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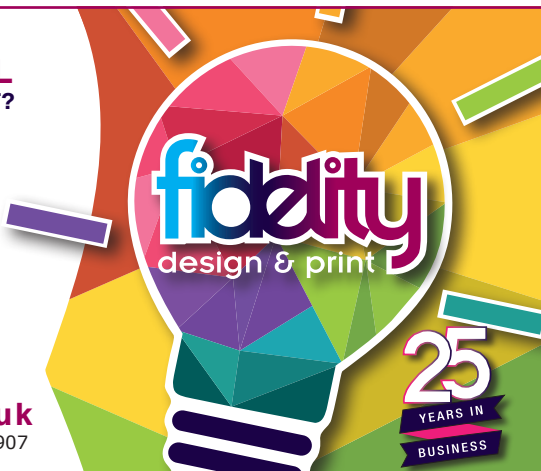
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A word from the Editor...

Welcome to the September
issue of Spotlight

Dear Reader,

We are back after the summer break, refreshed and raring to go again!!

This month we have lots of really creative posters for all kinds of events going on during September and October.

In September there is a **Pub Quiz in Pulloxhill** in aid of Bloomin' Well who run the Clophill Therapeutic Community Garden; all funds raised will go to support this amazing project. There is also the annual **Coffee and Cake** morning at St Mary's church in aid of Macmillan Cancer support.

During October we have 3 further events; the **Flower club** meeting, the **Clophill Grand Jumble sale** and the **Harvest lunch**.

Going back to the subject of raising funds for charities. Our Cora has been actively fund raising again and has received a letter from Alzheimer's Research UK (see page 7) thanking village residents for supporting her in having passed the £5,000 mark (in fact over £5,800). *Well done Cora* and a huge *thank you* to you. What an incredible achievement for such a worthy and much needed charity.

See you all again in October!!

Best wishes, Elaine



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Come into the Garden *With Kate Gardner*

There is something wonderfully satisfying about making your own plants. Autumn is one of the best times to start as summer growth slows, and plants are entering dormancy, producing ripe seed, or developing stems that are perfect for propagation.

Hardwood cuttings are taken from this year's mature, woody growth while the plant is dormant. The method works particularly well for many shrubs, climbers, and fruit bushes. The beauty of hardwood cuttings is their simplicity. There is no misting system, heated propagator or collection of expensive compost required.

Choose a healthy shoot about pencil thickness. Cut it into sections roughly 15–30cm long, remembering which end is the bottom. Insert the cuttings into a prepared bed or deep pots, leaving the top third above the surface. Then leave them to develop roots over the winter, and by the following growing season you may have a collection of young plants ready to pot up or plant out. This works well for all soft fruit like raspberries and currants, Weigela, Buddleia and roses.

You don't have to wait for every plant to become completely dormant. Early autumn is also an excellent time to take **semi-ripe cuttings**. These use current-season growth that has started to firm up at the base but remains soft towards the tip. It is a particularly useful technique for evergreen shrubs such as Hebe, Rosemary, lavender, and perennial fuchsias.

Take healthy shoots, remove the lower leaves, and place the cuttings into a free-draining rooting medium. A propagator is useful, but an unheated greenhouse, cold frame or sheltered outdoor position can work too. Don't keep the compost too soggy as damp conditions encourage rooting but waterlogging will rot your plants.

If you've got a large clump of perennial plants, you may not need to take a cutting at all. Simply **divide the plant**. Lift the clump carefully and separate it into smaller pieces, making sure each division has healthy roots and shoots. Replant the divisions promptly and water them in. This works particularly well with plants that naturally form clumps, including Alchemilla, Hosta, Hemerocallis (day lily) hardy Geraniums and ornamental grasses. You could think of this as a two-for-one gardening job: you're rejuvenating an overcrowded plant and making new ones.

As herbaceous perennials become dormant in late autumn, some can be propagated from pieces of their roots. This is one of the propagation techniques that sounds more complicated than it really is, but **root cuttings** work best for oriental poppies, Verbascum and phlox. Lift the plant carefully and select young, healthy roots around pencil thickness. Cut sections from them, taking no more than about one-third of the parent plant's root system, and replant the parent promptly. The root pieces can then be placed into pots of suitable compost to produce new plants.

Come into the Garden *continued*

Autumn is prime **seed-collecting** season from the flowerheads as they change colour and dry. Collect ripe seed on a dry day before it has dispersed. Poppies, Foxgloves, Cornflowers, Honesty, Sunflowers, hardy annuals – list is endless. Put dry seed into labelled paper envelopes and store it somewhere cool and dry. Instead of deadheading every flower, allow some plants to produce and drop their seed. You may be rewarded with hundreds of seedlings the following spring. There is an art to this method: let a few plants seed where you want them but remove unwanted seedlings before they become a problem. So, before the autumn garden disappears into winter, take another look around. Those insignificant pieces of plant material may be next year's garden waiting to happen — and the best part is that you already own them.

Happy Gardening

Central Bedfordshire Council are keen that Clophill forms a **Community Emergency Response Team**.

CERTs are made up of local individuals/groups who could assist the community during emergencies and provide valuable support to the official emergency responders.

Using local knowledge, local people are best positioned to know who needs help, what parts of the community are most affected, and what resources are available within the village itself.

A CERT does not replace the emergency services, but is formed of local people who might be able to support the authorities in the early stages of a significant incident – think flooding, fire, wide scale power outages. Clophill has seen all of these in recent times.

The CERT is an informal network of coordinated local community members. People involved can be part of the parish council, or be community building owners/managers, local emergency service workers, community group leaders, amateur radio licensees, local school staff, GP/doctors/nurses who live in Clophill; care home staff, farmers, local shop owners, faith leaders, local pub managers, local sports club coaches, and more. In fact, **almost anyone prepared to help out for a short time in an emergency.** CBC's Emergency Planning Team will be part of the CERT. Volunteers stay connected through a local CERT WhatsApp group.

More information can be found at <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/about-your-council/emergency-planning/community-emergency-response-teams-certs>.

If you are interested or want to know more information, please contact Paul Downing at pdowning865@btinternet.com

Paul Downing



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Clophill in the Great War by Colin Watt.

Abridged Excerpts from the book. Part 7 of 13.

Late 1916 – The Somme and Life at Home

By the autumn of 1916, the Battle of the Somme had claimed a heavy toll on Clophill's young men. Percy Eddy, cousin of Ernest Eddy, lived with his parents and siblings at 1 Silsoe Road. After attending school, where he once received minor punishments but later earned a gardening prize, Percy joined the Bedford Territorials and then the 2nd (City of London) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. He served at Gallipoli before moving to the Somme, where he died of wounds on 30 September, aged just 19. He is commemorated at Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, Somme.

Another young Clophill man, John George Chapman Maddams, lived at Brickwall Farm and enlisted with the 22nd Battalion London Regiment. He was killed on the Somme in October, aged 19, and is commemorated at the Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, as well as St Mary's Church, Clophill. John's brother Arthur later joined the Machine Gun Corps in 1917.

Horace White, another local teenager, enlisted in 1914 at sixteen and was sent to France in July 1916. He fought in the capture of Regina Trench during the Somme offensive and was killed on 21 October. Similarly, Henry Thomas Diggins ("Harry") joined in November 1915, trained at Ampthill Park, and was sent to the Somme, where he lost his life.

Charles Gudgin and Herbert Charles Webb were among Clophill's last to fall during the Somme campaign. Both had trained at Ampthill Park before deployment and died in November 1916. Their deaths brought the village face-to-face with the human cost of the war. The loss of Herbert Webb was poignantly noted during his sister's wedding in February 1917, when the family wore black in his memory.

The Somme claimed over 1.5 million men by its end on 18 November 1916. Amid the fighting, the Reverend Matthews, Clophill's Rector, continued his duties in France, describing the mud, destruction, and hardship for men and animals alike. Elsewhere, soldiers maintained contact with Clophill. Sapper Frank Harding, stationed at Basrah, described Y.M.C.A. services, cinemas, and the stark contrast of desert life compared to the village. In December, Private John Blackburn wrote from Boulogne Hospital after contracting diphtheria, witnessing the dangers of the front but still eager for news from home.

Life in the village continued under the shadow of war. Illnesses such as diphtheria, without vaccines, forced school closures and isolations, while recruiting continued to raise the numbers serving overseas. Through letters, reports, and personal accounts, Clophill residents were kept painfully aware of the sacrifices made by its young men.

See full details of the book at bit.ly/30uLMM



St Mary's Church Clophill

Harvest Lunch

Wednesday 14th October

12 noon - 2pm

in St Mary's Church

A two course meal with soft drinks included.

Pre bookings required by 5th October.

£12 per person

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Everyone very welcome

Letter to the Editor from Cora Sheppard

Dear Residents of Clophill,

Thank you so much for supporting me on 27th & 28th June at my sale on behalf of **Alzheimer's Research UK**, especially as it was such a very hot weekend. But as usual, there were dedicated individuals who continue to help me, and so many people who gave generous donations and goods to sell, who continue to support such a great cause. I raised a wonderful £1,307.15p! As a result, I have received a letter to you from the charity.



"I just wanted to say a huge *thank you* for your ongoing support of Cora Sheppard's fundraising in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK. Cora has raised over £5,800 for Alzheimer's Research UK in recent years, which has allowed us to help fund over 155 hours of vital dementia research.

Cora's dedication through her fundraising and raising awareness of our cause is astounding, but she wouldn't be able to do it without your support of her efforts. **So, a huge *thank you* to you, for helping Cora to make such an impact.** We are extremely grateful. Alzheimer's Research UK is the UK's leading research charity for dementia. As research experts, we fund world-class pioneering scientists to find preventions, treatments, and a cure for dementia. For further information on Alzheimer's Research UK or our work, please do not hesitate to visit our website – www.alzheimersresearchuk.org – or contact us directly on 0300 111 5 555.

Thank you again for your support of Cora's fundraising efforts.

Yours sincerely,

Jess Jenkins - Senior Relationship Fundraising Officer"

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Wildlife walks & talks

September

Friday, September 11th, Folly Wood car park at 7.00 pm

Bat Walk at Flitwick Moor

with Aidan Matthews, Senior Reserves Manager (Beds) Wildlife Trust BCN.

Flitwick Moor is an excellent area for bats and we hope to see and identify several species. The wider rides provide good hunting for Pipistrelles. If you have a bat detector, please bring it along. A torch is essential and insect repellent is a good idea!

Charge: £5.00 per person

Sunday, September 27th, Folly Wood car park at 10.00 am

Fungal Foray at Flitwick Moor

A joint event with the Herts & Beds Fungi Group.

We will be hoping for a mix of damp and mild weather to guarantee a good showing of mushrooms and toadstools. Experts will help you identify your findings and tell you more about the wonderful and sometimes weird world of fungi.

No charge for this event, but donations welcome

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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Reflections – Clophill in September 1981 - Voices from the past.

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

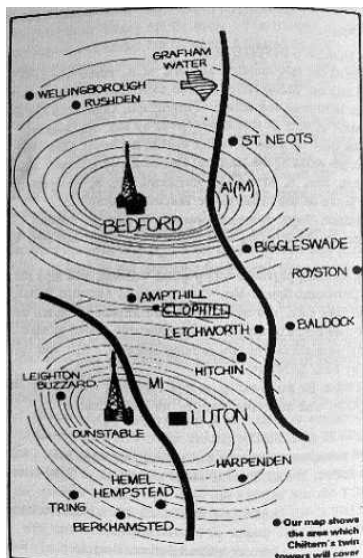
As now, in 1981 there was a combined August and September issue of the magazine, the 'staff' of the magazine enjoying a month of well-earned rest.

The cover picture is of Brian Peat with some of his darts trophies, he having "represented The Compasses in the finals of the Whitbread Nine Numbers Competition held at Tottenham" in July where he made "excellent progress in the contest and was duly presented with £50, a certificate, a bottle of whisky and a dart shirt c/o Whitbread (London) Ltd." Well done Brian!



It seems that lots of lovely things had been happening concerning **St Mary's Church** - a Sherry Party, thanks to Mike and Liz Henman raised £117, then Open Gardens another £170. The Patronal Festival was advertised for 8th September and Harvest Thanksgiving on 4th October.

The speaker at the **WI** in July was Mrs M.A. Fisher who gave an interesting talk on 'Music Boxes', the vote of thanks was given by Mrs M. Everitt and "Mrs B. Byass gave an account of her visit to the Royal Albert Hall as delegate at the AGM" of the NFWI. "Mrs S. Myers congratulated Mrs B. Hampson on being elected to serve on the Bedfordshire Executive Committee." The August meeting saw everyone enjoying a talk and demonstration on Yoga! (Great stuff.)



The next item concerned congratulations that were being sent to both families when two sets of twins - Tracy and Donna Waywell and Karl and Emma Bradshaw were born in June to Clophill parents.

Then came a very different article – a bit of history. "Bedfordshire's own local radio station '**Chiltern Radio**' is scheduled to hit the airwaves sometime in October.

Reflections continued

The station will broadcast on the medium wave and in FM stereo, and will feature music, news, sport and local phone-in programmes.” (Now, I have a special interest in this as I used to teach in Chiltern Road Lower School, before it closed the building then becoming the initial home of Chiltern radio!)

Back in the village, the “**Parish Council** is to pay £750 toward redecoration of the Village Hall” and is “grateful to Mr. Sid Bradshaw for donating the sand for the sand pit” on the recreation ground. Then “The County Surveyor is to recommend extending the 30m.p.h. limit to include Back Street, Mill Lane, The Slade and Kiln Lane as far as the Village Hall.” A resident requested a passing-place half way along Little Lane while the wooden doors in the Townshott garages were replaced with metal up-and-over ones.

The **1st Clophill Brownie Pack** celebrated their 10th birthday with a party and Hazel Brooks went up to **Guides**, where “Joanne Constance and Juliet Gordon are to be congratulated on gaining their Patrol Camping Permits, which allows them to take their patrols for an unsupervised weekend’s camping.” (What a responsibility, well done you two.)

Lots of other activities are noted in the following pages – The Methodist Church had a “tea and coffee evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Healey”, a jumble sale and “a ‘Bring & Buy’ stall at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Naylor, 132 High Street.” All helped to raise funds for the Church Renovation Fund.

The Flying Horse was to be closed for about 3 months while Beefeater Steak Houses carried out a complete refurbishment of the bars and improvements to the pub.

There was a ‘**Gnasher Club**’, its members - Jane Turton, Helen Greenwood, Susan Filsell, Lucy Chapman, Susan Errick, Vanessa Hylton, Maxine Collis and Rachel Bodily all being 10yrs old. They held a jumble sale raising £41 for Park Hospital, Moggerhanger. (That’s brilliant!)

Going back to **1887** Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee year, in Clophill on **11th June** – “Mr F. Titmus was thrown violently to the ground when his horse stumbled outside the Rectory. He was only slightly injured and the damage to his trap was trifling.”

Then on **2nd July** “at 8 a.m. on **Jubilee Day** the volunteers fired shots and gave a royal salute, The village was delightfully decorated with flags provided by Mr. Evans of Clophill House. A service was held in Church at noon and was preceded by the National Anthem. The children sat down to dinner at 1.00pm in the decorated avenue leading to the Church, their elders ate at 2.00pm. A procession was formed at 3.00pm headed by the Drum and Fife Band with the volunteers in full regalia.”

Now, **94 years on** and another Royal event later, a ‘Letter to the Editor’ thanks “Mrs Baldwin and her gallant band of helpers most sincerely, for their supreme efforts ... The Royal Wedding Celebration Party they produced was a very happy occasion “. It was from a Mrs Julie Benson – I wonder if she is still around?

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Monday 5th October 2026

Bent Bananas and the Macaroni Parson



Our speaker, David Longman, returns with his third chapter from *Tales from Bedfordshire Churches*. This includes more stories associated with the churches of our county, including the men of the 92nd, the fascinating rise of a garden's boy from Milton Bryan and a blacksmith's son from Northill. Also, the untimely end of the most fashionable priest in London!

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ, 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start.

ADALHS members are free, 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 ADALHS members.

Next Meeting:

November 2nd – The King's Weighty Matter – The Annulment of the Marriage of Henry VIII and Katherine of Aragon

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40 years of the Greensand Ridge Walk ends in September

The Greensand Trust's spring and summer walk programme along the Greensand Ridge Walk comes to close during September with TWO walks to take part in!

2026 marks the 40th anniversary of Bedfordshire's premier walking route, and to celebrate this we devised a programme of walks along the Greensand Ridge from May to September. It's a great way to discover the walk if you haven't walked it before, or a different way to enjoy it if you're familiar with it.



First off is the **Haynes Circular Walk with Wooden Hill Coffee (5.75 miles) on Sunday 6 September**. Meet/park at Haynes Village Hall, and we will walk along the Greensand Ridge Walk, through Chicksands Woods and back via Haynes. This walk is run in collaboration with Wooden Hill Coffee at Haynes. We will be stopping at Wooden Hill Coffee around lunch time, so please consider purchasing coffee/cakes/sourdough toast at Wooden Hill.

On **Sunday 27 September** we go to the start/finish of the Greensand Ridge Walk meeting at the Gamlingay Eco Hub where we will complete a 7 mile walk around the village and out onto the Greensand Ridge path to discover the historic parklands of Tetworth and Woodbury, before looping back round to discover Gamlingay's hidden parkland story.

Places on both walks are £10 pp and support the environmental conservation work of local charity The Greensand Trust – full details and booking is available via our website: www.greensandtrust.org/events

Lost Landscapes of Sandy Smith Nature Reserve Guided Walk

The Greensand Trust has owned and managed Sandy Smith Nature Reserve near Clophill for 20 years. To celebrate this milestone, we're holding guided walks on **Wednesday 16 September** between 10am and 1pm so that you can discover more about this hidden gem.

These FREE walks, part of Heritage Open Days, will focus on the hidden histories and lost landscapes within Sandy Smith Nature Reserve. Discover everything from hidden parkland to intriguing WW2 histories.

The route will be 2 - 3 miles on rough surfaces. Limited free parking is available at the reserve. Book via our website: www.greensandtrust.org/events

Parish Registers for September

1826

Baptisms

- 03 David, s of Joseph and Ann Dudley
(?)
- 17 John, s of James and Mary Hart (?)
- 26 Benjamin, s of Thomas and
Elizabeth Underwood, f a
shoemaker.

Marriages

- 23 Joseph Dunton of Chicksands to
Mary Izzard.

1876

Baptisms

- 24 Eliza, d of John and Elizabeth
Dunham, f a baker.
Hannah, d of John and Susannah
Everett.
John Thomas, s of James and Susan
Mann.
Ethel Alice, d of John and Elizabeth
Gudgin, f a groom.
Agnes Martha, d of Samuel and Ann

Stevens.

Ellen, d of John and Susan Bottoms.

William, s of John and Kate
Stimson.

Arthur, s of John and Diana
Whittamore.

Marriages

- 26 William Case, 20 to Ruth Bottoms.

Burials

- 24 Sarah Whittamore, 60, rheumatism.

1926

Marriages

- 18 Jack Woodward, 27 to Annie Maud
Parkinson, 24.

No baptisms or burials recorded.

1976

Baptisms

- 05 Katherine Louise Tomlin.

Marriages

- 11 John Francis Willmott 22, to
Philippa Lesley Smith, 20.

St. Mary's Church Registers for July and August 2026

Baptism

July 12 Inca Evelyn Rosa Nixon.

Burial of Ashes

Aug 24 Yvonne Ziedman Ellis, 80. Died Feb 2019.
Neville William Ellis, 92.
Both of Ampthill, formerly of Clophill



Clophill and District Flower Club

www.clophillflowerclub.com



A Dabble Evening: *a practical/social evening*



Do join this social evening with the usual refreshments and plenty of time to chat too!

Please bring your scissors, we will provide everything else.

Thursday 1 October 2026

6.45 for 7.30pm start at Clophill Village Hall

Visitors always welcome at all our meetings - £8



For further details see our website
or contact Gillian on 07960 662334



St. MARY'S NEWS

August is always a quiet time at St. Mary's, this year more so after Open Gardens at the end of June and a Summer Lunch 2 weeks later. They really work hard, our Fund-raising team, and the congregation is very grateful for their efforts, as is our Treasurer, Emma Thoullass, who keeps our finances in order. Those 2 events raised over £3,000.



You may think that with a sum like that, we'd be laughing all the way to the bank, but running a village church like ours costs over £25,000, and with a regular congregation of about 30, most of whom are pensioners, weekly collections fall far short of the required total. And so, we are not only grateful to the team, but also to all of you who support them by turning out to the events. We couldn't manage without you. However, St. Mary's Church doesn't belong to the congregation, but to the whole village both now and to the people who have gone before us and will come after us. We are merely its current custodians, and it's there for you when you need it.

The next event is not for church funds. On Saturday Sept 19th we shall be holding the annual Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support from 10.00 till 12 Noon. We look forward to seeing you there.

The one event of note in August was our joint Patronal Festival service in St. Mary's Maulden on the 16th. This was followed by a barbecue style meal prepared and served by members of their church, and was greatly appreciated by everyone present.

Greensand Ridge Walks in September

The Greensand Trust is holding a programme of walks to discover Bedfordshire's Greensand Ridge Walk to mark the 40th anniversary of the county's premier walking route. The remaining scheduled walks are:

- Haynes Circular (5.75 miles) Sunday 6th Sept
- Lost Landscapes of Sandy Smith nature reserve (2-3 miles) Wednesday 16th Sept - free
- Historic parklands of Tetworth and Woodbury (7 miles) Sunday 27th Sept.

Sunday walks cost £10 per adult. Under 18s are welcome if accompanied by an adult and able to walk the distance.

To find out more information and to book on any of these walks please visit www.greensandtrust.org/events. All proceeds fund the walks and go towards the environmental conservation work of The Greensand Trust.

What's on in and around Clophill

SEPTEMBER

Friday 11th – Bloomin' Well **Pub Quiz** Cross Keys, Pulloxhill. 7pm. *See poster.*

Saturday 19th – Macmillan Coffee and Cakes, St. Mary's Church. 10:30 – 12noon. *See poster.*

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st – Flower Club meeting, Village Hall. 6:45 for 7:30pm start. *See poster.*

Friday 2nd – Grand Jumble Sale (in aid of Sue Ryder) Village Hall. 7:00pm. *See poster.*

Wednesday 14th – Harvest Lunch, St. Mary's Church. 12noon – 2pm. *See poster.*

Plus....

Weekdays

* Clophill Community Hub is open, Village Hall, 8:30am to 3pm.

Also open on Weekends 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Mondays...

* Singthusiasm 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.

Wednesdays 10am – 1pm (for volunteers) Sundays 10am – 12noon (all) and Sundays 1pm – 3pm (adults only) ...

* Clophill Therapeutic Gardens, off Shefford Road (up track by No 9).

CHURCH SERVICES

Regular services at St Mary's Church, Clophill.

1st Sunday 11am, Family Praise

Other Sundays 11am, Parish Communion

Services at GC Methodist Church, Clophill.

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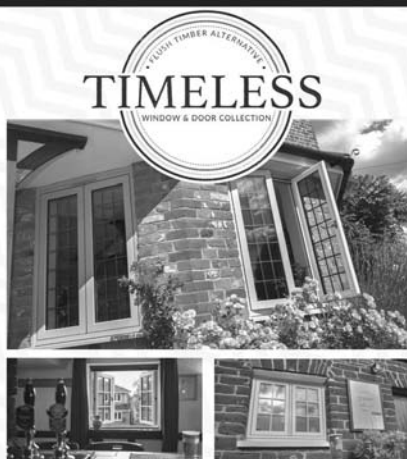
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