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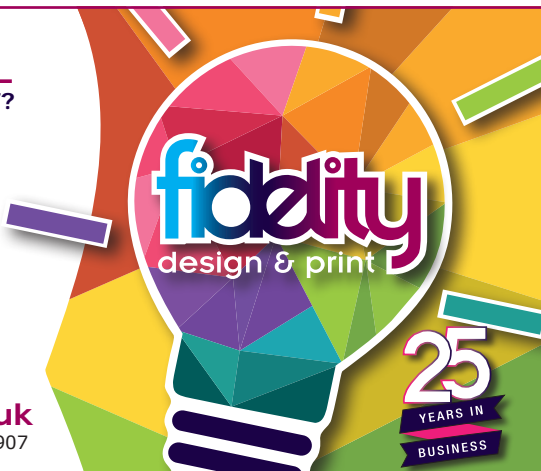
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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the April issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

There are a few things going on in the village this month. Tomorrow is the *Great Clophill Spring Clean*, meeting at the village hall at 10am – see page 5 for details. What a great way to spend a morning making our lovely village neat and tidy. We have the last of the *Lent Lunches* on the 9th and *Coffee and Croissants* on the 12th. Then we move towards the Easter weekend with Church events and Services and an *Easter Sunday Sunrise* gathering up at the Old Church – details on page 15.

Finally, if you fancy a bit of fun, turn to page 3 where Julie has a little quiz for you from April 1980!!

Happy Easter everyone.

See you all again in May!!

Best wishes, Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner

By the time this goes to print we will officially have moved into British Summer Time with increasing day length and warming weather. Couple that with the Easter Bank Holiday weekend at the end of the month, it's about now that we are really starting to see things moving in our gardens.



The garden centres and supermarkets are tempting us with lots of plants to bring instant impact but its worth taking some time to understand your garden to make sure that you get the best from your purchases.

Our garden soils here in the village are very sandy and free draining so choosing plants that will thrive in these conditions is a good place to start. One of my favourite small trees, the *Cercis Siliquastrum* (Judas tree) bears clusters of pea like bright pink flowers on the bare stems of the previous year's growth in mid spring. It's relatively slow growing, will tolerate a hot dry site and flowers more profusely after a long hot summer.

Achillea (yarrows) are useful medium sized boarder perennials in a wide range of shades of pink, white, red, terracotta and yellow. Their flat dish like flowers are perfect pollinator plants for a wide range of beneficial insects. *Echinacea* (coneflowers) are important late flowering summer perennials that also come in wide ranges of colours; which if planted at the beginning of the season will make pretty large plants by the late summer.

If you fancy something that is a little more structural think about adding some *erygium* (sea holly). This forms a mound of glossy dark leaves which produces branched heads of small, almost spherical violet blue flowers that are good for cutting and drying. They need plenty of sunshine and free-draining soil and as they can tolerate poor soil, a spot at the foot of a wall or hedge is a good position as the soil will remain dry over winter. *Epimediums* bring fresh green leaves and nodding cup shaped yellow or red flowers in spring with the leaves tinted red in spring and autumn and are incredibly drought tolerant too.

If you have a dry shady area, then spring is a good time to be adding in some new plants to bring all year round interest. *Gaultheria procumbens* (wintergreen) is a creeping evergreen shrub with flowers in the summer and then scarlet berries over the winter. Interplant with some *vinca* (periwinkle) and you will have purple or white flowers during the spring and summer.

If you have been sowing hardy seeds then remember to prick them out and pot them on into their own smaller pots, rather than planting them directly into the ground. This will give each of the baby plants a chance to develop strong roots and good leaf growth and help withstand the onslaught of the slugs and snails.

Don't forget to prune your spring flowering shrubs towards the end of the month once they have finished flowering. Most of these carry their spring flowers on growth made during the summer so pruning now will ensure a compact shrub that fits its space that will also look good next spring. Remember to give your shrubs a mulch to help reduce weeds, improve soil, feed the plant, and reduce water loss during the summer months. Now is also the last chance to give those lavenders a light prune to remove any winter damage and encourage new growth.

If you want to find out more about practical gardening and help develop our own community garden, then join us at the Bloomin Well community garden on Saturdays. See the What's On section for more information.

Happy Gardening everyone

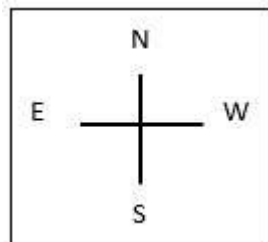
Reflections – Clophill in April 1980 - Voices from the past.

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

Well, would you believe it! I cannot find my copy of May 1980's edition of our village magazine, so we will never know (unless somebody has a copy squirrelled away somewhere) how the church jumble sale went on 26th April, or what went on at the Darby & Joan Club. However, I expect that there would be a mention of the Old Church and possibly the gault pit to its west – now the site of the Eco Lodges, erected by the brilliant Clophill Heritage Trust. Now, I understand that these are currently up for sale – and, in conversation recently, it was suggested that it might be lovely if the Village raised the money to buy the site – and for it to be run by a local Eco company. What do you think – would you donate to this cause? Just a thought.

But, back to 55 years ago when there was a 'What do YOU know' quiz in April's edition of 'Spotlight' that I didn't share with you, so, how about having a go with it now?

1. Which Is the larger – $0+ 1+ 2+ 3+ 4+ 5$, or $0x 1x 2x 3x 4x 5$?
2. Can you place five pennies (try 2p's) on the table so that you can see three heads and three tails?
3. Where in the world would these strange-looking compass directions be correct?
4. Can you write 30 using just three sixes?



Answers on page 16

Reflections – Clophill in April 1980 - continued ...

“SPOTLIGHT EXCLUSIVE

You will have seen on the front cover a picture of what many would assume to be Laporte's Fullers Earth workings at the western end of the village. However, what has been a closely guarded secret since mining began last year, can now be revealed. In my capacity as project leader for the Clophill Archaeological site, I have been in charge of the excavation work for what will become one of the major sites of historical interest in southern England. I am therefore proud to announce to the village magazine, that at the very beginning of April this year the remains of a Viking Longship were discovered in the old course of the river Flit. This major archaeological discovery is of considerable interest to historians who were hitherto unsure that the Vikings had travelled this far south in the country, and it is now apparent that Clophill was a major Viking settlement around the year 990 A.D. Investigations are also taking place into the river network at the time, as to sail a Viking longship so far inland implies that the Flit was once a mighty river.

Excavations, (as can be seen from the photograph) are not yet complete, but in addition to the Longship, we have also discovered wharves, a forge, several dwellings and an enviable collection of cooking and eating utensils which we plan to display at the Village Hall later in the summer and then donate them to the British Museum.




It is somewhat difficult to relate present day Clophill to the Viking Settlement, however, we have discovered maps, birth and burial records and enough evidence to suggest that Clophill may in fact have been the Viking Capital of England. At this stage, this has yet to be confirmed, but there are definite signs of Viking comfort and well-being in keeping with the status of such a settlement. Indeed, it has become apparent that Jacques Lane was named, not after a long-forgotten Frenchman, but after 'King Jaquess the Red' who reigned between 971 and 990 A.D.

We invite villagers to submit ideas to how best celebrate both this important discovery and the thousandth anniversary of Clophill due on April 1st in two year's time. I would like to thank the editorial staff of Spotlight who have maintained this secret, despite many approaches and considerable pressure from national newspapers. We are delighted that this "exclusive" has belonged to Spotlight. AVRIL FURST".

Good one!



The Great Clophill Spring Clean
6th of April at 10am



We have decided (with help and blessing from the Parish council), to organise The Great Clophill Spring Clean. It is on the 6th of April at 10am - meeting outside the Clophill Village Hall. Support from our local community is vital and will be hugely appreciated. Thank you.

Katarzyna and Joseph Southin

For more details visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AMdNGuTnS/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

St Mary the Virgin. Clophill

Please come to our
Lent Lunch on
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



St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingley our Headteacher:

At the beginning of March, we celebrated World Book Day with lots of children (and staff) dressing up as their favourite book characters! Miss Grassi, our English co-ordinator and Miss Clements organised a 'big book swap' resulting in every child taking home a 'new' book to read and share at home.



The week after we recognised British Science Week in school with some live lessons from astronaut Tim Peake as well as some yoga lessons led by Mrs. Carpenter. Miss Clements, our science co-ordinator organised lots of activities for our classes, who thoroughly enjoyed them to explore this year's theme of 'Adapt and Change'.

The 21st March saw our next charity day of the year, this time for Red Nose Day. The children were invited to come to school in their own clothes with their favourite joke. These were judged by their classmates, so we got the best joke for each class, which were presented in our whole school Friday assembly. There was also a 'design your own red nose' competition. The day's activities were all organised by our School Council.

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

parents@clophillstmarysschool.co.uk for more information!

Don't forget, you can keep up to date about school events by visiting our website: www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk or joining our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/clophillstmarysschool>

Acorn Nursery news

from Mrs. Hayes our Early Years Leader:

It's so lovely that our Nursery children benefit immensely from being an integral part of our main school. All of our Nursery children (even our youngest at 2 years) have had the opportunity to learn about and join in with World Book Day, Science Week and Red Nose Day and they have all loved the numerous activities available that enhance our already incredible Early Years Curriculum.

Our older children are already being prepared for their big move up to school in September through times when our Nursery and Reception class integrate - either in Chestnut Class, at our daily Early Years Worship time or when having fun together in our unrivalled Early Years garden!

Jake our School Dog:

Jake continues to spend time in the classrooms and the children particularly enjoy it when he joins them at breaktimes. He is also supporting more children on a one-to-one basis when they have 'time to talk' sessions with Mrs. Burraway or Miss Grassi.

With such a busy schedule, it's no wonder that between jobs he's to be found snuggling up on his special 'chair blanket bed' in my office.



Our Value for April is Joy:

In school, we will be learning about how Joy is an inside happiness that makes it through to the outside – like the bubbles and fizz in a bottle of pop when you shake it up! We will consider, when joy bubbles up within in a person, it can come out as shouting, singing, clapping, playing instruments or even dancing! We will be listening to lots of stories of people who have experienced Joy.

At home, you might like to help your child remember the difference between 'happiness' and 'Joy' with happiness usually being short-lived, dependent on things outside of ourselves and Joy is a feeling of great delight, contentment that comes from within that can last forever! You may also like to discuss things as a family that bring you true Joy!

Katherine Concert running in Ampthill in April.



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.](#)

Letter from Redwings Horse Sanctuary



Dear residents of Clophill,

Thank you very much for your support. I am writing to express our appreciation and thanks for your amazing support in donating your postage stamps to Redwings Horse Sanctuary. Supporter Angela Barker sends them to us regularly on your behalf and we are so grateful. Thank you for being a friend of Redwings and for helping us help horses in need.

Best wishes, Lucy Du Feu (Supporter Engagement team)

Greensand
Community Methodist
Church
Clophill Hub

Coffee and Croissants
Saturday 12th April
10am to 12 noon



also
10th May, 12th June

All Welcome

At The Fledglings, we ended the last half-term with a step back in time, immersing ourselves in the grandeur of the Tudor period. Our magnificent Tudor banquet was a feast to remember! The children visited the local butcher to select meats enjoyed by the Tudors, including pheasant, before helping to prepare a hearty pottage using vegetables from our allotment. To complete the meal, we made fruit pastries, just as the Tudors would have, since they believed eating raw fruit was unhealthy.



Adding to the excitement, we had a falconry experience, where each child had the opportunity to fly different birds of prey. Through this, we learned how the Tudors used falconry as a method to hunt for their food, gaining insight into historical practices and developing a deeper respect for these magnificent birds.

Since returning from the half-term break, we've been making the most of the spring sunshine with plenty of outdoor learning. The children have been closely observing the seasonal changes and taking part in some fantastic hands-on projects.

One of the most exciting has been raising caterpillars, eagerly watching their transformation as they prepare to emerge as butterflies. This has sparked fascinating discussions about lifecycles and caring for the environment. We've also planted beans, carefully monitoring their roots and shoots as they grow, reinforcing our understanding of how plants develop and provide food.

To celebrate St David's Day, we cooked and tasted traditional Welsh rarebit—which was absolutely delicious! We also had a lesson on dissecting daffodils. The children loved carefully taking apart the flowers, identifying different parts, and learning how they reproduce.



We recently rescued some frogspawn locally and are now nurturing it in a tank, where it is developing safely. Once the tadpoles are big enough and less likely to be eaten by the newts, we'll release them back into the new wildlife pond that the children have built themselves. Meanwhile, we've been watching the newts become more active in the main pond and feeding the birds as they search for new nesting spots.

On top of all this, we recently took part in the National Primary Engineering competition, with every child creating their own invention. They thought of a problem, created a way to solve it and had to think carefully to ensure their product could really be made. We had some incredible ideas from the children; from toothpaste-dispensing toothbrushes to robots which clean up the environment, batteries powered from the compost in our eco-friendly toilets and everything in between! us adults were blown away by the children's creativity and ingenuity and will be truly disappointed if none of their ideas make the final!



Clophill and District Flower Club

www.clophillflowerclub.com



invite you to join them for their mid-year Open Meeting

"A Splash of Colour"



*A floral demonstration
by*
Emily Broomhead



Thursday 1 May 2025

Clophill Village Hall

Doors open at 6.45 for a prompt start at 7.30pm



Tickets: Visitors £12, Members £6
(to include a glass of wine or soft drink)
Available from Gillian on 07960 662334,
via the Contact section of our website
or from committee members

Clophill Preschool News

Hello everyone,

Spring is in the air and we have been working in the allotments once again. The children have been weeding the beds and the nature garden, planting shallots and wildflower seeds as well as wheatgrass for the guinea pigs who are back with us full time now since the weather has warmed up. The chickens are also back and enjoying exploring the setting again, on the hunt for bugs in the woodchip floor.

The children marked World Book Day with a week of extra book exploration and story-telling. They helped to retell Jack and the Beanstalk and then planted their own 'magic' (broad) beans to take home. Our wonderful staff once again came up with great ideas for Mothering Sunday cards for the children to create. The children learnt

our Mother's Day song which they sang to parents, which has become quite the tradition at preschool now. Parents pop in at pick up or drop off each day in the week leading up to the 30th and children performed the song for them at the end of every session. We'd like to thank Carolyn from Clophill Flower Club once again for coming in and making flowery creations with all the children for their mums or significant females, and Rosemary and Silas for sharing stories and making crafts with all of us.



Our older children, the Adventurers, have been completing some parts of their Royal Forestry Society Green Tree Badge on a visit to Wrest Park. They were learning to identify trees, worked out how old a tree was by measuring round the trunk and how to measure tree height which involves getting the adults to count their paces from the tree and look through their legs to see the top; which thrilled the children. They were taught

about how Wrest Park house was used as a hospital during the first world war and the roles of the nurses and soldiers, and also looked at the statues in the grounds and enjoyed copying their poses. They found muntjac and bird prints in the mud and tracked them across the grounds. All in all, it was a fun and totally exhausting day!

Clophill Lakes Update



Nature Reserve Opening is imminent!

We are working hard to open Clophill Lakes Nature Reserve as soon as possible and we will make an announcement as soon as we have a confirmed date.

The Riverside Visitor Centre with its Riverside Café serving barista coffee from local suppliers Wooden Hill and light snacks will be available when we are open. We are busy making the site ready and completing finishing touches.

We will announce the opening date on our Clophill Lakes Facebook page so please give us a follow and be among the first to know when the gates will be open: www.facebook.com/ClophillLakes/

Initially our opening hours will be 9am – 5pm, 7 days a week. All the revenues from the café and parking will contribute towards the day-to-day running of the Nature Reserve which is run on a not-for-profit basis.

Help us reach our appeal target!

Our crucial Clophill Lakes Appeal is still short on funds to pay for all the works and we would be most grateful for any donations to this wonderful site.

To make a donation, please visit our website: www.greensandtrust.org/Appeal/clophill-lakes



How keeping your dog on a lead protects the nature reserve:

With much of the reserve being recognised as a County Wildlife Site, the Nature Reserve is sensitive and managed to provide a mosaic of habitats such as wetlands, flower-rich grasslands and woodland. These support a wide range of species including otters, dragonflies and damselflies and wetland birds.

We therefore ask for your support, to help safeguard this site and its wildlife. Please follow the paths and **keep dogs on a lead at all times** to help us to protect its tranquil landscape, wildlife rich habitats, and prevent erosion of its historic and cultural heritage.

Grazing will be used to enhance some habitats - please note the signage where this is in effect and follow the guidance provided.

For more information please visit: www.greensandtrust.org/dog-walking-at-clophill-lakes

We look forward to welcoming you to our new nature reserve!

Clophill Parish Council



There was a well-attended meeting at the Methodist Church on 25th March, the final one for the year before we move to the Village Hall. As many of you may know, our Parish Council Chairman, Steve Rodell, attended the **Beds CC Management Development Committee** on 12th March, where the construction of the second phase of the Hayfield Homes development was approved.

We have learned that the **Clophill housing needs survey** has not reached everyone in our community. It has been posted on the Clophill Grapevine Facebook page, with a link to Survey Monkey. Please take the time to complete the survey, as it is an important part of our neighbourhood planning strategy to ensure only the houses we need are built.

The **Clophill nature reserve** still has no firm opening date for the nature reserve, although this is imminent.

A village litter pick – **The Great Clophill Spring Clean** - has been organised by village volunteers supported by the Parish Council and will take place on Sunday, 6th April at 10 am. Please meet at the Village Hall.

Planning Applications

CB/25/00562/VOC - Mouse Farm, Shefford Road

Proposal: Variation of condition number 1 of planning permission

CB/24/03337/VOC (Variation of condition number 2 of planning permission

CB/23/04018/VOC (Variation of condition number 2 of planning permission

CB/21/04756/FULL erection of 4 detached dwelling and associated works)

Variation sought to plans)) - Variation for: provision of a garage/storage area for plot 2, 3 and addition of front feature entrance wall on right side. **SUPPORT**

CB/24/03358/FULL - Land at 13, 15 and rear of 13 The Green

Proposal: Re-arrangement of parking allocation spaces and provision of garden to No.15 and amended boundary treatment and stopping up of highway.

NO COMMENT but with the observation that we would object to any loss in parking spaces as being detrimental to the village as parking, around the Green is already limited.

CB/25/00537/FULL - Beadlow Manor Hotel and Golf Club

Proposal: Erection of single storey office accommodation with associated parking and landscaping. **NO COMMENT**

The Next Meeting is 6th May, at 7:45pm in the Village Hall and will include the CPC Annual meeting.

St Mary's Church, Clophill



Church Fete

& Village Event

Saturday 10th May

12 – 4pm *in the Church grounds*

FUN for ALL

Lots of stalls

*Sideshow*s

Barbeque

Entertainment by local organisations

Greensand Community Choir Clophill Pre-school

St Mary's School, Halo Cheerleaders

Refreshments in the Church - Lunches and Teas

For further information – call Gillian 07960662334 or Carolyn 01462 815433

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

Lent is always a quiet time at St. Mary's as we don't hold any major fund-raising events. However, we are holding 5 Lent Lunches on Wednesdays from 12 noon to raise money for Water Aid.



At Easter the usual services will be held, starting with the **Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 17th, at 7.00 pm**. This is a meal in the context of a service of Holy Communion, commemorating the Last Supper. If you would like to come, please sign the list which will appear at the back of the church nearer the time. On **Good Friday we will join our friends in Maulden at 2.00 pm** for a service marking Christ's last hour on the Cross. You would be very welcome to join us. Holy Saturday is a quiet day before the joyous celebration of **Holy Communion on Easter Day at 11.00 am**.

There will also be a gathering at the Old Church on Easter Sunday at 7.30 am followed by breakfast at the Eco-Lodges. Do come along!

The next major event will be the Fete in the Church grounds on Saturday May 10th.

**Easter Sunday Sunrise
Gathering at the Old Church,
Clophill 7.30am**

Everyone welcome.



If you are out walking your dog or just out for some fresh air, please join us. Tea, Coffee and Bacon rolls available at the Eco Lodges (voluntary donations).

Free dog treats available for our canine friends.

For further details please contact: 01525 860113

Parish Registers for March and April

1825

No registers recorded in March.

Baptisms

- Apr 03 Betsy, d of James and Hannah Kedge.
James, s of Robert and Elizabeth Hurrell (?).
William, s of Thomas and Sarah Mandlin.
17 Joseph, s of James and Ruth Webb.

Marriages

- Apr 02 Charles Hayle (?) to Sarah (?).
12 John Millard of Haynes to Ann Neal.

Burial

- Apr 04 George Matthew.

1875

Baptisms

- No baptisms in March.
Apr 25 Grace Elizabeth, d of George and Ann White (?).
Christopher, s of Thomas and Ellen Tingey.

No **marriages** in either month.

Burials

- Mar 24 Edward Willison, 67.
29 Charles Roberts, 70.
Apr 02 Ann Roberts, 72.
03 William Peat, 2.
06 William Frederick Lincoln, 1.
29 Mary Ann Wootton, 13 months.

1925

Baptisms

No baptisms in March.

- Apr 04 Arthur, s of John and Kate Sheppard.
Eva Winifred, d of Ernest and Charlotte Bushby.
Vera Mavis, d of Alfred and Mary Taylor.
12 Alan Telford, s of John and Annie Irving of London.

Marriages

- Mar 07 Frederick Alfred Page, 30 to Lizzie Izzard.
14 Frederick Arthur Billingham, 43 to Ada Smith, 40.
Apr 11 James Reginald Pearson, 27 to Nellie Rose Vittery, 26.

Burials

- Mar 31 Arthur Grummitt, 48.
Apr 09 Mary Ann Willison, 71.
25 Robert John Hinton, 67.

1975

Baptisms

- Mar 16 Paul Russell Rogers.

No **marriages** in either month.

Burials

- Feb 03 Wilfred Taylor, 65, (omitted in error last month).
Apr 05 Ethel May Hankin, 8.

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edge between them so that both sides are visible.

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1. larger is the first – total = 15, the second = 0 – anything $\times 0 = 0$.

What's on in and around Clophill



APRIL

Sunday 6th

Great Clophill Spring Clean, meet at Village Hall 10am. *See poster.*

Wednesday 9th

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

Saturday 12th

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



MAY

Thursday 1st

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

Saturday 10th

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

Village Fete, St. Mary's church grounds, 12noon – 4pm. *See poster.*

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.

Saturdays...

* Community Garden, off Shefford Road, 10am – 12noon then 1pm – 3pm.



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

Gas (Emergency)	0800 111999
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Water/Sewage (Anglian Water)	0845 7145145
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Highways Department (Central Bedfordshire Council)	0300 3008049
Benefits Agency (Bedford office)	01234 361500
Registrar's Office (Births/deaths/marriages)	0300 3008089
Rail (Enquiries)	0845 7484950
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Swimming (Flitwick) 01525 717744 (Robinson Pool)	01234 212479

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

HOSPITALS

Bedford (North & South)	01234 355122	Admissions	01234 261150
		Appointments	01234 359012
Luton & Dunstable			0845 1270127

DOCTOR'S CLINICS

Amphill	(Houghton Close) 01525 300898	(Oliver Street)	01525 631395
		(Greensands)	01525 631390
Shefford	Enquiries 01462 818620	Appointments	01462 810034
Barton	01582 528700	Flitwick	01525 715300

POLICE

County Police HQ	Non Emergency	101
Amphill Station		01234 841212
		101

CHURCHES

St Mary's Parish Church

The advertisement is now posted for the new Rector

(Church Warden) Mrs Anne Shegog anneshegog@gmail.com 01525 864868

St Francis RC Church, Shefford

01452 813436

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

Mr John Errick 01525 860695

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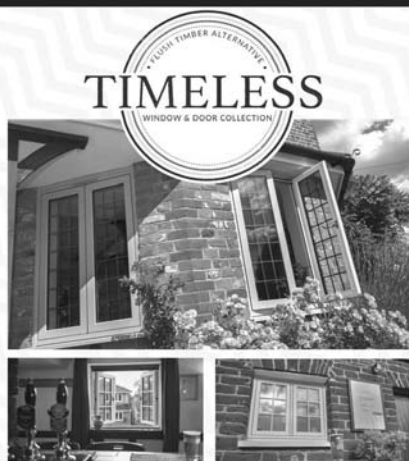


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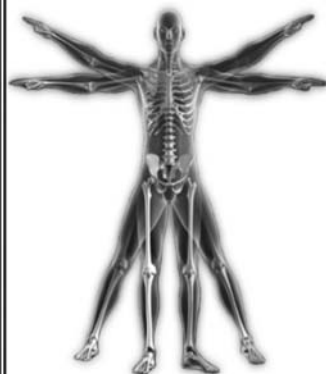
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