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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the June issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

In this month's magazine we have an exciting project being officially announced; our Clophill Therapeutic Community Garden (see page 10). I popped along to see it in action a few weekends ago and what an amazing project and space it is. There is something for everyone to get involved in. You don't have to be a gardener or have any gardening knowledge, just a willingness to get involved or even to sit and have a cup of tea in the outdoors (take a flask!). A chance to get the children into the fresh air and adults to meet other villagers of all ages; all on your doorstep.

We have two new advertisers joining the magazine. Floofy's dog grooming; and a new colour advert on the inside of the back cover Coles Growers, all flowers are locally grown.

See you all again in July.

Best wishes, Elaine



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Come into the Garden

With Kate Gardner

June is a wonderful time in the garden, as we transition from spring into summer, but this year has been the driest in over a century with only 80mm of rain rather than the average of 229mm. As I'm writing this it is raining, and the garden is loving it.

This welcome rain will mean all our herbaceous perennials start to shoot up and these should be supported to stop them flopping over in the rain. While there are many different ones that you can buy online the simplest way is to put a cane or stick firmly into the ground at the rear of the plant and use a loop of string tied onto the cane to support the plant. Think loose support with natural movement rather than rigidly upright. Plants that would benefit from support include climbing roses, oriental poppies and the tall varieties of catmint (nepeta) and sweet rocket (hesperis).

June is also a good time to cut back and divide the earlier flowering perennials such as pulmonaria, aubrieta and primulas. Lift clumps of plants, pull them apart, trim the old foliage, leaving about 5cm on each new plant. Add some compost into the soil and then replant these new plants, watering them in well. This is also the time to prune down any spring flowering shrubs such as flowering current and finish deadheading late spring flowering bulbs. Remember to water all newly planted trees, shrubs and flowering plants until they have established good roots growth.

Deadheading will now become a key task in the garden as flowers finish and start to go over and lose their petals. With many plants the flowering period can be extended by removing the old flowers as soon as they fade. Most deadheading can be done with secateurs, cutting back to just above strong buds lower down the stems of the plant. Some plants like the hardy geraniums can be trimmed back with garden shears. It looks drastic but the plant quickly puts on new growth and plants are kept nice and bushy.

If you watched or visited the Chelsea Flower Show you will have seen that this year is all about the colour so, why not take a leaf out of the designers' books and add some splashes of colour into the garden. Like a hot pink? Why not introduce some stunning magenta Dianthus carthusianorum, with their stems of magenta flowers. What about adding a plum-purple opium poppy (papaver somniferum) and harmonising with burgundy cirsiums or lupins or contrasting it with bright yellow achillea. Want a rose but struggle to get it to grow? Try Rosa 'Wild Rover' This is a crimson rose with a yellow centre and its open form makes it perfect for pollinators. It's a bushy rose with clusters of fragrant semi double flowers that can be grown as a shrub or small climber. It flowers continuously through the summer and would be a perfect rose for our free draining Clophill gardens.

With the last of the late frosts behind us that summer bedding, hanging baskets and tender perennials can start to have their days in the sun. So, with the days lengthening and the temperatures warming, have a great month in the garden.

St Mary's School News

from Mrs. Bingle our Headteacher:

May has truly whizzed by and as I write this, we only have one more week in school until our next half term holiday! It has seen some of our Year 4's travel to Henlow Cricket Club to take part in a Cricket festival along with other local lower schools. As always, our children were great ambassadors for our school and enjoyed the activities.



In May, we also recognised Outdoor Classroom Day with an opportunity to take our lessons and activities out into our beautiful school grounds on the 8th.

Using our wonderful outside spaces also featured in our activities for Mental Health Awareness Week on 12th May, when different classes came together to complete a colour hunt nature walk. During the week, our classes also enjoyed writing jokes and hearing jokes that members of our community wrote on the clipboards that were stationed outside our pedestrian gates. Thank you if you contributed to these.

During May, we also held our Forest School information session for the new cohort of Birch children who will be taking part in this next year. As before, we are also keen to welcome new volunteers to help with this amazing provision. If you can spare a couple of Wednesday mornings a month, please check out the information here: <https://www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk/Volunteering-at-Forest-School/>

Finally, our Governors met again in May. We are currently recruiting for two new Governors, one of whom is a DBE (Diocesan Board of Education) Governor. These Governors are put forward by the Governing Body to the Diocese and are appointed to support and develop the school's Christian foundation.

If you think this maybe you, please visit here:

[https://www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk/docs/Our Church School/Governors/DBE Governor advert May 25.pdf](https://www.clophillstmarysschool.co.uk/docs/Our_Church_School/Governors/DBE_Governor_advert_May_25.pdf)

Jake the School Dog

Jake's been a very hot dog in all the warm weather we've been having, but has still enjoyed being with the children during morning break, before the day really heats up; as well as supporting individuals and groups of children with their wellbeing.

Acorn Nursery News

from Mrs. Hayes our Early Years Leader:

We are very lucky to have so much outdoor space for our Nursery children to enjoy! As well as our lovely, fully resourced Nursery garden (where a favourite is being part of a traffic jam in our cars and taking turns to be a traffic officer), we regularly visit our Early-Years garden with its amazing natural play space.

Acorn Nursery News Continued ...

We also use the whole school's grounds and this term, some of our oldest children in Year 4 supported Nursery children on a spring nature walk - together they searched for and collated natural resources such as leaves, twigs and flowers providing many learning opportunities such as counting, identifying colours, sorting and discussing the items found – where they come from, how they get there. Everyone loved returning with their colourful record of natural beauty and there's nothing better than all that physical activity; we're definitely enjoying summer!!

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

In school, we want our children to have high self-esteem, but we will emphasise how they can be proud of themselves and their achievements without boasting or undermining others. We will look at examples of when others have shown both humility and service towards others, for example, Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

We will also explore stories like, 'The Tortoise and the Hare', reflecting on the integrity shown by the tortoise, as well as the humility shown by him, as opposed to the hare whose boastful actions didn't win him the race!

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

Clophill Parish Council

Chloe Burks and Dean Elcome were nominated as Vice Chairs, and this was unanimously approved.



The Chairman announced the following:

- Objection to proposed **telegraph pole** by the church: Chairman apprised the meeting of the issue the erection of this pole will cause residents, and agreed to write a letter to BT objecting to it.
- **Land South of Top Farm** Planning Application CB/EN/20/0361. There will be a public inquiry starting on 12 May, with a second day on 16 May, if required. CPC said it would try to send representation if possible.
- The project to update the **old playground equipment** at the Recreation Ground continues.
- The results of the **Rural Housing Needs survey** will be received imminently and will be communicated via notice boards and on the Parish Council website.

The parking problems at the Green: have again resulted in a bus hitting the Lock Up. Many people continue to park dangerously and thoughtlessly in areas which are clearly not for parking. It was agreed that the Council would invite a senior representative from Highways Department to see in person the situation. In the interim, unofficial signs have been attached to structures on the Green, reminding people not to park in dangerous places.

Councillor Chris Moffatt gave an update on the meeting he attended on 28 April re **Home to School Transportation proposals**, as follows:

- CBC has identified 659 children that would become in-eligible for school transport which would give a £8.9m saving up to years 2031/32.
- Children with Educational Health Care Plans (ECHPs), disabilities (SEND) would not be affected by this change.
- The change would be phased in by 2031. Any children currently receiving transport would continue to do so. Any new children applying may not be eligible for free transport. Any child transitioning from a lower to middle, middle to upper school would be considered as a new applicant and be assessed to see if they are eligible or not for free school transport.
- Where schools are oversubscribed, the council will offer an alternative school. Pupils can still apply to or attend their preferred school, but if it is not their nearest school then they won't be entitled to school transport.
- There is a post code check on the CBC website to see what is your nearest school you would be offered. **The consultation will end on Monday 30th June.**

In correspondence, the Council received one matter, which was regarding the maintenance of the track at Old Church Path. The CPC proposed to contribute to a third of the cost of maintenance, in principle, subject to prior written approval being given by the CPC before any work is carried out. This proposal was supported and voted passed by the CPC.

Planning Applications:

Decision before the Meeting

CB/TCA/25/00164 - 22 The Slade

Proposal: Works to trees within a Conservation Area.

SUPPORT

Decisions at the meeting

CB/25/01078/FULL - 41 Mill Lane

Proposal: Erection of a first-floor side extension and landscaping.

SUPPORT

CB/25/01421/TD - Sewage Treatment Works, Amptill Road

Proposal: Notification of Telecommunications Developments.

NO COMMENT

**The next meeting will be held at 7:45pm on Tuesday, 24th June
in the Village Hall.**

St Mary's Church. Claphill

You are invited to a

A Garden Party

and Picnic Tea

Saturday 5th July

2 pm – 4.30pm

The Pulloxhill Singers

will be entertaining us during the afternoon

Picnic boxes available to order £10

Pimms and drinks served

Further details phone Carolyn 01462 815433 or Gill 01525 861058

Claphill Preschool News

Hello everyone,

We are gently coasting towards the end of term with the sun shining. The children celebrated May Day by crowning a May king and queen, making crowns for everyone and dancing round the maypole (for that imagine lots of ribbons tied to a sweet chestnut tree, music on and staff negotiating around 12 children at a time holding onto the end of a ribbon each and weaving in and out...). More dancing occurred with Katie at the church fete when the children did us proud once again dancing for the community. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us by visiting the stall.



Our Adventure Friday children have been practising Pilates: deep breathing, cat stretches, downward dog, planks, roll downs and opening out their bodies after the walk back from the woods. They were also presented with their RSPB Wild Challenge bronze certificates for all completing three activities in nature and three activities to support nature and the environment, a fantastic achievement! All our Adventurers have been busy learning their songs together with signing for their Graduation at the end of term as well as creating their treasure tubes to take away on the day.




Our Adventurers have been developing their writing annotating their photos in their own Learning Journey books and learning to write on the lines.

Preschool celebrated VE Day with homemade bunting, rations for snack, 'Lance Corporal' Julie put the children through their paces and Chris brought in her open top Land Rover for the children to sit in.

Our younger children have been extending their attention and focus by taking part in circle time discussions as well as practising their turn taking skills using the slide. Carol regularly comes up with new and wonderful natural activities, her most recent ones have included making a slingshot to fire pinecones then pacing out the distance it travelled as well as using oak galls to make ink (a long process) which the children were then able to use with quills to practice their writing skills.

We have a lot to look forward to as the second half of this term begins, from Sports Day to Dad's week, Graduation picnic and our end of term party. See you next month!

The background of the entire flyer is a light-colored surface, possibly a wooden table, covered with several fresh strawberries. The strawberries are scattered across the top and middle sections of the page, adding a seasonal and natural feel to the design.

St Mary's Church, Clophill

Invite you to a

Summer Lunch

18th June

12 noon – 2pm

in the Church

£10 - 2 course meal

Everyone very welcome

Please reserve a place

enquiries to carolyncranswick@hotmail.co.uk 07923876634

As the summer sun begins to shine, May has been a month of discoveries, hands-on learning, and a real celebration of creativity and skill.

We've spent the last few weeks diving deep into the final part of our Human Body topic, with a particular focus on teeth. The children have been fascinated by their function and how best to care for them. Our journey began with discussions about tooth-friendly foods and moved into practical, science-based learning.



The children used dental disclosure tablets to test their own brushing techniques and even made homemade toothpaste! They took on the role of the dentist, creating clay models of teeth, learning about the different types and their uses, and filling model cavities with tools and modelling putty. We also explored how damage to the tooth's hard exterior can lead to problems inside by conducting experiments using apples—our stand-ins for tooth enamel and pulp. One of the highlights was practising stitching gums using a silicone

mouth model, surgical thread, and needles; an incredible opportunity to develop fine motor skills and patience. We also welcomed Carrie from EMT Training to run a First Aid course, which all our children completed. They learnt how to help someone choking and practised two minutes of CPR—a real test of strength and stamina!

A huge thank you to everyone who visited our stall at the Clophill Fete! We're thrilled to share that we raised enough money to buy a new picnic bench for the children to enjoy their lunches outside. A special shout-out goes to two of our budding entrepreneurs, who set up their very own bubble tea shop on the day. Not only did they cover all their costs, but they also made a fantastic profit well beyond their expectations. We are so proud of their confidence, planning, and people skills.



And now for some truly extraordinary news: seven of our children have made it through to the finals of the Primary Engineering Competition UK with three of them being crowned winners! This is an outstanding achievement, and we're absolutely buzzing with excitement as we prepare to attend the awards ceremony in July. These children have shown amazing innovation and problem-solving skills, and we cannot wait to cheer them on.

Fledglings continued ...

Looking ahead, we're planning to revamp our outdoor area over the summer. If anyone has spare tyres, pallets, or planks of wood they no longer need, we'd be so grateful for your donations. These items will help us create a more exciting and enriching outdoor space for the children at The Clophill Centre.

As always, thank you for being part of our journey. Here's to more adventures in June!

Introducing Bloomin' Well CIC

Clophill's Therapeutic Community Garden

Bloomin' Well CIC is a not-for-profit organisation based in Clophill, offering a *therapeutic community garden* where people can enjoy the benefits of nature, connect with others, and improve wellbeing through gardening — no experience needed!



We run friendly, inclusive sessions in our beautiful outdoor space:

- **Saturdays 1–3pm** – *Free and open to everyone. A welcoming space for all ages.*
- **Sundays 1–3pm (starting June)** – *Free session for adults only, focused on mental wellbeing and relaxation.*
- **Wednesdays 10am–3pm (starting June)** – *For adults with learning differences and autism. Referral required and fees apply – please email bloominwellcic@gmail.com to request a referral form.*

Please note: Children under 16 must be *accompanied by an adult*.

Grand Opening – Friday 9th August, 12–2pm.

We are excited to invite you to our official **Grand Opening**, where the **Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire** will be joining us to cut the ribbon at **1pm**.

Come along for:

- A **free BBQ**
- **Plant and cake stalls**
- **Fun garden activities** for the whole family

Dogs are welcome as long as they are kept on a lead.

You'll find us in the **first field on the left** up the track beside **9 Shefford Road, Clophill, MK45 4BT**.

Come and meet the team, enjoy the gardens, and celebrate with us — we'd love to see you there!

Bev Hall 07468121504 www.bloominwellcic.com

Clophill's Servicemen of World War 2

Remembering the lives of the 6 WW2 men listed on our Village Memorial. *By Sue Pearson*

Alfred Harris -Ordinary Seaman P/JX 217628. Died 17 April 1941 in Portsmouth, aged just 21, he was one of the youngest men listed on our memorial to die. Alfred was the son of Herbert and Sarah Ann Harris of Clophill. Born in 1920 - he was one of ten children. In 1921 he lived with his family in Jacques Lane, but Alfred's family lived at 12 Bedford Road in 1939.

Alfred was killed whilst serving at the Royal Naval barracks at Portsmouth (known as HMS Victory, as all sailors had to be allocated to a ship), on 17 April 1941, in a German bombing raid that lasted seven hours. The Germans understood the great importance of Portsmouth with regards to the British war effort and it endured 67 bombing raids

in total. Alfred, who joined the Navy only seven months before his death, had returned a week previous from sick leave after spending eight weeks in hospital at Colchester after being wounded. He had also served on Minesweeper (Hunt class) - HMS Elgin.

His funeral was attended by his family, including his 5 brothers and 4 sisters, two classes of scholars, the Home Guard and a large proportion of the village inhabitants.

He was buried with full military honours including, as the coffin was lowered into the grave, three volleys fired by the guard of honour, followed by the sounding of the Last Post.

He is commemorated in Clophill Old Churchyard extension, for some reason, possibly family choice, he does not have a standard Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Nearly a year had passed since the

village had lost one of their men in the war.

One of Alfred's brothers also served in the Navy. His father fought in WW1 and had seen action at Ypres, the Somme and Vimy Ridge.





Clophill and District Flower Club

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invite you to join them for



'The Floral Jewels of July'



A floral demonstration

by

Gill McGregor

Thursday 3 July 2025

6.45 for 7.30pm start

Clophill Village Hall

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Parish Registers for May

1825

Baptisms

- 12 John, s of Ethel Tingey, single woman.
19 Samuel, s of James and Mary Garner.

Marriages

- 02 Henry Costin (?) to Anne Denton.
(?) James Hurst to Mary Garner.

Burials

- 05 Francis Taviner (?).
19 Lawrence, s of John and Sophia (?).

1875

Baptisms

- 20 Ernest William, s of (?) and Mary Billingham.

Burials

- 02 Susannah Buckingham, 62.

1925

Marriages

- 13 William Frank Barker, 21 to Jessica Harris, 21.

No baptisms or burials recorded.

1975

Marriages

- 21 David Llewellyn Owen Smith, 23 to Gillian Elliott, 21.

No baptisms or burials recorded.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

Like many days in the past few weeks Saturday May 10th dawned bright and sunny, just what we wanted for the annual Church Fete and Village Event at the church. The churchyard was soon full of people busily erecting gazebos (to shelter them from the sun, rather than rain!) and arranging their stalls. The fete was opened at 12 o'clock by Carolyn Cranswick, chair of the Fund-raising Group, and business began! Inside the church we were entertained by the excellent Greensand Community Choir, and the refreshment area was soon busy. Outside many village organisations and charities ran their stalls, the barbecue was well supported and glasses of Pimms were consumed. By 4 o'clock things were winding down and the church had to be cleared and restored to order for next day's service. Takings were counted and dues paid, and the church had raised more than £2,000! This is a major contribution to the £25,000 that it costs to keep it going. So, thank you to all who supported the event and especially to those who planned and organised it for the benefit both of the church and the wider community.

The next event is a Summer Lunch on Weds. June 18th. If you would like to come please sign the list at the back of the church.

We are very much looking forward to the installation of our new Rector on June 24th. Also, in June we are hoping for a resumption of work on the repointing of the church.



BLOOMIN' WELL CIC



GRAND OPENING

9TH AUGUST

12-2PM

RIBBON CUTTING AT 1PM



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Free BBQ
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The Flower Club

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Church Fete and Village Event

On Saturday 10th May the Annual Fete was held in the Church grounds organised by the fund-raising team from St Mary's Church. It was a brilliant day as the sun shone and it attracted lots of visitors from the village and from wider areas. The whole afternoon was busy with people enjoying the entertainment, the side-shows, refreshments and the 26 different stalls. There was the Coconut Shy, Beat the Goalie game, Croquet, Raffle and Treasure Hunt. The Barbeque was kept busy and there was always a queue at the Ice cream van. Inside the Church the ladies served drinks and a wonderful range of homemade cakes.

VE Day was celebrated during the afternoon; the Greensand Community Choir singing songs including 'We'll Meet Again'. All children under 12 years received a free 'wartime' Afternoon Tea picnic box and a flag and hat, sponsored by Clophill Parish Council. Later, the children took part in a VE Day parade led by the girls from the Halo Cheerleaders.

Entertainment was provided by the children from the Clophill Pre- School and the Halo Cheerleaders. Well done to all of them!

Over £2,000 was raised towards the upkeep of the Church, and the stalls made over £4,000 for their funds and charities.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with this special village event and thank you to everyone who came to meet friends and to spend time at his popular annual occasion. See you all again next year!

Carolyn Cranswick - Co-Ordinator of the fund-raising team at St Mary's Church

Thank you to everyone who supported the Keech Hospice stall at the village fete either by donating goods, loaning tables, making a purchase or putting coins in the collection pot. The stall raised £143.85 which, in the words of Keech Hospice will "contribute towards the continued care and support that the hospice provides for all our patients and their families at some of the most challenging times of their lives".

The surplus stock has since been donated to the Keech Hospice shop to raise additional funds.

Wendy Austin





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

Wildlife walks & talks

June and July

Saturday June 14th; Hexton Estate, Hexton, Herts., 10.00 am

Visit to Hexton Estate guided by Holly Bilcock, Senior Reserves Manager for the North Chilterns NNRs

Two years ago, Natural England purchased 586 acres of the old Hexton Manor Estate. This land directly borders Pegsdon Hills on one side, Ravensburgh bank SSSI on the other and the Barton Hills Farm reversion plots which follow onto Barton Hills NNR. Holly will lead us round part of the site and explain what is happening currently and what the plans are for the future.

Charge: £4.00 per person

Wednesday June 25th; Wood End Farm, Cople, Beds. 7.00 pm

Visit to Wood End Farm. An evening walk to see the farm's wildflower meadows

Charlie and Carolyn Porter started establishing the wildflower meadow 40 years ago in conjunction with the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Monks Wood. They have a second larger meadow where work started about 22 years ago. We will look at both during the visit. Walking will all be on grass and total distance of no more than 2 miles. Further information on directions and parking will be sent once a booking is received.

Charge: £4.00 per person

Saturday July 5th; Strawberry Hill Farm, near Knotting Green, Bedford (MK44 1AA) 10.00 am

Visit to Strawberry Hill Farm lead by Wildlife Trust BCN staff

Two months on from our previous visit, we are hoping to hear a different soundscape of birds at this remarkable 150-hectare site, The largest area of scrub and young woodland in the region. A unique habitat and a place which can really inspire people's wonder of nature. We are hoping to see and hear Nightingales and a host of other bird species as well as invertebrates and a selection of flora.

Charge: £4.00 per person

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

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

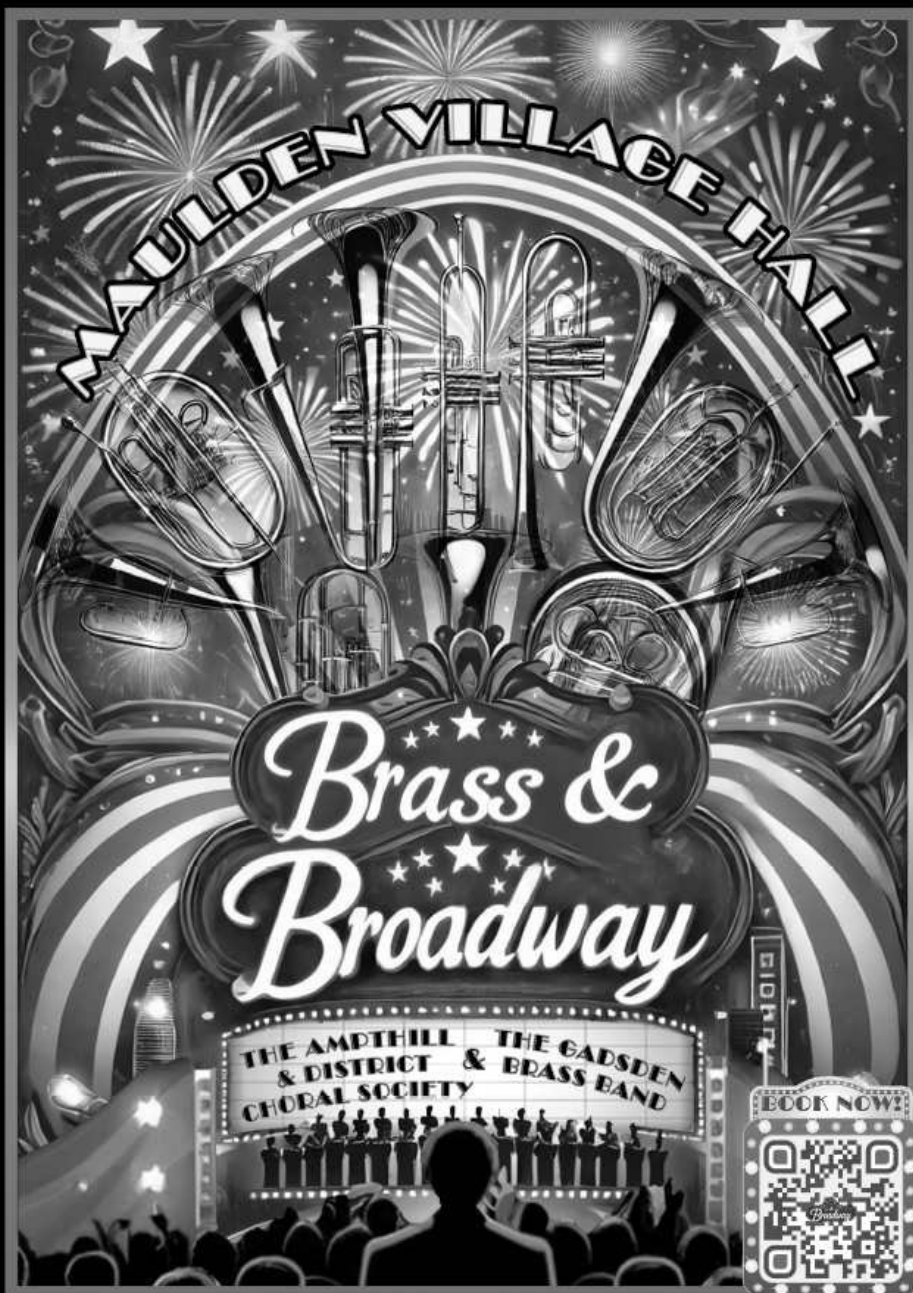
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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants

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

7:30PM, SATURDAY 5TH JULY



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What's on in and around Clophill



JUNE

Wednesday 18th

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



JULY

Thursday 3rd

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

Saturday 5th

Garden Party and picnic tea, St. Mary's Church, 2pm – 4:30pm. *See poster.*



AUGUST

Saturday 9th

Grand Opening, Clophill Community Gardens, 12 noon – 2pm. *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 (all) and Sundays (adults only) ...

* Community Garden, off Shefford Road, 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

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Electricity (Emergency)			0800 7838838
Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance			999
Water/Sewage (Anglian Water)			0845 7145145
Telephone		(Customer Services) 150	(Faults) 151
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
Buses	01234 262151	(Link A Ride) 01525 840511	(Flittabus) 01582 406561
Luton Airport			01582 405100
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		Mark Smith	0300 300 8541
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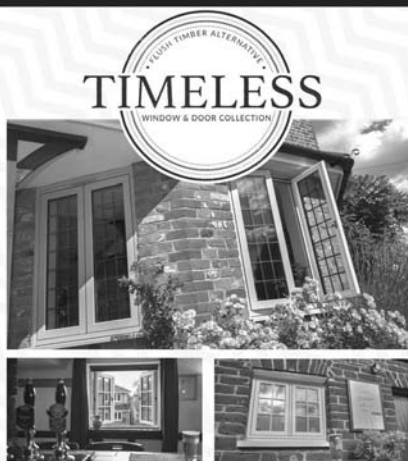


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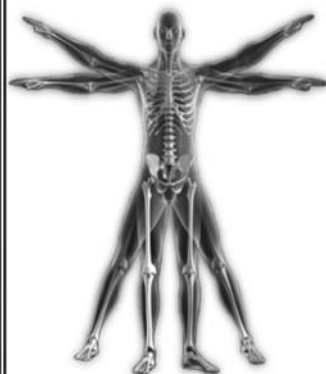
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