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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the March issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

I am frequently reminded what a wonderful village Clophill is; and so full of amazing people. When editing this issue I read in Julie Bensons "Reflections" article about a recent award made to our own talented magazine designer Colin Watt. Thank you Julie, I have moved it here as I thought it appropriate. Julie wrote: *Colin has been recognised by another local group.*

*In 2024, Bedfordshire Local History Association (BLHA) launched its inaugural Local History Awards. A 'highly commended' award was made to **Colin Watt** for his personal Clophill Local History website. The website is clophillhistory.org.uk. Well done Colin – and very well deserved.*



See you all again in April!!

**Best wishes,
Elaine**



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner

Have you felt the fizz – that feeling like something is happening as the days become lighter as we move towards the spring equinox on 20th March. The snowdrops and crocus are now in full bloom, green shoots of daffodils are starting to make their appearance and lots of scented shrubs are wafting their amazing fragrance around the village.



Last month I was looking at seed catalogues over a cuppa, but now that my seeds packets have arrived its really tempting to want to sow them all at once. Now is the perfect time to be sowing hardy annuals and sweet peas. These are plants that will grow, flower and set seed between now and the end of the autumn and once germinated will live happily outside with minimal protection. If you choose your varieties well, you could have lots of home grown cut flowers to share too. Good things to try alongside the sweet peas include Statice, Antirrhinum (snap dragons), Calendula (marigold), Nigella (love in the mist), Phlox, Scabiosa and Stocks.

Warm compost is essential so if yours has been sitting outside over the winter it's worth bringing the bag inside overnight and sowing once it's warmed up. Seeds sown into cold compost sulk and take longer to germinate. Hardy annual seeds don't need lots of deep compost as they are only in the soil for a short period of time. Use a relatively shallow container (mushroom or soft fruit trays are great – just remember to put holes into the bottom for drainage), use enough compost to almost fill and then gently press the compost to level and firm it up. If it's too loose or too firm the seeds can struggle to get going. Because many of the seeds are really tiny, I will water my tray of compost before I sow the seeds, that way you don't risk washing the tiny seeds away to the sides.

Don't be tempted to sow the entire packet. You want to aim to sow between 10 and 15 seeds at a time. Try to space them out on the surface of the compost and then sprinkle lightly with some more compost. Put them somewhere light and warm to germinate (which can take anything from a few days to a couple of weeks depending on the plant). Once the baby plants are starting to show they can be moved outside into a cold frame or green house. If you don't have one use a sheltered spot in the garden and protect with some horticultural fleece if frost is forecast. They will grow slowly and won't get long and leggy (which often happens when they stay on a window sill for too long). Don't forget to label your pots with the plant name. For a longer flowering season repeat this step in about 4 to 6 weeks time.

In about 4 weeks, once the true leaves have appeared, your baby plants will need pricking out into their own separate 7 – 9 cm pots where they will develop nice health roots until they are ready to either pot on again or go out into the ground.

Sweet peas can also be sown now but you treat them a little differently. I always use 7cm pots and sow about 5 seeds into each container. To sow the seed, use a peat-free, multi-purpose potting compost. Dampen the compost, then, with your finger, push each seed in 2-3cm below the surface of the compost then gently cover the seeds then label the pot and put on a warm windowsill to germinate.

If you want to find out more about growing from seed, then do join us at the Bloomin Well community garden on Saturday mornings between 12 and 2pm where we will be sowing all manner of vegetables, fruit and flowers alongside our usual garden development tasks.

Happy Gardening everyone

Reflections – Clophill in March 1980 - Voices from the past.

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

The front cover picture in the April 1980's issue of Spotlight is of "A tempting array of Easter confections" while the editorial is so very apt to us now. "We have been hearing so much in recent times regarding the cuts which are occurring all around us, that it is easy to overlook the plight of those who really cannot survive the consequences of such.



It is indeed a pleasure then to report in these pages the continued success of several fund-raising activities in the village, together with the undying support given to these affairs by the people of Clophill." (How very true this is still – the recent coffee morning in the church to raise funds for a Paraguayan girl is testament to this!)

Fundraisers back in March 1980 were held in the **Methodist Church** where "some fifty friends enjoyed a Ploughman's supper served by the ladies of the church. A Bring and Buy stall was well patronised. The proceeds of £59.00 were shared by the Church and the Home Missions fund.

Reflections – Clophill in March 1980 - continued ...

St. Mary's School saw the tradition of 'Lent Appeal' with monies raised for The Ampthill & District branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council by the children's own fund-raising methods - shoe cleaning, wellie-wanging, lucky dip, how many peas in a jar, beat the goalie, cake sale, concerts, name the rabbit and suchlike, all organised so enthusiastically by the children at break and lunchtimes – and being concluded by a mini-marathon run by Father Philip and the acting head Clive King in the pouring rain!

Further fundraisers in the village were for **The Church of England's Children's Society** and in a 'Letter to the Editor' organiser, Penny Horsnail thanked the generosity of the village and the collectors - Anita Errick, Eileen Martin, Janet Lewis, Janet Poad, Stella Brooks, Su Cam, Joanne Constance and Alwyn and Isobel Ullman for their help in raising £80.

At Brownies "four sixers Caroline Duggan, Emma Thoulass, Colette Whittles and Lucie Young presented a donation of £15" to 'Handicapped Riders' after watching a film which included scenes from Millbrook and Moggerhanger riding centres. There was to be a Great Sponsored Swim in May as part of a country-wide event while the **Guides** collected 3tons 1cwt of newspaper raising £30.50 for their funds. (Clophill was – and still is a very caring and supportive village.)

Other activities going on in March involved the **Village Hall Committee** announcing the date of the Village Fete - June 21st and asking for help as well as saying that best part of the loan from the Parish Council had been repaid while "Outline proposals for a new storage extension, to cost nearly £1,500, have been accepted in principle. This is much needed for storing equipment, including stalls for the Fete."

The **WI meeting** took the form of Craft demonstrations by various members. "Mrs Carol Whysall showed beautiful machine embroidering; Mrs Marilyn Everitt presented a selection of uncooked sweets; Mrs Kate Smith made basketry look easy, as did Mrs Judi Gibbs when demonstrating her macramé hanging baskets."

The Children's Competition was to "Draw and colour a picture on the theme of SPRINGTIME. Crayons, felt pens or paints may be used. There will be first and second prizes and the competition is open to children up to and including 10 years old. Results of the March competition (decorate and egg) – 1st - 'Prima Donna' - Hazel Brooks (aged 8) and 2nd - 'Humpty Dumpty'– Amanda Telford (aged 10) with Highly Commended Robert Brooks (7) and Rachel Bodiley (9).

What a busy March!



Clophill and District Flower Club

www.clophillflowerclub.com



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by
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Thursday 3 April 2025

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St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingley our Headteacher:

February began with us recognising Children's Mental Health Week. Activities were planned each day to support the children's understanding of this year's theme, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. The week ended with all children making, and learning how to use, rain makers to take home to support positive mental wellbeing at home.



Friday 7th was Shine Bright, Wear Bright Day to end Children's Mental Health Week. A time for the children to wear their own clothes to school – the brighter and shinier the better – to highlight the importance of looking after our mental health. On the same day we recognised NSPCC Number Day with children tackling different maths activities based on the book, 'How Many Jellybeans'.

As Friday 7th was one of our charity fundraising days, parents/carers were asked to choose between CHUMS (who launch Shine Bright, Wear Bright Day) and the NSPCC. The target for both charities was £100 each and I'm delighted to announce that we raised £124 for the NSPCC and £110 for CHUMS. Thank you to all parents/carers for their generous contributions.

On 4th February, we also visited Church to celebrate Candlemas with some children leading readings and prayers during the service. Safer Internet Day was also recognised on 11th February across the school with children taking part in activities linked to the theme, 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

Our half term ended on February 14th with parents/carers visiting school once again to come and see their children's school work to date.

We are looking for volunteer readers in school, to hear children read. If you are interested in volunteering with us, for more information please contact

parents@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk

Acorn Nursery News *from Mrs. Hayes our Early Years Leader:*

Movement is crucial to children's early development and it also underpins everything we do in Acorn Nursery, we love to busy moving!! We start our day with our fantastic 'Wake up song' and then the doors open for Free Flow play all day which allows our children the independent choice of playing outside or inside, wherever they want to be! We regularly follow actions to songs, love the fun of 'dough disco' (google it and have a go!), stretch and move to Sticky kids songs (where we also practice our listening skills), explore skills used in Gymnastics and chill down with some relaxing Cosmic Kids yoga! We also keep our fingers busy with cutting activities, this week we've been planting seeds, sorting coloured beans and painted a very tall beanstalk to go on our playhouse.

Jake our School Dog:

Jake helps the children and staff to have good mental health all year round! The children love him being on the playground with them at some breaktimes and Mrs. Hayes and myself try to get out to walk Jake as much as possible during our lunch break. He is such a positive aspect of our little school.



Our Values for March are Friendship, Kindness (and Thoughtfulness):

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

At home, you might like to focus on bedtime stories in which 'Friendship' is the theme. Some good examples include *'The Snail and the Whale'* by Julia Donaldson or *'The Way Back Home'* by Oliver Jeffers.

As a family you could also write your 'Ten top tips' for being a good friend and then everyone could use this as a check list to try their best to live up to the top tips!

St Mary's Church. Clophill

Traditional Church Fete and Village Event

Saturday 10th May 12 noon – 4pm

We are holding another Fete and Village Event on 10th May in the grounds of St Mary's Church. This is always a very successful and popular community event that attracts a large number of people from Clophill and the surrounding area. Our aim is to organise a Fete for the enjoyment of all ages and to involve as many organisations and individuals as possible. We want to provide the opportunity for all local organisations and individuals to raise money for their own cause.

If you would like to have a stall, please contact Gillian Hill as soon as possible and by 30th April. We would like to know the type of stall you would like to run, a side show or game or just an information stand. This year we ask you to provide your own table as we have a limited number. We are happy for you to bring a gazebo. We start setting up from 8am.

We want to develop the Fete further this year, whilst still retaining a traditional Village Fete theme. This year we are planning to extend the attractions to entertain the children and inform the grownups. There will be entertainment, activities and games to give the children a great afternoon. We hope you will be supporting this popular event and we look forward to hearing from you.

Gillian Hill: 01525 860539

Carolyn Cranswick: 01462 816544

Amphill & District Archaeological & Local History Society

Monday 7th April 2025

The Old House(s) at Wrest

AGM followed by The Old House(s) at Wrest - Records of a house at Wrest go back



to the Middle Ages. After successive developments it acquired a grand frontage in the 17th century. Shortly afterwards, it became the centre of the Duke of Kent's grand plans for the estate. Various replacements were proposed, until replaced by Earl de Grey's mansion in the 1830's.

Speaker – Chris Martin (Wrest Park Volunteer Research Team)

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ, 7.30 pm for a 7.45 start. Members are free, and visitors are very welcome £5.00, payable at the door. Tea and coffee will follow.

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

www.adalhs.org.uk

St Mary the Virgin. Clophill

*Please come to our
Lent Lunches*

12th March

19th March

26th March

2nd April and 9th April

12 noon -2pm

at St Mary's Church, Clophill

Donations will be given to Wateraid

Everyone very welcome

Raffle

For information phone Carolyn 01462 815433 or Gill Jones 01525 861058

Please call if you require transport



Clophill Lakes Update



Clophill Lakes opening is getting closer!

As we're approaching the opening of Clophill Lakes Nature Reserve to the public, we're now recruiting team members to join the catering team that will be present on site and have also put out a call for local people interested in volunteering there.

Volunteers required:

We are looking for community members to get involved in keeping the site safe, clean and welcoming for both people and wildlife. Working alongside the Trust, we hope to build a team of volunteers who are just as passionate about the site as we are. There will be a number of roles available. If you would like to express your interest in getting involved, then please let us know by emailing our volunteer and community officer kayte.judge@greensandtrust.org

Join our Catering Team:

We're looking for catering members to add to our growing catering team. Our ethos is fresh, quality and local; and you will be working with the catering team to deliver a quality experience to visitors. Working at our café facility at Clophill Lakes Nature Reserve with magnificent views across the countryside and lakes, working in our Takeaway Outlet, you will have a unique opportunity to help develop our offer to visitors to match that of this superb location.

The ideal person will need to have high standards and **some experience in catering** and be confident in a busy Catering Served providing food and drink options. You will be required to provide front of house service, as well as preparing food in our small kitchen, and be required to work on a rota system which **includes weekends and bank holidays**, have qualifications in food hygiene and food safety and have some relevant experience within a kitchen environment.

Full details including Job Description here:

www.greensandtrust.org/catering-member-clophill-lakes



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Our Appeal for donations needs your help!

As an environmental charity The Greensand Trust needs your support to bring you this superb new nature reserve.

Donations, however small, are always welcome:

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Tibbs Dementia Foundation Spring Fayre

Saturday 5th April: 2pm- 4pm

Christ Church, 140 Dudley Street, Bedford
MK40 3SX

(Parking at Castle Newnham School car park)

Stalls, Tombola, Plant sale, Refreshments, Seasonal
crafts and Easter fun!

Come and join us for a relaxed and friendly afternoon
and help raise funds for Tibbs Dementia Foundation

£1 Entry for Adults - Children Free

For more details:

Email: contact@tibbsdementia.co.uk

Call: 01234 210993

Registered charity no: 1166596

Clophill Preschool News

Hello everyone,

We are halfway through the academic year already, where does the time go? We have lots of new starters joining us this half term and it's been great to welcome our new families. For those younger children, staff have been doing lots of parachute games, keeping them moving in the cold, supporting physical development and allowing children to get to know each other through fun interactions. Our older children have been working towards their Ruby Robin Awards: a program put in place by the Songbird Survival Organisation to raise awareness and funds for the protection of UK songbirds. The children have been bird spotting, doing quizzes, learning about bird anatomy and completing colouring pictures of birds accurately using reference books and field guides. Through collaboration and using their design skills the children set about making a bird bath to go in our nature garden using found materials.

We are lucky to have a good supply of woodchip at preschool from Chris's husband Gary, we use it for all sorts from the mud pit to the allotment. We had a huge mound sitting there recently and so all the staff and children went out with buckets, spades, wheel barrows and pretty much anything they could fill to move the chip into the setting to help soak up the muddy ground in the garden. Great work team!

Katie from Silsoe Dance and Rachel from Adventure yoga have been as popular as ever out in the garden. Children have been brilliant at waiting their turn to have a go at deep breathing with the ball, just one of the many ways we work on wellbeing, mindfulness and self-regulation at preschool. Staff are also noticing children who have previously only watched Kate from afar are now starting to join in with her dancing as their confidence grows and they feel comfortable to have a go.

It was National Storytelling week at the start of February and the whole of preschool acted out *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* around the garden. The 11th February was Safer Internet Day, the older children listened to a story about staying safe online and then took the opportunity from their earlier story work, to think up their own endings. Story work is so important for children: *it significantly contributes to a child's language development, sparks their imagination, helps them explore emotions, and provides a window into different cultures and experiences, laying a strong foundation for future learning and social understanding.*

Our understanding of the value of stories is what prompted us to join the Department of Education and Oxford University in a research study for Talking Time: a universal oral language programme for children aged 3 to 5 supporting practitioners to deliver engaging, structured small-group activities to children and enhance oral language through high-quality interactions. Our staff are always keen to enhance their knowledge and we continue to be very proud of our fantastic team.

7:30PM, SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

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Wildlife Trust for
**Beds, Cambs
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Flit Vale Local Group



Wildlife walks & talks

March

Monday, March 24th, Maulden Church Hall (MK45 2AU). 7.30 pm

An illustrated talk on 'Introducing Beavers to the Nene Valley – an update' by Lara Jones of the Wildlife Trust, BCN.

Lara will give us an update on the reintroduction project in the Nene Valley. She will talk us through the past year of the project: the big wins, the challenges and what the future may hold.

Charge: £4.00

Booking for outdoor and online Flit Vale events is essential, as places are limited.

Please contact Ann by email: flitvale.info@gmail.com or

Phone (leave a message or text if you prefer) 075801 78889 to reserve your place.

The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants

Registered charity number: 1000412

www.wildlifebcn.org/flit-vale-local-group

Katherine Concerts running in Ampthill in April.



Friday 4th April: Diana Cooper (piano)

Ampthill Methodist Church. 2pm. 45-minute all

Chopin recital, followed by homemade cakes and tea.

Saturday 26th April: An Evening with Amanda Cook and Mark Ashford

St. Andrew's Church, Ampthill. 7pm/8.15pm. Spanish classical guitar music, with tapas and wine.

All details and tickets for concerts are on [Katherine Concerts event tickets from TicketSource](#).

Clophill Parish Council



A busy and well attended meeting this month at the Methodist Church. The council welcomed the **New Clerk Lynne Killeen**, who is a Clophill resident, and brings a wealth of experience in administration and project management.

The council unanimously voted to Co Opt the following residents to the council: Craig Nestor, Sarah Matlock and Chloe Burt Yates.

Please look out for our Housing Needs Survey which will be dropping in your post early March. This is an important part of our neighbourhood planning strategy to ensure only the houses we need are built. Please take 5 minutes to complete and post back.

The Clophill nature reserve update from GST: They are working hard towards opening, although we can't officially announce a date for opening yet, they are getting closer. Some of the items that still need to be completed, include recruiting staff, ranger and volunteers, delivery and installation of the prefab building (due in March).

A village litter pick is being organised by village volunteers supported by the Parish Council. Please look out for adverts and notices, and do come and join us to keep our village tidy!!

Planning Applications

Decisions prior to the meeting:

CB/TCA/25/00032 - 6 High Street

Proposal: Various works to trees within a Conservation Area. **NO COMMENT**

For consideration at the meeting:

CB/25/00018/FULL - 9 Goodwood Close

Proposal: Erection of an acoustic fence 3.5mtr high to the rear of the dwelling. **SUPPORT**

CB/25/00161/FULL - 25 Shefford Road

Proposal: Erection of a detached garage, extend side boundary wall and a front sliding gate. **SUPPORT**

CB/25/00106/FULL - 6 and 8 The Green

Proposal: Conversion of dwelling back into two separate dwellings. **SUPPORT**

CB/25/00300/VOC - Land including and to the rear of 68 and 66a, High Street

Proposal: Variation of condition number 3 of planning permission
CB/20/01067/FULL (Resubmission of planning permission
CB/19/01862/FULL (Proposed demolition of 66a High Street followed by the erection of 5 dwellings including the creation of a new priority junction and access road, as well as associated landscaping and ancillary works) etc.).

NO COMMENT

CB/25/00297/FULL - Paradise Farm, The Causeway

Proposal: Use of the land for the siting of 2 permanent residential Gypsy and Traveller mobile homes, 2 touring caravans, parking, associated groundworks landscaping with retention of existing day room and vehicular access.

NO COMMENT

CB/25/00352/FULL - Mouse Farm, Shefford Road

Proposal: Construct a veranda on the side elevation.

NO COMMENT

CB/25/00470/FULL - Land at 7 Back Street

Proposal: Erection of a self-build 3-bedroom split-level dwelling off existing access.

OBJECT

The Next Meeting is 25th March, 7:45pm in the Methodist Church.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

It seems that at this time of year food becomes the focus of our activities! The Winter Warmer Lunches have proved very popular. A rota of volunteers make and serve 2 flavours of wholesome soup, which are greatly enjoyed by about 12-15 people. There is no charge, but donations are usually given to cover expenses, with any surplus going to the Village Hub.



We are very grateful to Bev Hogan for the delicious cakes she brings. They finished for this year at the end of February, and the annual **Lent Lunches** will begin on **Wednesday March 12th**. These will all be held in St. Mary's Church on the 5 Wednesdays in Lent from 12 Noon. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy the food and fellowship. Donations are requested for **Water Aid**, and will be augmented by a rolling raffle. **You will be very welcome!**

The annual Coffee and Cake morning for Janina, the girl in Paraguay we have been supporting through her education, was held on February 15th and raised more than £500, thanks to the generosity of the cake makers and the lovely people who came. As Janina is now 18, this will probably be the last year that she needs our support. No doubt the PCC will decide what we do next.

Parish Registers for January and February

Last year I was unable to bring you the marriages for 1974 because I couldn't read the microfiches which are in negative and the writing was very small. However, they now have a new machine which magnified the script, so the omission will be rectified this year, but not this month as the first entry was in May.

1825

Baptisms

- Jan 09 James, s of James and Hannah Kedge.
20 Jeffrey (?), s of George and Sarah Mossman, f a gardener.
31 William, s of William and Jane Barret (?).
Feb 26 Elizabeth, d of George and Elizabeth Garner.

Burials

- Jan 09 Elizabeth Millard, d of Samuel.
29 Anne Hide, w of John.
Feb 02 Job Wilshire, s of Thomas and Sarah.
22 John M (?), s of Charlotte.

1875

Baptisms

- Jan (?) Albert, s of Samuel and Caroline Richardson.
(?) Henry, s of George and Lucy Parkinson.
Feb 14 Henry Lawrence, s of Lawrence and Mary Ann Chapman.
28 Frederick, s of Alfred and Kezia Roberts.
George William, s of Rebecca Bryant, single woman.

Marriages

- Feb 09 William Lammas, 20 to Eliza Bryant, 28.

Burials

- Jan 25 William Gaylor, (?) 75.
Feb 13 Henry Parkinson, 15 weeks (see Baptisms).
22 Sarah Ann Ashby, 1 year.

1925

Baptisms

- Jan 04 Leslie Charles Philip. s of Philip and Clare King.

Marriages

- Jan 21 George Roland Herbert, 27 to Evelyn Lily Stimson, 34.

Burials

- Jan 30 Albert Coleman, 75.
Feb 09 John Gudgin, 71.

1975

Burials

- Jan 31 Leslie Arthur Victor Bone, 29.

What's on in and around Clophill



MARCH

Wednesdays 12th, 19th and 26th

Lent Lunches, St Mary's Church, 12noon – 2pm. *See poster.*

Saturdays 8th and 29th

Community Garden family days, off Shefford Road, 10am – 12noon.



APRIL

Wednesdays 2nd and 9th

Lent Lunches, St Mary's Church, 12noon – 2pm. *See poster.*

Thursday 3rd

Flower Club, Village Hall, 6:45pm for 7:30pm. *See poster.*

Saturday 12th

Coffee and Croissants, GC Methodist Church, 10am to 12noon.

Plus....

Weekdays during term time

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

Also open on Saturdays 10:30am to 2:30pm.

Mondays...

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

Wednesdays...

* Tea and Chat, Greensand Community Methodist Church, 10:30am – 12noon.

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

Thursdays...

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

Fridays ...

* Little Saplings, Stay and Play 9:30am – 11:00am, Acorn Nursery at St. Mary's School.

Fridays... during term time

* Clophill Parent & Toddler Group 9:30am – 11:30am, Village Hall.



CHURCH SERVICES

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

1st Sunday 11am, Parish Praise

Other Sundays 11 am, Parish Communion

Services at GC Methodist Church, Clophill. See noticeboard outside church for dates and times.

1st Sunday United Service 10.30am held at different hubs

2nd Sunday 10.30am Local Preacher

3rd Sunday 9.30am Communion Rev. Wood

4th Sunday 11:00am Rev. Wood

Useful numbers

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Electricity (Emergency)			0800 7838838
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Water/Sewage (Anglian Water)			0845 7145145
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Benefits Agency (Bedford office)			01234 361500
Registrar's Office (Births/deaths/marriages)			0300 3008089
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT			
Central Beds Offices (Chicksands)			0300 300 8000
Mid-Bed; MP		Alistair Strathern	TBA
Central Bedfordshire Councillors		Susan Clinch	0300 300 8516
		Gary Summerfield	0300 300 8561
		Mark Smith	0300 300 8541
Clophill Parish Council	New PC Clerk. Lynne Killeen	clerk@clophill-pc.gov.uk	07888 685886
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		Appointments	01234 359012
Luton & Dunstable			0845 1270127
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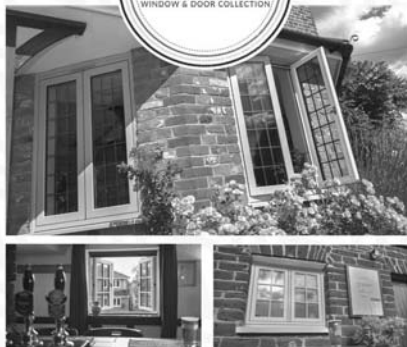
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