

Rowan Class (Year 3) have had their annual Resilience Workshop led by the Making Me charity. This provides the children with strategies to be more resilient in challenging situations.

At the beginning of October, we celebrated Harvest in Church. Our families donated a great deal of food and hygiene products which were all passed to the Clophill Community Hub to directly benefit those in need in our area.

As a school, we also recognised World Space Week with some classes watching astronauts on the International Space Station and others drawing what they'd imagine they'd see out of a spaceship window! We also held a special activity afternoon in recognition of World Mental Health Day, where the children took part in activities to help maintain good mental health, like mindful colouring, yoga and making calm bottles (with oil, water and glitter).

Our half term ended with a non-uniform day to support donations for FOSM's annual Fireworks Night on 4th November and our termly Stay and Play in our ever-popular Acorn Nursery. The whole school also worked with the Forest of Marston Vale to plant bushes and trees around our site and we ended the half term with our new termly "Come and See My Work" sessions for parents to visit to view the children's termly work.

Jake the School Dog:

Jake loves spending time in classrooms with the children. Sometimes he hears them read, sometimes he 'helps' with work and sometimes he just enjoys getting some love and fuss . ©



Acorn Nursery News

from Mrs. Hayes our Early Years Leader:

It was lovely to see so many new faces (both parents and children) at our termly Stay and Play just before half term. We are delighted to have such a wonderful Nursery community of supportive parents who benefit from our unrivalled bespoke Nursery setting. Our amazing team of dedicated and committed staff continue to provide exciting learning opportunities - bringing wonder and delight to all of our children, fully covering all 7 areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Over the last few weeks these have included exploring the story of Elmer the Elephant and appreciating how we are all different and unique as well as investigating shape and pattern, painting self-portraits in the style of Picasso and looking at ourselves and how our bodies work through the classic story "Funny Bones".

So much fun is had by all (adults too!) during our group times including Cosmic Kids Yoga, Sticky Kids, Dough Disco, Singing, Dancing, Helicopter Stories, parachute play, bubbles - there is never a dull moment! Our aim is for our children to feel safe, happy and enjoy their time with us and as a result learning through play happens intrinsically in our setting and our children develop holistically at their own pace.

We've also loved being visited by Forest of Marston Vale, helping to plant a huge number of trees all around our school and Nursery, enhancing our already spacious outdoor environment, available for the children to explore whenever they want to!

If you would like to find out more about our amazing Nursery, please contact Mrs. Daniels, our Nursery Room Leader by emailing nursery@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk

Our Values for November are Peace and Reflection:

In school, we will consider both external and internal Peace. External Peace is a state of harmony where there is a lack of conflict. This can be in relationships with others and also in the world around us. External Peace is also where there is cultural understanding and unity. Internal Peace is found within — contentment with who we are and what we have.

At home, you may like to consider the following:

- What stops us being at peace both externally and internally?
- Do you have a special place you can sit quietly and think?
- Why do we need to be quiet and peaceful sometimes?
- How do you feel when you are quiet and peaceful?

Claphill Preschal News

Hello everyone,

What a great time we have been having, our children and staff seem to like it best when the weather gets a bit more interesting. Wet sand means it's easier to build with, rain in the mud pit makes for a wonderfully messy time, we don't need to water our plants as much and it turns out you can even paint when it's raining!

We have been working in the allotment planting onions, garlic and spring onions



using our own compost made from the scraps from our snack and lunches that we have added to our composter over the past 10 years. In this anniversary year Carol has had the fantastic idea for all children who start with us to do their bit for our planet by planting an acorn, they will tend them throughout their time with us and take their little oak trees with them when they leave. The children also wrote their names on lolly sticks to identify their pots. We have also been harvesting the seeds from our dead sunflowers to use for planting next year, a great way to explain the life cycle of the plant.

Though our staff don't use iPad or screens in setting to monitor the children's development we have been empowering the children to use them as cameras to photograph and film their interests. They can then share their experiences giving a great opportunity for that essential revisit of themes that helps to consolidate children's learning.



Our environment is hugely important to us at Preschool and we spend a lot of time teaching our children to have awareness of nature and to care for it. Our Adventure Friday bunch usually do regular litter picking around the village and earlier this term we got the Monday to Thursday crew litter picking across the setting and village hall grounds for World Clean Up Day.

Carol has also been busy carving some 'frog sticks' from wood, they are

musical instruments that the children use sticks to rub along the bumpy backs of, to create a 'ribbit' sound. We hope to teach the Friday children how to make these when they do their tool work.

Our Adventure Fridays are an opportunity for those due to move on the following July to the next step in their education journey to develop their skills that bit further, challenging themselves that little bit more and experiencing a bit more of the world. As we explained to parents in our recent transition meeting, the Fridays help to further develop children's resilience, independence and learning. Recently the children have been worm charming using vibrations, making 'log dogs', learning how to use a compass and creating human sundials covering science, maths, literacy, art, music and much more.

The term is racing away with us, we look forward to telling you what we've been up to in our next article.

We would firstly like to say thank you to all those who voted for our scarecrow in the scarecrow competition; the children were so proud of the effort they had put into creating their finished design and we were all elated to have been awarded first place!



The last month has been full of autumnal

learning and enjoying the change in the weather. We have been learning a lot



about the local fungi and the mycelium cycle. The children have a new favourite lichen, 'Pixie Cups', which really are as cute as they sound!

We have had a few more lovely visits to Beverly court and the relationships between the children and older adults are really blossoming; they have been sharing artwork with each other and have

begun working on projects together. On our most recent visit,

we thought about things we were grateful for and created beautiful autumnal gratitude wreaths which are being proudly displayed in our main classroom.

We are looking forward to the winter when we will be holding a stall at the Christmas light switch on. We will also be holding a family community event at the Village Hall on Sunday 10th December; there will be drinks and cakes to purchase and the children will be running craft stalls for children of all ages to come and try. We will be posting information on our



website, Facebook and at the shop. Please do come and spend a nice Christmassy afternoon with us if you can.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

After a quiet few weeks the church has sprung into life. We were delighted that the Scarecrow Festival raised just short of £2,000, and are grateful to all who participated either as contributors, workers or visitors. The following week we celebrated Harvest Festival, donating the gifts of food to



The Village Hub and approx. £240 to the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal. On October 10th the church was full to capacity for the funeral of David Carpenter and many people stayed afterwards to enjoy the refreshments and share memories of David.

Next day we held our Harvest Lunch when more than 50 people sat down to the lovely 2 course meal provided by our fund-raising group and to enjoy the wonderful fellowship which is a hallmark of our village. Over £500 was raised for church funds.

Winter Warmer lunches started the following week. A simple meal of homemade soup with bread and a piece of cake or biscuit is provided. There is no charge, but a donation is welcome.

Coming up is our All Souls' Service when we remember those we have loved and lost with prayers and candles. On November 4th the Annual Coffee and Cake morning for MacMillan Cancer Care will be held, and on November 5th our Family Service will be a Pet Blessing! Let's hope the dogs don't chase the cats around the church.

The service on Remembrance Sunday starts in the church at 10.15, with the Act of Remembrance at 11.00 at the War Memorial.

Clophill United Charities





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If you are interested in becoming a Trustee or would like more information, please contact me Val Martin.

Clerk to Trustees, on 01525 860900 or CUCClerk@gmail.com.

St Mary's Church. Clophill

23rd Annual Quiz Night

Friday 17th November

7.15 for 7.30pm

at St Mary's Church

£5 – Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Tea and coffee available

Bring a team or be part of another team – this can be arranged.

Children are welcome

To book a place

juliebenson@talktalk.net

01525 860497



Clophill Parish Council

Register for email bulletins and meeting notifications at www.clophill-pc.gov.uk



Our final meeting at the village hall this year was held on 24th October with further meetings in November (28th) and in the Spring at the Methodist Church. Highways matters centred on the roundabout works. The PC is attending regular stakeholder calls and will be happy to bring matters to CBC's attention if you need anything reporting.

The village poppy appeal on behalf of the Royal British Legion has gone very well with 64 out 100 Poppies already sponsored. Please let the Clerk know if you would like to sponsor one of the remaining poppies. Clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk

The Christmas lights switch on will take place on the 3rd December. The PC has secured a temporary road closure (not the High Street) and Jakins are kindly donating the Christmas Tree to the village again. We will have 24 stalls including a Horse Box Bar, return of Fold of Me Close Pizza and We will Wok You, plus a myriad of craft and community stalls. Not to mention the Choir, band and Santa! If you want to be involved, please contact the Clerk.

Our Lottery funded project to provide water to Townshott Allotments is underway. Pipe work was installed in October using clever 'mole' technology. Next steps are to get Anglian Water to inspect and schedule connection to the main.

The Greensand Trust successfully applied for a PC Grant Aid grant to pay for important lifesaving water safety equipment at Clophill Lakes.

A new bench has been funded and installed at the rec by Clophill Utd FC commemorating the life of Matt Newman (who always wore shorts!)

The council has scheduled a number of tree works for community safety on the following dates:

The Green – 1^{st} & 2^{nd} November 2023 Irene's Wood (behind Townshott) – 11^{th} - 13^{th} December 2023 Pine Hill (The Clump) – 8^{th} to 19^{th} January 2024.

Planning Applications

CB/TCA/23/00468 Church of Saint Mary, High Street

Proposal: Works to trees in a Conservation Area: Reduce Horse Chestnut tree by approx. 2 metres. Reduce Holly tree by roadside to approx. 8ft in height.

NO COMMENT

CB/23/03208/FULL Land Opposite 3 The Old Dairy

Proposal: Change of Use from paddock land to residential garden land and construction of a garden building. **OBJECT**

The next meeting will be held on 28th November 2023 19:45 at Clophill Methodist Church

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



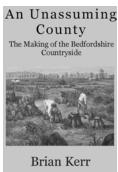
Monday 4th December 2023

An Unassuming County: The Making of the Bedfordshire Countryside

Speaker: Brian Kerr

Kerr traces the changes which have shaped the Bedfordshire. countryside Beginning the fundamental geology describes Brian the natural landscapes and then charts how these have been used, giving us the familiar pattern of countryside and farming, we see today.

There is a renewed interest in farming, food security, the establishment of new woodlands, the impact of climate change, and the use of the countryside for energy generation. Speaker Brian Kerr.



NEW REVISED AND UPDATED

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ 7.30 for 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.

Future 2024 meetings:

Saturday 13th January - Celebrity Lunch and Speaker.

Monday 5th February - Archaeology of the Route of HS2 in Buckinghamshire. Full details on the society website. www.adalhs.org.uk

Katherine Concerts running in Ampthill.

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

Katherine Concert's events in November and December are:

Friday 10th November: Trio Pierné (flute, cello & piano) Friday 17th November: Matt White (classical guitar) Friday 24th November: Maria Kustas (piano)

Friday 1st December: Bastion Brass

The 45-minute recitals at Ampthill Methodist Church begin at 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm), and are followed by refreshments in the upstairs School Room. Tickets

available from https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Katherine-Concerts



You've done something amazing

Dear friends,

proud of.

On behalf of Alzheimer's Research UK for Cambridge Medical Research I want to say a massive **thank you** to Jill Wynn and Rosemary Franklin for helping me on the 23rd -24th September. Also, to everyone that helped in my incredible fund-raising efforts by raising a remarkable **£750.30** for Alzheimer's Research UK for a cure. I would like also to thank you all for your generous support. This will bring them closer to a cure, that's something you can all be

From Cora Sheppard.

p.s: On the 3rd December I will be having a stall on the village green for Alzheimer's. Once again thank you for your understanding and support.

Clophill Heritage Trust

Since our work with Develop Bedford sadly ceased following the closure of their learning centre, we are delighted to be able to tell you that we are now working with Youth Inspired; a community organisation supporting people with Learning Difficulties, Disabilities, Autism or Mental Health conditions. Over the last three weeks students from Youth Inspired have visited Clophill Ecolodges to learn about ecology and sustainability. All students participated in a taster session, thinking about what the term 'eco' might mean and how we can be eco-friendly in our own lives. They also explored the ways in which the Ecolodges are a sustainable and ecologically friendly site. Subsequently, 6 learners were chosen to participate in an ecology and sustainability course with us once a week until January 2024.

In the first week, the students gained an understanding of meadows, learning about the maintenance and creation of the meadows around the Old Church, and their importance as a habitat. They covered the need to sow different seeds for plants that will flourish on different soil types and worked on plant identification of some common plants found in the meadows at the Eco Lodges. Our meadows



are cut twice a year which allows the seeds to disperse back into the meadow to ensure wildflower growth the following year. The mown grass must be raked and removed to stop the nutrients from returning to the soil, as the meadow plants like poorer soil. We want to say a big thank you to the Youth Inspired students who raked up our meadows following the last cut of the year!!

In the second week, the students learnt about composting, gaining some handson experience moving compost in our compost area, and planning the build for a new composter. The students learnt about the need to rotate the compost to increase aeration and consequently the rate of decomposition, and about the best 'ingredients' for compost — and therefore why our endless piles of leaves must be supplemented with grass and other woody bits.

The course will give the students a valuable understanding of some ecological principles, climate change and the current climate crisis and the biodiversity crisis as well as some ways in which they can reduce their own ecological footprint and have a positive impact on the environment.

If you'd like to find out more about the Eco Lodges or would like to volunteer with us please contact us at info@clophillecolodges.co.uk or visit our website www.clophillecolodges.co.uk. We have lots of exciting opportunities and would love for you to get involved!

Miranda, Emily, Olivia and Ali - The Clophill Eco Lodges Team

Clophill Lakes - update

We are delighted to announce that significant progress has been made since August in the establishment works at Clophill Lakes, with the contractor making remarkable headway thanks



contractor making remarkable headway thanks to favourable weather conditions.

- Much work has been carried out on establishing paths and bridges and improving access around the lakes.
- The existing quarry bridge has undergone a comprehensive refurbishment which will extend the bridge's lifespan for decades to come.
- The main pedestrian bridge is scheduled for installation this November.
- All groundworks associated with the creation of new viewpoints and hide bases have been completed, with corresponding landscaping efforts adding to the area's natural appeal.
- The new café and ranger's office area has seen substantial progress with the construction of the car park now underway.



We still have a large amount of work to be done throughout the rest of the year and into early 2024. Future works will include: installing bridges, finishing paths, laying services and infrastructure, as well as creating bird hides, fencing and

conservation work.

visit our website:

We aim to have the site available for public access in 2024 but it's too early to give a date at this point - we will announce a date when we are further along and are confident of meeting it. If you would like to contribute to our fundraising appeal, please

The Greensand Trust

www.greensandtrust.org/appeal/clophill-lakes

Parish Registers for November

1823 1923 Burial Burial

04 Charlotte Lomas. 25 William Eddy, 67.

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29 Benjamin Billington, 21, to Mary 18 Claire Ann Milligan. Ann Wildman, 24.

St. Mary's Registers for Oct. 2023

Funeral and Burial

10 David Carpenter, 62.



Wildlife walks & talks



November

Monday, 20th November, 19.15, Maulden Church Hall (MK45 2AU) Brief AGM (19.15-19.30) followed by:

Tales of the Bee Bank, a talk by John Curd (19.45-21.00)

John writes: During our first lockdown of 2021, I was lucky to discover a very active natural bee bank in Rushmere Country Park. Knowing nothing to begin with, I learnt much and this talk attempts to demonstrate the many interactions between the various solitary bee and wasp species inhabiting the bank. It helped me maintain a modicum of sanity then and continues to do so now. £4 per adult.

Monday, 15th January 2024, 19.30, Maulden Church Hall (MK45 2AU)

A slow worm population ten years on

Join Dr Gwen Hitchcock for an illustrated talk on a local slow worm population and their progress since their journey from the Luton-Dunstable busway site. Find out what happened to the slow worms that were moved to build the Luton-Dunstable guided busway. After they were relocated to various other nature reserves in the area, Gwen and her colleagues have been monitoring the translocated slow worms for ten years. Are they thriving in their new homes? £4 entrance charge to this event.

Friday, 2nd February 2024, 19:00 for a 19.30 start, Maulden Village Hall, (MK45 2DN)

Quiz Night

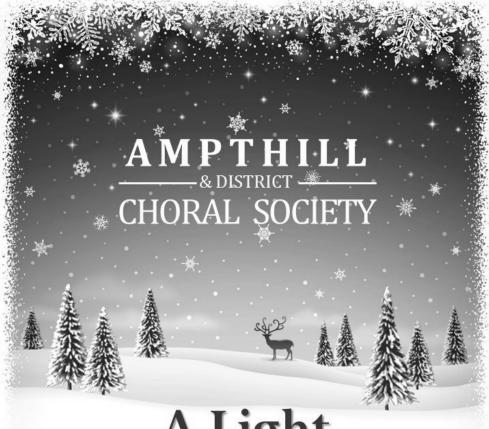
Our annual Quiz Night, fund-raising for the Wildlife Trust BCN. Teams of four to six. A date for your diary!

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

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

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

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Registered charity number: 1000412, www.wildlifebcn.org Flit Vale Local Group, www.flitvale.org.uk



A Light in the Stable

by Alan Bullard

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas music and sing along to your favourite carols

3pm, Sunday 10th December Maulden Village Hall

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Greensand Community Choir presents The Christmas Story

A performance of readings, traditional carols and other music illustrating
The Nativity

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Retiring collection in aid of St. John's Moggerhanger and St. Mary's Church

MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 7.30 - 8.30pm

St. Mary's Church, High Street, Clophill, MK45 4BJ

Free entry (children must be accompanied by a responsible adult). Refreshments available afterwards

In support of St John's Hospice

Sue Ryder, St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger: Grand Jumble Sale



Many, many thanks to everyone who helped or supported us at our Jumble Sale on 6th October, we are delighted to announce that we made a profit of £556.60 and a cheque for this amount will be taken to the Hospice. This amount includes £20 of eBay sales.

We were let down by our usual clearance people at the last minute but we're planning to get the leftover stock to Keech and the books to English Heritage so that the overall benefit will be even greater.

We have not yet made a decision about whether we will continue next year but as soon as we do we will let everyone know.

Everyone worked so hard and it was great to see everyone again after such a long break since our Cheshire Home sales, so many many thanks to all concerned.

Warden Abbey Vineyard Christmas Wine Sale:

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Contact us: info@wardenvinyard.org.uk or via our website: wardenvinyard.org.uk

Greensand Community Methodist Church

Coffee and Croissants

Saturday 11th November 10am to 12 noon

Also to be held on

Saturday 9th December
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What's on in and around Clophill

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Saturday 11th

Coffee & Croissants, G C Methodist Church, 10am – 12noon *See poster*.

Friday 17th

Quiz Night, St Mary's Church, 7:15 for 7:30pm start. See poster

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Sunday 3rd

Xmas Lights switch on, Village Green, 3pm – 6pm. See poster.

Monday 4th

Greensand Community Choir, St Mary's Church, 7:30pm – 8:30pm. *See poster* **Saturday 9**th

Coffee & Croissants, GC Methodist Church, 10am – 12noon. See poster Wednesday 14th

Christmas Lunch, St Mary's Church, 12noon – 2pm. 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.

Wednesdays...

- * Tea and Chat, Methodist Church, 10am 12noon.
- * Beverley Court Bingo Night, in the Residents lounge, 7pm. All welcome.

Thursdays...

- * Lunchtime Winter Warmer, restarting 19th October, 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

Am CHURCH SERVICES

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

1st Sunday 8am, Holy Communion and 11am, Family Praise

Other Sundays 11am, Parish Communion

Regular services at Greensand Community Methodist Church, Clophill... Weekly Worship at the Church, Sundays at 10:30am.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14h December

12 noon – 2pm

A 3 course festive meal with drinks £15

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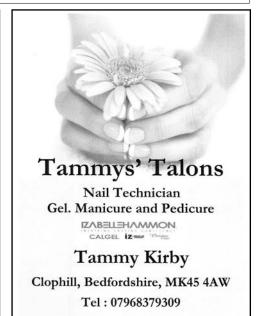
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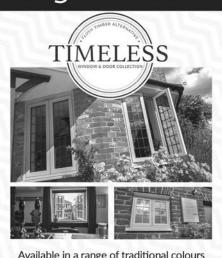


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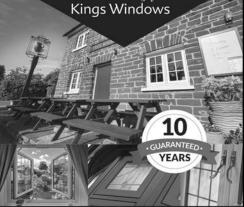
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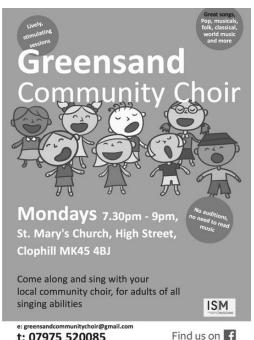
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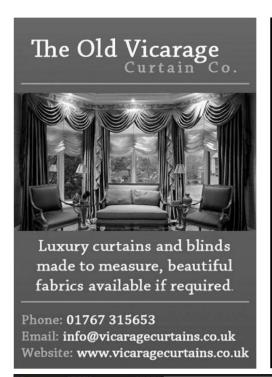
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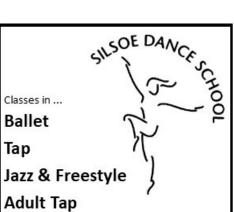
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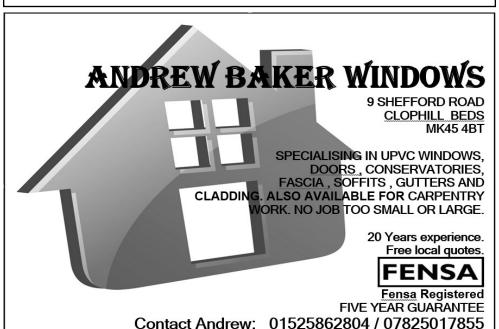
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